



# Rio to Rio

## *Stakeholder Forum's Interventions in the Rio+20 Process*

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## Points for Discussion

1. Sustainable Development in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (SD21)
  - Implementation Review of Agenda 21
  - Implementation Review of Rio Principles
  - Synthesis Report
2. Zero Draft **Submissions** Analysis
  - Database
  - Report
3. Zero Draft **Outcome Document** Analysis
4. Zero Draft **amendments**







## 1. Sustainable Development in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century(SD21)

### SD21



- Overall, there is mixed but limited progress on the implementation of both Agenda 21 and the Rio Principles.

#### SD21 Scorecard Traffic Light Rating System

	Excellent progress/fully achieved
	Good progress/on target
	Limited progress/far from target
	No progress or regression

- For both Agenda 21 & Rio Principles: more **Reds** and **Ambers** than **Greens** and **Blues**.

## Agenda 21 - Successes



- Arguably the biggest success has come through driving ambition on what sustainable outcomes are achievable on a sector by sector basis, e.g. biodiversity.
- Engendered a much stronger notion of participation in decision-making, e.g. Major Groups.
- Local Agenda 21 has been one of the most extensive follow-up programmes.

## Agenda 21 - Challenges



- Sectors-basis may have contributed to defeating the concept of integration that is at the heart of sustainable development.
- Globally, consumption and production patterns remain unsustainable.
- Some sectors were not included in Agenda 21, e.g. energy and mining.
- Other sectors today may be prominent than their space in Agenda 21, for example transport and waste flows.
- Lost Chapter 41 - Transnational Corporations.

## Agenda 21 - Conclusions



- Agenda 21 retains strong relevance, and remains the most comprehensive undertaking by the UN system to promote sustainable development.
- While there are some gaps in coverage, the issues that humanity is struggling with now are more or less similar those covered by the chapters of Agenda 21.
- Agenda 21 has acquired considerable coverage amongst nation states, its implementation remains far from universal or effective.
- And progress has been patchy, and despite some elements of good practice most Agenda 21 outcomes have still not been realised.

## Rio Principles - Successes



- As a soft law instrument, successful implementation of the Rio Declaration takes many shapes and can be loosely understood through analysing the various 'offspring' agreements or national laws.
- Principle 5 – eradicating poverty and raising the standards of living for all, e.g. MDGs.
- Principle 10 – access to justice, information and public participation – is the foundation of the successful regional instrument that enshrines the principle in the Aarhus Convention.
- Principle 15 – the precautionary principle – is widely accepted as a foundation of environmental law at both the national and international levels.

## Rio Principles - Challenges



- Principle 5 - “reducing disparities in standards of living”, has been relatively forgotten.
- Principle 10 - Additionally access to justice remains a barrier for many who seek legal redress for environmental damages or concerns.
- Around the polluter pays principle (Principle 16) there remain ideological differences to its practical application.
- Principle 8 – sustainable production and consumption and the promotion of appropriate demographic policies – is deemed to have been unsuccessful in achieving its intended goal.

## Rio Principles - Conclusions



- The Rio Principles are the heir to the Stockholm principles agreed in 1972, and both have a primary focus on environment and development.
- This framework left largely open interpretations about was how to achieve sustainable development in practice.
- Overall, the social equity dimension is not prominent in the Rio principles.



## 2. Zero Draft Submissions Analysis

- Database
- Report

## Zero Draft Submissions - Database



Rank of **97** Terms

Related to Rio

All Organisations

Different Types of Organisations

Rating on Scale: Excellent, Strong, Good, Medium, Low and None

Cross Reference to Zero Draft

Number	Initiative/Concept	All Submissions	Member States	Political Groups	Regional Preparatory Meetings	Major Groups	UN & IGOs	Level of Interest	Rating	Zero Draft
1	Health/Well-being	448	60	4	4	217	51	Excellent		5
2	Poverty Alleviation/Poverty Reduction/Poverty Eradication	338	62	4	4	217	51	Excellent		17
3	Participation	334	53	4	5	241	31	Excellent		5
4	Natural Resources/Resource Management	318	59	4	4	207	44	Excellent		4
5	Adaptation	227	36	4	4	151	32	Excellent		0
6	Renewable Energy	204	44	3	3	127	27	Excellent		3
7	SDGs	170	37	1	4	102	26	Excellent		6
8	Accountability	170	24	3	0	127	16	Excellent		3
9	Subsidies	167	22	3	2	117	23	Excellent		3
10	Transparency	166	31	3	1	118	13	Excellent		5
11	MDGs	160	41	4	1	84	30	Excellent		2
12	Mitigation	160	27	3	2	103	25	Excellent		0
13	Capacity Building	159	35	4	2	90	28	Excellent		17
14	Resilience	146	23	4	4	78	37	Excellent		3
15	Consumption and Production	135	38	3	3	74	17	Excellent		7
16	Principle 10/Access to Information	124	17	0	4	90	13	Excellent		4
17	Green Jobs/Decent Work	118	26	2	2	67	21	Excellent		8
18	Local Government/Local Authorities Urbanization/Sustainable Cities/Urban Planning/Urban Governance	118	26	0	2	78	12	Excellent		11
19	Desertification	115	23	2	3	66	21	Excellent		4
20		113	30	2	3	63	15	Excellent		3

# Zero Draft Submissions - Database

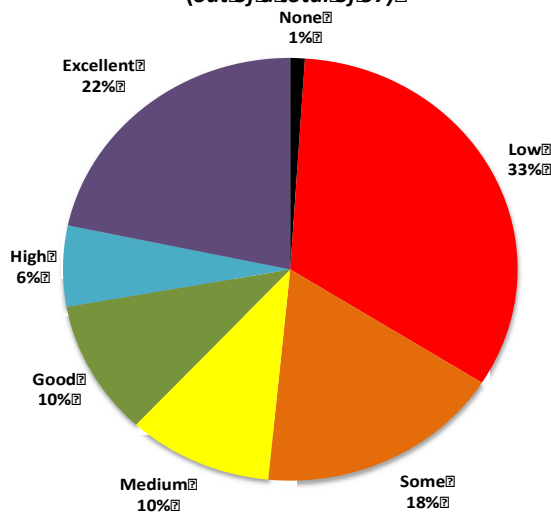


Initiative/Concept	Submissions	All	Type of Organisation				
			Member States	Political Groups	Regional Preparatory Meetings	Major Groups	UN & IGOs
Ecosystem(s) Approach	18	United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea	Monaco			Consortium for the Sustainable Development of the Andes	United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process
		Consortium for the Sustainable Development of the Andes Ecoregion (CONDESAN)	Croatia			Marine Conservation Institute	General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean
		Marine Conservation Institute				Deep Sea Conservation Coalition	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
		Monaco				Bund für Umwelt und Naturschutz Deutschland	A Blueprint for Ocean and Coastal Sustainability (IOC/U)
		Croatia				International Coastal and Ocean Organization, Secretari	
		Deep Sea Conservation Coalition				Greenpeace	
		Bund für Umwelt und Naturschutz Deutschland				Pew Environment Group	
		Deutschland				People's Coalition on Food Sovereignty	
		General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean				International POPs Elimination Network (IPEN)	
		International Coastal and Ocean Organization, Secretari				Irish Doctors' Environmental Association (IDEA)	
		Greenpeace				Oxfam	
		United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)				Farming First Steering Committee	
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		Oxfam					
Farming First Steering Committee							
<b>Total</b>		18	2	0	0	12	4

# Zero Draft Submissions – Analysis



Rio+20 Zero Draft Submissions Interest Initiatives/Concept (out of a total of 97)



## Zero Draft Submissions – Analysis



- *Health and Well-being* had the most interest by a larger margin.
- Good health and well-being is a key outcome of sustainable development and fundamental to this aim is the second highest ranking term: *Poverty Alleviation/Poverty Reduction/Poverty Eradication*.
- Certain environmental concerns such as *Natural Resources/Resource Management, Adaptation, Renewable Energy* appear in the Top Ten. But acknowledgement of our finite planet and its health are quite low. The rankings for these such concepts are:
  - *Resilience* – position 14
  - *Ecological Footprint* – position 39
  - *Planetary Boundaries/Environmental Limits* – position 40
  - *Carrying Capacity* – position 48
  - *Ecosystem(s) Approach* – position 69
- Social equity and justice, is also underrepresented in the Zero Draft submissions. The rankings for these such concepts are:
  - *Social Inclusion/Social Equity* – position 21
  - *Social Floor/Social Net/Social Protection/Safety Net* – position 23
  - *Social Justice* – position 27
- Given the well-understood connection between the health and well-being of Earth and our own, operating within planetary boundaries is a necessary precondition for sustainability. With that in mind, fairly sharing the planet and its resources requires strong values and concepts of interpersonal, inter-societal, inter-biological and intergenerational justice. These concepts are paramount in the Rio+20 thinking and need development.

## Zero Draft Submissions – Webpage



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### Rio Zero Draft Submission Analysis

Introduction: This site undertakes an analysis of the submissions to the ZDC. This analysis identifies the subjects to be found in the Zero Draft submission documents by creating a database of 97 key terms relevant to Rio+20 and elsewhere which organisations have submitted opinions on these terms.

This analysis has three aims:

1. To aid the UN in developing subsequent drafts of a short, outcome-focused political document which is representative of all views.
2. An information tool to aid all the UN bodies, Member States and other stakeholders to:
  - identify other organisations which have common interests;
  - identify potential conflicts; and
  - form coalitions around key themes or partnerships for action at Rio and beyond.
3. Share information to increase the effectiveness of the Rio process through partnership-led working in order to improve the overall Rio outcomes.

To view the entire analysis, click on the links below:

Zero Draft Submission Analysis

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### 3. Zero Draft Outcome Document Analysis

## Zero Draft Document – Analysis



- Stakeholder Forum (SF) welcomes the publication of the Zero Draft of the Outcome Document for Rio+20. It represents a strong starting point for effective and successful negotiations.
- While the Zero Draft is good and covers many of the main points arising from the discussions and the Zero Draft submissions there remains much to play for.
- But the Zero Draft lacks the urgency, ambition and detail required to use Rio as an opportunity to re-imagine our socio-economic systems and the way in which they work in harmony with nature to deliver greater well-being for all, now and into the future.
- SF's analysis of the Zero Draft, and sets out what we believe to be the strengths, weaknesses and omissions of the document.
- Needs a "Rio+20 Vision"

## Rio+20 Vision



“Rio+20 Vision” of how the two fundamental elements of sustainable development and how these must be considered together; that is planetary health and social justice. Together these two elements describe a sustainable vision that respects both **planetary boundaries/environmental limits** and a **social protection floor**, which will ensure a safe and just operating space for our existence and defines new pathways for inclusive growth and prosperity.



## Zero Draft Document – Strengths



- **Poverty eradication**
- **Health and well-being**
- **Capacity Building**
- **Water and Sanitation**
- **Urban development**
- **Green jobs**
- **SDGs**
- **Conserving key habitats/biodiversity**
- **Green Economy Roadmaps**
- **UNEP**
- **Ombudspersons/ for Future Generations**
- **Multi-Stakeholder dialogue/process**
- **Corporate Sustainability**
- **Science**
- **Rights-based Approach**
- **Oceans**
- **Consumption and Production**
- **Role of Parliaments**
- **Principle 10/Access to Information**
- **National, Local and Regional Partnerships**
- **Coherence**

## Zero Draft Document – Weaknesses



- Lack of coherence
- Lack of a vision
- Brevity vs. Specificity
- Social Inclusion
- Social Protection/Floor
- Section V is a mess
- Resources Efficiency
- Resilience
- Renewables
- Rio Principles
- Agenda 21
- Role of Private Sector
- Financing
- Beyond GDP
- Intergenerational equity/justice

## Zero Draft Document – Omissions



- Family Planning/Reproductive Rights
- Planetary Boundaries/Planetary Limits
- Financial Transaction Tax (FTT)
- Santiago Principles/Sovereign Fund Rating
- Intergovernmental Panel on Sustainable Development
- A Sustainable Development Board

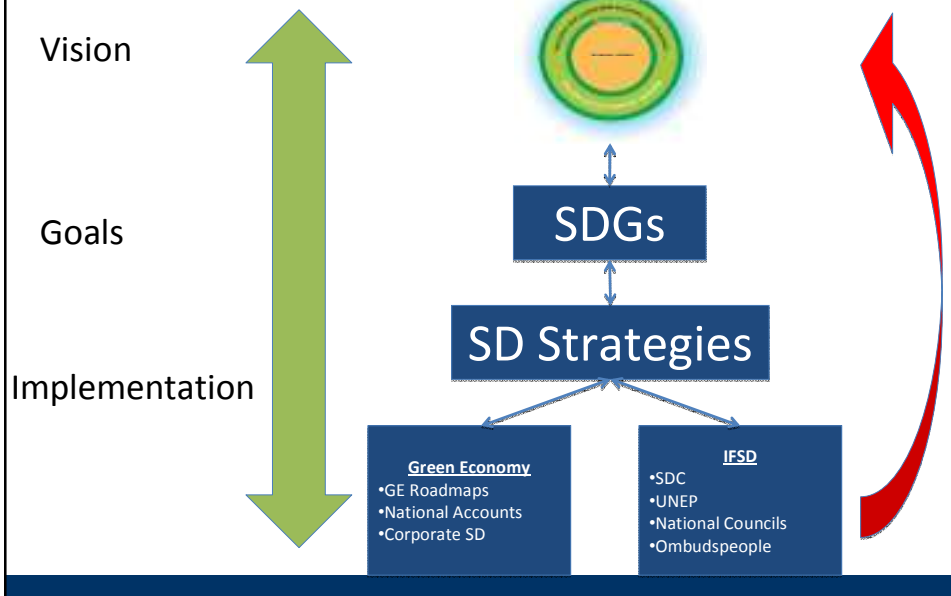
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# Integration and Alignment





## 4. Zero Draft amendments

### Zero Draft Document – Amendments



- We are seeking proposed text amendments from different organisation and experts in the sectors and themes.
- Creating a table of compilation of the various stakeholders views.
- Further contributions welcome – January 24<sup>th</sup> 18:00.
- Please contact Kirsty Schneeberger:  
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# Final Questions?



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