

**Argentina** | Cristina Fernández de Kirchner

Cristina Fernández de Kirchner became president of Argentina in December 2007 after winning the general election in October. She replaced her husband, Néstor Kirchner, who had been president since May 2003. She is Argentina's second female president, but the first to be elected. Prior to her current position, she was a senator for the provinces of Buenos Aires and Santa Cruz. She was first elected to the Senate in 1995, and in 1997 to the Chamber of Deputies. In 2001 she won a seat in the Senate again. Born on 19 February 1954 in La Plata, Buenos Aires, Kirchner studied law at the National University of La Plata. She and her husband have two children. This will be Kirchner's sixth G20 summit.

**Finance minister:** Amado Boudou | **Central bank governor:** Mercedes Marcó del Pont | **Sherpa:** Alfredo Chiaradia

**Australia** | Julia Gillard

Julia Gillard became prime minister of Australia on 24 June 2010, replacing Kevin Rudd, who had held the position since 2007. Before entering into politics, Gillard worked as a lawyer. From 1996 to 1998, she served as chief of staff to opposition leader John Brumby. Gillard was first elected as a member of the House of Representatives in 1998. She has served in various positions, including shadow minister for population and immigration, shadow minister for health and deputy leader of the opposition. From 2007 to 2010, Gillard served as deputy prime minister. She was born in Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, Wales, on 29 September 1961 and emigrated to Australia in 1966. She earned a bachelor of arts and bachelor of law in 1986 from the University of Melbourne. She lives with her partner, Tim Mathieson. This will be second G20 summit that Gillard has attended.

**Finance minister:** Wayne Swan | **Central bank governor:** Glenn Stevens | **Sherpa:** Gordon De Brouwer

**Brazil** | Dilma Rousseff

Dilma Rousseff was elected the 36th president of Brazil on 31 October 2010 and inaugurated on 1 January 2011. In 2002, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva appointed her minister of energy. In 2005 she became chief of staff and remained in office until 31 March 2010, until stepping down to run for president. She was born in Minas Gerais, Brazil, on 14 December 1947. Rousseff studied economics at the Minas Gerais Federal University School of Economics and did postgraduate studies in economics at the Campinas State University. She is divorced from Carlos Franklin Paixão de Araújo, with whom she has one child. This will be Rousseff's first G20 summit.

**Finance minister:** Guido Mantega | **Central bank governor:** Alexandre Tombini | **Sherpa:** Valdemar Carneiro Lêao

**Canada** | Stephen Harper

Stephen Harper was elected prime minister of Canada in January 2006, assuming office from Paul Martin in February with a minority government. Harper ran for re-election in 2008 and again on 2 May 2011, when he returned to the House of Commons with a majority. Before running for politics he served as a policy advisor for the Reform Party. He was first elected as a member of parliament in 1993. He served as leader of the opposition for several years before becoming prime minister. Harper was born in Toronto, Ontario, on 30 April 1959. He studied at the University of Toronto and the University of Calgary, earning his master's degree in economics in 1991. He and his wife, Laureen, have two children. This will be the sixth G20 summit that Harper has attended.

**Finance minister:** James Flaherty | **Central bank governor:** Mark Carney | **Sherpa:** Louis Lévesque

**China** | Hu Jintao

Hu Jintao has been president of the People's Republic of China since March 2003. He replaced Jiang Zemin, who had held the position since 1989. Hu also serves as general secretary of the Communist Party of China's (CPC) Central Committee and chair of the Central Military Commission. Before entering politics he worked as an engineer. He joined the CPC in April 1964 and began working with the party in 1968. In 1992, he was elected to the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and was re-elected in 1997. He became vice-president of China in March 1998 and vice-chair of the Central Military Commission in 1999. In 2002, Hu was elected general secretary of the CPC Central Committee. Born in Jiangyan, Jiangsu, on 21 December 1942, he received his engineering degree from Tsinghua University in 1965. He is married to Lui Yongqing and they have two children. This will be Hu's sixth G20 summit.

**Finance minister:** Xie Xuren | **Central bank governor:** Zhou Xiaochuan | **Sherpa:** Tiankai Cui

## France | Nicolas Sarkozy



Nicolas Sarkozy became president of France in 2007, taking over from Jacques Chirac, who had held the position since 1995. Sarkozy worked as a lawyer while he pursued politics. From 1983 to 2002, he was mayor of Neuilly-sur-Seine. He has been president of the Union pour un Mouvement Populaire since 2004. During his time in parliament he has held several cabinet portfolios, including minister of state of the economy, finance and industry, minister of the budget and minister of the interior. Sarkozy was born in Paris on 28 January 1955 and received his law degree from the Université de Paris in 1978. He is married to Carla Bruni and has three children from two previous marriages. This will be the sixth G20 summit that Sarkozy has attended, and his first as host.

**Finance minister:** François Baroin | **Central bank governor:** Christian Noyer | **Sherpa:** Xavier Musca

## Germany | Angela Merkel



Angela Merkel became chancellor of Germany in 2005, replacing Gerhard Schröder, who had been in power since 1998. Before entering politics she worked as a researcher and physicist. She was first elected to the Bundestag in 1990 and has held the cabinet portfolios for women and youth, environment, nature conservation and nuclear safety. She was born in Hamburg on 17 July 1956 and received her doctorate in physics from the University of Leipzig in 1978. She is married to Joachim Sauer and has no children. This will be Merkel's sixth G20 summit.

**Finance minister:** Wolfgang Schäuble | **Central bank governor:** Jens Weidmann | **Sherpa:** Joerg Asmussen

## India | Manmohan Singh



Manmohan Singh became prime minister of India in May 2004, replacing Atal Bihari Vajpayee, who held the position from 1998 to 2004 and also for a short period in 1996. Singh was re-elected in May 2009. Before entering into politics, he worked as an economist, including for the International Monetary Fund. He was governor of the Reserve Bank of India from 1982 to 1985. Singh was first elected to the upper house in 1995. He was re-elected in 2001 and 2007 and has held cabinet positions including minister of finance and minister for external affairs. Singh also served as minister of finance from November 2008 to January 2009. He was born in Gah, Punjab (now known as Chakwal district, Pakistan), on 26 September 1932. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Punjab University in 1952 and 1954. He also received an additional undergraduate degree from Cambridge University in 1957 and a doctorate from Oxford University in 1962. He and his wife, Gursharan Kaur, have three children. This will be Singh's sixth G20 summit.

**Finance minister:** Pranab Mukherjee | **Central bank governor:** Duvvuri Subbarao | **Sherpa:** Montek Singh Ahluwalia

## Indonesia | Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono



Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono assumed the presidency in October 2004, replacing the incumbent Megawato Sukarnoputri. He was re-elected for a second term in July 2009. Before entering politics, he served as a lecturer and a military general. His first experience in politics came when he was appointed minister of mines and energy in 1999. Yudhoyono later served as coordinating minister for politics and security. He was born on 9 September 1949 in Pacitan, East Java. He received his doctorate in agricultural economics from the Bogor Institute of Agriculture in 2004. He and his wife, Kristiani Herawati, have two children. This will be Yudhoyono's sixth G20 summit.

**Finance minister:** Agus Martowardojo | **Central bank governor:** Darmin Nasution | **Sherpa:** Mahendra Siregar

## Italy | Silvio Berlusconi



Silvio Berlusconi became prime minister of Italy for the third time after winning the 2008 election. Before entering politics, he started his career as a building contractor. In 1980, he established Canale 5, the first private national television network in Italy. He also became a leading Italian publisher with Mondadori. In 1994 he resigned from Gruppo Fininvest in order to establish the political movement Forza Italia. In the same year, he became president of the Council of Ministers for the first time. In 2001 he became prime minister again – an office he held until 2006. Born in Milan on 29 September 1936, he received his law degree from the University of Milan. He is separated from Veronica Lario and has five children. This will be the sixth G20 summit that Berlusconi has attended.

**Finance minister:** Giulio Tremonti | **Central bank governor:** Mario Draghi | **Sherpa:** Bruno Archi

**Japan** | Yoshihiko Noda

Yoshihiko Noda was appointed prime minister of Japan on 2 September 2011, after Naoto Kan resigned in August. Noda served as finance minister since June 2010, and senior vice finance minister in 2009. He was first elected to public office in 1987 in Chiba prefecture and then, in 1993, to the national Diet. Born in Funabashi, Chiba prefecture, on 20 May 1957, he is a graduate of School of Political Science and Economics at Waseda University. He is married and has two children. This will be Noda's first G20 summit.

**Finance minister:** Jun Azumi | **Central bank governor:** Masak Shirakawa | **Sherpa:** Shinichi Nishimaya

**Korea** | Lee Myung-bak

Lee Myung-bak became president on 25 February 2008, replacing Roh Moo-hyun, who had occupied the position since 2003. Lee joined the Hyundai Construction Company in 1965 and eventually became chief executive officer of the Hyundai Group before being elected to the Korean National Assembly in 1992. In 2002 he was elected mayor of Seoul, a position he held until 2006. He was born in Kirano, Osaka, Japan, on 19 December 1941. He received a degree in business administration from Korea University in 1965. Lee and his wife, Kim Yun-ok, have four children. This will be his sixth G20 summit.

**Finance minister:** Yoon Jeung-hyun | **Central bank governor:** Kim Choong-soo | **Sherpa:** Lee Jong-hwa

**Mexico** | Felipe Calderón Hinojosa

Felipe Calderón Hinojosa became president of Mexico in December 2006, replacing Vicente Fox, who had held the position since 2000. In his early twenties Calderón was president of the youth movement of the National Action Party. He later served as a local representative in the legislative assembly in the federal chamber of deputies. In 1995 he ran for governor of Michoacán. He served as secretary of energy from 2003 to 2004. Born in Morelia, Michoacán, on 18 August 1962, Calderón received his bachelor's degree in law from Escuela Libre de Derecho in Mexico City. He later received a master's degree in economics from the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, as well as a master's degree in public administration from Harvard University. He and his wife, Margarita Zavala, have three children. This will be Calderón's sixth G20 summit.

**Finance minister:** Ernesto Cordero | **Central bank governor:** Agustín Carstens | **Sherpa:** Maria de Lourdes Aranda

**Russia** | Dmitry Medvedev

Dmitry Medvedev became president of Russia in 2008, after winning the presidential election and replacing Vladimir Putin, whose term in office had expired. Before entering politics, Medvedev worked as a legal expert and lawyer. He was officially endorsed as a presidential candidate in December 2007 by United Russia, Russia's largest political party. Medvedev served as deputy prime minister from 2005 to 2008. He was born in Leningrad – now St Petersburg – on 14 September 1965. He earned a degree in law in 1987 and a doctorate in private law in 1990 from Leningrad State University. He is married to Svetlana Medvedeva and they have one child. This will be the sixth G20 summit that Medvedev has attended.

**Finance minister:** Alexei Kudrin | **Central bank governor:** Sergey Ignatyev | **Sherpa:** Arkady Dvorkovich

**Saudi Arabia** | Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud

King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud has been in power since August 2005. He replaced Fahd bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, who had reigned since June 1982. As crown prince since 1987, Abdullah had previously acted as de facto regent and thus ruler since 1 January 1996, after Fahd was debilitated by a stroke. He was formally enthroned on 3 August 2005. He also serves as prime minister of Saudi Arabia and commander of the National Guard. Abdullah is chair of the supreme economic council, president of the High Council for Petroleum and Minerals, president of the King Abdulaziz Centre for National Dialogue, chair of the Council of Civil Service and head of the Military Service Council. He was born 1 August 1924 in Riyadh and has a number of wives and children. This will be Abdullah's fifth G20 summit.

**Finance minister:** Ibrahim Abulaziz Al-Assaf | **Central bank governor:** Muhammad Al-Jasser | **Sherpa:** Hamad Al Bazai

## South Africa | Jacob Zuma



Jacob Zuma became president of South Africa on 9 May 2009, succeeding Petrus Kgalema Motlanthe, who had held the position since September 2008. Zuma joined the African National Congress (ANC) in 1958 and joined the ANC's National Executive in 1977. In 1994, he was elected National Chair of the ANC and chair of the ANC in KwaZulu-Natal. He was re-elected to the latter position in 1996 and selected as the deputy president in December 1997. Zuma was appointed executive deputy president of South Africa in 1999 and held that position until 2005. He was elected ANC president at the end of 2007. Born on 12 April 1949, in Inkandla, KwaZulu-Natal Province, he has received numerous honorary degrees. He has three wives and several children. This will be Zuma's fifth G20 summit.

**Finance minister:** Pravin Jammadas Gordhan | **Central bank governor:** Gill Marcus | **Sherpa:** Siphon George Nene

## Turkey | Recep Tayyip Erdoğan



Recep Tayyip Erdoğan became prime minister of Turkey in March 2003, replacing Abdullah Gül, who had occupied the office since 2002. On 12 June 2011, Erdoğan was re-elected prime minister for a third term. Before becoming prime minister, Erdoğan was mayor of Istanbul from 1994 to 1998. He was born on 26 February 1954 in Rize, Turkey, and studied management at Marmara University's faculty of economics and administrative sciences. He is married to Emine Erdoğan and has two children. This will be the sixth G20 summit that Erdoğan has attended.

**Finance minister:** Mehmet Simsek | **Central bank governor:** Durmus Yılmaz | **Sherpa:** Mehmet Gücük

## United Kingdom | David Cameron



David Cameron became prime minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on 11 May 2010. He was first elected to parliament in 2001 as representative for Witney. Before becoming a politician he worked for the Conservative Research Department, and served as a political strategist and advisor to the Conservative Party. He has been the leader of the Conservative Party since December 2005. Born in London, England, on 9 October 1966, he received his bachelor's degree in philosophy, politics and economics at the University of Oxford. He is married to Samantha Cameron and has two children. This will be Cameron's third G20 summit.

**Finance minister:** George Osborne | **Central bank governor:** Mervyn King | **Sherpa:** Jonathan Culliffe

## United States of America | Barack Obama



Barack Obama became president of the United States in January 2009, replacing George W Bush, who had held the presidency since 2002. In 2005 Obama was elected to the Senate, having previously worked as a community organiser, a civil-rights lawyer and a state legislator for Illinois. He was born on 4 August 1961 in Honolulu, Hawaii, to a Kenyan father and American mother. He received a bachelor's degree from Columbia University in 1983 and a law degree from Harvard University in 1991. He is married to Michelle Obama and they have two children. This will be the fifth G20 summit that Obama has attended.

**Finance minister:** Timothy Geithner | **Central bank governor:** Ben Bernanke | **Sherpa:** Michael Froman

## European Union



### | Herman Van Rompuy

Herman Van Rompuy was elected the first full-time president of the European Council on 19 November 2010. He was prime minister of Belgium from 2008 to 2009. Before entering politics, he was a lecturer. Born in Etterbeek, Belgium, on 31 October 1947, he has a bachelor's degree in philosophy and a master's in applied economics from Katholieke Universiteit Leuven. He is married to Geertrui Windels and has four children. This will be his third G20 summit.

**Finance minister:** Jacek Rostowski | **Central bank governor:** Jean-Michel Trichet | **Sherpa:** António José Cabral



### | José Manuel Barroso

José Manuel Barroso became president of the European Commission in November 2004. He was prime minister of Portugal from 2002 to 2004. He studied law at the University of Lisbon, has a master's degree in economics and social sciences from the University of Geneva, and received his doctorate from Georgetown University in 1998. He is married to Maria Margarida Pinto Ribeiro de Sousa Uva and has three children. This is his sixth G20 summit.



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