



# **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)**

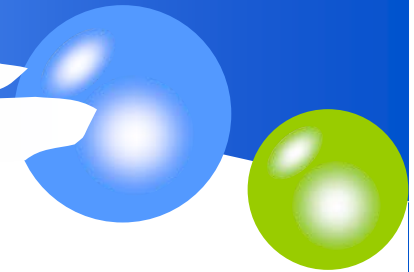
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**Who: In order to raise Acceptability  
(Representativeness Legitimacy)**

- ❖ **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**

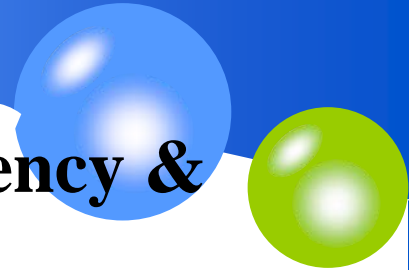
- **EXR./IMS/'G2'**

## ❖ **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 25<sup>th</sup>)
- **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**