

Improving G20 Accountability for

All

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Summary

- Committing to Commitments
- Living up to Promises
- The Means of Accountability
 - The Muskoka Report
 - Calling on International Organizations (IOs) – The Global Trade Alert Project
 - A Monitoring Secretariat
 - Third-Party Evaluation – the work of the Munk School, Higher School of Economics and Monterrey



Seoul Agenda

- President Lee Myung-bak at Davos Forum in January establishes 3 priorities:
- The Implementation of Previous Commitments
 - New Perspectives
 - Inclusive Outreach Activities
- Challenge to maintain the momentum and solidify its position as the premier forum for international economic cooperation



Korean Priorities

- Our first priority will be to follow up on previous commitments within the given timeframe. The commitments include:
 - Economic support until recovery
 - Ensuring strong, sustainable and balanced global growth
 - Building a stronger international financial regulatory system
 - Encouraging the reduction or elimination of barriers to trade



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- PM Stephen Harper – Davos, January 2010
- “We must bring a sense of shared responsibility. We must be pragmatic, focused, and above all, encourage accountability. The G20 nations must fully deliver on the commitments they have made. The Group of Eight must live up to their promises.”



Canadian Accountability

- The G8 creates at L'Aquila an Accountability Working Group (AWG) made of senior officials to monitor and report on G8 commitments – development and development-related
- Develop a comprehensive and consistent methodology for reporting
- Release: Muskoka Accountability Report



Muskoka Accountability

- Devise a broader comprehensive and consistent methodology for reporting
- Focus on development and development-related commitments
- Focus on results
- Information on mid-course correction
- Provide aggregate but also individual member state compliance
- Help leaders provide measurable commitments and insure continuity
- Improve accountability and transparency to the public



Calling on the IOs

- G20 in its standstill provisions on trade and investment called on the IOs – the DG of the WTO, the SG of the OECD and the SG of UNCTAD – to prepare a report on trade and investment
- But these include member organizations
- Restricted to measures that are seen to be in violation of the obligations
- Generating an independent contender
- The Global Trade Alert Project



Calling on a Secretariat

- A monitoring function
- The distractions for a secretariat
- The independence of the secretariat



Calling on the Knowledge Communities

- Independence can be gained
- Legitimacy gained
- Work through Sherpas with ministries
- Develop a variety of methods to devise compliance measures
- Work on benchmarking
- Work to devise wider scope

