



**Expert Group Meeting for the Global Sustainable Development Report -
A prototype report, future directions and network of scientific contributors**

Dubrovnik, Croatia, 21-22 October 2013



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Day One - 21 October 2013	
8:30 – 9:00	<i>Registration</i>
9:00 – 9:20	<p>Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome by the Host Government • Welcome by the UN • Opening statement
9:20 – 10:00	<p>Session 1: Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Context and expectations of the meeting • Developments at the global level within the context of follow-up to Rio+20 and post-2015 development agenda • Tour de table of participants
10:15 – 11:00	<p>Session 2: Prototype Global Sustainable Development Report</p> <p>Introduction: Presentation of the prototype report: contributors, existing assessments, original work; emerging Issues identified by science to be considered policy makers; results of the UN crowd-sourcing exercise; key messages of the report</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scope and methodology for future reports • Remaining gaps and scope for contribution of regional and sub-regional scientific networks • Role of the report in advancing sustainable development at all levels
11:00 – 11:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:15 – 12:30 Breakout into two groups	<p>Session 3: Regional perspectives on sustainable development</p> <p><i>This session will explore the status of the science-policy interaction around sustainable development in the region. The plenary will be broken into two groups to facilitate discussions and the chair will report back to the plenary</i></p>
12:30 – 13:00 plenary	<p><i>Chairs of the groups will report back to the plenary</i></p> <p>Do regional scientists identify a “sustainable development” scientific community in the region?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Are there organized communities and networks? On sectoral or interdisciplinary</i>



	<p><i>basis? What is the extent of trans-national collaboration at the scientist level?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Have these communities been able to impact decision-making?</i>• <i>How do these communities relate to those in other regions and at the global level?</i> <p>What is the status of assessments for sustainable development in the region?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>What are the respective roles of scientists, policy analysts and Governments?</i>• <i>What is the scope and perspective of these reports?</i>• <i>What impact have they had on decision-making?</i>• <i>What are the main gaps in coverage, methodology, etc.</i> <p>What are top priority issues in the region, and how do they differ from global concerns as identified in the UN debate and by crowdsourcing?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Existing review of scientific communities' concerns in the region?</i>• <i>Do they correspond to those highlighted in European, international debates?</i>• <i>What strategies, policy actions are suggested?</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 15:45	<p><u>Session 4: Highlights on some regional “hot topics”</u></p> <p><i>This session will discuss topics of high interest in this region. Short presentations will be delivered by participants to kick off the discussion.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) <i>Use of SD indicators in the region: status, results</i>2) <i>Addressing issues relevant to the sustainable development in the Mediterranean</i>3) <i>Regional economic integration</i>4) <i>Equity, employment and social issues including sustainable consumption and production patterns</i> <p>For each topic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Is this a policy priority in your country?</i>• <i>Are regional scientists, politicians collaborating on this?</i>• <i>What message could be highlighted in a GSDR on this?</i>• <i>How could messages from a GSDR be used at the national level to advance this topic?</i>• <i>What would be the needs of the region in terms of trans-national collaboration, capacity building, etc.?</i>
15:45 - 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 17:30	<ol style="list-style-type: none">5) <i>Oceans and seas/Integrated coastal management</i>6) <i>Tourism and culture</i>7) <i>Climate, land, energy, water (CLEW) nexus</i> <p>For each topic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Is this a policy priority in your country?</i>



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Day Two - 22 October 2013	
9:00 – 12:00 Breakout into two groups	Session 5: Regional and sub-regional contributions to a Global Sustainable Development report <i>This session will explore ways of enriching a global SD report with inputs and perspectives from the region on a longer term basis</i>
12:00 – 13:00 plenary	<i>Chairs of the groups will report back to the plenary</i> How could regional and sub-regional networks engage with the GSDR process? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Need/ interest for engagement from this region on a regular basis? What form, what topics, what deliverables?</i>• <i>Does it make more sense for participants to engage in a regional version of the report? If so, is the proposed structure for the GSDR adapted to the region?</i>• <i>How could global level lessons / regional lessons be made useful to national and regional science-policy dialogues?</i>
Coffee break 11:00 – 11:15	Is there an interest for expanding the crowdsourcing that was done for the prototype report to the region? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Identification of focal points for different languages</i>• <i>Modalities for consolidation, reporting</i> Is there a need for more formal or informal networks of exchange on SD issues at the regional/ sub-regional level? How could existing networks be better mobilized? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>What deliverables could be delivered by existing networks based on existing knowledge at the national level?</i>• <i>Where do new networks make sense?</i>• <i>How can existing or new networks be supported (e.g. by EU, others)?</i>
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14:00-16:00	Session 6: Follow-up and contribution to future Global Sustainable Development Reports Discussion on Dubrovnik agreed conclusions Recapitulation of proposed contribution for the current Report Proposal from previous sessions on concrete steps to involve regional and sub-regional level scientists and civil society in future Global Sustainable Development Reports Presentation of options for strengthening the science-policy interface at the regional and sub-regional levels



16:00 – 16:30	Adoption of agreed conclusions and closing of the meeting
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