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the German G8?

Voice in international institutions

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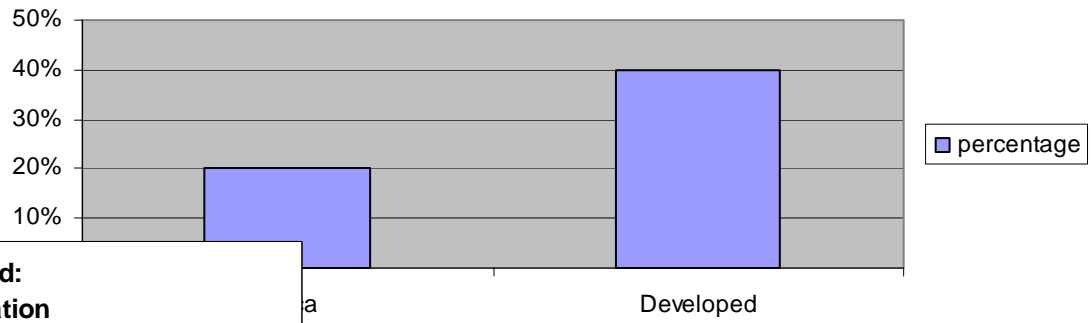


Voice and Choice

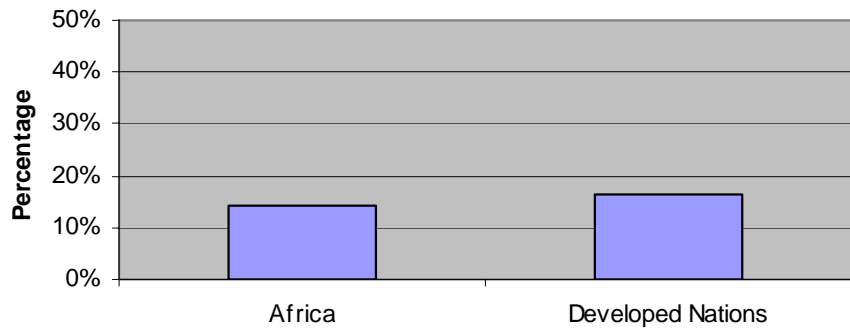
- Africa lacks of voice
- This is important
- Implications for key global public goods discussions
- What can the G8 do?

African voice

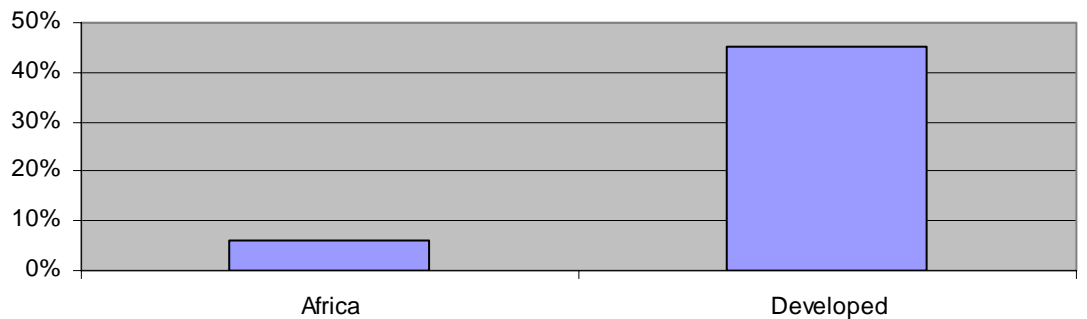
Africa vs Developed World: percentage of Security Council Membership



Africa vs Developed World: percentage of global population



Africa vs Developed World: percentage of votes at World Bank

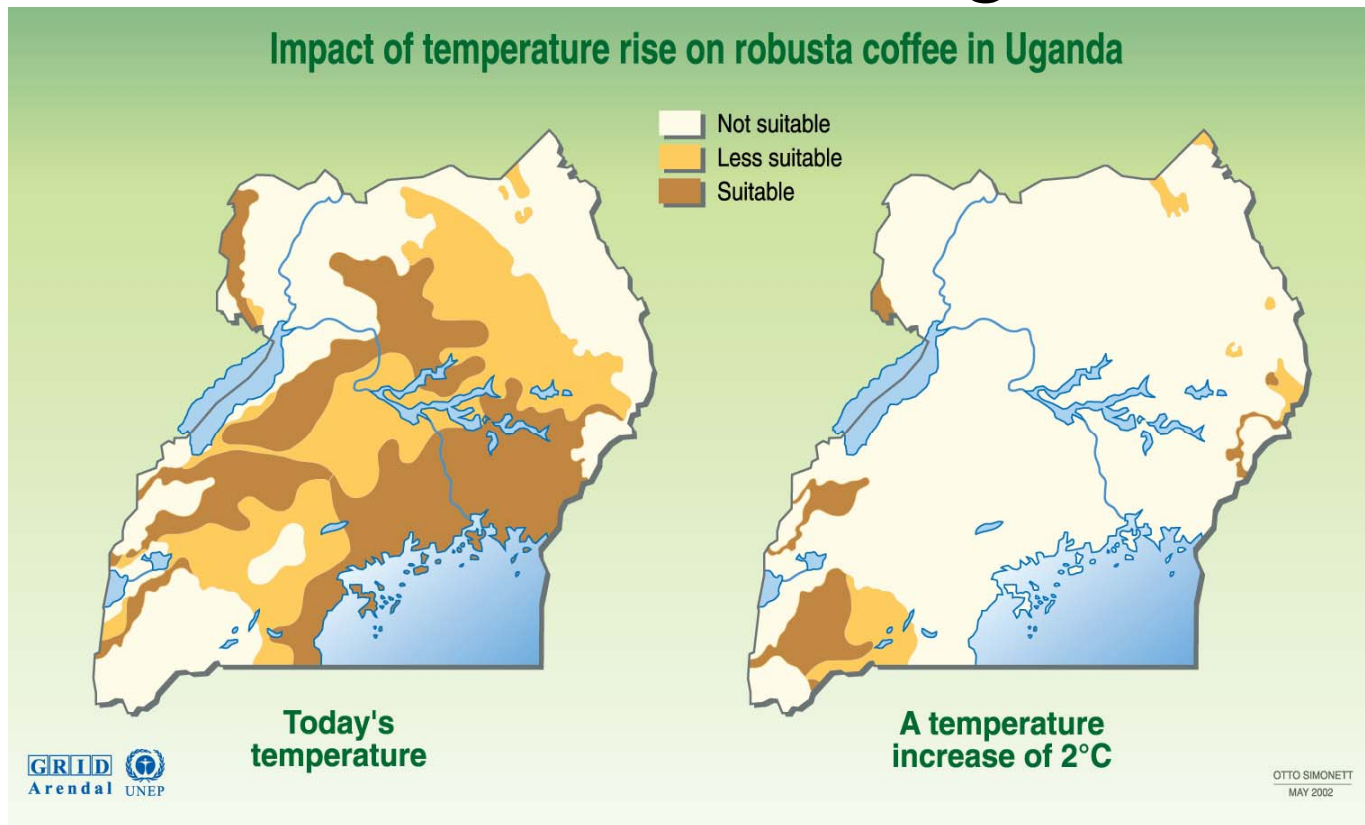


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Voice and climate change



Source: Otto Simonett, Potential impacts of global warming, GRID-Geneva, case studies on climatic change. Geneva, 1989.

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What can the G8 do?

- Acknowledge that its membership is too narrow;
- Make the G20 the main forum for discussion of global economic and other public good type issues;
- Open global dialogue beyond the G20 to address genuinely global issues;
- Strengthen Parliaments and civil society organisations to hold their;
- Strengthen Parliaments and civil society organisations to engage in global public policy debates;
- Ensure sufficient access for both parliamentarians and civil society actors at global policy forums and within global organisations.

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