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Ideas for a work plan for Task 4
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A “bare bones” work plan

- **Task 4:** *“Draft a proposal on options, including institutional arrangements, to improve coordination within the UN System on development, diffusion and transfer of clean and environmentally sound technologies.”*
- **Objectives:** (a) to assess the effectiveness of existing UN system coordination mechanism; (b) to further identify and assess options for institutional arrangements to support the online platform.
- **Activities**
 1. Inventory/analysis of proposals/options formally suggested (since 2011)
 2. Assessment of current landscape of UN system coordination (Survey).
 3. Identification of options (SWOT , roadmaps)
 4. Drafting report and policy brief. Presentation to group, SG/heads, and making available to ongoing intergovernmental processes
- **Deliverables:** Report and policy brief (Feb.-April 2015)
- **Resources:** 2.25 person months pledged: DESA (1 person-month), UNEP (0.5 person month), UNCTAD (0.5 person-month), World Bank (0.25 person-month). Anyone else? Editing and layout?

Inventory of proposals on global technology facilitation in the Rio process since 2011

- Hundreds of proposals from 1,000s of partners which can be synthesized into:
 - 48 institutional proposals on all technology stages
 - 124 functions
 - 27 working methods
 - 25 priority areas
 - Few proposals directly focus on UN system coordination, but many do so indirectly.
 - They provide ideas on the types of institutional arrangements that could best support the platform.
 - They include information on what functions, areas and working methods might be considered for the platform.³

Current UN coordination landscape

- There many diverse initiatives.
- Some focus on specific sectors or themes; some are across-the-board, and some serve a particular intergovernmental process or community.
- There are only few overlaps and little coordination among the coordination mechanisms.
- Why are many so concerned about overlaps, but at the same time believe in the creative power of competition?
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Lots of work has already been done to assess the current landscape of UN system coordination

- UN in-house papers, task team reports, ..., e.g.:
 - Technical cooperation strategies
 - Evaluation reports...
- Significant number of academic papers, e.g.:
 - Schubert and Gupta (2013). Comparing global coordination mechanisms on energy, environment and water. *Ecology and Society* 18(2).
 - Mueller (2012). United Nations system coordination: The challenge of working together.
 - ...

We need your suggestions!
**Thank you for your
attention.**

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