



## Major Groups and other Stakeholders' briefing days

Organised by UNDESA, Stakeholder Forum and CIVICUS

Friday 20 September 2-6pm

Sunday 22 September 10-1pm

Conference Room 2, United Nations Headquarters

### Objective of the event

The two day event will prepare Major Groups and other stakeholders' for the High Level Segment of the 68<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly taking place in New York this September. In particular international representatives of Major Groups and other stakeholders will:

- Review the status of the negotiated and voluntary commitments from Rio+20
- Learn about current engagement opportunities for the post Rio+20 and post-2015 processes
- Discuss new models of stakeholder engagement for the Sustainable Development Goals, the High Level Political Forum and the Intergovernmental Committee on a Sustainable Development Financing Strategy
- Develop joint advocacy strategies for the post-Rio+20 and post-MDG processes
- Facilitate dialogue between Major Groups and other stakeholders, UN bodies and Government representatives

### Expected Outputs

There are several expected outputs from the briefing days. These are:

- An event summary of the two briefing days
- Summaries from each of the event's sessions
- An outline of an advocacy strategy for enhanced stakeholder engagement with the High Level Political Forum

## **Agenda** \*

<b>Briefing Day 1 – 20 September 2013, 14:00-18:00</b> <b>Conference Room 2, United Nations Headquarters</b> <b>The post-Rio+20 processes: Opportunities for sustainable development governance</b>	
<b>14:00-14:15</b>	<b>Welcome/opening remarks</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Welcome and Introduction to the event from co-facilitators<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Co-facilitators – Louise Kantrow, Business and Industry Major Group, and Mwangi Waituru, Beyond 2015 co-chair</li></ul></li><li>2. Opening Remarks<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Farooq Ullah, Executive Director, Stakeholder Forum</li><li>• Nikhil Seth, Director, UNDESA</li></ul></li></ol>
<b>14:15-14:50</b>	<b>Session 1: Review of the Rio+20 commitments:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Overview of all the Rio+20 outcomes<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Marion Barthelemey, UNDESA</li></ul></li><li>2. Status update on all of the negotiated and voluntary outcomes<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Amy Cutter, Stakeholder Forum</li><li>• John Romano, NRDC</li><li>• Nikhil Chandavarkar, UNDESA</li></ul></li></ol> <p><i>Discussion with the audience</i></p>
<b>14:50-15:40</b>	<b>Session 2: Panel discussion: An overview of the opening of the 68<sup>th</sup> session of the General Assembly, including key processes (Post-Rio+20 and Post+2015) and their associated timescales</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Timeline of post-Rio+20 and Post-2015 processes from June 2012 through September 2015<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jeannet Lingan, Stakeholder Forum</li></ul></li><li>2. Overview of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing Strategy<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• David Le Blanc, UNDESA</li></ul></li><li>3. Overview of the post-2015 development agenda<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Debra Jones, Save the Children, Co-Chair Beyond 2015/GCAP UN Working Group</li></ul></li><li>4. Rio+20 processes at the 68<sup>th</sup> General Assembly<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chantal Line Carpentier, UNDESA</li></ul></li></ol> <p>➤ <i>Jorge Laguna Celis from the Office of the President of the General Assembly (OPGA) to comment on the aforementioned topics</i></p> <p>➤ <i>Ambassador Eduardo Gálvez of the Permanent Mission of Chile to comment on the work of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing Strategy</i></p> <p>➤ <i>Permanent Representative of the Republic of Slovak to the United Nations, Ambassador Frantisek Ruzicka to comment on the forthcoming work of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing</i></p> <p><i>Discussion with the audience</i></p>

<b>15:40-15:55</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>15:55-16:45</b>	<p><b>Session 3: Panel discussion: Overview of the High Level Political Forum</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sustainable development governance from Rio 1992 to Rio+20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Irena Zubcevic, UNDESA</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Overview of the General Assembly's resolution on the HLPF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jeffery Huffines, CIVICUS</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Activities of the HLPF at the General Assembly + means of stakeholder engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joop Theunissen, UNDESA</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Recommendations for stakeholder participation in UN processes on sustainable development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barbara Adams, Global Policy Forum</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p><i>Governments to comment (possibly EU or Norway)</i>  <i>Discussion with the audience</i></p>
<b>16:45-17:50</b>	<p><b>Session 4: Panel discussion: Developing new modalities for enhanced stakeholder engagement for the HLPF</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review best practice models of stakeholder engagement within UN led processes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dave Andrews, Food and Water Watch</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Proposals for enhanced stakeholder engagement with the HLPF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chantal Line Carpentier UNDESA</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Develop joint advocacy strategy to lobby the HLPF for enhanced stakeholder engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jan-Gustav Strandenaes, Stakeholder Forum</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p><i>Discussion with the audience</i></p>
<b>17:40-18:00</b>	<p><b>Next steps and closing remarks</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Summary of the day's sessions and information about the Sunday briefing day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The event's co-facilitators- Louise Kantrow, Business and Industry Major Group, and Mwangi Waituru, Beyond 2015 co-chair</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paul Quintos, IBON International</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

**Briefing Day 2 – 22 September 2013, 10:00-13:00**  
**Conference Room 2, United Nations Headquarters**  
**The Sustainable Development Goals and the Post-2015 Development Agenda**

<b>10:00-10:10</b>	<p><b>Welcome/opening remarks</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Welcome and Introduction to the event from co-facilitators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-facilitators – Sabá Loftus, Children and Youth Major Group, and TBC</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
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<p><b>10:10-10:30</b></p>	<p><b>Keynote address- The post-2015 development agenda: Setting the stage</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduction to Ambassador John Ashe, President of the 68<sup>th</sup> General Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farooq Ullah, Stakeholder Forum</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Keynote address on the forthcoming work of the 68<sup>th</sup> General Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ambassador John Ashe, President of the 68<sup>th</sup> General Assembly</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p><i>Moderated discussion with the audience on the President's priorities for the 68<sup>th</sup> General Assembly</i></p>
<p><b>10:30-10:50</b></p>	<p><b>Session 1: Sustainable Development Goals process to date</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eleanor Blomstrom, Women's Major Group</li> <li>2. How the SDGs relate to the Post-2015 development agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rosa Lizarde, GCAP/Feminist Task Force, Co-Chair Beyond 2015</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
<p><b>10:50-11:30</b></p>	<p><b>Session 2: Entry points into the process on SDGs</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Overview of the Major Groups' structure and current stakeholder engagement mechanisms for the SDGs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yunus Arikan, Local Authorities Major Group</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. How to use the knowledge sharing platform to engage in advocacy activities with the intersessional and morning meetings with the Open Working Group on SDGs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ola Gorranson, UNDESA</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. How the results from the World We Want 2015 platform could be used to inform the deliberations on SDGs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zach Hongola, World We Want</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. How to submit detailed proposals for global goals using the Sustainable Development Goals e-Inventory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jack Cornforth, Stakeholder Forum</li> </ul> </li> <li>5. Overview of other conversations taking place on Sustainable Development Goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priscilla Achakpa, Field Hearing Partner</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p><u>Government to comment after presentations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ambassador Csaba Körösi, Permanent Mission of Hungary to the UN</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion with the audience</i></p>
<p><b>11:30-12:00</b></p>	<p><b>Session 3: Mini briefings on the thematic areas being discussed for the SDGs</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The role of Major Groups and stakeholders in the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals and the development of thematic clusters. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sascha Gabizon, Women's Major Group</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Participants from the audience to provide individual updates on the thematic areas being discussed for the SDGs.</li> </ol> <p><i>Discussion with the audience</i></p>
<p><b>12:00-12:45</b></p>	<p><b>Session 4: Convergence of post-MDG and SDG processes</b></p> <p>Panelists will discuss synergies between the SDG and post-MDG processes, as well as explore how the two processes could possibly</p>

	<p>converge. The panelists will also discuss the need for joint advocacy programs between development and environment interests to influence the deliberations on global goals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator- Jeannet Lingan, Stakeholder Forum</li> <li>• Panelist - Bernadette Fischler, CAFOD</li> <li>• Panelist-Representative from UN Millennium Campaign</li> <li>• Panelist - Ming Hwee Chong, Baha'i International Community</li> <li>• Panelist - David Hallam, UK Department for International Development</li> </ul> <p><u>Government to comment after presentations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A representative from the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion with the audience</i></p>
<p><b>12:45-13:00</b></p>	<p><b>Event summary and closing remarks</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Summary of the two briefing days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sabá Loftus, Children and Youth Major Group, and TBC,</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p><b>Closing remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Klaus Rudischauser, Deputy Director General on Policy and Thematic Coordination, European Commission</li> <li>• Kumi Naidoo, Executive Director, Greenpeace</li> </ul>

*\*Please note that this agenda is indicative, and events and speakers are subject to change.*

**About the Organisers**



### **United Nations Department of Social and Economic Affairs (UNDESA)**

UNDESA, established in 1948 is part of the United Nations Secretariat and is responsible for the follow-up to the major United Nations Summits and Conferences, as well as services to the United Nations Economic and Social Council and the Second and Third Committees of the United Nations General Assembly. Further, UNDESA assists countries around the world in agenda-setting and decision-making with the goal of meeting their economic, social and environmental challenges. The Division for Sustainable Development was created to serve the commission on sustainable development following the Rio Earth Summit in 1992. Within the Division, the Major Groups Program facilitates the participation of Major groups of civil society enumerated in Chapters 23 to 32 of Agenda 21



### **Stakeholder Forum**

Stakeholder Forum is an international organization working to advance sustainable development and promote stakeholder democracy at a global level. Our work aims to enhance open, accountable and participatory international decision-making on sustainable development. Stakeholder Forum works across four key areas: Global Policy and Advocacy; Stakeholder Engagement; Media and Communications; and Capacity Building.



### **CIVICUS**

CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation is an international alliance of citizens and civil society organisations dedicated to strengthening citizen action and civil society around the world. With a secretariat headquarters in Johannesburg, the CIVICUS alliance has members and partners in over 100 countries and spanning the spectrum of civil society. In the past two years, CIVICUS has worked to strengthen the opportunities for civil society engagement and participation in the design of new development goals.



### **The World We Want**

The World We Want is a platform created by the United Nations and civil society to amplify people's voices in the process of building a global agenda for sustainable development.