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## Global Development Challenges: Desirable G8 Responses

A G8 Developing Country Dialogue  
for the Hokkaido Summit

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## Background

The Group of Eight (G8) major industrialized democracies with Japan as its 2008 host have identified development and Africa as important themes for the summit of their leaders taking place in Hokkaido Toyako, Japan on July 7–9 2008. At the summit, G8 leaders and their partners from the developing world will act and build upon the advances and agreements made at the fourth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD IV) which took place from May 28 to 30 in Yokohama. They will focus also on the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), on health, water, education, and peace and security in conflict-ridden countries such as Sudan. Their deliberations, directions and decisions in these areas can be shaped to become powerful instruments in the promotion of sustainable human development throughout Africa, the developing world and the global community as a whole.

Since Japan's hosting of earlier G8 summits in 1993 and 2000, developing countries have been increasingly able to deliver their issues, ideas and initiative to G8 leaders through their participation in the summit itself. Japan's hosting of the summit this year places it in the critical period following TICAD IV. Between TICAD and the G8 ministerial meetings for development, finance and foreign affairs and prior to the summit itself, the United Nations University, the Centre for International Governance Innovation and the G8 Research Group present a one-day conference intended to bring the concerns of developing countries and development institutions into the Japanese-led preparatory process for the 2008 summit.

The conference will feature a frank assessment of the purposes, plans, prospects and possibilities of the Hokkaido Toyako summit with particular attention to African development in the fields of economics, trade, health, and peace and security. This dialogue is designed to identify and inspire realistic ways in which the G8 summit might contribute more strongly to the cause of African — and global — development, with the results informing the G8 preparatory process and the summit itself.

## Speakers

Clement Adibe • Obijiofor Aginam • James Christie • Andrew F. Cooper • Michael Erdman • Robert Fauver • George von Furstenberg • Olivier Giscard d'Estaing • Jenilee Guebert • Karen Hamilton • John Kirton • Hiroharu Koike • Ibronke Odumosu • Chiara Oldani • Vesselin Popovski • Kazuo Takahashi • Tomohiko Taniguchi • Atsuko Toyama • Calin Trenkov-Wermuth • Cliff Vanderlinden • Kojo Yelapaala • Jenjin Zhu

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(1) Sudan: Elderly Woman Receives Emergency Food Aid. UN/Tim McKulka (2) Timor Leste: Pallbearers carry the coffin of Alfredo Reinado from the morgue to his family's home as mourners look on. UN/Martine Perret (3) Sudan: SLA Combatants Attend Meeting of Head of United Nations Mission in the Sudan. UN/Fred Noy.

# Programme

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09:30–09:45 **WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**

Vesselin Popovski, United Nations University

John Kirton, G8 Research Group, University of Toronto

Andrew F. Cooper, Centre for International Governance Innovation

Tomohiko Taniguchi, Deputy Press Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

09:45–11:15 **HOW THE G8 WORKS: THE SUMMIT STRUCTURE AND PROCESS**

The G8's Mission, Evolution & Performance • Robert Fauver, former Senior Adviser to the US Under-secretary of State for Economic Affairs

The G8's Expansion and Outreach • Andrew F. Cooper

A Chinese Perspective on the Evolving G8 • Jenjin Zhu, Shanghai International Studies University

The Developing World's Perspective on the Evolving G8 • Kazuo Takahashi, United Nations University

11:15–11:30 Refreshment Break

11:30–12:45 **HOW WELL DOES THE G8 DELIVER: COMPLIANCE WITH G8 COMMITMENTS**

Moving Toward the MDGs: Delivering G8 Multiyear Commitments • John Kirton

Delivering on Promises: The Civil Society Perspective • Karen Hamilton and James Christie, Canadian Council of Churches

Delivering the 2007 Commitments: The 2008 Compliance Report • Ella Kokotsis, Michael Erdman and Cliff Vanderlinden, G8 Research Group

Catalyzing Compliance with G8 Health Commitments • Jenilee Guebert, G8 Research Group

Waiting for Action for the "Bottom Billion" in the Developing World • Vesselin Popovski

12:45–14:15 Lunch

14:15–15:45 **THE GLOBAL CHALLENGE OF DEVELOPMENT AND AFRICA**

Development Challenges: Progress, Problems, Priorities • Clement Adibe, DePaul University

Economic Challenges Amidst a Global Slowdown • Chiara Oldani, LUISS University

Financial Challenges and Their Impact on Development • George von Furstenberg, National Science Foundation

Health Challenges • Obijiofor Aginam, United Nations University

15:45–16:00 Refreshment Break

16:00–17:00 **SUSTAINING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN FRAGILE AND POST-CONFLICT SOCIETIES: WHAT CAN THE G8 AND GLOBAL COMMUNITY DO?**

Kojo Yelapaala, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, USA

Ibironke Odumosu, University of British Columbia Law School, Canada

Calin Trenkov-Wermuth, European Union, Institute of Security Studies, France

17:00–18:30 **JAPAN'S G8'S PROSPECTS AND POSSIBILITIES: THE G8 RESPONDS**

Japan's Plans and Prospects • Tomohiko Taniguchi

A G8 Perspective • Olivier Giscard d'Estaing, New School of Governance/Global Governance Group

A Developing Country Perspective • African Diplomatic Corps in Tokyo *[to be confirmed]*

18:30–19:30 Reception