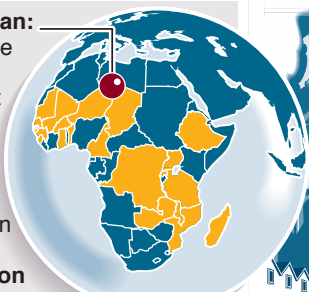


Key aims of the G8 summit in Scotland

British Prime Minister Tony Blair has pledged to make tackling poverty in Africa and climate change his priorities during his year-long chairmanship of the G8 rich nations' club. Although European nations are largely in agreement, the main stumbling block remains the United States

► Debt relief plan:

G8 leaders have already agreed to write off debt owed by 18 mainly African countries and extend plan to nine more within 12-18 months
Total: \$55 billion



Africa's total external debt: \$300bn

► The problem:

Most want to increase aid to **0.56%** of gross domestic product by 2010, and **0.7%** by 2015. **U.S. – which gave 0.16% in 2004 – is reluctant**



G8 share of global GDP: 65%

► Climate change:

Most nations willing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions based on scientific evidence

Agree practical measures based on technology

Work with emerging economies to deal with climate change



► **The problem:** Bush administration has undermined Blair's joint action plan. **President Bush opposes Kyoto Protocol**, but now accepts that human activity is "to some extent" to blame for global warming. Says greenhouse gas intensity can be reduced using new technology

G8 share of global emissions: 47%

► Middle East: Use

Israel's withdrawal from Gaza Strip to revitalize **road map** peace process. Work with Middle Eastern nations to prevent new generation of terrorists

► **Child pornography:** Create international database to allow

police to pool information

► **Narcotics:** Stem Afghan opium-poppy cultivation. **Crop accounts for 60% of Afghanistan's economy and supplies 75% of world's heroin**

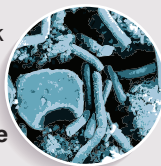


OTHER ISSUES

► Nuclear weapons:

Continue work to constrain spread of nuclear enrichment and reprocessing technology

► **Bio-terrorism:** Seek ways to strengthen **Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention**. Increase preparedness for responding effectively to outbreaks of disease



G8 nations: Comprises United States, Canada, Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and Russia

