




Follow-up to Rio+20

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Some important outcomes of Rio+20

- Renewed commitment and recognition of sustainable development
- Centrality of poverty eradication
- Sustainable development goals (SDGs)
- Steps for modification of institutional SD set-up: HLPF
- Recognition of the importance of measuring beyond GDP
- Green Economy: principles

The bigger picture: convergence with the post-2015 development agenda

- Outcome document of the MDG summit in 2010 asked the SG to start preparing the post 2015 scenario and the outcome doc of Rio+20 sets an inclusive process to start developing SDGs:

Convergence to one single global development agenda with sustainable development at its core

What is happening?

- Open Working Group of the GA:
 - January 2013, first formal meeting scheduled for early March 2013
 - Composed of 30 members which share seats (1-4)
 - Entrusted with the task of developing a proposal for a set of SDGs
- High Level Political Forum, to meet at the beginning of the 68th session of the GA
- High-Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 development agenda
- UN system Task Team on the post-2015 development agenda
- Consultations:
 - National level in up to 100 countries
 - Thematic (11)
 - Broad web-based consultation
- UN matrix of follow-up actions

Timetable

- Open Working Group of the GA:
 - First formal meeting: early **March 2013**
 - Proposal for consideration of the GA: between **Sept 2013 and Sept 2014**
- High-Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 development agenda
 - Report to the SG: **May 2013**
- High Level Political Forum, to meet at the beginning of the 68th session of the GA: **September 2013**

The European Union

- Some points internally
 - Revision of strategies and policies in the light of the commitments acquired in Rio+20: Europe 2020 strategy and the 2050 strategy
 - Protect social advances made so far (health, education, social protection) and apply a balanced sustainable development lens to the green growth strategy. Watch out for the increase of inequalities and ensure that sustainable and inclusive growth is promoted.
 - Actively promote sustainable consumption and production
 - Join-in in the consultations pre-2015 (national and EU wide)
- As a global player:
 - key role in keeping strong support to sustainable development (and the SDGs) and in ensuring coordination with other processes (post 2015, climate change negotiations, etc)
 - Means of Implementation: finance for development (ODA, Agenda for Change and new MFP 2014-2020, comm on finance for development), technology support, capacity development and trade. Policy coherence.