

# African Union To Soon Join G20 Unlikely To Change Name To G21

## Why In News

- G20 Is All Set To Begin On **September 9 & 10**. However It Is Likely That The G20 Will Soon **Transform Into G-21** The **Inclusion Of The African Union** Is Expected To Be On The Agenda For The Summit In Delhi.
- India Currently Holds The Rotating Presidency Of The G20, Had Proposed Including **The African Union As A Full Member**. “No Plan For The Future Of The Planet Can Be Successful Without The Representation And Recognition Of All Voices,” Prime Minister Narendra Modi Had Said On The Subject.



## What Is African Union

- The 55 Member States That Make Up The African Union Work To Strengthen The Continent's Unity And Solidarity. On **September 9, 1999**, The Union Was Created To Take The Role Of The Organization Of African Unity. The African Union Is Made Up Of **55 Member States**, Which Are All From Africa.
- The African Union Was Established To Promote The Unity And Solidarity Of African Countries, Defend State Sovereignty, Eradicate Colonialism, Promote International Cooperation, And Coordinate And Harmonize Member States' Policies.



## Why It Is Needed

- India Decided To Use G20 Platform To Mainstream The “**Voice Of The Global South**” Congregation Of Disadvantaged & Vulnerable Developing Countries Seeking Their Inputs So Developmental Agendas Fully Reflect Their Concerns.



## India's Say

- Africa Is A Top Priority Within The G20. One Of The 2st Things During G20 Presidency Was To Hold The ‘**Voice Of The Global South**’ Summit, Which Had Enthusiastic Participation From Africa,”. “There Is A Need To Come Out Of A Purely Utilitarian Worldview And Embrace A **Sarva Jana Hitaaya, Sarva Jana Sukhaaya** (For The Welfare Of All, For The Happiness Of All) Model.”



## Complexities Of African Union

- “Africa Is A Large Continent And **The Challenges**, Economy And Communities Are Very Diverse. AU Is Not A Politically Cohesive Unit. There Are Issues That Countries Are Facing On Their Own And With Each Other.
- Lack Of Political Cohesion Member Countries Face Unique Challenges, Some Internal & Some From Regional Disputes. For Instance, **Sudan** Grapples With A Military Conflict Displacing Millions, **Rwanda** Faces Political Constraints With Opposition Members In Prison & **Morocco & Algeria** Are Locked In A Territorial Dispute Over Western Sahara.
- The AU Also Comprises **Eight Regional Economic Committees** , Each With Its Own Structure And Role. These Factors Make It Essential To Consider The Intricacies Of The Au’s Internal Dynamics.



## Conclusion

- Converting G20 To G21, Will Indeed Be The **Bharat Moment**.
- For India It Will Be A Symbolic And Psychological Victory With Substantive Outcomes As G21 Will Have A Truly Large Representation On Issues Of Global Economy And Governance.

