



Agriculture at the G7 & G20

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Agriculture at the G7 in 2024

- Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, UK, USA & EU (full member, minus rotating presidency).
- Formerly G8 until Russia expelled over Crimea in 2014.
- G7 the “place to get things done” – like-minded progressive democracies.
- 2024 Japanese G7 Presidency: trusted “safe pair of hands” (ex. 2021 G20 Presidency)
- Largest G7 Ministerial yet – opportunity for Italy’s agri-food sector and government to showcase achievements
- Key aspects on display incl. GIs, organics, high-quality regional cuisine, food as cultural heritage, enforcement of safety and enviro standards (customs, forest police)
- AU & African partners invited for first time – synergies with G20
- Inaugural G7 Youth Hackathon – young farmers presented recommendations for the future of agri policy
- G7 Agri Ministers’ Communiqué available on website, Youth document currently being finalised



Agriculture at the G20 in 2024



- Broader membership incl. Russia & China – consensus disrupted over Ukraine since 2022.
- 2024 Brazilian G20 Presidency finally overcame gridlock – first G20 Agriculture communiqué adopted since 2021.
- First time on the agenda: fisheries; specific Brazil focus on small and family farmers.
- No specific new legacy initiative at Agri level, but efforts feed into Presidency's flagship: Global Alliance against Hunger & Poverty (practicalities still work in progress)
- Brazil used its first G20 Presidency as major domestic & international PR opportunity. President Lula: "Brazil is back".
- EU safeguarded its strong bilateral relations with Brazil. Letter on EUDR publicity stunt two weeks ahead of local elections in Mato Grosso – handed over to our Commissioner while surrounded by wildfires. EU conciliatory.



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- Canada will host the 51th G7 Summit, in Kananskis, Alberta.
- Election year – to be confirmed if G7 Agriculture Ministers' Meeting held... (If not, first time to skip in half a decade)
- If Agri Ministerial, then likely with a Youth component, too. If no ministerial, working group to prepare input for Leaders.
- Canada is a trusted negotiator and expected to lead a lower-key, uncontroversial Presidency. International relations less of a PR priority - CAN elections dominated by domestic issues.
- South Africa to hold its first G20 Presidency, the first one in history on the African continent.
- Priorities will likely include food security and capacity building in food-importing regions. To be seen if Brazil's initiative of annual dedicated session on small farmers continues.
- G20 Agriculture Ministerial will be the first attended by new EU Agri Commissioner (and his/her new AU counterpart).

