



## Argentina | Cristina Fernández de Kirchner

Cristina Fernández de Kirchner became president of Argentina in December 2007 after winning the general election in October, and was re-elected in October 2011. She replaced her husband, Néstor Kirchner, who had been president since May 2003. She is Argentina's second female president, the first to be elected. Prior to her current position, she was 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 has two children. This will be Kirchner's seventh G20 summit.

**Finance minister:** Hernán Lorenzino | **Central bank governor:** Mercedes Marcó del Pont | **Sherpa:** Alfredo Chiaradia



## Australia | Julia Gillard

Julia Gillard became prime minister of Australia on 24 June 2010. 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 health and deputy leader of the opposition. From 2007 to 2010, Gillard served as deputy prime minister. She was born in 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 the third G20 summit that Gillard has attended.

**Finance minister:** Penny Wong | **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 second G20 summit.

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



## 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. Harper was first elected as a member of parliament in 1993. He served as leader of the opposition for several years before becoming prime minister. He was born in Toronto, Ontario, on 30 April 1959. Harper 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 seventh 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. Hu also serves as general secretary of the Communist Party of China's (CPC) Central Committee and chair of the Central Military Commission. 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 is married to Lui Yongqing and has two children. This will be Hu's seventh G20 summit.

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



## France | François Hollande

François Hollande was elected president of France on 6 May 2012, having defeated Nicolas Sarkozy. He served as first secretary of the Socialist Party from 1997 to 2008. He was the deputy for Corrèze in the National Assembly of France from 1988 to 1993 and again since 1997, and was also the mayor of Tulle from 2001 to 2008. He joined the Socialist Party in 1979, and was an economic adviser for François Mitterrand. Born in Rouen on 12 August 1954, he holds degrees from the École Nationale d'Administration (ENA) and the Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po). His partner is Valérie Trierweiler, and he has four children with his previous partner, Ségolène Royal. This is Hollande's first G20 summit.

**Finance minister:** Pierre Moscovici | **Central bank governor:** Christian Noyer | **Sherpa:** Emmanuel Macron



## 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 seventh G20 summit.

**Finance minister:** Wolfgang Schäuble | **Central bank governor:** Jens Weidmann | **Sherpa:** Lars-Hendrick Röllner



## India | Manmohan Singh

Manmohan Singh became prime minister of India in May 2004, and was re-elected in May 2009. Before entering 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, and has served as minister of finance and minister for external affairs. He was born in Gah, Punjab (now known as Chakwal district, Pakistan), on 26 September 1932. He received degrees from Punjab University in 1952 and 1954 and a doctorate in economics from the University of Oxford. He and his wife, Gursharan Kaur, have three children. This will be Singh's seventh 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 seventh G20 summit.

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



## Italy | Mario Monti

Mario Monti was sworn in as prime minister of Italy on 16 November 2011 to lead a technocratic government after the resignation of Silvio Berlusconi. He also serves as minister of the economy and finance. He was a member of the European Commission for a decade. Prior to joining the European Commission, he was a professor of economics at Bocconi University and its rector from 1989 to 1994. Born in Varese on 19 March 1943, Monti received a degree in economics and business from Bocconi University and did his postgraduate studies at Yale University under James Tobin. He and his wife, Elsa, have two children. This will be Monti's first G20 summit.

**Finance minister:** Mario Monti | **Central bank governor:** Ignazio Visco | **Sherpa:** Pasquale Terracciano



## Japan | Yoshihiko Noda

Yoshihiko Noda was appointed prime minister of Japan on 2 September 2011, following the resignation of Naoto Kan in August. Noda served as finance minister from 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, Noda is a graduate of the School of Political Science and Economics at Waseda University. He is married to Hitomi Noda and has two children. This will be Noda's second G20 summit.

**Finance minister:** Jun Azumi | **Central bank governor:** Masaaki Shirakawa | **Sherpa:** Shinichi Nishimiya



## 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 seventh G20 summit.

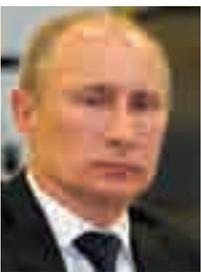
**Finance minister:** Bahk Jae-wan | **Central bank governor:** Kim Choong-soo | **Sherpa:** Lee Jong-hwa



## Mexico | Felipe Calderón Hinojosa

Felipe Calderón Hinojosa became president of Mexico in December 2006. Calderón was president of the youth movement of the National Action Party and later served as a representative in the legislative assembly in the federal chamber of deputies. He served as secretary of energy from 2003-04. Born in Morelia, Michoacán, on 18 August 1962, Calderón received his bachelor's degree in law from Escuela Libre de Derecho in Mexico City, a master's degree from the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México and a master's in public administration from Harvard University. He and his wife, Margarita Zavala, have three children. This will be Calderón's seventh G20 summit and his first as host.

**Finance minister:** Antonio Meade Kuribreña | **Central bank governor:** Agustín Carstens | **Sherpa:** Maria de Lourdes Aranda



## Russia | Vladimir Putin

Vladimir Putin assumed the position of president of the Russian Federation on 7 May 2012. He succeeds Dmitri Medvedev, who had been president since 2008. Putin served as prime minister under Medvedev, having earlier been elected president in 2000 and re-elected in 2004. A member of the United Russia party since its establishment in 2001, he led the party from 2008 until April 2012. From 1998 to 1999, he was director of the Federal Security Service, having worked for the KGB from 1975 to 1991. Putin was born on 7 October 1952 in Leningrad and graduated from Leningrad State University's law faculty. He and his wife, Ludmila, have two daughters. This will be Putin's first G20 summit.

**Finance minister:** Anton Siluanov | **Central bank governor:** Sergey Ignatiev | **Sherpa:** Stanislav Voskresensky



## 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. As crown prince, Abdullah had previously acted as de facto regent since 1 January 1996, after Fahd was debilitated by a stroke. 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 sixth G20 summit.

**Finance minister:** Ibrahim Abulaziz Al-Assaf | **Central bank governor:** Fahad Al-Mubarak | **Sherpa:** Sulaiman Al-Turki



## South Africa | Jacob Zuma

Jacob Zuma became president of South Africa on 9 May 2009, succeeding Petrus Kgalema Motlanthe. 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 served as executive deputy president from 1999 to 2005. He was elected ANC president at the end of 2007. Born on 12 April 1949, in Nkandla, KwaZulu-Natal Province, he has received numerous honorary degrees. He has four 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 Erdoğan's seventh G20 summit.

**Finance minister:** Mehmet Şimşek | **Central bank governor:** Erdem Başçı | **Sherpa:** Mehmet Güçük



## 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 adviser to the Conservative Party. He has served as 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 fourth G20 summit.

**Finance minister:** George Osborne | **Central bank governor:** Mervyn King | **Sherpa:** Ivan Rogers



## 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 Obama's sixth G20 summit.

**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 previously prime minister of Belgium from 2008 to 2009. Before entering politics, he was a university professor. Born in Etterbeek, Belgium, on 31 October 1947, he holds 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:**  
Olli Rehn  
**Central bank  
governor:**  
Mario Draghi  
**Sherpa:**  
António José Cabral



## José Manuel Barroso

José Manuel Barroso became president of the European Commission in November 2004. Previously, he was prime minister of Portugal from 2002 to 2004. Before entering politics, he was an academic. Born on 23 March 1956 in Lisbon, he studied law at the University of Lisbon, holds a master's degree in economics and social sciences from the University of Geneva, and studied for 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 seventh G20 summit.



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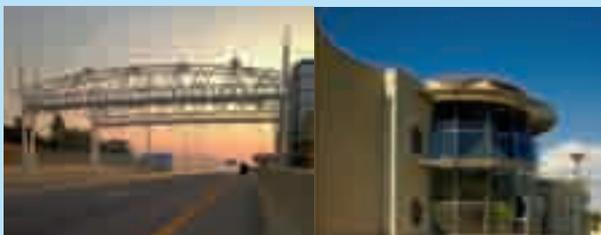


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