

Interactive exchange of views on conceptualizing the sustainable development goals and the sustainable development goal process

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Oral intervention by the subcommittee for the Eradication of Poverty

The New York based Subcommittee for Poverty Eradication at the UN is comprised of a number of NGOs, representing constituencies spread across the world, engaging with the people living in poverty.

The Subcommittee welcomes the Co-Chair's opening remarks when he stated that (open quote) *'the so called Bottom Billion must be front and centre of our discussions on the SDGs. We need to consider how our new development goals can be formulated so that they support achievement of our overarching aim which is eradication of extreme poverty and empowering the weakest and the most vulnerable'* (end quote).

The Subcommittee for the Eradication of Poverty would like to express that the following must be considered as non-negotiable in the formulation of sustainable development goals...

Principles and values underpinning SDGs: Holistic in approach incorporating the social, economic, environmental and cultural dimensions; People-centered; Human rights based; Ethical and inclusive; Addresses systemically and structurally the root causes of poverty; Builds peace and security; Ensures equality and in particular gender equality; Operates within planetary boundaries; Promotes good governance based on rule of law including compliance with international laws¹ including a legally binding framework for corporate social and environment responsibilities; Guiding Principles on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights² Rio Principles and the 10-year framework for sustainable consumption and production patterns³.

The SDGs must include

- The multi-dimensional aspect of poverty and address multiple deprivations
- Universal ratification and implementation of the Human Rights Treaties
- The implementation of the ILO Recommendation 202 on Social Protection Floor
- Full employment and decent work for all based on ILO Decent Work Agenda
- Rural development and sustainable agriculture with special consideration of the smallholder farmers as essential for food security
- A new global financial and economic governance system that is inclusive
- Aid for development effectiveness and additional Resources for Least Developed Countries (FTT)
- Qualitative and quantitative measures of sustainable development must include social, cultural, environmental, economic and political aspect of wellbeing
- Establishment of an accountability mechanism supported by a Universal Periodic Review (UPR) on development modeled on the UPR mechanism of the Human Rights Council

¹ Realizing the Future We Want –para 93

² Guiding principles on extreme poverty and human rights http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/Poverty/A-HRC-21-39_en.pdf

³ The Future We Want -para 226