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The role of stakeholders in the creation of the Sustainable Development Goals

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Post-2015 and the SDGs

• The new development agenda must be an urgent priority for the international community.
  – Further *integrate development and environment agendas*

• Must *draw on learning* from the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and address multiple interlinked global challenges (e.g. climate change, resource scarcity, governance, equity and resilience).

• Central to the post-2015 development agenda will be new global goals; **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.
  – The aim of the SDGs is the *eradicate poverty through sustainable development.*
MDGs vs. SDGs

- Difference between the MDGs and the SDGs:
  1. Shift from economic growth to sustainable development as the answer to the poverty problem
  2. Greater focus on the root causes of poverty, e.g.:
     - Environmental degradation
     - Resource consumption
     - Inequalities
     - Poor or lack of governance and rule of law
  3. MDGs applied to developing countries only, whereas the **SDGs are global in nature and universal in application.**
    - This means that the SDGs apply to both developing and developed countries alike
Design and Delivery

• The challenge, therefore, is twofold:

1. **Design of the SDGs** to produce a truly universal framework capable of eradicating poverty whilst delivering sustainability:
   • But what constitutes universality? And how universal must the framework be?
   • What is our vision of sustainable development? Planetary boundaries? Fairness and Equalities?

2. **Delivery of the SDGs**, both in developing and developed countries alike.
   • Paradoxically, developing countries are better prepared to deliver due to their MDGs experience.
   • The task is to wake the sleeping dragon.
# The Roles of Stakeholders

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The “Universality Triangle”

Understanding whether universality is truly achieved is a product of **applicability, implementability and transformationalism**; this applies both to the entire framework as well as to each individual goal. This “triple relationship of universality” is express in the “universality triangle” below:
Vertical Alignment

Vision

Goals

Strategies

Implementation

Post-2015

SDGs

National SD Strategies & Councils

National Policies

Local Delivery Programmes
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The programme provides tools and opportunities for all stakeholders to input to the post-2015 process and help shape the SDGs, through five focus areas: raising awareness; increasing engagement; empowering stakeholders; coordinating advocacy; and strengthening governance.

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