

## Context Note on the process of the post-2015 Development Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals

### Starting point

#### Post-2015

As the outcome document of the 2010 High Level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on the MDGs requested, the Secretary General of the United Nations initiated thinking on a post-2015 development agenda. This is a framework that succeeded the current UN Millennium Development Goals,

#### SDGs

As the outcome of the Rio+20 Conference on Sustainable Development, it is an inclusive intergovernmental process to prepare a set of sustainable development goals.

### Aim

The two processes should arrive at ONE global development agenda for the post-2015 period, with sustainable development (economic, social and environmental) at its center.

### Process

#### Post-2015

- 11 Thematic Consultations all concluded with a report summarizing the consultation outcomes.

Themes	Co-leaders	Contributors	Host Government
Inequalities	UNICEF and UN Woman	OHCHR, UNDP, UNDESA, MDGF	Denmark, Ghana
Health	UNICEF, WHO, UNAIDS	OHCHR, UNDP, UNDESA, MDGF	Sweden, Botswana
Education	UNESCO, UNICEF		Canada, Germany
Growth and employment	ILO, UNDP, UNDESA	UNCTAD, MDGF	Japan
Environmental sustainability	UNEP, UNDP	UNDP, UNESCO, UNDESA, MDGF	France, Costa Rica
Governance	UNDP, OHCHR	UNICEF, UN Women, UNMC, UNESA, MDGF	Germany
Conflict and fragility	UNDP, PSO, ISDR, UNIEF	WFP, UNFPA, UNDESA	Finland
Population dynamics	UNFPA, UNHABITAT	UNDESA, IOM	Bangladesh, Switzerland
Hunger, food and nutrition security	WFP, FAO	UNDP, UNICEF, UNDESA, HLTF	Spain, Colombia

Water	UNDESA, UNICEF	UN Water	Netherlands, Jordan, Liberia, Mozambique, Switzerland
Energy		UN Energy	Mexico, Norway, Tanzania

- National Consultations

- Facilitated by Beyond 2015 and Global Call to Action against Poverty through national, regional and community civil society deliberations in 40 nations resulting in 22 deliberations.
- One consensus was also highlighted that as climate change poses an eminent threat, 'the post-2015 framework must take into account the interconnectedness between social and environmental consequences of our growth path.
- Areas highlighted by the report includes:

Themes	Recommendations to post 2015 framework
Human Rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Exclude no one.</li> <li>- Be explicitly linked to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the International Covenant on Social, Economic and Cultural Rights.</li> <li>- Acknowledge the fundamental rights of all people to live free from poverty, and enjoy minimum level of social protection</li> <li>- Provide explicit definitions and benchmarks for the progressive realization of rights</li> </ul>
Equality and Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Universality, incorporate responsibilities of both northern and southern governments and other stakeholders.</li> <li>- Aim at combating extreme inequality, address unfair terms of trade, agricultural subsidies and corporate accountability.</li> <li>- Funding mechanism to be integrated so progress does not depend on fundraising or aid.</li> <li>- Employ principal of Common but differentiated Responsibility to allow for universal framework can be adapted to specific national contexts.</li> </ul>
Environmental Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Acknowledge existing commitments on emissions reductions and climate financing.</li> <li>- In considering development targets, the framework should be explicit about the planetary boundaries with which in activities must take place.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provide for a mitigation of the effects of climate change on the most vulnerable people.</li> <li>- Link poverty eradication and environmental sustainability agendas.</li> </ul>
Poverty Eradication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Acknowledge the imperative and possibility to eradicate poverty.</li> <li>- Require a minimum level of universal social protection.</li> <li>- Explicitly acknowledge gender justice as essential element in eradicating poverty.</li> <li>- Explicitly acknowledge exclusion as a driving force in perpetuating extreme poverty.</li> </ul>
Just Governance and Accountability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Framework to be underpinned by a strong accountability mechanism.</li> <li>- Incorporate targets on reform and democratization of global institutions.</li> <li>- Framework to be harmonized with existing international agreements, such as the UDHR, and should furthermore be localized at the national level.</li> <li>- The framework should be underpinned by a financing mechanism that goes beyond aid.</li> </ul>

- The High Level Panel

- 27 members including three co-chairs appointed by the UNSG, outreach with civil societies (e.g. through MY World and The World We Want 2015 website) and negotiation among them resulted in the HLP report.

<b>Goals</b>	<p><b>Targets</b></p> <p><i>1 Candidates for global minimum standards, including 'zero' goals.</i></p> <p><i>2 Indicators to be disaggregated to allow measures in different dimensions. E.g. by gender, geography, age, ethnicity.</i></p> <p><i>3 Targets require further technical work to find appropriate indicators.</i></p>
<b>1. End Poverty</b>	<p>a. Bring the number of people living on less than \$1.25 a day to zero and reduce by x% the share of people living below their country's 2015 national poverty line.<sup>1,2</sup></p>

	<p>b. Increase by x% the share of women and men, communities, and businesses with secure rights to land, property, and other assets<sup>2,3</sup></p>
	<p>c. Cover x% of people who are poor and vulnerable with social protection systems<sup>2,3</sup></p>
	<p>d. Build resilience and reduce deaths from natural disasters by x%<sup>2</sup></p>
<p><b>2. Empower Girls and Women and achieve Gender equality</b></p>	<p>a. Prevent and eliminate all forms of violence against girls and women<sup>1,2,3</sup></p>
	<p>b. End child marriage<sup>1,2</sup></p>
	<p>c. Ensure equal right of women to own and inherit property, sign a contract, register a business and open a bank account.<sup>1,2</sup></p>
	<p>d. Eliminate discrimination against women in political, economic, and public life<sup>1,2,3</sup></p>
<p><b>3. Provide Quality Education and Lifelong Learning</b></p>	<p>a. Increase by x% the proportion of children able to access and complete pre-primary education<sup>2</sup></p>
	<p>b. Ensure every child, regardless of circumstance, completes primary education able to read, write and count well enough to meet minimum learning standards<sup>1,2</sup></p>
	<p>c. Ensure every child, regardless of circumstance, has access to lower secondary education and increase the proportion of adolescents who achieve recognized and measurable learning outcomes to x%<sup>1,2</sup></p>
	<p>d. Increase the number of young and adult women and men with the skills, including technical and vocational, needed for work by x%<sup>2,3</sup></p>
<p><b>4. Ensure Healthy Lives</b></p>	<p>a. End preventable infant and under 5 deaths<sup>1,2</sup></p>

	<p>b. Increase by x% the proportion of children, adolescents, at risk adults and older people that are fully vaccinated. <sup>1,2</sup></p>
	<p>c. Decrease the maternal mortality ratio to no more than x per 100,000. <sup>1,2</sup></p>
	<p>d. Ensure universal sexual and reproductive health and rights. <sup>1,2</sup></p>
	<p>e. Reduce the burden of disease from HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, neglected tropical diseases and priority non-communicable diseases. <sup>2</sup></p>
<p><b>5. Ensure Food Security and Good Nutrition</b></p>	<p>a. End hunger and protect the right of everyone to have access to sufficient, safe, affordable and nutritious food. <sup>1,2</sup></p>
	<p>b. Reduce stunting by x%, wasting by y%, and anemia y z% for all children under 5. <sup>1,2</sup></p>
	<p>c. Increase agricultural productivity by x%, with a focus on sustainably increasing small holder fields and access to irrigation. <sup>3</sup></p>
	<p>d. Adopt sustainable agricultural, ocean and freshwater fishery practices and rebuild designated fish stocks to sustainable levels. <sup>1</sup></p>
	<p>e. Reduce postharvest loss and food waste by x%. <sup>3</sup></p>
<p><b>6. Achieve Universal Access to Water and Sanitation</b></p>	<p>a. Provide universal access to safe drinking water at home, and in schools, health centers and refugee camps <sup>1,2</sup></p>
	<p>b. End open defecation and ensure universal access to sanitation at school and work, and increase access to sanitation at home by x%. <sup>1,2</sup></p>
	<p>c. Bring freshwater withdrawals in line with supply and increase water efficiency in agriculture by x%</p>
	<p>d. Bring freshwater withdrawals in line with supply and increase water efficiency in agricultural by x%, industry by y% and urban areas by z%.</p>
	<p>e. Recycle or treat all municipal and industrial wastewater prior to discharge. <sup>1,3</sup></p>

7. Secure Sustainable Energy	a. Double the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix.
	b. Ensure universal access to modern energy service. <sup>1,2</sup>
	c. Double the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency in buildings, industry, agriculture, and transport.
	d. Phase out inefficient fossil fuel subsidies that encourage wasteful consumption. <sup>1,3</sup>
8. Create jobs, sustainable livelihoods, and equitable growth.	a. Increase the number of goods and decent jobs and livelihood by $x\%$ <sup>2</sup>
	b. Decrease the number of young people not in education, employment or training by $x\%$ . <sup>2</sup>
	c. Strengthen productive capacity by providing universal access financial services and infrastructure such as transportation and ICT. <sup>1,2,3</sup>
	d. Increase new start-ups by $x$ and value added from new products by $y$ through creating an enabling business environment and boosting entrepreneurship. <sup>2,3</sup>
9. Manage Natural Resource Assets Sustainably	a. Publish and use economic, social and environmental accounts in all governments and major companies. <sup>1</sup>
	b. Increase consideration of sustainability in $x\%$ of government procurements. <sup>3</sup>
	c. Safeguard ecosystems, species and genetic diversity.
	d. Reduce deforestation by $x\%$ and increase reforestation by $y\%$
	e. Improve soil quality reduce soil erosion by $x$ tonnes and combat desertification
10. Ensure good governance and effective institutions	a. provide free and universal legal identity, such as birth registrations
	b. ensure that people enjoy freedom of speech, association, peaceful protest and access to independent media and information

	c. Increase public participation in political processes and civic engagement at all levels
	d. Guarantee the public's right to information and access to government data
	e. Reduce bribery and corruption and ensure officials can be held accountable
II. Ensure stable and peaceful societies	a. Reduce violent deaths per 100,000 by x and eliminate all forms of violence against children. <sup>1,2,3</sup>
	b. Ensure justice institutions are accessible, independent, and well-resourced and respect due process rights. <sup>1,2,3</sup>
	c. Seem the external stressors that lead to conflict, including those related to organized crime. <sup>3</sup>
	d. Enhance the capacity, professionalism and accountability of the security forces, police and judiciary. <sup>3</sup>
12. Create a global enabling environment and catalyze long term finance	a. Support an open, fair and development-friendly trading system, substantially reducing trade distorting measures, including agricultural subsidies, while improving market access of developing countries products. <sup>3</sup>
	b. Implementing reforms to ensure stability of the global financial system and encourage stable, long term private foreign investment. <sup>3</sup>
	c. Hold the increase in global l average temperature below 2C above pre industrial levels, in line with international agreements.
	d. Developed countries that have not done so to make concrete efforts towards the target of 0.-.7% of gross national product s official development assistance to developing countries and 0.15 o .020% of GNP of developed countries to least developed countries; other countries should more towards voluntary targets for complementary financial assistance.
	e. Reduce illicit flows and tax evasion and increase stolen asset recovery by x USD. <sup>3</sup>

	f. Promote collaboration on and access to science, technology, innovation and development data. <sup>3</sup>
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SDGs

- UN open working group.
  - 30 slots, 70 states participated. All four sessions have concluded, topics discussed includes:

Session	Topics
First Session 14-15 March 2013	Opening remarks and country based general discussions.
Second Session 17-19 April 2013	Poverty Eradication, Financing the Post-2015 framework.
Third Session 22-24 May 2013	Land degradation, desertification and drought, food sovereignty, reflection on HLP Report (negative), water security and sanitation, nutrition,
Fourth Session 17-19 <sup>th</sup> June 2013	Employment, Social protection, Decent work, workers and Trade unions. Health. Population Dynamics. Education and culture.

- Currently preparing for a proposal on SDGs for the 68<sup>th</sup> session of the UNGA September 2013-September 2014.

Summary of process & what's next:

