

Modernizing the G8 Summit

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Criteria – Who is at the table?

“Governance is like falling in love, it has nothing to do with rationality”.

There are several potential criteria to evaluate options for “summit” membership:

Absolute (verifiable) Measures

1. Size

- Population - % of total world population
- GDP - % of world economic activity, US dollar or purchasing power parity

2. Power

- Nuclear weapons states
- % World Military expenditures or number of people in uniform

3. Financial contributions

Representativeness

1. Regional (All Continents)

2. Religion (Islamic , etc.)

3. Ethnicity

4. Language (Francophone – no joke - Chirac proposed Algeria)

5. Uniqueness (Landlocked or small island)

6. Lottery - Equal chance for all

More Fuzzy Measures

1. Global citizenship (some measure of altruism that puts Canada in the first rank)

2. Ensuring a voice for the weakest (smallest states or the poorest states)

3. Intellectual contributions

