

# Major Groups capacity building workshop

## The zero draft

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# Structure

- Vision
- Renewing political commitment
- Green economy in the context of ...
- Institutional framework for ...
- Framework for Action

# What's there? What's new?

## Key cross-cutting proposals:

- Global policy framework for corporate reporting
- Major groups upfront; Principle 10
- Green economy: national and sectoral strategies, knowledge platform, toolkit, indicators, capacity devt mechanism, roadmap
- Sus Dev Council with voluntary review process; upgrading of UNEP
- SDGs, other measures of progress beyond GDP
- Registry of commitments/accountability framework

# What's there? What's not so new?

- Rights based approach to basic needs: food, water
- Access to information technology
- Reform of harmful subsidies with adequate protection of vulnerable groups
- Sustainable energy for all
- Social protection floor
- Ombudsman for future generations

# What's there to launch?

- Negotiations on agreement governing marine biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction
- Global observing network on ocean acidification
- 10-year framework of programmes on SCP
- Periodic report on the state of the planet's carrying capacity

# What's lacking specifics?

## Means of implementation

- financing for developing countries
- technology transfer: int'l R&D cooperation
- capacity building

## ... more specific?

### Education:

- mainstreaming SD in curricula
- greening campuses
- SD educational exchanges, scholarships

# What might be there?

- Could be more explicit, ambitious on a number of the points (e.g., Principle 10)
- Could have picked up other Major Group proposals, e.g.:
  - specific SDGs; endorsement of MCGs
  - Intergovernmental Panel on S.D.
  - ???

# What might be there?

## ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCE:

Given the importance of large pools of private and sovereign capital to enable the transition to sustainable development, we call on the following entities to explore a range of measures to apply sustainable development criteria, including:

- The boards of Sovereign Wealth Funds and of national and international public pension funds, as well as other major financial institutions in their investment decisions
- Governments, or stock market regulators to pass or revise regulations in order to encourage their use
- Stock exchanges to facilitate their application in the analysis of companies and their reports on compliance.
- Governments to develop incentives and create an enabling environment by making Boards of Directors attentive to them (fiduciary duty)
- Governments and credit rating agencies should integrate them in their respective risk assessments.

(Felix Dodds, based on GSP recommendations)



# “What should be there?”

A few suggestions from NGOs, think tanks:

- concrete proposals on innovative financing
- Committee on Food Security (CFS) to be tasked with advising governments on how to implement the recommendations of the IAASTD (Greenpeace)
- a global feed-in tariff program to support renewable energy investments in developing countries (idem)
- CBD Aichi Biodiversity Targets to reduce biodiversity loss by 2020 (idem)

# Accountability

- **Rio+20 must be about much more than just another document. The next Earth Summit needs to stimulate real accountable actions that put humanity on a more sustainable path. (NRDC)**
- Question: how to ensure accountability for commitments?

The Global Registry of Commitments on Sustainable Development.

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**Commitments**

- CLIMATE CHANGE
- FISHERIES
- WOMEN'S EDUCATION
- TOXICS
- SLUM IMPROVEMENTS
- POVERTY ERADICATION
- RENEWABLE ENERGIES
- BIODIVERSITY
- FISHERIES

SEARCH ALL COMMITMENTS

**BAN KI-MOON SPEAKS ABOUT WORLD COMMITMENTS**

*earth fact*

2.5 billion people do not have access to basic sanitation.

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## Proposed Format for Registry of Commitments: NRDC

# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORK

|                                 |  |  |  |  |  |                    |
|---------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--------------------|
| <b>What is the commitment?</b>  | <p>Commitments pledged (voluntarily) should be <b>Specific</b> in scope, <b>Measurable</b> in progress, <b>Attainable</b>, <b>Realistic</b> and <b>Timely</b> (<b>S.M.A.R.T.</b>)</p> <p>(Criteria/Template: What are the tangible deliverables/results? What metrics are used to measure/track progress? When will it be completed? How much \$ is committed/confirmed? How is success defined?).</p> |  |  |  |  |                    |
| <b>By whom</b>                  | <i>Member States</i>   | <i>Partnerships</i>  | <i>Private Sector</i>  | <i>NGO</i>   | <i>Local government</i>  | <i>Individuals</i> |
| <b>Types/Size of commitment</b> | <p>Global</p> <p>(e.g. Sustainable Development Goals)</p>  | <p>Large/Regional</p> <p>(e.g. an Energy Access initiative in partnership between public and private sector)</p> | <p>Sectoral/Issues based</p> <p>(e.g. a global corporation commits to reduce its energy use)</p>   | <p>Local</p> <p>(e.g. a primary school commits to recycle its waste)</p> | <p>Small/Personal</p> <p>(e.g. John Smith commits to use less paper and take the bus instead of driving)</p> |                    |
| <b>Review mechanism</b>         | <p>Intergovernmental process (e.g. SD Council/UPR; Intonsai<sup>1</sup>)</p>   | <p>Annual Meeting/ Forum (e.g. an SD Partnership Forum; Clinton Global Initiative)</p>                           | <p>Annual report, tracked and ranked by a UN or NGO-organization (e.g. an organization similar to Transparency International, producing an annual index or tiered-ranking (gold, silver, bronze))</p> <p>Biennial meeting to present progress (e.g. Global Sustainability Forum organized by SD Council)</p> | <p>Pledged via a web or social network platform (e.g. Facebook)</p>      |  |                    |

**Footnotes**

1. [http://www.intosai.org/fileadmin/downloads/downloads/0\\_news/2012/UN\\_Resolution\\_Annahme\\_en.pdf](http://www.intosai.org/fileadmin/downloads/downloads/0_news/2012/UN_Resolution_Annahme_en.pdf)