



**High-level Expert Group Meeting for the Global Sustainable Development Report -
Engaging National Assessments
Beijing, China, 12-13 December 2013**

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Co-organizer: Division for Sustainable Development, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Chinese Society for Sustainable Development

Venue: Meeting Room 9, Third Floor, Yulong International Hotel, Haidian District, Beijing

Day One - 12 December 2013, Meeting Room 9	
8:30 – 9:00	<i>Registration</i>
9:00 – 9:40	<p>Opening</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Peng Sizhen, Deputy Director-General, The Administrative Center for China's Agenda 21 (ACCA21), Ministry of Science and Technology, China</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome by the Host Organization (Mr. Wang Weizhong, Vice Minister, Ministry of Science and Technology, China) • Opening remarks by the United Nations (Mr. Wu Hongbo, Undersecretary General of the United Nations)
9:40 – 10:00	<p>Session 1: Introduction</p> <p>Chair: R. Alexander Roehrl, Task Team Leader, Global Sustainable Development Report, United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developments at the global level within the context of follow-up to Rio+20 and post-2015 development agenda • Context and expectations of the meeting
10:00 – 10:20	<i>Coffee Break and Group Photo</i>
10:20 – 12:20	<p>Session 2: Prototype of the Global Sustainable Development Report and China's Sustainable Development Report</p> <p>Co-Chair: Prof. Juergen Friedrich Hake (Director, Systems analysis and technology change department (IEK-STE), Research Centre Juelich, Germany)</p> <p>Introduction: Presentation of the prototype report: contributors, existing assessments, original work; emerging issues identified by science to be considered by policy makers; results of the UN crowd-sourcing exercise; key messages of the report (R. Alexander Roehrl, DESA)</p> <p>Discussion:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of the report in advancing sustainable development at all levels • Discussion of the summary of the prototype report <p>Introduction: Presentation of the China’s Sustainable Development Reports for 1997/2002/2012(Dr. Xia Cheng, Adviser of division, Department of Regional Economy, National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC))</p> <p>Co-Chair: Dr.Peng Sizhen, Deputy Director-General, ACCA21, China</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of the report in achieving China’s sustainable development • Exploring how to share knowledge acquired and lessons learned through preparing a prototype global sustainable development report and national reports in order to increase quality and utility of reports
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break (Buffet on 1st floor)</i>
14:00 – 16:00 Breakout into groups	<p>Session 3: Scope of the future reports incorporating national and regional issues/concerns/challenges</p> <p><i>This session will discuss several important issues that could be considered by future reports. The plenary will be broken into groups to facilitate discussions and the chairs will report back to the plenary. Organizers will prepare a list of issues that will be shared in advance for discussions.</i></p> <p>Chair of the plenary: Mr. Manuel F. Montes, Senior Advisor on Finance and Development, The South Centre in Switzerland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of national sustainable development assessments (Dr. Liu Wei, Sustainable Development Officer, UN Department for Economic and Social Affairs)8 mins • Contributions from Asia and Pacific (Kilaparti Ramakrishna, Director, UNESCAP East and North East Asia Office in Republic of Korea)8 mins • Lessons learnt from empirical studies of innovation and technology transfer (Prof.Kelly Gallagher, Director, Center for International Environment, Tufts University, USA)8 mins <p>Chair of the Group1:Mr. Liu Yanhua, Counsellor of the State Council, China; Dr. Liu Wei report back to the plenary.</p> <p>Chair of Group 2: Prof.Juergen Friedrich Hake, Director, Systems analysis and technology change department(IEK-STE),Research Centre Juelich, Germany; Mr. R. Alexander Roehrl report back to the plenary.</p> <p>Chair of Group 3:Mr. Wang Chunfeng, Deputy Director General, APFNet and Climate Change Office, SFA, China; Mr. Wang Chufeng report back to the plenary.</p> <p>Chair of Group 4:Mr. Pan Jiahua, Director, China’s Institute for Urban & Environmental Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), China; Mr. Manuel F. Montes report back to the plenary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How do the issues of concern to your country and region differ from global concerns as identified in the UN debate?</i> • <i>Are these issues a priority in your country/region?</i> • <i>Why are these issues so important and how do they impact your national sustainable development?</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Are regional and national scientists, policy makers collaborating on this?</i> • <i>What would be the best ways to collaborate on these issues?</i> • <i>How best can the issues under discussion be reflected in the Global Sustainable Development Report and what would be the scientific reasons to incorporate these issues? What would be the needs of your country in terms of trans-national collaboration, capacity building, etc.?</i> • <i>What should be the scope and possible thematic focus of future global sustainable development report(s) based on group discussion?</i>
16:00 – 16:20	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:20– 17:50	<p>Session 3 (continuation): Reporting back from breakout groups Chairs from breakout groups will report to the plenary allowing for Q&A.</p> <p>Conclusion of Day 1 The chair will recap national and regional priorities identified above and possibly some other ones and will summarize the scope and possible thematic focus of future global report(s) on the basis of chairs reports and ensuing discussions.</p>
18:00	Reception Dinner, 2ndFloor, Jin-Mei 108room, Yulong Hotel

Day Two - 13 December 2013, Meeting Room 9	
9:00 – 10:50 Breakout into groups	<p>Session 4: National contributions to a Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR)</p> <p><i>This session will explore ways of enriching a global SD report with inputs and perspectives from the countries on a longer term basis</i></p> <p>Chair of the plenary: Dr. William Colglazier, Science and Technology Advisor to the Secretary of States, USA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflections on the science-policy interface (Prof. Claudio HuepeMinoletti, Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago de Chile, Chile)8 mins <p>Chair of the Group1:Mr. Liu Yanhua, Counsellor of the State Council, China; Dr. Liu Wei report back to the plenary.</p> <p>Chair of Group 2: Prof.Juergen Friedrich Hake, Director, Systems analysis and technology change department(IEK-STE),Research Centre Juelich, Germany; Mr. R. Alexander Roehrl report back to the plenary.</p> <p>Chair of Group 3:Mr. Wang Chunfeng, Deputy Director General, APFNet and Climate Change Office, SFA, China; Mr. Wang Chufeng report back to the plenary.</p> <p>Chair of Group 4:Mr. Pan Jiahua, Director, China’s Institute for Urban & Environmental Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), China; Mr. Manuel F. Montes report back to the plenary.</p> <p><i>What are the lessons learned from national reports where they exist?</i></p> <p><i>How best could countries contribute to GSDR and how might your government foster collaboration on GSDR?</i></p> <p><i>What are the key elements that should be reflected from national level in the GSDR?</i></p> <p><i>What would be the best way to contribute to the Report?</i></p> <p><i>What kind of mechanism do you suggest should be involved in formulating GSDR with the purpose of combing national contributions?How should national issues be reflected in the GSDR in order to contribute to and influence global discussions?</i></p> <p><i>Would it make sense to engage in similar national reports?</i></p> <p><i>What kind of template could be used to standardize national reporting to GSDR?</i></p> <p><i>Is there an interest for expanding the crowdsourcing that was done for the prototype report to your country?</i></p>
10:50-11:10	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:10-12:00	Chairs from breakout groups will report to the plenary allowing for Q&A Chair will make a summary of discussions of the input and methodology of national contributions to GSDR
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>

<p>13:00-13:20</p>	<p>Session 5: Scope and modalities of future GSDRs</p> <p>Chair:R. Alexander Roehrl(DESA)</p> <p><i>This session will discuss possible scope of the report as well as modalities of work, including a possibility to establish an advisory body/board, to guide the work as a contribution to the Secretary-General's report on this subject.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A developing country perspective (Dr.Manuel Montes, Senior Advisor on Finance and Development, The South Centre in Switzerland) 5mins • A European perspective (Prof.Juergen Friedrich Hake, Director, Systems analysis and technology change department (IEK-STE), Research Centre Juelich, Germany)5mins • A North American perspective (Dr. William Colglazier, Science and Technology Advisor to the Secretary of States, USA)5mins • A Chinese perspective (Prof. Pan Jiahua Director, China's Institute for Urban & Environmental Studies, CASS)5mins
<p>13:20-15:00</p> <p>Breakout into groups</p>	<p>Chair of Plenary: R. Alexander Roehrl(DESA)</p> <p>Chair of the Group1: Dr. William Colglazier (Science and Technology Advisor to the Secretary of States, USA); Dr. Liu Wei report back to the plenary.</p> <p>Chair of Group 2: Prof.Juergen Friedrich Hake, Director, Systems analysis and technology change department(IEK-STE),Research Centre Juelich, Germany; Mr. R. Alexander Roehrl report back to the plenary.</p> <p>Chair of Group 3:Mr. Wang Chunfeng, Deputy Director General, APFNet and Climate Change Office, SFA, China; Mr. Wang Chufeng report back to the plenary.</p> <p>Chair of Group 4:Mr. Pan Jiahua, Director, China's Institute for Urban & Environmental Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), China; Mr. Manuel F. Montes report back to the plenary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Proposal from previous sessions on concrete steps to involve regional and national level scientists and civil society in future Global Sustainable Development Reports as well as different scientific networks</i> • <i>Options for strengthening the science-policy interface at the regional and national levels. What are the ways to strengthen interface between science and policy communities?</i> • <i>Are there organized communities and networks? On sectoral or interdisciplinary basis? What is the extent of trans-national collaboration at the scientist level?</i> • <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> • <i>What 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?</i> • <i>Would having an advisory body for GSDR make sense and facilitate its work?</i> • <i>Would having a network of national and regional focal points for the report make sense?</i>

15:00-15:30	Chairs from breakout groups will report to the plenary allowing for Q&A Chair will make a summary of discussions of the input and methodology of national contributions to GSDR
15:30-15:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>
15:30 – 16:00	<p>Beijing agreed outcome (led by the Chinese hosts) Chair: Dr.PengSizhen ACCA21</p> <p>Discussion and adoption of the agreed outcome</p> <p>Formal closing of the meeting: Mr.R. Alexander Roehrl,DSD Dr.PengSizhen, ACCA21</p>