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Executive Summary

The G8 Research Group is the world’s leading independent research institute on the G8 and has consistently provided onsite analysis of the performance of each G8 member state at the annual G8 leader’s summit.

Since the 2005 Gleneagles Summit, however, the annual G8 meeting has also included discussions with the five leading emerging economies of the Outreach-5 – the commonly known G5. The members of the G5: Brazil, China, India, Mexico, and South Africa, have attended these summits with their own agendas and have worked alongside the G8 members to advance their own priorities. This is the second year that the G8 Research Group is assessing the performance of these states. The 2010 Expanded Dialogue (G5) Country Assessment Report analyzes and reports on the performance of G5 states at the 2010 Muskoka Summit.

In contrast to last year’s operating procedures, this year Prime Minister Stephen Harper decided to shift the focus of the G8 Summit on the discussion of the Muskoka Initiative. This resulted in pushing the expanded dialogue sessions with the G5 on the sidelines. In light of this development, this year’s Expanded Dialogue Reports will be analyzing the G5 countries’ achievement of their individual objectives for the G20 Toronto Summit instead.

In lieu of meeting with the G5, PM Harper has invited seven African leaders to participate in an outreach session: Algeria, Egypt, Ethiopia, Malawi, Nigeria, Senegal and South Africa. Delegations from Colombia, Haiti and Jamaica will be attending as well, in order to discuss the issues of transnational crime and corruption.

As with the typical G8 Country Assessment Report, this report defines performance as the ability of a state to successfully pursue its priority objectives at a given summit and to shape the statements that emerge to reflect its own objectives. This report assesses performance by assigning scores to countries based on how well the statements and communiqués released by the G5 leaders correspond with the stated objectives of each of the G5 countries. The objectives of each member state were arranged in order of priority based on a rigorous review of government statements, speeches, and communiqués as well as domestic and international media coverage.

Country objectives were codified approximately three to four weeks prior to the beginning of the 2010 Toronto G20 Summit in order to capture a member state’s priorities prior to entering into the so-called “expectations management” stage. During this phase of the lead-up to the summit, political rhetoric is adjusted in order to manage public expectations after concessions are made on priorities and issues during the pre-summit Sherpa and ministerial meetings.

At the summit, G5 countries are scored like their G8 counterparts, based on pre-established guidelines for evaluating the success or failure of a country to advance its priority objectives. If the statements and press releases emerging from the summit reflect a pre-identified priority objective of a given G8 country, that country receives a high score, as graded along a five point scale (which ranges from a core of 0 to 1). Scores for priority objectives are aggregated using a
weighted formula and offer empirical insight into how well each of the G5 countries has performed at the summit. A country’s aggregate score is calculated using a weighted average, in which the weight a particular objective receives is relative to its ranking in the sequential priority ordering. These weights were developed with a quadratic function, allowing us to assign decreasing weights to each objective while ensuring that the difference between each weight increases as priorities descend. By this methodology, a country’s most important objectives will have the greatest impact on its aggregate score.

Countries are scored on achieving their objectives, regardless of the forum in which they were pursued: the G8 Summit in Muskoka or the larger G20 Summit in Toronto. Given that the G5 countries have not been extended invitations to attend the G8 Summit, G5 partners may find it more difficult to promote their individual objectives due to the lack of an appropriate forum. Furthermore, G5 countries will not be able to interact with their G8 counterparts until the G20 Summit in Toronto, during which, their individual agenda preferences may be overshadowed by the aggregate demands of the G20 to focus on issues pertaining to the global economy. Given Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper’s insistence on delineating and dividing the Summits as such, G5 country achievements of their non-economic objectives must be viewed as all the more exemplary, given the lack of a focused forum through which discussion can be pursued.

This report was made possible through the dedicated efforts and commitment of four analysts from the G8 Research Group at the University of Toronto. Their work offers a unique contribution to the study of the world’s foremost emerging economies and their relationship with the G8.

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Economic Data

Currency: Brazilian Reals (BRL)
Population: 201,103,330
Gross Domestic Product (official exchange rate): USD 1.499 trillion
Gross Domestic Product per capita (PPP): USD 10,200
Major Trading Partners: United States, Argentina, China, the Netherlands, Germany

Political Data

Type of Government: Federal Republic
Date of Establishment: 15 November 1889
Legislature: Bicameral National congress (Congresso Nacional), which is compromised of the Federal Senate and the Chamber of Deputies.
Head of State: President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva
Head of Government: President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva

Background

At the 2007 Heiligendamm Summit, the G5 commenced the Heiligendamm Process, a two-year initiative focusing on four key issues: cross-border investment, research and innovation, energy efficiency, and development (especially in Africa). The process was designed to create a more structured dialogue process between the G8 and the leading emerging economies.

At the conclusion of the L’Aquila Summit in July 2009, the G8 and G5 issued a landmark joint declaration. In this declaration, they reported on the conclusions and achievements of the Heiligendamm Dialogue Process (HDP) and laid the groundwork for the Heiligendamm-L’Aquila Process (HAP). In the statement, leaders recognized the need to broaden the scope of these discussions and allow more flexibility to take up pressing global challenges. In addition, leaders agreed as well to strengthen the strategic orientation, and to explore the possibilities for increasing coordination between the HAP and other multilateral forums of cooperation. However, given that Brazil has not been extended an invitation to participate in the G8 Summit as a member of the G5, they will have to seek completion of their objectives at the G20 Summit instead.

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2 Heiligendamm L’Aquila Process, Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD) (La Muette). Date of Access: 5 January 2009. http://www.oecd.org/site/0,3407,en_21571361_40549151_1_1_1_1_1,00.html.
Brazil’s key priority for the 2010 G20 Toronto Summit focuses on the continued restoration of the world economy and continued liberalization of international trade. Brazil is a strong advocate for anti-protectionist policies, which is in alignment with the majority of states in the G20. Brazil’s secondary objective would be to push for quicker and increased reform of International Financial Institutions (IFIs) such as the World Bank (WB) and International Monetary Fund (IMF).

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Objective 1: Economic Growth and Recovery [0.75]

In advance of the 2010 Toronto G20 Summit, Brazil has made it clear that it plans to propose that countries continue to pursue policies to stimulate economic growth.\(^3\) In a statement from the Ministry of External Relations, Brazil pointed to the fact that the outlook for world economies is still the subject of debate and that the situation is fragile, especially when considering that many countries have unemployment rates upwards of 10%. Brazil’s finance minister, Guido Mantega, stated that a Canadian proposal to halve budget deficits by 2013 “…is too draconian, a little difficult, a little exaggerated. In addition, he stated, “…if we act hastily, if we are excessive in adopting the new fiscal policy adjustments, we could jeopardize the growth we have achieved. It is reasonable then to expect that Brazil will push for a recognition of the importance of stimulus measures and fight any hard targets for deficit reduction.”\(^4\)

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Prospects

The concurrent nature of the G8 and G20 Summits as well as the bodes for healthy discussion of this topic. However the divided nature of the G20, and even the G8, on matters related to deficit reduction and stimulus measures means that Brazil might have to compromise on a deficit reduction target if it is to get recognition of the importance of stimulus measures in the medium term.

Postscript

In the G-20 Toronto Summit Declaration, it was noted that the countries agreed on, “following through on fiscal stimulus and communicating ‘growth friendly’ fiscal consolidation plans.”\(^5\) This means that Brazil was successful in achieving its objective of maintaining stimulus measures in place into the medium term. Furthermore, in Article 10, the G20 does issue a statement where they recognize that the “risk of synchronized fiscal adjustment across several major economies could adversely affect the economy.”\(^6\)

Therefore, in reference to the G-20 commitment to halve deficits by 2013 and stabilizing/reducing government debt-to-GDP ratios by 2016, Brazil has managed to ensure that no universally-binding hard targets were established within the text of the communiqué.

Objective 2: Reform of International Financial Institutions [0.75]

Brazil’s second major objective at this year’s G20 Summit is to propose the development and implementation of a mechanism to regulate financial markets,\(^7\) or on a larger scale, the reform of International Financial Institutions (IFIs).

Brazil considers it important to complete the work initiated at the G20 Summit in Washington through the implementation of increased regulation in all markets. Brazil will also be pushing for continued reformation of the WB and IMF, and has stated that WB reforms to date are “satisfactory” and that with the IMF reform deadline set at the end of this year, the 2010 Summit will be the perfect opportunity to jumpstart talks.\(^8\)


Finally, in a concerted effort with its BRIC partners, Brazil will be pushing to be “given more say in global financial institutions such as the WB and IMF, “but hesitates in joining those who call for the establishment of a new international reserve currency.”

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Prospects

According to the G20 provisional agenda set out by Prime Minister Harper, leaders will “focus on banking reforms aimed at strengthening international financial institutions,” as outlined at the G20 Summit in Pittsburgh. According to the G8 agenda however, there will be no discussion of economic objectives, and instead, discussions will focus on the introduction of a global bank tax and a reduction to trade barriers. Prime Minister Harper and sources within the Canadian delegation have already indicated that they intend to stick very closely to the proposed agenda. With this in mind, the prospects for any discussion or action plan on this objective at the G8 Summit are slim. Prospects for discussion at the G20 Summit are substantially higher however, given current global trend leaning towards calls for increased regulation and IFI reforms to favour the under-represented countries.

Postscript

Brazil achieves a score of 0.75 on this objective as the G20 does in fact reiterate the importance of furthering IFI reform. The G20 have committed to strengthening legitimacy, credibility and

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effectiveness.\textsuperscript{11} Having already fulfilled their Pittsburgh Summit commitments,\textsuperscript{12} the G20 has moved to endorse important voice reforms at the World Bank.\textsuperscript{13} In addition, the G20 has underscored their resolve to ensuring ratification of 2008 IMF Quota and Voice Reforms.\textsuperscript{14} Finally, the G20 has pledged to strengthen the selection process for IFI heads, by moving towards open, transparent and merit-based selection processes.\textsuperscript{15}

\textit{Analyst: Augustine Kwok}

China

Economic Data

Currency: Chinese Yuan Renminbi (CNY)
Population: 1,330,141,295
Gross Domestic Product (Official Exchange Rate): USD 4.814 trillion
Gross Domestic Product per capita (PPP): USD 6,600
Major Trading Partners: United States, Japan, South Korea, Germany

Political Data

Type of Government: Communist State
Date of Establishment: 1 October 1949
Legislature: Unicameral National People's Congress (Quanguo Renmin Daibiao Dahui)
Head of State: President Hu Jintao
Head of Government: Premier Wen Jiabao

Background

China first became involved with the G8 at the Evian Summit of 2003 under the leadership of President Hu Jintao. To date, President Hu has attended all six of the G8 summits to which he was invited (China was not invited to the 2004 Sea Island Summit by the United States).\(^\text{16}\)

China was involved in the drafting of several joint statements by the G8/G5, the most recent being a G5 declaration issued on 8 July 2009.\(^\text{17}\) Further, China has committed to a number of G8/G5 initiatives, such as the 2009 L’Aquila promise to partake in a “global recovery agenda for balanced, inclusive, sustainable growth.”\(^\text{18}\)

At a press conference by the Chinese G20 delegation for the 2009 Pittsburgh Summit, the director-general of the Department of International Organizations and Conferences of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Wu Hailong, provided a list of China’s concerns going into the summit. According to Wu, issues such as the reform of international financial systems, economic recovery and future challenges, climate change, energy and trade, and the reform of financial regulations and supervision were among China’s most pressing international concerns.\(^\text{19}\)

At this year’s G20 Toronto Summit, China will revisit a number of the aforementioned issues in its discussions with its fellow members. As one of the world’s leading economic powers, China’s key priorities for this year’s summit include the world economy and trade.

Traditionally, the Brazil-Russia-India-China (BRIC) countries have held common interests in areas such as trade protectionism and climate change. Additionally, China has made plans to cooperate with South Korea and Germany on economic issues during negotiations.

*Lead Analyst: Hermonie Xie*

**Objective 1: World Economy [1]**

China’s world economic priorities for the 2010 G20 Toronto Summit include discussing reform of International Financial Institutions (IFIs) and trade liberalization.

On 10 May 2009, in a telephone conversation with Spanish Premier Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, Premier Wen Jiabao said that, “The international community needs to further enhance co-operation with long term efforts.” During the conversation, Premier Wen detailed a three-point proposal to combat the financial crisis: “strengthening macroeconomic policy coordination and boosting market confidence, reforming the international financial system and strengthening regulation, and upholding free trade.”

China has been an advocate of anti-protectionism. At the 2009 L’Aquila Summit, China and the G8/G5 committed to “resist protectionism and promote open markets for trade and investment.” On 16 April 2009, following a daylong summit in Brasilia, China and the BRIC nations issued a communiqué pledging to “resist all forms of trade protectionism and fight disguised restrictions on trade.” In accordance with this commitment, on 11 May 2009, China and the BRIC nations aligned in opposition to a new set of protectionist measures proposed by

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the United States and the European Union.  

At present, China maintains its strong position against barriers to trade. At a recent news conference on 15 March 2010, Premier Wen declared that trade protectionism, “has not dissipated but gotten worse” and that, “all countries should be fully alarmed by such a development.”

During past summits, China has argued for the reform of IFIs to give greater voting rights to developing nations, an objective recognized in a G5 commitment following the L’Aquila Summit. Additionally, at the 2009 London and Pittsburgh Summits, the G20 made a commitment to “modernize the infrastructure to global economic cooperation.” This commitment gives developing economies a greater influence in today’s global economy by instituting a shift of “at least 5% in International Monetary Fund (IMF) quota shares from over represented countries to under-represented countries.”

However, China remains concerned about the speed at which the quota is adjusted. According to the Chinese government’s official web portal, the previous quota reform, which was approved by the IMFC in 2008, has not been completed until now. Consequently, China is likely to push for additional and accelerated quota adjustments by the IMF at this year’s G20 summit.

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accelerate quota adjustments and to adopt policies that limit protectionism. Furthermore, the G8 issues an action plan or communiqué which complements the G20’s report.

Prospects

The final communiqués of the most recent G20 and G8 summits have pledged to “reform the international financial system”32 with the goal of accelerating global economic recovery. Last year, the G8 pledged to refrain from raising new tariffs and the G20 drafted a framework for strong, sustainable and balanced growth that discourages protectionism. On 23 April 2010, a communiqué issued by the G20 finance ministers reaffirmed the significance of financial regulatory reform issues. In the joint communiqué, the ministers reaffirmed their “strong commitment to fully implement our reform agenda on timelines agreed by Leaders in London and Pittsburgh.”33 This year, it is likely that the G8/G5 will make further commitments on financial reform and anti-protectionism.

Postscript

China has received a score of 1 for its world economy objective. Financial sector reform was a topic of discussion at the G20 Summit. The G20 recommitted itself to achieve the commitments made at the prior Washington, London and Pittsburgh Summits, in addition to establishing a reform agenda built upon four pillars: strong regulatory framework; establishment of effective supervision; resolution and addressing systemic institutions; and, transparent international assessment and peer review.34 This was achieved in addition to the commitments promised towards IFI reform and development, within which, the G20 has moved to endorse important voice reforms at the World Bank.35 In addition, the G20 has underscored their resolve to ensuring ratification of 2008 IMF Quota and Voice Reforms.36 Finally, the G20 has pledged to strengthen the selection process for IFI heads, by moving towards open, transparent and merit-based selection processes.37

Finally, China has further achieved this objective through the G20’s commitments to continue fighting protectionism and promoting free trade and investment, renewing this promise for a period of three years.38

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In the released communiqué at the conclusion of the 2010 G8 Summit in Muskoka, the members of that organization renewed their commitment to the resistance of protectionist pressures and the promotion of liberal trade and investment. With these developments, China has achieved a score of 1.

Analyst: Hermonie Xie

Objective 2: Exclusion of Renminbi Adjustment/Revaluation Issue [0.75]

In addition to their first objective, China has stated that it will object to any mention of adjustment or revaluation of the renminbi in Summit documents, insisting that the issue is a sovereign matter that should not be discussed in a global forum. This is as a follow up to the events of 19 June 2010, when Chinese officials announced that they would allow more flexibility in the renminbi exchange rate. A number of sources have suggested that this announcement was in part intended to preclude discussion of the issue in the G8 and G20. Thus, an achievement of China’s objective in this regard will be measured by their ability to persuade the other members of the G20 to agree that “Beijing alone should determine yuan policy.”

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| 1 | The G20 releases a communiqué which makes no mention of China and the revaluation of the renminbi. Furthermore, the communiqué has the G20 acknowledging individual states’ sovereignty over currency policy. |

**Prospects**

China has been quite vocal in its opposition to any mention of its currency policy. With this in mind, there is significant pressure from the international community for China to do more and the members of this party may be successful in including a mention (positive, neutral, condemnatory) of China in the final communiqué. However, given that China is a major player in the international community and does bear both significant resources and influence, they may be successful in this objective.

**Postscript**

China has achieved a score of 0.75 in this objective as the G20 communiqué makes no mention of China or its earlier revaluation of the renminbi. Although world leaders have taken the time to welcome China’s decision or to handle media inquiries into the matter, ultimately, China has managed to prevent this issue from appearing within the communiqué.

*Analyst: Hermonie Xie*
India

Economic Data

Currency: Indian Rupee (INR)
Population: 1,173,108,018 (July 2010 estimate)
Gross Domestic Product (official exchange rate): USD3.56 trillion (2009 estimate)
Gross Domestic Product per capita (PPP): USD3,100 (2009 estimate)
Major Trading Partners: China, European Union, Japan, Russian Federation, United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

Political Data

Type of Government: Federal Republic
Date of Establishment: 26 January 1950
Legislature: Bicameral Parliament (Sansad) with Council of States (Rajya Sabha) and the People’s Assembly (Lok Sabha)
Head of State: President Pratibha Patil (since 25 July 2007)
Head of Government: Prime Minister Manmohan Singh (since 22 May 2004)

Background

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, India has a significant presence at many G8 summits. India was first invited at the 2003 Evian-les-Bains G8 summit in France, along with other emerging economies; followed by invitations to the 2005 and 2007, 2008 and 2009 summits.

At the end of the 2009 G8 L’Aquila Summit, the joint declaration titled Promoting the Global Agenda placed a heavy emphasis on tackling global challenges collectively,\(^\text{44}\) an indication that the G8-G5 partnership is a major step forward in multilateral decision-making. Since declaring the G20 as a premier forum for international cooperation, India’s participation at last year’s G20 meetings in London and Pittsburgh led to discussions primarily on the state of the world economy, regulation, protectionism, international financial development aid and African development.\(^\text{45,46}\) India’s engagement with the G8 through the Heiligendamm Process (HDP) 2008, the Heiligendamm–L’Aquila Process (HAP) 2009 and at other multilateral forums such as

\(^{44}\) Promoting the Global Agenda, Joint Statement Issued Italy, Brazil, Canada, the People’s Republic of China, France, Germany, India, Japan, Mexico, Russia, South Africa, the United Kingdom, the United States of America and the President of the European Commission, together with the Leaders of Egypt and Sweden, as President of the European Council on the occasion of the 2009 G8 L’Aquila Summit (L’Aquila), 09 July 2009. Date of Access: 10 December 2009. http://www.g8italia2009.it/static/G8_Allegato/G8_G5_Joint_Declaration.pdf


the G20 and the 2009 Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen has only highlighted its growing prominence in the international arena.

Through the HDP and HAP, India has made a strong commitment to multilateral cooperation but has also been firm about its position on important topics such as climate change and the WTO Doha Round.

At the Copenhagen Conference, India was strongly opposed to capping greenhouse gas emission cuts which will curb its economic growth while emphasizing that developed countries needed to do more than just agree to emissions cuts.47

However, towards the end of the G20 summit, Canada will be hosting a separate bilateral meeting with the Government of India48 to discuss issues of import to both nations including a bilateral trade pact and a proposed nuclear deal. India is the only country to receive such an invitation at the end of the G20 summit49 and the meeting is likely to precipitate a key bilateral agreements.50

This year, India is attending the G20 summit taking place in Toronto immediately the G8 summit; but it will not be attending the G8 summit.51 India is expected to be active in all issues of discussion at the G8 summit that were identified by Canada. Even if it is not attending the G8 summit, it is expected to take up the issues at the G20 summit; specifically, the world economy, climate change, development and democratic governance.52 However, India is likely to address key topics, namely at the upcoming Summit; global economic recovery, energy and climate change.

**Objective 1: Global Economic Recovery [1]**

At the upcoming G8/G20 Summit, India is expected to be strongly vocal with respect to the challenges of global economic recovery and sustainable solutions necessary to maintain

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economic growth. As a result of the financial crisis, Indian economic growth slumped from 9% to 7-7.5% in 2008-2009 but is expected to range between 7.2-7.5% and 8.8% for 2010.

India has supported a fiscal stimulus strategy that is also supported by Canada and the United States. India will be look towards a “contra-cyclical fiscal stimulus” and has announced that it will invest in infrastructure as a way to stimulate its economy. Economic growth in India and in other developing countries has been reported to be “a driver of recovery in the industrialised world.” Leading up to the summit, India has announced that it opposes a tax on banks, instead preferring tighter financial regulations. India also will likely push for larger commitments for developed countries before it takes on commitments that will affect its economy and the economies of the developing world.

On the occasion of Canada’s Prime Minister Stephen Harper’s visit to India in November 2009, topics such as global economic recovery and the WTO Doha negotiations were on the top of the agenda. India aimed to strengthen economic and trade relations through formal mechanisms including a free trade agreement with Canada. Countries such as the United States through its National Security Strategy have also recognised that India will remain an important partner in the new international agenda. Alongside China, according to the International Monetary Fund, India will be economic powerhouse by 2030. With the world’s second largest population, India is expected to be both a producer and consumer of goods and services, and this likely will put India as one of the world’s top economic and financial decision-makers in the world.

At the WTO Doha Round of negotiations, India clashed heavily with the United States over cutting tariffs and subsidies. It maintained that opening up of its markets without sufficient tools, such as a special safeguard mechanism, to guard against imports can harm domestic production and manufacturing. Furthermore, India has actively sought to increase its influence through (BASIC) or the group that includes Brazil, South Africa and China and through (BRIC), which includes Brazil, Russia and China. In April 2010 at the BRIC Summit, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh argued for a “multi-polar, equitable, democratic and just world order.” He further reiterated that BRIC countries have “an important role to play in shaping the pace, direction and sustainability of global economic growth.”

In a statement made before leaving for the 2010 G8 Toronto Summit, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh noted India’s three objectives for the Summit: “to ensure that global economic recovery is durable, balanced and sustainable; to calibrate exit strategies in the light of growing concerns over expansionary fiscal policies; and to focus on medium and long-term structural issues relating to governance issues.” This agenda coincides with the G20 agenda set by Canada especially global economic recovery. Both countries have co-chaired the G20 Working Group on the G20 Framework for strong, sustainable and balanced growth.

It also actively engaged with the G20 member countries in Pittsburgh and through finance ministers meetings and has always maintained clear positions on issues of interests.

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Prospects

India will likely take a strong position in discussing the issue of the global economic recovery and the world’s financial systems. It will maintain that tighter regulation and a mechanism for safeguarding the developing world’s economic growth is the direction the G8/G20 ought to take.

With Canada and India on board for the issue of opposing the global bank tax, the issue may not reach consensus. India is also likely to call for attention towards reforming the IMF and increase its decision-making powers in the international organisation. Furthermore, India will also stand up for its call for a special mechanism to safeguard against negative effects on Indian agricultural production due to the WTO Round of trade talks. This may be supported largely by many African countries who are invited to the G8 summit by Canada.

It remains to be seen how well India will make its positions known as the G8 and G20 leaders meet in Toronto. There is no doubt; however, that Canada has given India a special platform by hosting them to a special meeting during the G20 summit.

Postscript

Global economic recovery was one of the most significant issues at the G8/G20 summit. The final G20 declaration specifically addresses targets and goals for this issue. The declaration notes that actions for sustainable and more balanced growth “will be differentiated and tailored to national circumstances”\(^67\). This is certainly true for the issue of global bank tax, which was declared to be dealt with individually.\(^68\)


India’s priorities for controlled stimulus spending, reforming the financial institutions and regulation was included specifically. A target date for implementation was end-2012 for banking regulation framework. There is also a target date for developing policy recommendations for addressing problems associated with financial institutions by the Seoul summit in November 2010.

There was no mention of India’s attempt towards gaining special consensus at the WTO Doha trade negotiations; however, “raising barriers or imposing new barriers to investment or trade in goods and services, imposing new export restrictions or implementing World Trade Organization (WTO)-inconsistent measures” where discouraged.

Lead Analyst: Farah Saleem

Objective 2: Energy Security [0.25]

India has been extremely active with the issue of energy security. It has been actively involved with the development of renewable sources of energy including biofuels and biogas through the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy. The Ministry is heavily involved in the development and use of new sources of energy which include biomass, wind, hydro, biowaste and solar energy.

India has several bilateral and multilateral cooperation agreements with a number of countries. In January 2010, Hungary’s visit to India culminated into discussions about civil nuclear energy cooperation; which India undertakes with a number of other countries including the Department of Energy of the United States of America. This agreement comes at a time when Hungary chairs the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) and had supported India in the Group

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leading up to the nuclear deal with the United States of America and through the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)-approved nuclear waiver granted to India.\textsuperscript{77}

India also cooperated through with other members of the G8 including Japan through the India-Japan energy dialogue and with the EU through the India-EU Energy Panel and others through the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate (APPCDC).\textsuperscript{78}

Through the IBSA and BRIC, India has successfully engaged with the G5 on energy security and renewable sources of energy.\textsuperscript{79}

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Prospects

India’s prospects for discussing energy security and related matters is high, given that it is part of the Main Economies Forum on Energy and Climate Change; the members of this forum are expected to be welcomed by Canada for the G20.

Having a successful nuclear cooperation deal with the United States and with the relevant IAEA approval, it is not surprising that India and Canada will be looking to further their energy cooperation. An agreement for Cooperation in Civil Nuclear Energy with the Canadian government has been announced as a significant topic for Prime Minister Manmohan Singh’s G20 agenda.80 This will increase India’s access to nuclear resources.

Postscript

Energy security and related matters have only made to one section of the G20 declaration. Working with the Finance and Energy Ministers, the declaration noted the “implementation of strategies and timeframes, based on national circumstances, for the rationalization and phase out over the medium term of inefficient fossil fuel subsidies.”81 However, India’s priorities related to new and renewable sources of energy were not included, assigning the objective a score of 0.25.

Analyst: Farah Saleem

Mexico

Background

President Felipe Calderón has governed Mexico since 1 December 2006. He is affiliated with the largely conservative National Action Party and his six-year term will end in 2012 without the possibility of a re-election. The main foreign policy goals of President Calderón have been democracy, immigration, climate change and stronger economic relations with Asia. The 2010 G8 Muskoka Summit will be President Calderón’s fourth G8 Summit.

Mexico remains preoccupied with recovery of the global economy. As part of its efforts to further the recovery of the global economy, Mexico has focused its advocacy on ensuring greater transparency for international organizations and the liberalization of international trade.

Mexico has continued with the “gradual and unilateral liberalization of its trade regime.” According to a report on Mexican trade policies and practices published by the WTO Secretariat, Mexico has “concluded new free-trade agreements, conducting 85 per cent of its trade with preferential partners. Mexico’s economic performance has been solid and several sectors of its economy have achieved high levels of development.” The Mexican government is also seeking to diversify its economy away from its heavy reliance on the US.

Mexico’s objectives for the 2010 G8 Muskoka Summit have been to pursue stronger financial regulation and oppose the bank tax. However, unlike its G5 counterparts, the Mexican government has not been very vocal in its calls for International Financial Institutions (IFI) reform. In light of the Cancun Conference, which will focus on the issues of African development and climate change, Mexico has also identified global environmentalism as objectives of interest for this Summit.

Objective 1: Global Bank Tax [0.75]

President Felipe Calderon has indicated that Mexico will oppose the bank tax strongly along with Canada at the G20 summit. It instead prefers tougher regulation citing that the Mexican banking system is healthy and well regulated which led to them weathering the financial crisis better than

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other countries. The banks also focused on “traditional lending rather than risky subprime loans or complex derivatives.” Mexico has recently taken measures to curb money laundering due to drugs trafficking, by placing limitations on depositing money from illegal sources. The country’s financial regulator has also indicated that instead its banking system needed to address capital liquidity with an emphasis on “mechanisms that banks have for liquidity and for obtaining liquidity in the market.”

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Prospects

There is a high likelihood that the global bank tax and financial regulation will be discussed at the summit. Mexico will likely address the issue in opposition to the European G8 countries. It will be joined by India on the issue from the G5 who is also opposing the issue.

At the G8/G20 summit, Mexico’s priorities of advocating for better capital liquidity and tighter regulation will be mentioned in the final communiqués but it remains to be seen if the G20 member countries all agree on a global bank tax; as it is believed that this would be a national issue rather than a global one.

Postscript

The G8/G20 Communiqué has specifically addressed global financial regulation with emphasis on banking regulation. However, the issue of a global bank tax is being pursued individually. The G8/G20 has stressed that there needs to be progress for a new global regime for bank capital and liquidity, something that Mexico is also concerned with.  

*Lead Analyst: Farah Saleem*

**Objective 2: Environment [0.75]**

Under pressure from the EU, UN and Mexico, among others, Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper has finally agreed to include global warming on the Canadian agenda for the 2010 Muskoka Summit. Mexico has long been a strong proponent of advocating immediate measures to tackle global warming, with Mexican President Felipe Calderon stating that, “In Mexico, we cannot wait...for the developed countries to make a decision,” in reference to the stalemate that characterized discussions in Copenhagen last year. Former British Prime Minister Gordon Brown echoed President Calderon’s thoughts.

President Calderon’s desire to see environmentalism and global warming addressed at the G8/G20 Summits stems mostly from the fact that he wishes to lay the groundwork for the Cancun conference to be held later this year. With Prime Minister Harper’s concession to adding global warming to the G8 agenda, Mexico will be seeking to work within Canada’s desire to, “strive to achieve a fair, effective and comprehensive post-2012 agreement that includes a robust system of emissions reduction monitoring, reporting and verification.”

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discussing change and actions are deferred until the Cancun conference.

| 1 | The G8 discusses climate change, releasing communiqués or action plans that contain new initiatives to combat climate change. Furthermore, discussion on new initiatives and review measures are promised to be central to discussions at the Cancun Conference. |

**Prospects**

Prime Minister Harper’s late inclusion of global warming to the Canadian G8 agenda means that any discussions on the environment that will take place will do so without the benefit of the “customary meeting of G8 environment ministers that has helped to lay the groundwork for every G8 summit since 1994.”

In addition, to the disjointed nature of this Summit – the lack of a clearly identifiable discussion between the members of the G8 and G5, it is feared that environmentalism and climate change will not even be discussed.

However, even in face of such opposition, President Calderon remains firmly committed to forcing climate change onto the G8/G20 agenda. In close discussions with South African President Jacob Zuma, it was noted that the lack of action taken with regards to climate change will have severely negative repercussions on another issue which remains high on the of the European Union in their joint desire to “seal the tentative deal reached at the UN Summit in Copenhagen last year.”

**Postscript**

The final G20 declaration addresses environmentalism or climate change. The G8/G20 has not taken any new initiatives for combating climate change, leading up to the Cancun conference. They are instead “determined to ensure a successful outcome through an inclusive process at the Cancun Conferences.”

*Analyst: Augustine Kwok*

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South Africa

Economic Data

Currency: Rand (ZAR)
Population: 49,109,107
Gross Domestic Product (Official Exchange Rate): USD 280.6 billion
Gross Domestic Product per capita (PPP): USD 10,100
Major Trading Partners: Japan, US, Germany, UK, China, Netherlands, Saudi Arabia

Political Data

Type of Government: Republic
Date of Establishment: 31 May 1961
Legislature: Bicameral Parliament
Head of State: President Jacob Zuma; Executive Deputy President Kgalema Motlanthe

Background

South Africa is led by President Jacob Zuma of the African National Congress, who assumed the Presidency on 9 May 2009 following a general election. The African National Congress has retained a strong parliamentary majority since South Africa’s first democratic election in 1994, this should allow the President to carry out his policy platform and legislative agenda.

President Zuma has stated that South Africa’s foreign policy aims for the “creation of an environment conducive to sustainable economic growth and development.” He noted that South African foreign relations will prioritize the African continent, but also that his state will continue to enhance its relations with the G8 and the European Union.

Maite Nkoana-Mashabane, Minister of International Relations and Co-operation, further outlined South Africa’s foreign policy in an address to the National Assembly on 18 June 2009. South Africa’s pillars of foreign relations include: enhancing bilateral relations, pursuing peace and security, and supporting post-conflict African reconstruction. Along with the identification of regional integration, with a focus on strengthening the African Union and the South African Development Community (SADC) is a key aspect of the new policy agenda.


The Toronto G20 Summit will provide an opportunity for South Africa to exert its influence on the international stage and advance key issues that affect the African continent. It is expected that South Africa will focus on securing increased efforts towards the promotion of African development, as well as the push for the further expansion of developing nations influence in governing the affairs of the international community.

Lead Analyst: Augustine Kwok

**Objective 1: African Development [0.25]**

South Africa is a strong advocate for a sustained and meaningful focus on African development at the international level. South Africa continues to dedicate efforts towards achieving the aims of the Cairns Group, a coalition of nineteen agricultural exporting countries committed to reform in three areas: export subsidies, market access; and domestic support.\(^{104}\)

It is argued that aid pledged by the G8 has not been allocated in an efficient way that benefits the maximum number of people possible.\(^{105}\) Further, it is argued that Africa will become more influential and important in the decades to come as “the main reservoir for world economic growth.”\(^{106}\)

South Africa’s Summit agenda mirrors the Canadian agenda, particularly regarding accountability, with both countries advocating increased aid accountability, specifically in the African development context. In the past, South Africa has consistently used the G8 as a forum to propose and discuss solutions to Africa’s development priorities, as it views the G8 as “the leading international forum for debating issues relating to the real economy and to development.”\(^{107}\) At this year’s G20 Summit, South Africa will continue to campaign for increased attention to issues of African development, such as the transparency and accountability of aid contributions and ensuring that progress towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) is expedited.

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**Prospects**

Canadian Prime Minister’s continued insistence on excluding the G5 from any substantive talks at the G8 summit will serve as a barrier to the achievement of South African objectives regarding African development at the G8 Summit. Fortunately, South Africa still has the G20 Summit as a potential forum in which to promote its' interests. So, it remains possible that South Africa may indeed meet its objective of placing the issue of African development on the G20 agenda.

**Postscript**

Development has been addressed in the G20 communiqué, namely within Article 47, which states that they have agreed to establish a Working Group on Development in order to seek ways in which the development gap can be narrowed and poverty reduced. In addition to this, the G20 has promised to fulfill their commitment to ensure “an ambitious replenishment for the concessional lending facilities of the MDBs, especially the International Development Association and the African Development Fund.”

Although these are acknowledgements of the issue, the fact that this is the extent to which the G20 has deigned to engage the issue of African Development, means that South Africa has failed to achieve its objective within their efforts within the G20.

Within the G8 however, South Africa has done exceptionally well in promoting the topic of African Development. In the G8’s released communiqué, Article 6 recognizes that African Development will remain a cornerstone of the G8’s approach. In addition, the G8 welcomed the “increased ownership that Africa has over its development process,” and reaffirmed their commitment to “continued collaboration between the G8 and African partners.”

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G8 pledged to refocus on meeting their Millennium Development Goal targets and called on the private sector to contribute to their completion, hopefully expanding the potential sources of aid.\textsuperscript{111}

\textit{Analyst: Augustine Kwok}

\textbf{Objective 2: Expansion of African Influence [0]}

As a follow up to its efforts at the 2009 L’Aquila Summit, South Africa has once again placed an emphasis on increasing Africa’s role in international institutions. On 8 July 2008, South Africa, along with its fellow G5 members issued a Political Declaration reaffirming its commitment to “strengthened multilateralism”, and announced that pursuit of “action-oriented global partnerships” is a key strategic objective.\textsuperscript{112}

South Africa has consistently supported strengthened multilateralism, as a means of addressing issues related to the world economy or climate change.\textsuperscript{113} South Africa has also advocated for a strengthened multilateral framework, that includes greater participation by G5 countries. Speaking at the FES-SWP North-South Dialogue in Germany on 21 April 2008, President Jacob Zuma asserted that the Heiligendamm Dialogue Process is “a significant development in the evolution of the G8/G5 relations,” but is “limited in mandate and time.”\textsuperscript{114} With the instigation of the Heiligendamm-L’Aquila Process (HAP), South Africa hopes to continue to work towards securing greater African participation in international affairs.

The ongoing global financial crisis has demonstrated that there has been a “true ebb of power from East to West...[that has] encouraged the new economic actors of the G20 to chase access to the 40 percent of the world’s mineral resources, and 1 billion consumers gathered in Africa.”\textsuperscript{115} South Africa, as the de facto representative of African interests at the G20 Summit will seek out greater international roles for both itself and its fellow African states.

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Prospects

Prime Minister Harper has indicated that the issues of maternal health and regional security will dominate discussions at the G8 summit, whilst G20 discussions will focus largely on economic issues. With this in mind, prospects for discussion of a greater role for Africa in international affairs appear slim, as the G20 will most likely discuss economic solutions for the duration.

Despite weak prospects for the achievement of South Africa’s G20 objective, the country does have an ally among the G8 member states – France. French President Nicolas Sarkozy has indicated that he agrees that Africa should be given a stronger voice in world affairs and better representation on the UN Security Council. The final declaration of a two-day Africa-France Summit “underscored the importance of a new and greater African role in international institutions,” calling for, “reform of the UN Security Council, the acceleration of membership procedures for African States at the World Trade Organization, [and] an additional African seat in the Executive Board of [the] World Bank.”

The importance of engaging African states in the response to international issues such as drug trafficking, corruption and terrorism has been recognized by Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper by his establishment of an Africa Outreach session. According to Mr. Harper, “The G8 has a long tradition of developing credible solutions to global challenges in partnership with Africa and others in the international community," he continues, "[a]t this year's summit, we will be engaging African leaders as well as key hemispheric partners in order to broaden representation and maximize results on international development and peace and security.

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Postscript

There was little discussion on the issue of the expansion of the role of Africa in international institutions. The G20 Summit Declaration had no mention or evidence of any discussion on the expansion of Africa’s role in the international community.

In their African Outreach session at the G8 Summit, South Africa was very successful in promoting the issue of expansion of African influence. In the 2010 Muskoka G8 Summit Declaration, it was noted that African development would remain a cornerstone of the G8’s approach with a vague promise of future outreach and interaction with African states.  

Analyst: Augustine Kwok

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