



Findings from the Rio Findings from the Rio + 20 National Preparations to support developing countries

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Objectives of the Support to National Preparations

- To assist selected developing countries to prepare for and contribute effectively to the UNCSD process
- To identify and liaise with the relevant stakeholders in the target countries to solicit views and assess interest in possible UN Country Team support for national processes
- To build on a multi-stakeholder approach to meet the needs, interests, experiences and level of ambition of individual countries in terms of advocacy, stakeholder engagement, capacity building, reporting and participation.

Countries Supported

Supporting approx 80 Countries:

- **Africa: 33 countries**
- **Arab States: 7 countries**
- **Asia-Pacific: 15 countries**
- **Europe and CIS: 8 countries**
- **Latin America and Caribbean: 21 countries**

Outputs of National Support Processes

Country-Level Outputs:

1. **Stocktaking report** based on interviews, consultations and desk review
2. Building upon the stocktaking report, a **multi-stakeholder dialogue** convened to address the issues of the UNCSD
3. Outcomes of both the stocktaking report and multi-stakeholder meeting captured in a final **national report**.

Global Output:

1. **Synthesis Report** - **Summary of key priorities**

Strengthening Institutions for Integration

- How do we reform the institutions to support integration
- Unbundling sustainable development and making it implementable
- Building consensus around national priorities that will serve as entry points and strengthening capacities for collaboration
- Promoting integrated planning and implementation
- Building on existing strategies and plans

Unpacking and Operationalizing the “Green Economy “

- There is a demand for case evidence on green economy so countries can learn from this.
- Initiatives will be contextualized based on national priorities and circumstances
- Most of the examples on green economy include low carbon development and resource and energy efficiency

Poverty Eradication Remains a Key Priority

- Poverty eradication and the social agenda seen as central for sustainable development
- The focus of SD strategies has been more on the environmental pillar
- These are addressed in the MDG based development strategies
- The agendas need to come together so that policy frameworks, development plans and expenditure frameworks - important for the post Rio process

Meaningfully Engaging Stakeholders

- Going beyond consultations to meaningful stakeholder engagement
- Providing the enabling environment for such engagement
- Building capacities for local communities, civil society to engage
- Supporting the local private sector to play an active role in service delivery

Measuring development progress

- Setting goals which can be tracked and measured
- This will be critical for the sustainable development goals
- Strengthening capacities for data and integrated information systems
- Enhancing capacities for accountability especially for community groups and civil society

Key Considerations

- Case evidence sharing and facilitation of learning, including peer learning, north south/south south learning
- Strengthening of national level accountability
- Using the opportunities provided by technology to promote local development and accountably
- Addressing capacity erosion and putting in place brain gain strategies
- Leadership for sustainability
- Education reform for sustainable development



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