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International summits-venues

- **The Arab League** The Arab League formally, the League of Arab is a regional organization of Arab countries in and around North Africa, the Horn of Africa and Arabi countries. Currently, the League has **22 members**. **HQ is at Cairo(Egypt)**
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| 30 th Summit | 2013 | Doha (Qatar) |
| 31 st Summit | 2014 | Kuwait City |
| 32 nd Summit | 2015 | Sharm El Sheikh (Egypt) |
| 33 rd Summit | 2016 | Morocco |
| 34 th Summit | 2017 | Manama (Bahrain) |
- **The IBSA Dialogue Forum** (India, Brazil, and South Africa) is an international tripartite grouping for promoting international cooperation among these countries. IBSA summits are as follows:
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| 2011 | held | Pretoria (South Africa) |
| 2013 | (canceled) | New Delhi |
| 2015 | (planned) | New Delhi |
- **The Nuclear Security Summit (NSS)** is a world summit, aimed at preventing **nuclear terrorism** around the globe. The first summit was held in **Washington, D.C. on April 12–13, 2010**. The second summit was held in **Seoul, South Korea in 2012**. The third summit was held in **The Hague, the Netherlands on March 24–25, 2014**. The fourth summit will be held in **Washington, D.C. on March 31-April 1, 2016**
- **BRICS** is the acronym for an association of five major **emerging national economies: Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa**. The grouping was originally known as "**BRIC**" before the inclusion of **South Africa in 2010**.
- BRICS Summits**
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| 6th | 2014 | Brazil | Fortaleza /Brasília |
| 7th | 2015 | Russia | Ufa |
| 8th | 2016 | India | New Delhi |
- **The Group of Eight (G8, and formerly the G6 or Group of Six)** is a forum, created by **France** in 1975, for governments of eight most developed countries in the world: France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, United States, Russia, and the European Union. However **Russia** has been suspended. Since 2014 in effect it comprises **seven nations and the European Union(EU)**

40 th summit	2014	Belgium	Initially Planned: Sochi(Russia) Actual: Brussels (EU)	G7 summit held as an alternative meeting without Russia in 2014 due to its association with the Crimean crisis . G8 summit did not take place in Sochi, Russia. G7 summit relocated to Brussels, Belgium.
41 st	2015	Germany	Schloss Elmau	Summit dedicated to focus on the global economy as well as on key issues regarding foreign, security and development policy
42 nd	2016	Japan	Shima, Mie Prefecture	

- **G20/Group of Twenty: The Group of Twenty Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (G-20, G20, Group of Twenty)** is a group of **finance ministers and central bank governors** from 20 economies: **19 countries plus the European Union**. **List of Venues of G-20 Summits**

10 th	2015	Turkey	Belek, Antalya
11 th	2016	China	Hangzhou
12 th	2017	Germany	
13 th	2018	India	New Delhi

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- ➔ The **East Asia Summit (EAS)** is a forum held annually by leaders of, initially, 16 countries in the **East Asian and South East Asian region**. Membership expanded to **18 countries including the United States and Russia at the Sixth EAS in 2011**. EAS meetings are held after annual **ASEAN leaders' meetings**. The **East Asia Summit** is a nominally annual meeting of national leaders from the East Asian region and adjoining countries.

9 th	2014	Burma (Myanmar)	Naypyidaw
10 th	2015	Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur
11 th	2016	Laos	Vientiane

- ➔ **Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)** is a forum for **21 Pacific Rim** member economies that promotes free trade throughout the **Asia-Pacific region**.

2014	26th	China	Beijing
2015	27th	Philippines	Manila
2016	28th	Peru	Lima

- ➔ The **North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)** also called the **North Atlantic Alliance**, is an **intergovernmental military alliance** based on the **North Atlantic Treaty** which was signed on 4 April 1949. The organization constitutes a system of **collective defence whereby its member states agree to mutual defense in response to an attack by any external party**. NATO's headquarters are located in **Haren, Brussels, Belgium**. The newest members of NATO are **Albania and Croatia, which joined in April 2009**. Present secretary general of NATO is '**Jens Stoltenberg (Norway)**'. Recent NATO summits are held as follows:

2012	United States	Chicago
2014	United Kingdom	Newport/Cardiff, Wales
2016	Poland	Warsaw

- ➔ The **United Nations Climate Change Conference** held at **Paris (France)** during November 30 to December 12, 2015 is officially referred to as the **16th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 21)** to the **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)** and the **11th session of the Conference of the Parties** serving as the meeting of the Parties (CMP 11) to the **Kyoto Protocol**. COP 22 is expected to be held in **Marrakesh (Morroco)** from November 7-18, 2016

Knowledge is power

- ➔ **SAARC: The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)** is an economic and geopolitical organisation of eight countries that are primarily located in **South Asia or the Indian subcontinent**. It has **8 members** namely **Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka**, recently admitted **Afghanistan**. HQ of SAARC is at **Khatmandu (Nepal)**. Current Secretary-General is **Arjun Bahadur Thapa(Nepal)**

SAARC Summits

- The **18th SAARC Summit** was held at the **Nepalese capital Kathmandu** in **2014**
- **Pakistan** will host the **19th SAARC** summit in **Islamabad** in **2016**

- ➔ **Non-Aligned Movement (NAM): The Non-Aligned Movement (NAM)** is a group of states which are **not formally aligned with or against any major power bloc**. As of **2012, the movement has 120 members**. The organization was founded in **Belgrade in 1961**, and was largely conceived by India's first prime minister, **Jawaharlal Nehru**; Indonesia's first president, **Sukarno**; Egypt's second president, **Gamal Abdel Nasser**; Ghana's first president **Kwame Nkrumah**; and Yugoslavia's president, **Josip Broz Tito**. Current Secretary-General is **Hassan Rouhani (Egypt)**. Recent **Non-Aligned Movement Summits** are held at

15th	2009	Egypt	Sharm El Sheikh
16th	2012	Iran	Tehran City
17th	2016	Venezuela	-

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- ➔ **ASEAN: The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)** is a political and economic organization of ten Southeast Asian countries. It was formed on 8 August 1967 by **Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand**. Since then, membership has expanded to include **Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar (Burma), and Vietnam**. HQ is at **Jakarta (Indonesia)**. The ASEAN Summits

Summit	year	Country	City
26th	2015	Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur/Langkawi
27th	2015	Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur
28th	2016	Laos	Vientiane
29th	2016	Laos	Vientiane

- ➔ **WTO Conference: The World Trade Organization (WTO)** is an intergovernmental organization which regulates international trade. The WTO officially commenced on 1 January 1995 under the **Marrakesh Agreement**, signed by 123 nations on 15 April 1994, replacing the **General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT)**, which commenced in 1948. It has its head quarters at **Geneva (Switzerland)**. The **Ninth World Trade Organisation Ministerial Conference** was held in **Bali, Indonesia** from 3 to 7 December 2013. The conference was chaired by the Indonesian Trade Minister **Gita Wirjawan**. The **Tenth World Trade Organisation Ministerial Conference** was held in **Nairobi, Kenya** from 15 to 19 December 2015. The conference was chaired by the Kenyan Foreign Affairs Minister **Amina Mohamed**
- ➔ **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) :** The **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)** is a Eurasian political, economic and military organisation which was founded in 2001 in **Shanghai** by the leaders of **China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan**. The **2014 SCO summit** was the 13th annual summit of heads of state of the **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation** held between 11-12 September in **Dushanbe (Tajikistan)**. On July 10, 2015, at its summit held at **Ufa (Russia)**, the SCO decided to admit **India and Pakistan** as full members, and they are expected to join by **2016** at its summit to be held in **Uzbekistan**
- ➔ **Euro summit:** The **Euro summit** (also referred to as the **eurozone summit** or **euro area summit**) is the meeting of the **heads of state (or) government** of the member states of the **eurozone (Zone of those EU states which have adopted the euro)**. It is distinct from the **EU summit** held regularly by the **European Council**, the meeting of all EU leaders. **EU summits**
2014-Italy-Herman Van Rompuy (Belgium)
2015- Latvia later Luxembourg during july-Donald Tusk(Poland)
2016-Netherlands/Slovakia

Leaders of G 20 Countries

Member	Official title	Head of government
Argentina	President	Mauricio Macri
Australia	Prime Minister	Malcolm Turnbull
Brazil	President	Dilma Rousseff
Canada	Prime Minister	Justin Trudeau
China	President	Xi Jinping
France	President	François Hollande
Germany	Chancellor	Angela Merkel
India	Prime Minister	Narendra Modi

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Member	Official title	Head of government
Indonesia	President	Joko Widodo
Italy	Prime Minister	Matteo Renzi
Japan	Prime Minister	Shinzō Abe
South Korea	President	Park Geun-hye
Mexico	President	Enrique Peña Nieto
Russia	President	Vladimir Putin
Saudi Arabia	King	Salman
South Africa	President	Jacob Zuma
Turkey	Prime Minister	Ahmet Davutoğlu
United Kingdom	Prime Minister	David Cameron
United States	President	Barack Obama
European Union	President of the European Council	Donald Tusk

Leaders of Commonwealth Countries

Commonwealth Member	Position	Head of Government
Australia	Prime Minister	Malcolm Turnbull
Bangladesh	Prime Minister	Sheikh Hasina
Canada	Prime Minister	Justin Trudeau
Fiji	Prime Minister	Frank Bainimarama
Guyana	President	David Granger
Jamaica	Prime Minister	Portia Simpson-Miller
Kenya	President	Uhuru Kenyatta
Malaysia	Prime Minister	Najib Razak
Maldives	President	Abdulla Yameen
Mauritius	Prime Minister	Sir Anerood Jugnauth
New Zealand	Prime Minister	John Key
Nigeria	President	Muhammadu Buhari
Pakistan	Prime Minister	Nawaz Sharif
Singapore	Prime Minister	Lee Hsien Loong
South Africa	President	Jacob Zuma
Sri Lanka	President	Maithripala Sirisena
Tanzania	President	John Magufuli
Trinidad and Tobago	Prime Minister	Keith Rowley
Uganda	President	Yoweri Museveni
United Kingdom	Prime Minister	David Cameron
Zambia	President	Edgar Lungu

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