

For India to be remembered as the voice of the Global South, it needs to focus on changes happening in Africa. Explain.

With the upcoming Presidency of G-20 summit, India has the right opportunity to be a step closer to be remembered as the voice of the Global South, and for that it needs to focus on changes happening in Africa — accounting 50+ ~~of~~ developing countries.

Changes happening in Africa

- * ~~Two Super~~ Two powerful countries ~~are~~ ~~being~~ China & The United States are trying to make their impression on African countries through their investments, discussion (on important topics like political, security & economic cooperation) and steady diplomacy.

The U.S.

- * New investments & Initiatives
↳ \$55 billion in Africa
in next 3 years
↳ \$21 billion to the IMF
to provide financing to low income countries
↳ \$10 million for security capacity.

- * The U.S. giving importance to African leadership, voices & innovation.

China

- * Emerged in African countries as the largest trading partner \$254 b.
- * 4th largest investor in Africa, through its
↳ steady diplomacy
↳ extensive economic engagement
- * Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC)
↳ has full-fledged inter-ministerial mechanism to ensure timely implementation of FOCAC

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <u>United State's President</u> not realising vision of "<u>free, open, prosperous & secure world</u>". * <u>discussion on ways to mitigate the impact of covid-19 & future pandemics</u> * <u>U.S. support to African Union to join G20 & have permanent seat in United Nation State Council</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <u>Chinese president</u> participates in person in FOCAC. * Last meeting in <u>Dakar</u> in 2021 expressed support to <u>Chinese Agenda</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↳ <u>one-China principle</u> ↳ <u>The Belt & Road Initiative</u> ↳ <u>The vision of "A community with shared future"</u> |
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To truly represent the South, it is important to grasp the mood & changes in Africa & its external partnerships.

↳ It may help to determine the contribution India can make to advance African Agenda.

→ The G20 Presidency — is India's opportunity to ensure that African Union becomes a permanent member of G20 & ensure to reflect Africa's Agenda 2063 for development.

→ Importance to India-Africa Political & Economic Partnership be given. And 4th Africa-India forum summit should be held in 2024.

Conclusion:

The future development partnership should be guided keeping in mind Africa's priorities. India should cooperate with African nations as per the Gujarat Doctrine of Gratuity rather than Reciprocity.