



Future Development of G20 Summit: Seoul and Beyond

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I. Challenges for Future Development of the G20

Lessons of G7/G8 onto G20

- ❖ **Homogeneity; Diversity**
..... Composition (Who)
- ❖ **Resilience; Future Development**
..... Issue Scope (What)
- ❖ **Informality (small); Transparency (large)**
..... Institutionalization (How)

I. Challenges for Future Development of the G20

**Who: In order to raise Acceptability
(Representativeness Legitimacy)**

- ❖ **Membership Composition**
 - **Marginal Majority**
(self-selection to legitimacy)
- ❖ **Non-member Participation**
 - **Outliers**
(European over-representation)
 - **Special Guests**
(consistency & predictability)
- ❖ **Chairmanship**
 - **Independence from G20 Finance Ministers**

I. Challenges for Future Development of the G20

What: In order to enhance Accountability (Efficiency Legitimacy)

- ❖ **Raison d'être**
 - 'Reform within' than 'reform of'
- ❖ **Global Imbalance**
 - EXR./IMS/'G2'
- ❖ **G8 Resilience**
 - Effective division of labor with G8

I. Challenges for Future Development of the G20

**How: In order to assure Achievability
(detour summit fatigue, declining urgency &
domestic concerns)**

❖ **Membership Structure**

- **Base Formation**
- **Group Dynamics**

❖ **Secretariat**

- **Decision point of numbers (3~9)**
- **Lean and flexible**

❖ **Vision Group**

- **Avoid over-burden in November**
- **Checking possible reemergence of G8 + idea**

II. Considerations for Seoul Summit

Defining Composition with Agreeable Selection



- ❖ **Maintaining the current Summit structure based on the G20 Finance Ministers**
- ❖ **Establishing general operating principles for invitation**
 - **Outliers (Spain)**
 - **Special Guests (Malawi, Ethiopia, Vietnam, Singapore)**
- ❖ **Devising Rotation of Chairmanship**
 - **5 Buckets Approach (reverse order of Finance Ministers)**
 - **3 Caucuses Approach**

II. Considerations for Seoul Summit

Setting Agenda with Appropriate Scope



- ❖ **Initiating agenda expansion**
 - **Climate Change, Green Growth, Human Security**
- ❖ **Strengthening SSBG Framework**
 - **Development**
(growth-oriented; positive assurance)
 - **GFSN (no self-insuring; negative assurance)**
- ❖ **Promoting Cooperation with the G8**
 - **Invitation of G20 Chair to G8 (non-G8 members)**
 - **Joint Sherpa Meetings**
 - **Joint work on Accountability Report**
(Standardization)

II. Considerations for Seoul Summit

Innovating Institution with Adequate Speed (1)



❖ **Clarifying Membership Structure**

- **Options**

- ▶ **Variable Geometry (Agenda)**
- ▶ **Floating Basis (Regional Representation)**
- ▶ **Constituency system**

- **Caucus within G20**

- ▶ **Room for Middle powers**
- ▶ **Broader representation with proper rotation scheme**

II. Considerations for Seoul Summit

Innovating Institution with Adequate Speed (2)



❖ **Considering Permanent Secretariat**

- **Transitional Secretariat**
(Nicolas Sarkozy; August 25th)
- **Non-secretariat Secretariat**
 - **Troika as core**
 - **Summit staff**
- **Two Tiered Secretariat**
(‘Transformer Concept’)
 - **Troika as core**
 - **G20 staff as monitoring/archiving/evaluation center**

II. Considerations for Seoul Summit

Innovating Institution with Adequate Speed (3)



❖ **Creating Vision Group**

- **Expanded Working Group vs. EPG**
- **Comprehensive vs. Specialized**