

**ONE DAY INTERACTIVE SESSIONS OF MGS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS AND THE
OPEN WORKING GROUP ON SDGs
Results of Crowdsourcing exercise**

1. Design of the Interactive sessions

- Keep all constituencies informed of the planning and have opportunities to make suggestions during the planning stages.
- Select two co-chairs without conflict of interest?

2. Role of Steering Committee

- Members of the steering committee must report back to their respective constituencies as well as regularly inform the latter on developments and updates on the discussions in NY.

3. Criteria for participants

- Ensure gender and regional balance in engagements with the OWGs, and enabling representative/s from the South to participate actively in the engagements. (women MGs)
- Mainstreaming a gender equality perspective into the process, including gender equal representation within the different decision making bodies and consultation mechanism (guaranteeing equal participation of women in decision making)

4. Format

- The format for discussion should seek to facilitate an interactive dialogue rather than provide for individual presentations or statements. Ideally, the facilitators should propose questions to all of the panelists/audience and then moderate the discussion.
- Process that was used during the Preparatory Meetings for the World Summit on Sustainable Development in 2001 and 2002. The meetings were held in some of the smaller conference rooms, specifically rooms 5, 6, and 7. Each session dealt with a specific topic and queries or focus questions. The discussions were guided, and questions posed, by the Chair; and any stakeholder could respond at any time. The format was that of an informal discussion with the Chair welcoming thoughts and ideas to move the discussion towards a substantive outcome.
- Process developed by Jessie Henshaw in consultation with Commons Cluster. We would suggest that this 3 Step Process be used either during the lunch time slot or in an afternoon session. It would consist of breakout sessions where-in each participant could choose which group they want to go to, which would then focus on a different

ideal or potential SDG goal, topic of discussion, or issue area in the different discussion groups.

- Thematic roundtables followed by small working groups (post2015 global consultation style) with equal reps of Major Groups, Stakeholders and Member States.
- Round tables at one part of the day - either on multiple topics or on various topics simultaneously - with a few chosen who introduce the topic (1 CS and 1 MS?) followed by open discussion. Then results can be shared out but it would bring more interaction and less statement-giving

5. Proposed Themes

- ***Inequalities:*** Addressing inequalities within and between countries in the context of the three dimensions (social, economic, environmental) of sustainable development'. Fatima Rodrigo International Presentation Association
- ***Business and Industry:*** Some topics that Business and Industry would want discussed include:
 - Economic growth and job creation
 - Role of innovation and new technology
 - Enabling policy environment
 - Role of trade and investment
- ***'Voices of experience':*** 'The essential building blocks to development/eradicating poverty' End Water Poverty, discussions around; water and sanitation, education, health etc and the focus within each of these discussions should be 'voices of experience' so this could be civil society organisations, NGOs or academics talking about what life is really like - and this could be a balance of those who do not have access to these services and experiences from those who do have access to these services and the difference this has made to their lives.
- ***Children:*** "Children as partners and stakeholders in sustainable development." As you know, children are one of the constituencies that are most markedly absent from the Open Working Group program of work for 2013-2014.
- ***Address cross-cutting issues:*** This would be important to avoid repetition but also to maximize opportunities for substantial inputs over the short allocated time. These cross-cutting dimensions include:
 - rights-based approach and right to development;
 - inequality and social exclusion;
 - means of implementation; and

- Monitoring and accountability.
- ***Human Rights:*** bring out reasons why the approach/language is not easily accepted by some countries and also to bring in specific proposals for what a rights-based perspective looks like in practice from Civil Society.
- ***Gender Equality:***
 - Mainstreaming a gender equality perspective into the future sustainable development goals, targets and indicators
 - Assuring the integration of a gender equality perspective in results, monitoring, evaluation, identified transformative principles and/or overarching principles. For instance integrating resolution 1325 and co within the transformative principle of promoting a culture and practice of peace.
 - Essential elements and targets of the stand-alone goal on promoting women's rights and empowering women and girls, without any backlash with regard to women's human rights and freedoms
 - How to fully integrate women's human rights and existing engagements with regard to women's rights within the political declaration and other documents, declarations or principles that will/might accompany the process.
- ***Participation in decision making:***
 - All Stakeholders Participate in Decision making at All Levels in the Area of Sustainable Development in a Manner that is Coherent and well integrated.
- ***Water and waste management***
 - Universal Access to Clean Drinking Water and Waste Management
- ***Finance and Implementation***
 - Creating a Global Framework for Implementation based on the Dashboard model suggested by Colombia and Guatemala and using the SDGs to focus on achieving all of the goals and commitments that have been made to date.
 - Creating a comprehensive financing strategy that is sufficient to achieve all of the Goals, Targets, and Commitments that have been and are set.
 - Developing and using inclusive and participatory decision making processes.
 - Developing a comprehensive, coherent, and effective Review Process and Framework that includes strengthening the means of implementation as we go along.

6. Use of social media

- It would be good to consider how social media might be utilized during the day of discussion both to promote the debate but also to engage civil society members from around the world. For example, twitter could be used to allow civil society members to pose questions related to the debate which could then be answered by the panelists and/or facilitators.
- To allow greater participation/exchange for those not in New York, is to allow for social media exchanges with the OWG members.
This could be done by having a “Google Hangout” exchange with some of them during the OWG days (perhaps during the side event times) as well as allowing for questions to be posed in real time during the actual sessions (perhaps through Twitter or Facebook).

7. Outreach of Southern-based organizations

- Open up opportunities for CSOs in the South to participate and/or provide inputs in the discussions in NY, through electronic means;
- Enable, as far as possible, the actual participation of CSOs from the South in important discussions/deliberations in NY by accessing funding sources and/or mobilizing resources;
- We recommend that peer reviewed papers are prepared for the intersessionals and that the process of preparation is inclusive to ensure that non-New York based organizations can contribute to the discussions. In the preparation of the papers there should be a process to gather inputs from the different regions (especially to ensure that voices from the global south who cannot attend will still be represented). Sufficient time and outreach for contributions is necessary to ensure quality and range of views.

8. Participation of member states:

- Ensure co-chairs moderate the session to ensure a high political profile of government representatives so that discussions are fruitful.

9. Outcome of the meeting

- We strongly recommend that the outcomes of the intersessionals should be given equal standing to the reports from the OWG meetings and will be used to inform the drafting of the OWG recommendations.