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Post-Rio to Post-2015: Planning International Stakeholder Engagement

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Presentation Highlights



1. “Was Rio+20 a success or a failure?”
2. Outcomes of Rio+20
3. Entry points post-Rio to post-2015
4. The Event
5. Stakeholder Consultation Initial Findings

Success or Failure?



- “Was Rio+20 a success or a failure?”
 - Simplistic and reductive
 - The answer is nuanced, therefore more than a superficial assessment is needed
 - Successes and failures must be itemised
 - Rio+20 was the starting point of various processes
 - Not an ending point
- Time will be the truest judge of Rio+20.
- But as we are sitting on a socio-ecological time bomb, time is not on our side.

Rio+20 Successes



- **Para 47** – Corporate sustainability reporting
- **Paras 56-74** – The Green Economy
- **Paras 84-86** – Establish the high-level political forum (HLPF)
- **Paras 88-90** – Strengthen UNEP
- **Para 121** – Right to water and sanitation
- **Para 226** – Adopt 10YFP on SCP
- **Paras 245-251** – Establish SDGs
- **Para 255** – Mobilisation of resources and finance
- **Paras 48, 76, 85, 88, 204 and 276** – Strengthen the science-policy interface
- **Paras 42-55** – Importance of participation and stakeholder engagement

Rio+20 Failures



- **Water and Sanitation** – Reaffirms commitments which were not universally agreed, rather than the right itself.
- **Population** - The right to reproductive health was removed due to effective lobbying.
- **Subsidies** – Failure to develop an action plan for eliminating environmentally harmful subsidies (such as fossil fuels).
- **Implementation** – Means of implementation (Section VI) remains weak and lacks specific measures and actions.
- **Environmental Limits** – Despite much discussion about environmental limits/planetary boundaries, there is no clear statement.
- **High Commissioner/Ombudsperson for Future Generations** – This was not an agreed outcome.
- **Green Economy** – Overall the green economy concept did not fare well; no clear definition or principles.

Post-Rio+20 Entry Points



1. Intergovernmental SDG Open Working Group by ~2014 - ¶ 248
2. Call for integration with post-2015 through UN Task Team - ¶ 249
3. High level political forum (HLPF) by Sept 2013 - ¶ 84-86
4. Finance for SD options by 2014 - ¶ 256
5. Technology transfer recommendations by 2013 - ¶ 273
6. 10YFP on SCP adopted 2012 and to be “operationalised” - ¶ 226
7. Strengthen UNEP by 2013 (universal membership & secure funding) - ¶ 88
8. Use of oceans beyond national jurisdictions 2015 - ¶ 161 & 162
9. Beyond GDP - ¶ 38
10. Registry of voluntary commitments - ¶ 283
11. Green economy policies - ¶ 56-74
12. Integration of 3 dimensions of SD across UN - ¶ 93
13. SG report on Future Generation/Intergenerational Solidarity
14. SG’s Zero Hunger challenge
15. Volunteers for SD

The Event



- **Purpose:** Identify entry points for stakeholders post-Rio; develop recommendations on how to actualize multi-stakeholder engagement in these processes and subsequent fora.
- **Outcomes:** Better informed stakeholder advocacy (mobilisation and messages) aimed at decision-makers, and the integration of post-Rio(SDGs) and post-2015 (MDGs) processes with sustainable development at the heart.
- **Outputs:**
 - A co-chairs' statement;
 - Recommendations and messages to UNEP Governing Council in February 2013 and to CSD 20 in May 2013;
 - A special edition of 'Outreach' capturing event outcomes for a wider audience;
 - Consultation Report.

Consultation Findings – Highlights



- 231 responses, mainly from the 9 Major Groups.
- 61% of respondents believe the Rio+20 conference improved stakeholder engagement.
- 84% of respondents find it important for Major Groups and other stakeholders to develop common positions on post-Rio/post-2015 processes.

Consultation Findings – Lowlights



- 66% of respondents believe Major Groups and Stakeholders need more financial support from the UN system to implement the Rio+20 outcomes.
- A lack of access for Major Groups and stakeholders to the formal negotiations was widely cited as a barrier to participatory decision-making and a factor of the sub-optimal Rio+20 outcome.

Consultation Findings – Thematic Areas



- The deregulation of markets and heavy emphasis on GDP as the measurement of social progress are widely perceived to be the barriers to implementation of national green economies.
- Widely agreed that the SDGs should be global in nature and universal in application.
- SDGs should incorporate the Rio Principles and be integrated with the MDGs.