

Prototype Global Sustainable Development Report

General comments

- Report provides a comprehensive overview of literature, assessments, issues, approaches, pathways;
- UNIDO sees collaboration with GSDR as highly relevant to the fulfilment of this mandate in ISID;
- UNIDO appreciates the effort of the report to analyse sustainability from different prospective;
- Better balance can be achieved between sustainability elements by giving more attention to *economic sustainability*, particularly the link between economic diversification/structural change and sustainability

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More detailed observations

- **Introduction:**

- Provides extensive coverage of the evolution of sustainability concept;
- Could benefit from including references to/analysis of *economic sustainability*;
- The evolution of the concept of SD, e.g. the idea of an integrated approach that satisfies the complex linkages between water, energy and land;

- **Assessments for sustainable development:**

- Maps out the landscape of assessments;
- Could be helpful to provide more details on lessons learned:
 - how assessments could be more effective in influencing particular policy choices?;
 - how to enhance engagement of assessment community with policy makers?

- **Review of progress:**

- No information on FA.9

- **Future pathways:**

- Insufficient attention to the role of growth in the “SD 2050” scenario;
- No explicit consideration of “green growth” model
- Structural change/economic diversification could be an integral part of policy response to climate change;

- **Measuring progress:**

- Provides a good conceptual framework;
- Imperative to look at contribution of different sectors;
- Share of MVA in GDP; MVA per capita reflect transformation to higher growth trajectories/inclusiveness;

- **Issues for consideration:**

- Each approach has its advantages/disadvantages;
- Perhaps the one that follows IPCC model with the elements of multi-stakeholder model offers most advantages.