SDGs/Post 2015, and relevance of UNEA

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UNEP Post 2015 Note #1: The “how to” of achieving an integrated agenda

- A checklist:
  - Build on existing commitments = GEGs and MDGs
  - Measurable, smart, balanced goals and indicators = solutions based targets
  - Three substantive principles ("trilogy")
Leave no one behind • Life of dignity for all

Equity and prosperity within life support systems

Increase capital for greater resilience and intergenerational equity

Decouple growth from environmental degradation

Access to services • Clean Environment

Efficiency • Durability • Restoration • Knowledge
• **OWG SDG Co-chair’s Zero Draft Document:**
  – Comprehensive coverage of key issues in 17 goals
    • Covers all unfinished MDG agenda issues
    • Additional social and economic agendas
      – Social protection; inclusive/sustained/sustainable economic growth; employment; industrialization; infrastructure
    • Good coverage of key environmental issues
      – But there are some gaps: e.g. chemicals and waste; marine debris; drylands issues;
**Challenges of a silo effect:**

Environment only 25% of coverage, and concentrated in the “environmental goals”

Economic issues concentrated in the economic goals, with relevance to poverty and food

Social issues concentrated in health, education, gender, and peace
– Insufficient integration:
  – Of environment into: Economic growth; employment; health; education; poverty
  – Of social and economic issues into: Oceans, Biodiversity and ecosystems, energy,

– Some transformational goals and targets, but more could be done to arrive at an ambitious agenda
  • Not all targets are SMART (yet)

– Difficulty of selecting among goals and targets;
  • Risk that reducing goals may result in less integration
  • What criteria?
– CBDR is a contentious issue

• But close to agreement that it will be a universal set of goals
• Will differentiation be among targets or within targets?
• Issue of “preferential differentiation” for LDC, LLDC, SIDS
– Means of Implementation

• Finance
• Institutional frameworks and reforms
• Capacity building and technology transfer
• but could be more so (e.g. policy reforms; monitoring, reporting and accountability; Multi-stakeholder partnerships)

– Insufficient focus on Inter-generational equity (future needs)
UNEA High Level Segment Dialogue on SDGs and Post 2015 Agenda, including SCP

– Proposed focus on 7 concrete issues of relevance to an integrated approach to sustainable development:

- Poverty and sustainable rural economies
- Poverty as a multi-dimensional issue: focus on universal coverage of sustainably-derived water and energy
- Employment and SCP
- Sustainable consumption
- Healthy and clean environments
- Restoration of natural assets
- Long-lasting, low-carbon, resilient infrastructure, buildings and products
• UNEA Outcome
  - High Level Political Forum
  - UN SG’s Synthesis Report to UN General Assembly
    - Will build mainly on OWG SDG report, but also finance, UNEA, and other elements
Thank you