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The Europe's World panel on global governance Spring 2010

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For our global governance scorecard, a panel of 26 top political and economic analysts gave their opinions on the need for reform in global institutions. This mini-survey threw up some surprising results, and above all emphasised that top analysts can be thoroughly divided on these issues.

Most agreed that leading global institutions like the International Monetary Fund, the World Trade Organisation and the UN Security Council need reform. Of 26 analysts, 17 stated that the WTO needs to change, and 19 said the same of the UN Security Council. An overwhelming majority of 21 out of 26 believe that the IMF needs reform and seven of them think that reform should be "radical"

When it came to other institutions, particularly the UN agencies, opinion diverged widely. Half said when it came to other institutions, particularly true IV agencies, opinion diverged widely. Hall said that the United Nations Development Programme should be reformed, but only 16% thought that the reform should be radical, while 50% said no reform at all was needed. The panel also disagreed on other UN agencies like the Food and Agricultural Organisation, the World Health Organisation, UNESCO and the World Intellectual Property Organisation," 45% said that UNESCO needs reforming, but only 17% thought its reform should be radical. On whether new global Institutions are needed, opinion was again divided. Over three-quarters of the panellists thought that an international climate change agency is needed, but only slighty over half see a need for a carbon tax global co-ordination authority. A minority of 11 out of 26 thought there is a need for an international derivatives and hedge funds authority.

RIPE FOR REFORM?					
	Degree of Change		Timing of Change		
	Reform ¹	Radical ²	Gradual	Immediate	
UN Security Council	73%	37%	42%	33%	
World Bank	83%	21%	37%	37%	
IMF	80%	26%	16%	66%	
UN agencies					
Development Programme (UNDP)	50%	16%	29%	16%	
Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)	58%	21%	29%	21%	
High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)	37%	17%	21%	8%	
World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO)	37%	12%	17%	12%	
Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO)	45%	17%	17%	17%	
Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)	45%	17%	29%	12%	
International Labour Organisation (ILO)	50%	8%	33%	8%	
World Health Organisation (WHO)	45%	8%	33%	17%	
G20	70%	17%	50%	17%	
Financial Stability Forum	45%	17%	17%	33%	
BIS	33%	8%	17%	12%	
WTO	63%	12%	45%	17%	
OECD	62%	4%	45%	8%	

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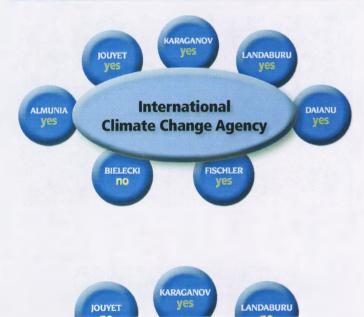


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NEWCOMERS WE NEED?				
	YES	NO		
International Climate Change Agency	79%	21%		
Carbon Tax Global Co-ordination Authority	58%	42%		
International Financial Derivitives and Hedge Funds Authority	62%	38%		





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