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Ghana is among more than 30 governments pushing a new approach to international finance as traditional foreign aid falls, and pressing G7 leaders for equal partnership in global decisions.

Foreign Affairs Minister Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa put the group's position plainly: "What we want is an equal partnership." The Coalition of Governments on Global Public Investment, which Ablakwa joined at its Bogota session earlier this year, has Colombia and Senegal as co-chairs and draws governments from across Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean. All share a rejection of the conventional model where wealthy states donate and others simply receive.

The model the coalition is advancing, called global public investment (GPI), calls for each country to contribute according to its financial capacity, benefit according to its needs, and hold an equal vote over how shared resources are used. Advocates say this closes a longstanding gap between countries that fund global programmes and those that rarely shape them.

The coalition launched in July 2025 at the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development in Seville, backed by the United Nations. Member governments have since gathered in Bogota, Nairobi, and New York, and plan another session in September.

Colombia's foreign minister said GPI gives governments a practical framework for tackling shared crises including disease outbreaks and clean energy. Kenya's Principal Secretary for Foreign Affairs Korir Singoei called for a financial architecture more inclusive and representative of current global realities.

The Global Public Investment Network, a civil society body, and Club de Madrid, a forum of former heads of state, jointly run the secretariat serving the coalition.