

Promises for Africa

Trade and debt relief to help lift Africa out of poverty are priorities for Western leaders at the G8 summit at Gleneagles – but helping Africa out of the poverty trap has been high on the G8 agenda for several years



▶ **2000 – Okinawa, Japan:** Summit ends with promises to help poor countries cut their debts

▶ **2001 – Genoa, Italy:** G8 leaders promise decisive action to combat poverty, especially in Africa

▶ **2002 – Kananaskis, Canada:** New ***Africa Action Plan*** offers advice but little in the way of cash

▶ **2003 – Evian, France:** Splits over Iraq conflict eclipse aid for Africa

▶ **2004 – Sea Island, U.S.:** Summit extends debt relief programme for poor countries, but falls short of total write-off of loans owed by Africa