



# Rio+20: Overview and Implications

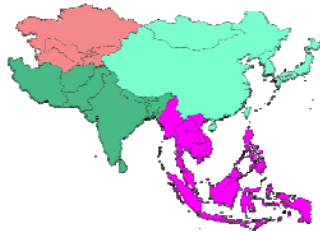
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# Outline

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- Rio+20 key outcomes
- Implications for MGS
- Key Entry Points - SDG, High Level Forum etc.
- National and Thematic Consultations
- Issues for consideration



# Major Rio+20 Outcomes

**Reaffirmation:** Rio Summit producing the Rio Principles, Agenda 21, and the Johannesburg Summit Plan of Implementation

**Green Economy:** recognizes green economy as one of the important tools available for achieving SD

**IFSD:**

-Establishes a universal inter-governmental high level political forum, on SD; and  
-Strengthens and upgrades UNEP

**Sustainable Development Goals:** Inclusive and transparent intergovernmental process on sustainable development goals that is open to all stakeholders



- Reaffirms agreements that were made in previous UN conferences on SD
- Recognizes Green Economy as an important tool to achieve SD
- Agreed to strengthen the International Framework for Sustainable Development
- To do this, the document called for the establishment of a high level intergovernmental forum on SD
- It also calls for the strengthening of UNEP
- Reinforce IEG and reaffirm the core mandates of UNEP enshrined in Stockholm (1972), Nairobi (1997) and Malmö (2000)
- Strengthens and upgrades UNEP
- Recognizes UNEP's role as the leading global env. authority setting global env. agenda and promote the coherent
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## Implications for MGS

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- 677 contributions, 493 MGS
- 90 refs to Major Groups, 70 refs to MGS positions
- Additional refs to other groups – national, subregional, regional legislatures, judiciaries, local communities, volunteer groups, foundations, migrants, older persons and persons with disability (para 43)



- **Largest number of contributions received for Zero Draft Document were from Major Groups. As mentioned by Dr. Park, it constituted more than 70% of inputs received**
- **There were many references to topics and areas advocated by Major Groups, this includes human rights, public participation, access to information**
- **Document also made references to other groups to include national, subregional legislatures, older persons, persons with disability and more**

# From despair to...hope

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## Criticism

lack of moral purpose

lack of urgency

non-binding nature

regression on a number of universally agreed principles

process and spirit of the negotiations



- **Not everyone was happy with the outcome document and had a number of criticisms leveled at it.**
- **The non-binding nature of the text was one of the criticisms, some felt we went back on some universally agreed principles.**
- **Another criticism was that while there was an open call for inputs, the process and negotiations were not as open. Major groups had little say in the final negotiations and had no speaking rights**

# Sustainable Development Goals



**Para 248:** *“We resolve to establish an inclusive and transparent intergovernmental process on SDGs that is open to all stakeholders, with a view to developing global sustainable development goals to be agreed by the General Assembly....”*

- Open working group to be constituted by the 67th session (Sept 2012) of the GA
- 30 representatives, nominated by Member States from the 5 UN regional groups
- Report to the 68th session of the GA (Sept – Dec 2013)

## MGS issues:

Fair equitable balanced  
geographic representation perspectives  
experience diversity



- The formation of the SDGs and their interface with the post-2015 development agenda is one of the most important follow-up actions initiated by Rio+20
- The open working group is made up of 30 representatives nominated by members states from 5 regional bodies
- This working group will decide on the method of work including developing modalities for the full participation of MGS, Scientific bodies and UN system
- This body will present a report to the GA in 2013

## High Level Political Forum

- **Para 84:** “ We decide to establish a universal intergovernmental high level political forum, building on the strengths, experiences, resources and inclusive participation modalities of the Commission on Sustainable Development, and subsequently replacing the Commission ... ”

**Para. 86:** “We decide to launch an intergovernmental and open, transparent and inclusive negotiation process under the General Assembly to define the high level forum’s format and organizational aspects with the aim of convening the first high level forum at the beginning of the 68<sup>th</sup> session of the GA.”

- First session in September 2013

### MGS issues:

Authority of the Forum      Engagement and participation  
model                              Mandate



- **Another outcome is the formation of the High Level Political Forum which is expected to hold it’s first session in September 2013**
- **Among the issues related for this forum that needs to be addressed are:**
  - **it’s authority over existing bodies**
  - **The need to ensure complementarity among UN bodies and avoiding overlaps**
  - **Coming up with a model for engagement and participation**

# Finance

**Para. 255:** “establish an intergovernmental process under the auspices of the General Assembly, with technical support from the United Nations system and in **open and broad consultation with relevant international and regional financial institutions and other relevant stakeholders.**”

**Para. 256:** “An intergovernmental committee, comprising 30 experts nominated by regional groups, with equitable geographical representation, will implement this process, concluding its work **by 2014.**”

- Report on options for effective sustainable development financing by 2014

## **MGS issues:**

assess financing needs                      effectiveness  
consistency  
synergies    instruments    frameworks



- **This intergovernmental body will have to prepare a report that proposes options for a financing strategy for sustainable development, a strategy that mobilizes resources and uses these resources effectively to achieve the goals of SD**

## **ISSUES:**

- **How to assess the financial needs**
- **To consider the effectiveness, consistency and synergies of current financial instruments and frameworks**



# Technology



**Para 273:** *“We request relevant United Nations agencies to identify options for a facilitation mechanism that promotes the development, transfer and dissemination of clean and environmentally sound technologies by, inter alia, assessing the technology needs of developing countries, options to address those needs and capacity-building.”*

- Facilitation mechanism
- Recommendations to the SG by 67th session of the General Assembly (Sept 2012)



- **The outcome document requests the SG on the basis of options identified and taking into account existing models make recommendations regarding the facilitation mechanism for technology**
- **Relevant UN agencies to identify options for a facilitation mechanism that promotes the development, transfer and dissemination of clean and environmental sound technologies**

## Ombudsperson for Future Generations

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**Para 86:** *"(...) We will also consider the need for promoting intergenerational solidarity for the achievement of sustainable development, taking into account the needs of future generations, including by inviting the Secretary-General to present a report on this issue."*



- This remains a pending issue
- It was removed from the outcome document. However, there was talk of appointing a Special Representative for Future Generations and that has yet to be made official.

# Sustainable Consumption and Production

Para 226. We adopt the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns, as contained in document A/CONF.216/5, and highlight that the programmes included in the 10-year framework are voluntary. We invite the General Assembly, at its 67<sup>th</sup> session (Sept 2012), to designate a Member State body to take any necessary steps to fully operationalize the framework.

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concrete deliverables of the 10YFP in 5 years

major groups role in implementation of the 10YFP

active engagement and ownership of governments and major groups

priority programmes you would like to see in the 10YFP



- This is one of the concrete and operational outcome of the Rio+20

-Essentially, it s a global framework of action to strengthen international cooperation to move towards SCP

-This is a framework that provides for modalities that include technical assistance, financial assistance and capacity building for developing countries to move towards SCP

# National Consultations Post 2015

[www.worldwewant2015.org/sustainability](http://www.worldwewant2015.org/sustainability)

•UNDP led

•56+ countries

Technical Guidance:

[www.undg.org/index.cfm?P=1627](http://www.undg.org/index.cfm?P=1627)

Think pieces:

[www.un.org/millenniumgoals/pdf/Think%20Pieces/.pdf](http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/pdf/Think%20Pieces/.pdf)

Toolkit for stakeholders to engage at national level:

[www.beyond2015.org/sites/default/files/B2015%20Toolkit.pdf](http://www.beyond2015.org/sites/default/files/B2015%20Toolkit.pdf)



- **The intention here is to have open interactions and information exchange between all stakeholders, to spread the net as wide as possible**
- **The UN will be using every means possible to achieve this, using online and offline approaches. Online approaches include the internet, social networks, web-based tools**
- **The website above was launched to complement the face to face consultations**
- **National consultations essentially will be led by UNDP**
- **It will be organized in more than 50 countries and won't be limited to the 56 mentioned**
- **UNDP has developed Technical guidance for these national consultations**
- **A number of think pieces have also been published and you can find them on the website given**
- **A toolkit was also prepared with stakeholders for their engagement at the national**

# National Consultations – Post 2015

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## ON WHY MEDIA SHOULD BE INTERESTED

- The goal, for both the national consultations is to stimulate dialogues on Post 2015

-The idea is to make this an open and transparent process, to make it as inclusive as possible and mobilize a broad range of stakeholders

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# Thematic Consultations – Environment Sustainability

Collective Vision

Open Participatory Process

Incorporates Thematic Issues



- **The goal of the thematic discussions, is to build a collective vision that encompasses everyone's aspirations**
  - **To achieve this vision, thematic consultations are also planned**
  - **To again, make this an open and participatory process for the post 2015 era**
  - **There are around 11 themes that have been identified among them inequities, health, education, growth and employment. Environment Sustainability is being led by UNEP and UNDP**
- Governance, conflict and fragility, population dynamics, hunger, food security and nutrition, energy, water, and environment sustainability**

# Thematic Consultations – Environment Sustainability

[www.worldwewant2015.org/sustainability](http://www.worldwewant2015.org/sustainability)

## Phase 1, Framing the Discussion: Sept-Dec 2012

- Call for Discussion Papers/Notes - Deadline 8 December 2012
- Outline and rationale for proposed topic
- Evidence based findings
- Proposed set of Questions

- Leadership Meeting

## Phase 2, Facilitated Global Dialogue: Jan-March 2013

- Facilitated discussions on themes and questions identified in meeting

## Phase 3, Final Output: March 2013

- Final report
- Draft Online for consultation

High Level Panel of Eminent Persons report – May 2013



- **Again here the goal is to facilitate open dialogue and generate consensus on how best to place environment in the post 2015 agenda**
- **There are 3 phases to the Environment and Sustainability Discussions**
- **Phase 1 is an open call for discussion papers on topics that stakeholders think should be a priority for environmental sustainability post 2015**
- **In this phase, stakeholders are asked to propose topics that build on MDG7 experiences, what we have learned, what are the knowledge gaps, or bring any new, emerging thinking or experiences to the table This will culminate in a Leadership Meeting**
- **The Leadership Meeting will look at developing a framework on the issues and questions raised, look at the organization and structure for broader consultation in Phase 2**
- **The deadline for submission of these papers is December 8**

## PHASE 2

- **Selected participants from the Leadership Meeting will be asked to engage as broadly as possible with as many stakeholders as possible on this issue on the topics and questions that were raised in the first phase**

## PHASE III

- **There will be a series of papers on the Phase 2 topics and a final report**
- **This final report will summarize global view points that were raised and stakeholder concerns**
- **This will be submitted to the High Level Panel in May 2013.**

## Some issues for consideration

- How to ensure the results of the Rio+20 outcome to support regional and national action for SD and GE?
- How MGS will be engaged in the negotiation process and the post-Rio+20 agenda?
- How to effectively reflect regional and national considerations in the development of the SDGs
- Consideration to financing SD and GE, technology transfer and capacity building to benefit regional and national priorities?
- How to engage civil society, whether to consider establishing a regional agreement on Principle 10 on access to information, public participation and access to justice in environmental matters?



**In conclusion, I am posing some questions for the Asia-Pacific region to consider.**

**Active participation and engagement in the negotiation of the resolution will be crucial for ensuring that the regional and national priorities are reflected. In addition, active engagement and positioning will be crucial in order to safeguard the positive results as the result of the Rio+20.**





**Thank you!**

