



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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Dear Colleagues,

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your support to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20). The outcomes of the Conference reflect the contributions, commitments and efforts by the United Nations system and other entities for the success of Rio+20. The far-reaching agreed outcome “The Future We Want” includes important decisions which will provide critical guidance to the work of the entire United Nations system.

As we move forward to operationalize Rio+20, I count on your continued dedication and commitment. The attached implementation matrix attempts to capture the specific mandates and recommendations addressed to the United Nations system and other entities. It has been developed on the basis of the outcome document and has undergone close consultations through the inclusive Executive Committee on the Economic and Social Affairs (ECESA) Plus inter-agency mechanism covering all ECESA organizations/entities, Chief Executives Board and additional secretariats including the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Convention on Biological Diversity, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, the International Organization for Migration, the Global Environment Facility, etc. It spells out the clear areas and associated lead responsibility for actions by entities and indicates the time frame for action drawn from the outcome document, which will help reporting back on the follow-up in support of implementation.

This framework is however only a first step in initiating a system-wide response to the outcome document. The United Nations system needs to step up its efforts to heed to the call of Heads of State and Government for better mainstreaming sustainable development in its work and to proactively integrate the economic, social and environmental dimensions of its work, notably at country level. We must systematically respond to the guidance and objectives set out in the various parts of the outcome document, including through the launch of new initiatives.

Executive Committee on Economic and Social  
Affairs Plus Principals

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I look forward to your continued engagement and carrying forward the spirit of working together which was so amply demonstrated in the run-up to Rio+20.

Yours sincerely,

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**Follow-up to the Rio+20 outcome document  
Responsibilities of the UN system**

Paragraph	Action by the UN system	Timeframe
<b>II. Renewing political commitment</b>		
<b>B. Advancing Integration, Implementation, and Coherence: Assessing the progress to date and the remaining gaps in the implementation of the outcomes of the major summits on sustainable development and addressing new and emerging challenges</b>		
24. We note the need for sustainable development strategies to proactively address youth employment at all levels. In this regard, <b>we recognize the need for a global strategy on youth and employment building on the work of the International Labour Organization.</b>	<u>ILO</u> UN system organizations including UNDP and UN Regional Commissions	
38. UN Statistical Commission, in consultation with relevant UN System entities and other relevant organizations, to launch a programme of work on broader measures of progress to complement GDP	<u>DESA</u> , UN Regional Commissions, World Bank, IMF UNEP ILO WHO UNICEF, UNESCO and other UN system organizations	44 <sup>th</sup> session of the Statistical Commission (Feb/March 2013), with reporting to ECOSOC in July 2013
<b>C. Engaging major groups and other stakeholders</b>		
47. Companies, especially publicly listed and large companies, to consider integrating sustainability information into their reporting cycle. Interested governments as well as relevant stakeholders <b>with the support of the UN system</b> to develop models for best practice and facilitate action for the integration of sustainability reporting	<u>UN Office for partnerships</u> , <u>DESA</u> , <u>UNEP</u> , other UN system entities including UNDP, UNICEF, UNCDF and UNOPS	
54. United Nations, international financial institutions (IFIs) and multilateral development banks (MDBs) to cooperate, within their respective mandates, recognizing their role in mobilizing resources for sustainable development.	UN system organizations including WB Group and IMF; MDBs Regional Development Banks to enhance	

	cooperation for sustainable development.	
<b>III. Green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication</b>		
62. Governments to improve knowledge and statistical capacity on job trends, developments and constraints and integrate relevant data into national statistics, <b>with the support of relevant UN agencies within their mandates.</b>	<u>ILO, DESA</u> , UN Regional Commissions, UNEP, UNICEF UNDP, WHO, UNESCO, FAO Other relevant UN system Organizations	44 <sup>th</sup> session of the Statistical Commission (Feb/March 2013)  To be reflected in ILO Global Employment Trends (GET) Annual Report, Feb. 2013.
66. <b>UN System, in cooperation with relevant donors and international organizations</b> to coordinate and provide information upon request on: (a) matching interested countries with the partners best suited to provide requested support in; (b) toolboxes and/or best practices in applying policies on <u>green economy</u> in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication at all levels; (c) <u>models or good examples of policies of green economy</u> in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication; (d) methodologies for evaluation of policies of green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication; (e) existing and emerging platforms that contribute in this regard.	<u>UNDG</u> , Environmental Management Group (EMG), UNEP, other UN system organizations and bodies, including ILO, UN Regional Commissions, UNICEF FAO, WTO, UNOPS	Green Growth Knowledge Platform [WB Group, UNEP together with OECD and Green Growth Institute] to scale up activities in second half of 2012.  A UN wide efforts expected to be launched by 2013 building on on-going initiatives including UNDP/ILO efforts to support countries on green economy initiatives.
68. Relevant stakeholders, including the <b>UN Regional Commissions, UN organizations and bodies</b> , other relevant intergovernmental and regional organizations, international financial institutions and major groups involved in sustainable development, according to their respective mandates, <b>to support developing countries upon request to achieve sustainable development</b> , including through, <i>inter alia</i> , green economy policies in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication, in particular in least developed countries.	<u>UNDG</u> , DESA UN system organizations including UNDP, UNICEF, Environmental Management Group (EMG), UNEP, FAO, UN Regional Commissions, UNCDF, UNOPS; Regional Development Banks	
<b>IV. Institutional framework for sustainable development</b>		
<b>B. Strengthening intergovernmental arrangements for sustainable development</b>		

<p>78. Strengthen UN system-wide coherence and coordination, while ensuring appropriate accountability to Member States, by, <i>inter alia</i>, <b>enhancing coherence in reporting and reinforcing cooperative efforts under existing inter-agency mechanisms</b> and strategies to advance the integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development within the United Nations system, including through exchange of information. (see para 93)</p>	<p><u>CEB/HLCP, UNDG, HLCM, EC-ESA pplus</u> EMG UN Water UN Energy UN Oceans UN system organizations including UNEP WTO UNICEF FAO WHO OHCHR UN Regional Commission</p>	
<p>81. The General Assembly to further integrate sustainable development as a key element of the overarching framework for United Nations activities and adequately address sustainable development in its agenda setting, <b>including through periodic high-level dialogues</b></p>	<p><u>DESA</u></p>	
<p><b>Economic and Social Council</b></p>		
<p>83. <b>Strengthen ECOSOC</b> within its Charter mandate and recognize its key role in achieving a balanced integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development. We look forward to the Review of the Implementation of General Assembly 61/16 on the Strengthening of ECOSOC.</p>	<p><u>DESA</u></p>	<p>Review of 61/16 in GA 67<sup>th</sup> session</p>
<p><b>High level political forum</b></p>		
<p>84. Establish a universal intergovernmental high level political forum (HLPF), building on the strengths, experiences, resources and inclusive participation modalities of the Commission on Sustainable Development, and subsequently replacing the Commission.</p>	<p><u>DESA</u>  UN system organizations</p>	<p>By the beginning 68<sup>th</sup> GA session in September 2013 (when 1<sup>st</sup> HLPF to be held as per para 86)</p>
<p>85 (k) HLP Forum to <u>inter alia</u> strengthen the science-policy interface through review of documentation bringing together dispersed information and assessments, including in the form of a global sustainable development report, building on existing assessments;</p>	<p><u>DESA</u> in consultation with UNESCO, UNEP, UN Regional Commissions, OHCHR and other UN system organizations</p>	

<p>86. <b>Launch an intergovernmental and open, transparent and inclusive negotiation process under the General Assembly</b> to define the high level forum's format and organizational aspects with the aim of convening the first high level forum at the beginning of the 68th session of the General Assembly.</p> <p>We will also consider the need for <b>promoting intergenerational solidarity for the achievement of sustainable development</b>, taking into account the needs of future generations, including by inviting the Secretary General to present a report on this issue.</p>	<p><u>DESA</u> keeping UN system organizations informed</p> <p><u>DESA</u>; UNICEF, UNDP, ILO, UN Regional Commissions and other UN system organizations</p>	<p>By April 2013 (to give enough time to convene HLPF at beginning 68<sup>th</sup> session in September/October 2013)</p> <p>By July/August 2013 (report to 68<sup>th</sup> session)</p>
<p><b>C. Environmental pillar in the context of sustainable development</b></p>		
<p>88. United Nations General Assembly, in its 67th Session, to adopt a Resolution strengthening and upgrading UNEP [as specified in para 88 sub paragraphs a-k]</p>	<p><u>UNEP</u>, FAO and other UN entities as appropriate</p>	<p>Between September 2012 and September 2013</p>
<p>89. Parties to multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) to consider further measures promote policy coherence at all relevant levels, improve efficiency, reduce unnecessary overlap and duplication, and <b>enhance coordination and cooperation among MEAs, including the three Rio Conventions as well as with the UN system in the field.</b></p>	<p><u>UNEP</u> CEB UNDG MEA secretariats, IMO Regional Commission EMG FAO</p>	
<p>90. We stress the need for the <b>continuation of a regular review of the state of the Earth's changing environment and its impact on human well-being.</b></p>	<p><u>UNEP</u> Keeping WHO FAO, UNESCO, OHCHR and other relevant organizations involved</p>	
<p><b>D. International financial institutions and UN operational activities</b></p>		
<p>91. Programmes, funds and specialized agencies of the UN system and other relevant entities such as international financial institutions, and UNCTAD to <b>further enhance mainstreaming of sustainable development in their respective mandates, programmes, strategies and decision-making processes</b>, in support of all countries in particular developing countries' efforts in the achievement of sustainable development.</p>	<p><u>All UN system organizations, CEB/HLCP, UNDG, HLCM, EMG, UNCTAD, DESA,</u></p>	<p>Between now and for action in GA QCPR October-November 2012; continuing until ECOSOC (July 2013) and GA 68<sup>th</sup> session</p>
<p>92. We reaffirm the importance of broadening and strengthening the participation of developing countries in international economic decision-making and norm-setting, .... And reiterate the importance of the reform of the governance of the</p>	<p><u>BWIs</u></p>	

Bretton Woods institutions in order to deliver more effective, credible, accountable and legitimate institutions.		
<p>93. The <b>three dimensions of sustainable development to be further mainstreamed throughout the UN System, and the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly through ECOSOC</b> on the progress made in this regard.</p> <p>We also call for and recognize the importance of the strengthening of policy coordination within key UN Secretariat structures so as to ensure system-wide coherence in support of sustainable development, while ensuring accountability to Member States.</p>	<p><u>DESA, CEB/HLCP, UNDG, HLCM, EC-ESA</u> plus All UN system organizations including UNICEF, UNEP FAO, UN Regional Commissions as well as EMG,</p>	Reporting through July 2013 ECOSOC to GA 68 <sup>th</sup> Session.
<p>94. The <b>governing bodies of the funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the UN development system to consider appropriate measures for integrating the social, economic and environmental dimensions across the UN System’s operational activities</b></p>	All UN system organizations and their governing bodies.	<p>(i) GA QCPR in Oct/Nov 2012</p> <p>(ii) ECOSOC 2012 resumed session and 2013 session</p> <p>(iii) Sessions of governing bodies of UN system organizations (e.g. Int. Lab. Conference 2013, UNEP Governing Council, UNICEF Executive Board)</p>
<p>95. <b>Strengthen operational activities for development of the UN system in the field that are well aligned with national sustainable development priorities of developing countries.</b> We look forward to receiving the outcome of the independent evaluation of the “Delivering as One” initiative.</p>	<p><u>UNDG</u> UN development system organizations</p>	
<p>96. UN system to improve the management of facilities and operations, by taking into account sustainable development practices</p>	<p><u>CEB</u> EMG UNEP SUN UNOPS WHO UNICEF FAO UN Regional Commissions and other UN-system organizations</p>	By December 2013

<b>E. Regional, national, sub-national, local</b>		
<p>100. <b>Regional and sub-regional organizations</b>, including the UN regional commissions and their sub-regional offices, <b>to prioritize sustainable development</b> through, <i>inter alia</i>, more efficient and effective capacity building, development and implementation of regional agreements and arrangements as appropriate, and exchange of information, best practices, and lessons learnt.</p> <p>Support these institutions, including through the United Nations system</p> <p>Enhance the UN regional commissions and their sub-regional offices in their respective capacities to support Member States in implementing sustainable development.</p>	<p><u>UN Regional Commissions</u>, Regional Seas Conventions, DESA, UN system organizations Regional Development Banks</p>	
<b>V. Framework for action and follow-up</b>		
<b>Poverty eradication</b>		
<p>106. We emphasize the need to accord the highest priority to poverty eradication within the United Nations development agenda, addressing the root causes and challenges of poverty through integrated, coordinated and coherent strategies at all levels.</p>	<p><u>UNDG, UN HLTF on Food Security (UNHLTF)</u>, UNDP, DESA WFP FAO IFAD, other UN system organizations</p>	Between now and 2015
<b>Food security and nutrition and sustainable agriculture</b>		
<p>108. Promote the consideration of the Right to Food as the goal and overarching framework for Food and Nutrition Security. Facilitate national, regional and <b>global food security and nutrition strategies</b>.</p>	<p><u>UN HLTF on Food Security</u>, Committee on world food security (CFS), UNDG FAO, IFAD, WFP, UNEP, WHO, UN Regional Commissions, other UN system organizations,</p>	
<p>109. <b>Ensure that UN global policy and strategic frameworks include</b> enhancing access by agricultural producers, in particular small producers, to</p>	<p><u>FAO</u> UN-HLTF</p>	

productive assets, as well as empowering rural women, as part of sustainable development policies.	UN Women ,IFAD, WFP, other UN system organisations	
115. We reaffirm the important work and inclusive nature of the Committee on World Food Security, including through its role in facilitating country-initiated assessments on sustainable food production and food security. We take note of the ongoing discussions on responsible agricultural investment in the framework of the Committee on World Food Security, as well as the principles for responsible agricultural investment.	<u>FAO</u> , <u>Committee on world Food Security</u> , High-Level Task Force on Food Security, IFAD, WFP, UNEP and other relevant UN system organizations, CFS	2012-2013
117. We take note of the Agricultural Market Information System hosted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and urge the participating international organizations, private sector actors and Governments to ensure the public dissemination of timely and quality food market information products.	<u>UN-HLTF</u> , <u>FAO</u> , IFAD, WFP, World Bank, WTO, UNCTAD	
<b>Sustainable transport</b>		
133. We support the development of sustainable transport systems, including energy efficient multi-modal transport systems, notably public mass transportation systems, clean fuels and vehicles... We also recognize that the special development needs of landlocked and transit developing countries need to be taken into account while establishing sustainable transit transport systems. We acknowledge the need for international support to developing countries in this regard.	<u>DESA</u> SG Action on Sustainable Transport ECE, ESCAP, ECLAC, UNEP, UN-HABITAT, WHO and UN Regional Commissions	2012-2016
<b>Sustainable cities and human settlements</b>		
137. Strengthen existing cooperation mechanisms and platforms, partnership arrangements and other implementation tools to advance the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda with the active involvement of all relevant United Nations entities and with the overall aim of achieving, sustainable urban development.	<u>UN-Habitat</u> all relevant UN system organizations, EMG	
149. We recognize the importance of job creation by investing in and developing sound, effective and efficient economic and social infrastructure and productive capacities for sustainable development and sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth. We call on countries to enhance infrastructure investment for sustainable development and we agree to support United Nations funds, programmes and agencies to help assist and promote the efforts of developing countries, particularly the least developed countries, in this regard.	UN system organizations WB Group, UN regional commissions, UNOPS	

<b>Promoting full and productive employment, decent work for all and social protection</b>		
154. Promote the exchange of information and knowledge on decent work for all and job creation, including green jobs initiatives and related skills, and to facilitate the integration of relevant data into national economic and employment policies.	<u>ILO, UNEP</u> DESA, UN Regional Commissions	ILO-UNEP Green Jobs Initiative
156. <b>Support global dialogue on best practices for social protection programmes</b> that takes into account the three dimensions of sustainable development	<u>ILO,</u> UN-Women, WHO, UNDP, DESA UN Regional Commissions, UNEP, UNICEF, WFP, FAO, OHCHR and other UN system organizations, High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS)	
<b>Oceans and Seas</b>		
161. Complete the first global integrated assessment of the state of the marine environment by 2014 and its subsequent consideration by the Assembly..	DOALOS, UNEP, IOC/UNESCO	State of the marine environment by 2014 and its subsequent consideration by the General Assembly
162. Take a decision on the development of an international instrument under UNCLOS to address conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction.	UN-oceans CEB/HLCP OLA/DOALO, DESA, UNEP, IMO, UNESCO, FAO	GA 69 <sup>th</sup> session
163. Take action to reduce the incidence and impacts of [marine] pollution on marine ecosystems, including through the effective implementation of relevant conventions adopted in the framework of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), and the follow-up of the relevant initiatives... as well as the adoption of coordinated strategies to this end. We further commit to take action to, by 2025, based on collected scientific data, achieve significant reductions in marine debris to prevent harm to the coastal and marine environment.	<u>IMO/UNEP</u> UN-Oceans CBD, World Bank Group and other relevant UN system organizations	By 2025

168. We commit to intensify our efforts to meet the 2015 target as agreed to in the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation to maintain or restore [fish] stocks to levels that can produce maximum sustainable yield on an urgent basis. In this regard we further commit to urgently take the measures necessary to maintain or restore all stocks at least to levels that can produce the maximum sustainable yield, with the aim of achieving these goals in the shortest time feasible, as determined by their biological characteristics.	<u>FAO,</u> <u>UNEP, UN-Oceans</u>	
173. Conclude multilateral disciplines on fisheries subsidies which give effect to the WTO Doha Development Agenda and the Hong Kong Ministerial mandates.	<u>WTO</u>	
<b>Small island developing states</b>		
179. Strengthen the United Nations System support to SIDS in keeping with the multiple ongoing and emerging challenges faced by SIDS in achieving sustainable development.	<u>DESA</u> Inter-Agency Consultative Group on SIDS including CEB UNDG, OHRLLS, UNDP, OSAA*, UN Regional Commissions, UNEP, UNESCO, FAO, UNOPS and other UN system Organizations  * Office of the Special Advisor on Africa	
180. Convene a <b>Third International Conference on SIDS in 2014</b> invite the General Assembly at its 67th Session to determine the modalities of the Conference	<u>DESA,</u> Inter-Agency Consultative Group on SIDS including OHRLLS OSAA UNDP UNEP UNESCO Other UN system organizations	67 <sup>th</sup> session

<b>Landlocked least developed countries</b>		
182. Organizations of the United Nations system to speed up further the implementation of the specific actions in the five priorities agreed upon in the Almaty Programme of Action and those contained in the Declaration on the midterm review.	<u>OHRLLS, OSAA</u> UN Regional Commissions, FAO and other UN system organizations	
<b>Regional efforts</b>		
185. UN to undertake coordinated regional actions to promote sustainable development, recognize, in this regard, that important steps have been taken to promote sustainable development, through relevant forums, including within the <b>United Nations regional commissions</b> . We call for actions at all levels for their further development and implementation.	<u>UN Regional Commissions,</u> FAO And other UN system organizations	
<b>Disaster risk reduction</b>		
186. We call for States, <b>the United Nations system</b> , the international financial institutions, subregional, regional and international organizations and civil society to accelerate implementation of the Hyogo Framework for action 2005-2015 and the achievement of its goals. We call for disaster risk reduction and the building of resilience to disasters to be addressed ... as appropriate, to be integrated into policies, plans, programmes and budgets at all levels and considered within relevant future frameworks. We invite governments at all levels as well as relevant subregional, regional and international organizations to commit to adequate, timely and predictable resources for disaster risk reduction in order to enhance the resilience of cities and communities to disasters, according to their own circumstances and capacities.	<u>UNISDR,</u> OCHA, UNDP, UNEP, UN Regional Commissions, FAO, WFP, UNOPS, DESA and other UN system organizations	
<b>Climate change</b>		
191. Prompt operationalization of the Green Climate Fund.	<u>UNFCCC, GEF</u>	ASAP
<b>Forests</b>		
195. We invite the Collaborative Partnership on Forests to continue its support to the Forum on Forests and encourage stakeholders to remain actively engaged in the work of the Forum.	<u>DESA,</u> CPF [CPF includes CBD Secretariat] FAO GEF Secretariat UNCCD Secret. UNDP UNEP UN FF Sect. – UNFCCC	

	Secretariat World Bank]	
196. We commit to working through the governing bodies of member organizations of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) to integrate, as appropriate, the sustainable management of all types of forests into their strategies and programmes.	CPF including UNEP, DESA	
<b>Biodiversity</b>		
202. Promote international cooperation and partnerships, as appropriate, and information exchange, and in this context we welcome the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity, 2011-2020, for the purpose of encouraging active involvement of all stakeholders in the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, as well as access to and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources, with the vision of living in harmony with nature.	<u>CBD</u>	
204. Work of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to commence early.	<u>UNEP, FAO,</u> <u>UNESCO, UNDP</u> CBD Secretariat	ASAP UNEP is currently facilitating the operationalization of IPBES.
<b>Desertification, land degradation and drought</b>		
207. We reaffirm our resolve in accordance with the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification to take coordinated action nationally, regionally and internationally, to monitor, globally, land degradation and restore degraded lands in arid, semi-arid and dry sub-humid areas.	<u>UNCCD</u>	
208. We stress the importance of the further development and implementation of scientifically based, sound and socially inclusive methods and indicators for monitoring and assessing the extent of desertification, land degradation and drought.		
209. We reiterate the need for cooperation through the sharing of climate and weather information and forecasting and early warning systems related to desertification, land degradation and drought, as well as to dust storms and sandstorms, at the global, regional and subregional levels. In this regard, we invite States and relevant organizations to cooperate in the sharing of related information, forecasting and early warning systems.	<u>UNCCD, EMG, UNEP</u> and other UN system organizations	
<b>Mountains</b>		
211. We invite States to strengthen cooperative action with effective involvement and sharing of experience of all relevant stakeholders, by strengthening existing arrangements, agreements and centres of excellence for sustainable mountain development, as well as exploring new arrangements and agreements, as	<u>UNEP, FAO</u> and other relevant UN system organizations	

appropriate.		
<b>Chemicals and waste</b>		
216. We commend the increased coordination and cooperation among chemical and waste conventions, namely the Basel Convention, the Rotterdam Convention and the Stockholm Convention, and encourage continued enhanced coordination and cooperation among them and with the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management. We take note of the important role regional and coordinating centres of the Basel Convention and those of the Stockholm Convention.	<u>FAO Secretariats of the conventions</u>	
<b>Sustainable consumption and production</b>		
226. In light of the adoption of the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production. General Assembly, at its sixty-seventh session, to designate a Member State body to take any necessary steps to fully operationalize the framework.	<u>UNEP, DESA, FAO, UN Regional Commissions, UNOPS and other relevant UN system entities</u>	GA 67 <sup>th</sup> session (designation of a member-state body for annual and biennial reporting from the secretariat and Board, and the nomination of the Board). UNEP to begin exercising Secretariat functions
<b>Education</b>		
233. We resolve to promote education for sustainable development and to integrate sustainable development more actively into education beyond the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development.	<u>UNESCO</u>	
<b>B. Sustainable Development Goals</b>		
<b>Gender equality and the empowerment of women</b>		
243. We support the work of UN-Women in leading, coordinating and promoting the accountability of the United Nations system in [the area of gender equality and women's empowerment].	<u>UN Women</u> CEB, UNDG, HLCP and HLCM, UN system entities including UN Regional Commissions	
244. Donors and international organizations, including the United Nations system organizations, as well as the international financial institutions, regional banks and major groups, including the private sector, to integrate fully commitments and considerations on gender equality and women's empowerment and to ensure the participation of women and effective gender mainstreaming in their decision-making and full programming cycle. We invite them to play a supportive role in the efforts of developing countries to integrate fully commitments and considerations on gender equality and the empowerment of women and ensure the participation of women and effective gender mainstreaming in their decision making, programme	<u>UN-Women</u> , all UN System organization including UN Regional Commissions, and IFIs; Regional development banks	ASAP

<p>planning, budgeting and implementation, in accordance with national legislation, priorities and capacities.</p>		
<p>248. <b>Establish an inclusive and transparent intergovernmental process on sustainable development goals</b> that is open to all stakeholders, with a view to developing global sustainable development goals to be agreed by the General Assembly by constituting an <b>open working group</b> by the opening of the GA 67<sup>th</sup> session comprising of 30 representatives nominated by Member States from the 5 regional groups.</p>	<p><u>DESA working with the GA President's office</u> and keeping the UN system involved including UNDP, UNEP, UNICEF, UNESCO, WTO, FAO, IFAD, WFP, UN Regional Commissions and OHCHR</p>	<p>By September 2012 (opening GA 67<sup>th</sup> session).</p>
<p>249. Secretary-General to provide <b>initial input to the work of the working group and establish an inter-agency technical support team and expert panels</b>, as needed, drawing on all relevant expert advice. Reports on the progress of work will be made regularly to the General Assembly.</p>	<p><u>DESA</u> CEB, UNDP, UNEP, UNEP UNFPA UNESCO OSAA UNAIDS, BWIs, WTO, WHO, FAO, IFAD, WFP, OHCHR, UN Regional Commissions, UNOPS and other UN-System organizations</p>	<p>GA 67<sup>th</sup> session; Reporting to GA 68<sup>th</sup> session (Sept 2013-Sept 2014) and regular reporting to the GA.</p>
<p>251. Relevant <b>bodies of the United Nations system, within their respective mandates, to support the regional economic commissions</b> in collecting and compiling national inputs in order to inform this global effort for global, integrated and scientifically based information on sustainable development.</p>	<p><u>UN Regional Commissions</u> UNDG UN-system organizations including UNEP WHO UNICEF FAO</p>	

<b>VI: Means of Implementation</b>		
<b>A. Finance</b>		
<p>255. Establish an intergovernmental process under the United Nations General Assembly to assess financing needs, consider the effectiveness, consistency and synergies of existing instruments and frameworks, and evaluate additional initiatives, with a view to prepare a report proposing options on an effective Sustainable Development Financing Strategy to facilitate the mobilization of resources and their effective use in achieving sustainable development objectives. [further details in para.'s 256 and 257]</p> <p>256. An intergovernmental committee, comprising thirty experts nominated by regional groups, with equitable geographical representation, will implement this process, concluding its work by 2014.</p> <p>257. General Assembly to consider this report and take appropriate actions.</p>	<p><u>DESA</u> UNEP UNDP, FAO, IFIs and other UN-system organizations</p>	<p>GA 67<sup>th</sup> session</p> <p>ASAP-By 2014</p>
<p>262. We recognize that greater coherence and coordination among the various funding mechanisms and initiatives related to sustainable development are crucial. We reiterate the importance of ensuring that developing countries have steady and predictable access to adequate financing from all sources to promote sustainable development.</p>	<p><u>DESA, UNDG</u> GEF, UNDP, UNEP, IFIs and other UN system organizations</p>	<p>GA 67<sup>th</sup> session</p>
<p>265. We recognize the important achievements of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) over the past 20 years in funding environmental projects and welcome important reform processes that GEF has carried out during recent years, and we call for its further improvement and encourage GEF <b>to take additional steps, within its mandate, to make resources more accessible to meet country needs for the national implementation of their international environmental commitments.</b> We support further simplification of procedures and assistance to developing countries, in particular in assisting the least developed countries, Africa and small island developing States in accessing resources from GEF, and enhanced coordination with other instruments and programmes focusing on environmentally sustainable development.</p>	<p><u>GEF and implementing agencies</u></p>	
<b>B. Technology</b>		
<p>273. Relevant UN system agencies to identify options for a <b>facilitation mechanism</b> that promotes the development, transfer and dissemination of clean and environmentally sound technologies by, <i>inter alia</i>, assessing technology needs of developing countries, options to address them and capacity building... The UN Secretary General, on the basis of the options identified and taking into</p>	<p><u>DESA</u> UNEP WIPO ITU UNCTAD UNDP</p>	<p>ASAP-September 2013 (67<sup>th</sup> session)</p>

account existing models, to make recommendations regarding the facilitation mechanism to General Assembly 67 <sup>th</sup> session.	UNESCO UNICEF WTO UNOPS FAO, WFP, UNCDF, UN Regional Commissions Other UN-system organizations	
274. We recognize the importance of space-technology-based data, in situ monitoring and reliable geospatial information for sustainable development policymaking, programming and project operations. In this context, we note the relevance of global mapping and recognize the efforts in developing global environmental observing systems, including by the Eye on Earth Network and through the Global Earth Observation System of Systems. We recognize the need to support developing countries in their efforts to collect environmental data.	<u>Committee of experts on global geospatial information management</u> , DESA, UNEP UNESCO, UN Regional Commissions	
<b>C. Capacity-building</b>		
280. Invite all relevant agencies of the <b>United Nations system</b> and other relevant international organizations <b>to support developing countries and, in particular, least developed countries in capacity-building for developing resource-efficient and inclusive economies</b> , including through: (a) sharing sustainable practices in various economic sectors; (b) enhancing knowledge and capacity to integrate disaster risk reduction and resilience into development plans; (c) supporting North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation for the transition to a resource efficient economy; and (d) promoting public-private partnerships.	<u>UNDG</u> UNDP IMO UNCTAD UNEP UN-OSAA UNICEF UN partnerships office UNISDR UNITAR, UNESCO FAO, WFP, UNOPS, World Bank Group and Other UN-system organizations; Regional Banks	
<b>D. Trade</b>		
281. Achieve progress in addressing a set of important issues, such as, inter alia, trade distorting subsidies and trade in environmental goods and services.	<u>WTO</u> , UNCTAD, UNEP	
282. The members of WTO to redouble their efforts to achieve an ambitious, balanced and development-oriented conclusion to the Doha Development Agenda,	<u>WTO</u> UNCTAD	

<p>while respecting the principles of transparency, inclusiveness and consensual decision-making, with a view to strengthening the multilateral trading system. In order to effectively participate in the work programme of WTO and fully realize trade opportunities, developing countries <b>need the assistance and enhanced cooperation of all relevant stakeholders.</b></p>	<p>Other UN system organizations</p>	
<p><b>E. Registry of commitments</b></p>		
<p>283. We welcome the commitments voluntarily entered into at Rio+20 and throughout 2012 by all stakeholders and their networks to implement concrete policies, plans, programs, projects and actions to promote sustainable development and poverty eradication. We invite <b>the Secretary-General to compile these commitments</b> and facilitate access to other registries that have compiled commitments, in an internet-based registry. The registry should make information about the commitments fully transparent and accessible to the public, and it should be periodically updated.</p>	<p><u>DESA</u>, UN Regional Commissions, FAO and other relevant UN system organizations</p>	