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# **TODAY'S ANALYSIS**

## **(13 September 2023)**

### **TOPICS TO BE COVERED**

- **KEY OUTCOMES OF 18TH G20 SUMMIT.**
  - **AFRICAN UNION BECOMES A PERMANENT MEMBER OF G20**
  - **G20 DECLARATION ON RUSSIA UKRAINE WAR**

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# AFRICAN UNION BECOMES A PERMANENT MEMBER OF G20



## African Union

Becomes a permanent member of G20 under India's Presidency.

India has testified its stance of being the **Voice of the Global South**.

“in keeping with the sentiment of **sabka saath (with everyone)**, India had proposed that the African Union should be given permanent membership of the G20. I believe we all are in agreement on this proposal,” said the Indian PM.

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## ABOUT AFRICAN UNION

The African Union (AU) is a continental body consisting of the **55 member states with 1.4 billion population & a collective GDP of 3 trillion USD** that make up the countries of the African Continent.

## WHEN WAS AFRICAN UNION FORMED?

- In 1963, the **Organization of African Unity** was founded by the independent states of Africa. The organization aimed to promote cooperation between African states.
- **The 1980 Lagos Plan of Action** was adopted by the **Organization of African Unity**. The plan suggested that Africa should **minimize reliance upon the West** by promoting intra-African trade.
- **In 2002**, the **Organization of African Unity** was succeeded by the **African Union**, which had as one of its goals to accelerate the **"economic integration of the continent"**.

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## MEMBERS (55)



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## SIGNIFICANCE OF INCLUSION

- The inclusion of the AU in G20 is a significant step towards **more inclusive and representative global governance**.
- Africa is also **one of the fastest-growing regions in the world**, with a projected growth rate of **4.1% in 2023**.
- Africa's voice and perspective are **essential for addressing global challenges** such as **poverty eradication, climate change, health security, digital transformation, trade facilitation, debt sustainability, and peace and security**.

## BENEFITS FOR AFRICA

- The implementation of **Agenda 2063** and **Agenda 2030**,
- The operationalization of the **African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)**,
- The **mobilization of climate finance** and technology transfer, and
- Africa's voice in the reform of **international financial institutions**.
- The much needed **infrastructure push** can be given to the African continent.
- **Social sector** can receive much needed **investments**.

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## BENEFITS FOR THE G20 COUNTRIES

- For G20 members, it **opens new avenues for cooperation and partnership with Africa** in various sectors such as infrastructure development, renewable energy, digital economy, health care, education, agriculture, tourism, and culture.
- It also **enhances mutual understanding and trust** among G20 members and African countries.



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## DECLARATION ON RUSSIA UKRAINE WAR

The consensus arrived in the **G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration** set the stage for the diplomatic and political conversation on the **Russia-Ukraine conflict** with a hope — that the **text is expected to set the tone for any negotiations between the two warring sides:**

The **West-led G7 grouping** that is backing **Ukraine**, and **Russia**, which has **Beijing's support** in the form of a **no-limits friendship**.

The consensus text “enables us to look ahead to what should be the solution for a just and lasting peace at the end of the war in Ukraine,” (G7 official).

### WHAT HAPPENED IN LAST YEAR'S G20 SUMMIT?

Bali had **recorded the G7 position of condemnation of the war** in Ukraine and the **Russian position on unilateral sanctions**.

It had the **West's formulation on the war's impact on the global economy** but also factored in the **Russian-Chinese stance that G20 is an economic forum that does not discuss security issues**.

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What framed **the challenge** was the fact that the **two paras in the Bali declaration lay shattered within a month** of the November 2022 G20 Summit, the sense being that these, by echoing the UN resolutions — where India had abstained — deploring Russian aggression, were **“divisive” and “divergent.”**

## WHAT CHANGED IN 2023 G20 SUMMIT?

- The Delhi declaration omitted words from the last year’s statement that **overtly condemned Russian aggression against Ukraine** — instead **highlighting the human suffering and other negative impacts** of the war in Ukraine that have complicated recovery efforts in the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- The wording of **“most members strongly condemned the war”** was among the changes. Instead, G20 member states agreed to lean on the tenets of the **United Nations charter on territorial integrity and against the use of force.**
- G20 leaders called for the “full, timely and effective implementation” of the **Black Sea grain deal.**
- No country should threaten to use or use **nuclear bombs.**

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