



Event Summary

Post Rio +20 – Post 2015: Planning International Stakeholder Engagement

This report reflects a synthesis of the discussions in the event's working groups. This has not been consulted with, or endorsed by the Major Groups and Stakeholders' constituencies.

Day I

Summary of presentations and panel discussions:

Jorge Lagunas Celis, Permanent Mission of Mexico

- 4 key challenges/messages:
 - Convergence: MDG process, financing for sustainable development, SDGs?
 - Universality: learn from MDGs successful because limited; aspirational; measurable; common work of developed and developing countries
 - Inclusiveness – integrate green growth, trade, access to markets, leveling the playing field
 - Effectiveness – make sure that what is agreed is implemented: means of implementation, financing, resources, effective institutions, international cooperation

Concluding remarks: time will tell whether Rio was successful – once in a lifetime opportunity to get the development agenda right

Panel Discussion: “The Future We Want,” the outcomes of Rio+20, the post-2015 agenda

Moderator: Kirsty Schneeberger, SF

David O'Connor, UN DESA

- SDGs – most important outcome of Rio
- Risk that they may not be agreed, or be meaningful
- EU only group comfortable with the idea, even so not sure how far they will go re: SCP
- For SDGs to succeed, need to speak to national priorities, common (global) issues #
- Must be aspirational and inspirational
- Most include equity
- Agenda-setting is critical
- Poverty eradication as important, but not only goal
- Broad stakeholder involvement, citizen participation from start
- Provide focus, right focus, define priorities
- HLPF should be entrusted with shepherding SDGS in GA

Jeffery Huffines, CIVICUS

- Redefining social contract (CIVICUS World Assembly), post-2015 event
- GA – no mandate for stakeholder participation in negotiations
- Severe disappointment, but “no choice but to move forward”
- Context of red lines for UN – Montreal Declaration, civil society sign on (450+ organizations)

Pedro Telles, Vitae Civilis

- Integration – SDGs & MDGs, Brazil and some NGOS (which ones?) against it; HLPF – sustainable development in all UN agendas?
- MGs & civil society role – improve MG system; amplify means of consultation and participation, including grassroots → broad, effective
- Communication: framing path – during next 3 years; Rio+20 as unappealing? – focus on the positive, or talk about something else? Merging environment & development groups
- Transparency & accountability – important info has not been made available – re: OWG, UNEP, etc
- Intelligence for advocacy and campaigning – key actors eg. SDGs-30 group, outside the UN

Alexander Juras, UNEP

- Rio + 20 achieved what is achievable in multilateralism [today](#).
- Still, Rio + 20 outcomes provide a good base for follow up action and the post 2015 development agenda gives the opportunity to Major Groups to still address issues that were not addressed in the Rio + 20 outcomes
- With Paragraph 88 of the Rio + 20 outcome document there is a good base to strengthen UNEP including the development of new mechanisms for stakeholder engagement.
- UNEP will initiate a participatory process to develop such new mechanisms for stakeholder engagement
- UNEP will forward the Green Economy agenda through PAGE (Partnership for Action on Green Economy) and invites Major Groups to stay involved
- An important lesson from Rio + 20 for UNEP is to reach out to Major Groups beyond the environmental spectrum, involving development groups, marginalized groups etc.
- UNEP will organise together with UNDP a thematic consultation on Environmental Sustainability and will reach out to Major Groups for their input.

Day II - Framework for action notes

Group I

Moderator: Bernhard Frey (UN-NGLS)

Rapporteur: Bridget Brady

<u>Actions for Stakeholders</u>	<p>Major Groups Terms of Reference: Major Groups engaging with UN processes should develop Terms of Reference that clarify roles, mandates, and ensure an open, participatory, transparent, inclusive, and effective process, taking into account regional and gender balances, among other issues. Assessments and consultations on how to integrate underrepresented constituencies could support this process.</p> <p>Major Groups Structure: Review and build on best practices and lessons learned of Major Group structures and engagement modalities.</p> <p>Joint Strategies and Coalitions: Establish coalitions to build on successful lobbying, communication, and fundraising strategies among Major Groups that support effective engagement.</p> <p>Major Groups Initiatives and Consultations: Map ongoing Major Group consultations and engagement initiatives on the post-2015 agenda at the sub-regional, regional and global level. Discuss the organization of sub-regional and regional meetings and consultations that could be supported by guidelines for self-organized consultations.</p>
<u>Actions for Governments</u>	<p>Civil Society Engagement: Make the post-Rio+20 and post-2015 processes open, participatory, transparent, inclusive and effective. Ensure that civil society is given access to information as well as effective participation opportunities, including in the decision making process, so to also increase accountability to decisions.</p> <p>Sustainable Development Policies at the National Level: Governments should give the highest priority to designing, monitoring, and implementing sustainable development policies. All relevant ministries and government institutions, including social, economic, and environmental agencies, should be meaningfully involved. Establish an accountability mechanism within the national government.</p> <p>Integrating International Processes: Actively seek coherence and integration of international policies and processes related to the sustainable development agenda (including climate, finance, etc.).</p>

	<p>National Consultations: Post-2015 consultations should involve all countries, not only developing countries. The consultation process should be open, participatory, transparent, inclusive, effective, and should include assessments and recommendations of the sustainable development situation at the national level. National consultations should also include parliamentary debates.</p> <p>National Sustainable Development Councils: Establish or revitalize National Sustainable Development Councils or similar institutions, building on existing structures where possible. Provide adequate resources for effective involvement of the councils in sustainable development policies and establish mechanisms to link the councils with the global agenda.</p>
Actions for <u>UN systems/agencies</u>	<p>Major Groups Engagement Mechanisms: Establish or strengthen Major Groups engagement mechanism with UN institutions, including ECOSOC and the HLPF on sustainable development and establish adequate funding mechanisms. Ensure meaningful Major Group participation building on best practices of UN institutions.</p> <p>Provide Sufficient Resources: Provide Major Groups with capacity building workshops prior to ongoing consultations and processes as well as sufficient funding for engagement. Facilitate communication tools for engagement. Include both headquarters and regional structures while engaging with Major Groups.</p> <p>Consultation Processes: Facilitate meaningful, timely, and efficient consultation mechanisms, including and strengthening the regional perspectives.</p> <p>Tracking Commitments Made: Support the monitoring, tracking, and transparent reporting on commitments made in international processes, including the Rio+20 voluntary commitments.</p>

Group II

Facilitator: Mayumi Sakoh

Rapporteur: Julianna Lord

<u>Actions for Stakeholders</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advocate to national governments for approval of the MAG and Civil Society engagement in general• Raise awareness among their constituents and networks about the existence of the MAG• Create a one page proposal on the MAG and other common positions to distribute to governments• Encourage all stakeholders to engage in Post-2015 process (engagement would happen through thematic, national, and online consultations)• Organize, with the UN system and governments, side events to promote complementarity between the two processes (i.e. at the Commission on the Status of Women, Commission on Sustainable Development, and UNEP Governing Council)• Strategically engage with untapped networks
<u>Actions for Governments</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establish clear rules of engagement for Civil Society during national level consultations for the SDGs• Strategically bring all the relevant departments and ministries (environment, finance, development) together in negotiations<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ So instead of having just ministry of env there, other ministries represented—to make it clear that that this is an integrated process• Open Working Group to hold three regional meetings (including civil society consultations) to ensure a forum for stakeholder engagement<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Would be similar to the high level panel of eminent persons◦ It is important that meetings are held in regions outside of NYC to diversify and more accurately represent stakeholder engagement
<u>Actions for the UN systems/agencies</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agencies need to allocate resources for national consultations• Establish a process where inputs from Civil Society in other related processes (such as CBD, UNFCCC) inform the SDG process• NGLS to conduct monthly meetings with Civil Society<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ So that there is coordination b/w these groups• Increase resources for stakeholder engagement
<u>Combined Actions</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All groups need to hold consultations in more conflict affected countries

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN and government define a process for Civil Society engagement in the SDG process • UN and government define steps on how the SDG and Post-2015 processes will complement each other • Encourage even more engagement with private sector
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Group III

Moderator: Kirsty Schnneberger (Stakeholder Forum)

Rapporteur: Ahdi Mohammed

Actions for <u>Stakeholders</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centralization (coordination) combined with decentralization of communication (social media and social networking) • Creating an observatory to link resources that students have • Initiating deep thinking: Moving from the process to substance • Networking the networks • Capacity building and education
Five Actions for <u>Governments</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create spaces for civil society to engage with governments • Integration between different ministries for a sustainable development agenda • Communication flow with mission and the capital • Afternoon teas, using mechanisms that are in place • Fund civil society participation.
Five Actions for <u>UN Systems and agencies</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination within UN agencies • Concentrate on the regional level and then move up • Empower youth participation • Ensure that consultations are used and hold acting bodies accountable • Allocate funding to engage civil society.

Group IV

Moderator: Emily Benson (Green Economy Coalition)

Rapporteur: Katie Tobin

Actions for <u>Stakeholders</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target High-level Political Forum (HLPF) as governance body for post-2015/SDGs – in terms of insisting on openness, transparency, participation of stakeholders • While processes are still being defined, particularly unique window of opportunity to build coordination (consensus, where possible) on some big-picture priorities • Articulate ideas/concepts in a way that is simple, using
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	<p>accessible language</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration of stakeholders is essential to our ability to act; engage all groups in population, e.g. youth • Encourage the implementation and acceleration of 10YFP as an already-agreed mechanism on SCP – capturing and sharing stories, good practices, lessons learned, for knowledge platform • Acknowledge, in approaching both SDGs & post-2015 agenda, the intrinsic linkages between the sustainable development and poverty eradication agendas: environmental system preservation (i.e. national resource management) as an inherent necessity for human development
<p>Actions for <u>Governments</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commit to financing and organizing consultation processes or platforms at national level: actively incorporate stakeholders, provide infrastructure/frameworks • Transparency of information: make information available to everyone • Look at entry points (e.g. education campaigns) for systems thinking • Commit to government integration on SDGs & post-2015: broader participation of all relevant ministries, for example of finance, environment, development social ministers • Encourage the implementation and acceleration of 10YFP as an already-agreed mechanism on SCP
<p>Actions for <u>UN System & Agencies</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggesting Major Groups approach as one vehicle for stakeholder engagement in UN processes including Post-2015, • Target High-level Political Forum (HLPF) as governance body for post-2015/SDGs – as a bridge or means of unifying what is now a fragmented UN system; to invite and fund participation of government ministers from finance, environment, social ministries • Commit to making information available to everyone – making conversations more public and clear, including through online campaigns, national dialogues; acknowledge links between post-2015 and SDGs discussions • Budget or mechanisms for bringing grassroots voices/participation, whether through Major Groups structure or not, as responsibility of UN agencies hosting discussions • Ensuring, in both post-2015 and post-Rio processes, the acknowledgement of the intrinsic linkages between the sustainable development and poverty eradication agendas: environmental system preservation (i.e. national resource management) as an inherent necessity for human

	<p>development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage the implementation and acceleration of 10YFP as an already-agreed mechanism on SCP
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Summaries from the 5 working groups (Saturday and Sunday)

Sustainable development governance

Moderator: Lalanath DaSilva (World Resources Institute)

Rapporteur: Wendy Chen (Harvard University)

Focus of the discussions: modalities and functions of the High Level Political Forum

Agenda setting and Membership of the HLPF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What is membership like – universal?</i> • <i>Agenda setting: Regional and national organs are key.</i>
Representation and transparency.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Need for greater inclusion, need for participatory, inclusive, transparent practices.</i> • <i>Openness of information – access to documents.</i> • <i>Webcasting</i>
CSO review and monitor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Limited modality – how much civil society had opportunities to review and share the consultation process.</i> • <i>*should be mandated that the reports produced – could be accessed, reviewed – ahead of time and given opportunities for comments and review.</i>
Major groups – how they would organize themselves – also funding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Major groups interact more. *funding and resources: resource the major groups+ system, such that it is not dependent on the UN System.</i> • <i>Cluster arrangements: smaller issue sections, bring stakeholders together on issues of importance, rather than siloing.</i>
Modalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A stronger mandate needed – monitoring governments,

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