

TOP 20 EXISTING MULTILATERAL BLOCS AND PATHWAYS

(gradually coalescing as a political union of diverse groups for the EARTH UNION)

- The “Top 20” is a relevance selection, not a league table. It’s scale, institutional depth, continental balance and usefulness should be considered as a precedence for TEU.
- Population and GDP figures are rounded current/recent estimates. GDP share is nominal unless explicitly marked otherwise.
- Memberships overlap heavily, so rows must never be added together. For G20, APEC, BRICS and the Commonwealth, authoritative aggregate shares published by the organizations are used where a simple country sum would be misleading or less current.

#	Organization	Primary reach	Current participation	Approx. population	Approx. share of global GDP	Indicative TEU alignment
1.	G20	Global	19 countries + EU + AU	≈4.77 billion (19 countries); ≈6.53 billion including the EU and AU	≈77.2% (19 countries); ≈88.6% including the EU and AU	High strategic relevance as a convening bridge; poor constitutional fit
2.	G7	North America / Europe / Japan	7 countries (EU participates)	≈791 million	≈43.8%	Medium
3.	OECD	Cross-regional	38 countries	≈1.41 billion	≈61.3%	Medium-High as standards partner
4.	BRICS	Cross-regional / Global South	10 full members + 10 partner countries	≈4.00 billion	≈27.9% nominal (≈26.8% excluding Saudi Arabia)	Medium
5.	European Union (EU)	Europe	27 countries	≈448 million	≈18.2%	High conceptual compatibility
6.	African Union (AU)	Africa	55 member states (6 currently suspended)	≈1.58 billion	≈2.8%	High normative potential
7.	ASEAN	Southeast Asia	11 countries	≈705 million	≈3.6%	Medium

8.	Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)	Eurasia	10 countries	≈3.47 billion	≈23.0%	Low-Medium near term
9.	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)	Asia-Pacific	21 member economies	≈3.00 billion	≈59.4% of world real GDP (≈60.1% nominal)	Medium as functional partner
10.	Commonwealth of Nations	All continents	56 countries	≈2.84 billion	≈13.8%	High civic/normative compatibility
11.	League of Arab States (Arab League)	Middle East / North Africa	22 countries	≈511 million	≈3.2%	Medium-Low near term
12.	Organization of American States (OAS)	Americas	34 member states	≈1.05 billion	≈33.9%	Medium
13.	MERCOSUR	South America	6 States Parties (5 active; Venezuela suspended)	≈283 million (5 active)	≈2.8%	Medium-High
14.	Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)	Arabian Gulf	6 countries	≈62.4 million	≈2.0%	Medium
15.	Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)	West Africa	12 current countries	≈392 million	≈0.6%	Medium-High but institutionally stressed
16.	Southern African Development Community (SADC)	Southern Africa	16 countries	≈439 million	≈0.9%	Medium
17.	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)	South Asia	8 countries	≈2.01 billion	≈4.2%	Low near term; very high long-term significance

18.	BIMSTEC	Bay of Bengal / South & Southeast Asia	7 countries	≈1.84 billion	≈4.3%	Medium
19.	Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU)	Eurasia	5 countries	≈184 million	≈2.5%	Medium institutional precedent; low geopolitical feasibility near term
20.	Pacific Islands Forum (PIF)	Oceania / Pacific	18 members	≈46.8 million	≈1.9%	High normative relevance

Data note: Population and GDP shares are calculated against a world total of USD 126.3 trillion in nominal GDP for 2026 (IMF World Economic Outlook, April 2026) and a world population of 8,300,678,396 at 1 July 2026 (UN World Population Prospects 2024, medium variant). Member-state values are IMF WEO April 2026 nominal GDP and UN WPP 2024 population. Shares are sums of member values and therefore differ from figures published by the organizations themselves, which often quote purchasing-power-parity shares, older base years or different membership definitions. APEC's own headline figure is a share of world real GDP. Figures for BRICS are shown with and without Saudi Arabia, which was invited to join in 2023 but has not confirmed full membership. Suspended members are counted in population and GDP totals unless stated otherwise. Rounded values are indicative and should be refreshed each time the IMF or the UN publishes new estimates.