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The Permanent Mission of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and with reference to the latter's Note Verbale No DSD/2012/530 dated 1 October 2012, the Mission has the honor to enclose herewith the response to the Questionnaire on Sustainable Development goals.

The Permanent Mission of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.



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- 1- Please list a limited number, preferably between five and ten, of the important priority areas that must be addressed through the SDGs to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development.

**Answer**

Sustainable development aims to achieve intergenerational equity, social cohesion, quality of life, and acceptance of international responsibility. In this spirit, economic performance, the protection of natural resources, and social responsibility are able to be united so that development will be permanently sustained.

Therefore we propose the following themes or areas;

- Economic aspects (including; government debt, GDP per capita, investment ratio to GDP, Official Development Assistance)
  - Social aspects: poverty reduction, jobs and education, health, equal opportunities (gender gap), social security (crime).
  - Environmental aspects: energy, water, air quality, food security and sustainable agriculture.
- 2- How might the SDGs strive to balance the economic, social and environmental pillars of sustainable development?
- a- Reflect social, economic and environmental dimensions within each SDG, possibly through the associated targets
  - b- Integrate the MDGs, suitably modified/updated for post-2015, into a larger sustainable development framework
  - c- Expand MDG7 (environmental sustainability) into a number of goals with a natural /environmental resource dimension (water, food, energy, etc.)
  - d- Other (please describe)

**Answer: d**

SDGs should be reflecting the three dimensions of sustainability Development Pillars and on the same time, addressing goals of the main sectors (water, energy, ...etc.), in addition to incorporate the MDGs into the sustainable Development framework.

- 3- Based on your experience with MDGs or other existing goals, what would be the key use of SDGs for your country (select at most two)?
- a- Defining national policies
  - b- Influencing national budget allocations
  - c- Reviewing the impact of national policies
  - d- Addressing key pressure leading to unsustainability
  - e- Helping to balance economic, social and environmental pillars in policy making
  - f- Guiding development cooperation
  - g- Other (please describe)

Answer: C and E.

- 4- How can "universally applicable" SDGs be made practically relevant for countries at different levels of development? (please refer to your country's situation as appropriate.)

Answer:

- To reflect the differences between different countries, there should be a large number of SDGs, indicators and targets.
- Under each SDG, targets and indicators should be applied to different groups of countries according to their national level of development. These groups e.g. LDCs, Developing countries, developed countries should be determined by defined criteria.

5- The SDGs are supposed to be "global in nature". Should targets associated with those goals be:

- a- Common to all countries?
- b- Defined by each country? Or
- c- Common but differentiated depending on country characteristics and level of development? If c., please explain how.

Answer: C – for the reasons discussed in response to question 4

- 6- Which existing goals and targets (e.g., MDGs, goals/targets in Agenda 21, JPOL) do you think should be incorporated –perhaps in updated form – in a proposal for sustainable development goal?

Answer: all of it.

- 7- What specific steps can be taken to ensure that the SDGs are coherent with and integrated into the UN development agenda beyond 2015?

Answer

- a- Initiate an international consultative process to reach consensus regarding SDGs
- b- SDGs should be reflected in the UN development agenda and incorporated in their specific executive plans according to each UN agency mandate.

8- How should assessments of progress toward the achievement of the SDGs be carried out at the global level?

"the future we want" states that at the outset the open working group will decide on its methods of work, "including developing modalities to ensure the full involvement of

relevant stakeholders and expertise from civil society, the scientific community and the United Nations system...."

**Answer**

An independent UN body should be established to monitor and evaluate the progress that has been made in achieving SDGs globally (or this task can be fulfilled by the UNCSD).

9- What measures should be taken to make the process of developing a proposal for SDGs inclusive and participatory? How should civil society and other relevant stakeholders be engaged?

**Answer**

- a- Organize consultative workshops to exchange expertise and enhance opportunities to reach the needed consensus regarding the list of SDGs.
- b- Provide stakeholders with the outcomes that have been achieved in different stages of work in order to receive written feedback.
- c- Necessary measures should be taken for securing funds for ensuring participation of least developed countries.

10- What principles should underpin the development of the SDGs? ( the UN TT report, for example, recommended adding (i) reducing inequalities and (ii) promoting human rights (iii) ensuring sustainability).

**Answer:**

three principles should underpin the development of the SDGs:

- a- The UN Human Rights Declaration and all other International treaties
- b- The principle of reducing inequalities between countries and within each country (both geographically and by gender)
- c- Ensuring sustainability and decent life quality for the next generations

11- How should a new Global Partnership for Development be constructed within or around the SDGs?

**Answer:**

There are three steps that can be suggested:

- a- Existing global partnerships should be sustained to carry out their specific mandate related to the SDGs

- b- New partnerships should be established to take into account new areas of sustainability.
- c- The global partnership should take into consideration joining with local, regional or national partnerships

12. Do you have any other observations, ideas or inputs you would like to offer to inform the initial work of the open working group on sustainable development goals?

No.