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Outline

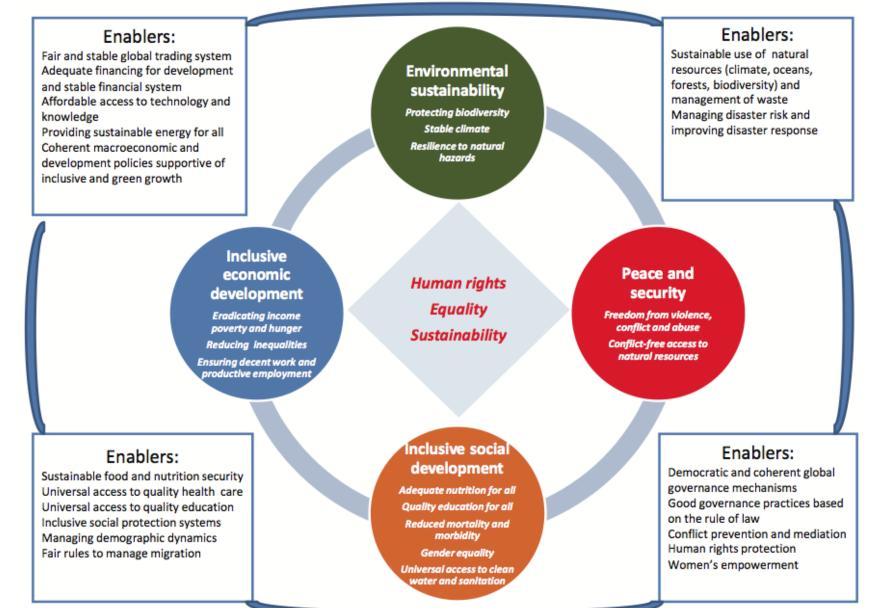
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Sustainable Development (SD)



- Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."
- Main challenges: integration, inclusiveness, coherence, capacity

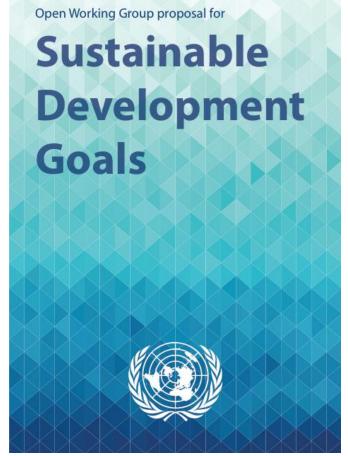
A Framework for Sustainable Development



Source: "Realizing the Future We Want For All," UN System Task Team, June 2012, p. 24

SD: The new UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are the international reference document

- The SDGs are universal goals that will apply to every nation (not just developing countries)
- They will replace the MDGs and cover the full sustainable development agenda
- The SDGs will be finalized in 2015 and run from 2016 to 2030
- Countries will be expected to report on progress, using a framework still in development



Consensus proposal of the UN Open Working Group, July 2014

SD: Processes

- The outcome document of the 2010 MDG Summit requested the Secretary-General to initiate thinking on the global development agenda beyond 2015
- The outcome document of the 2012 Rio+20 Conference on SD initiated an inclusive process to develop a set of SDGs
- The GA special event on the MDGs on 25 September 2013 further clarified the roadmap for elaborating the agenda
- The process of arriving at this new framework is Member State-led with broad participation from external stakeholders such as civil society organizations, the private sector and businesses, academia and scientists.
- The UN has played a facilitating role in this global conversation and has the responsibility of supporting Member States by providing evidence-based inputs, analytical thinking and field experience.
- A meeting at Heads of State level in September 2015 will serve to endorse the post-2015 agenda

SD: WORKSTREAMS

- **Open Working Group** established in January 2013 by the GA
 - □ A 30-member OWG of GA is mandated by the Rio+20 outcome document to prepare a proposal on SDGs for consideration by the GA in September 2014
 - The OWG has completed its proposal and submitted 17 Goals and 169 Targets for GA approval
- High-Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda
 - The Panel published its report with its vision and recommendations on a global development agenda beyond 2015, May 2013

UN System Task Team on the Post-2015 UN Development Agenda

- Established by the SG in 2012, the UNSTT assembles more than 60 UN agencies and international organizations.
- □ First published "Realizing the future we want for all", June 2012
- provide technical support to OWG Co-chairs, including analytical inputs, background material and expert panelists
- National, global and thematic consultations
 - UN has coordinated national, global and thematic consultations of stakeholders
 - UN-water facilitated Global Consultation on Water and GWP the national consultations on water

SD: WORKSTREAMS

- Regional consultations through Economic Commissions
- **Sustainable Development Solutions Network** through Advance Universities
- UN Global Compact
- Coordination a secretariat
 - 4 ASGs from Economic Development at DESA, Development Policy at UNDP, Policy and Programme at UN Women and the Special Advisor on Post-2015 Development Planning
 - □ a Secretariat

The new HLPF on SD

- □ will hold its third meeting in June/July
- Will focus on charting the way towards ambitious post-2015 development agenda
- As of 2016, the HLPF will conduct reviews of the implementation of the post 2015 development agenda

The SDGs: OWG

17 Goals & 169 Targets →Rio+20 Outcome, Poverty, Environment, Growth, People Center SD Agenda

- Goal 1 End poverty in all its forms everywhere
- Goal 2 End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
- Goal 3 Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
- Goal 4 Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all
- Goal 5 Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
- Goal 6 Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
- Goal 7 Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
- Goal 8 Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all
- Goal 9 Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation
- Goal 10 Reduce inequality within and among countries
- Goal 11 Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
- **Goal 12** Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns
- Goal 13 Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts*
- Goal 14 Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development
- Goal 15 Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss
- Goal 16 Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for SD, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

Strengthen the MoI and revitalize the global partnership for SD

Action Oriented, Global Nature, Universally Applicable

Goal 17

The SG Report: Six essential elements for delivering on the SDGs

- Two decades development practice and inputs provides road map for dignity in the next 15 years
- Transformative SD agenda underpinned by rights with people and planet at the center
- 6 essential frames to be delivered at the countries level
- Synergetic frame work for MoI in finance, technology and investment in capacity development
- Culture of shared responsibility for actions
- Framework to M&R progress through enhanced statistical capacity, tapping in to new and traditional data sources and "fit for purpose" UN system
- Achieving dignity in the next 15 years possible if we collectively mobilize political will and resources, multi-lateral system and nations



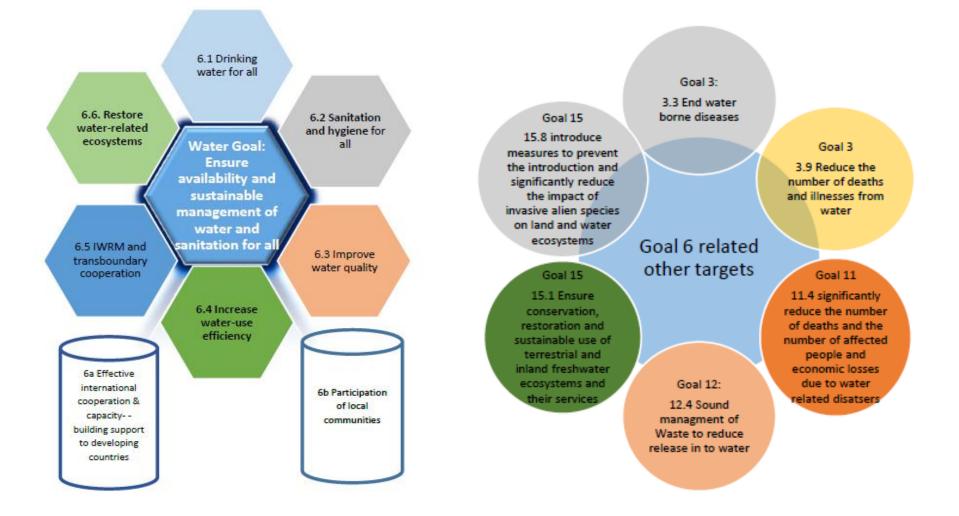
Target goal 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of W&S 4 ALL

- 6.1 by 2030, achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable **drinking water** for all
- 6.2 by 2030, achieve access to adequate and equitable **sanitation and hygiene** for all, and end open defecation, paying special attention to the needs of women and girls and those in vulnerable situations
- 6.3 by 2030, **improve water quality** by reducing pollution, eliminating dumping and minimizing release of hazardous chemicals and materials, halving the proportion of untreated wastewater, and increasing recycling and safe reuse by x% globally
- 6.4 by 2030, substantially **increase water-use efficiency** across all sectors and ensure sustainable withdrawals and supply of freshwater to address water scarcity, and substantially reduce the number of people suffering from water scarcity
- 6.5 by 2030 implement **integrated water resources management** at all levels, including through **transboundary cooperation** as appropriate
- 6.6 by 2020 protect and **restore water-related ecosystems**, including mountains, forests, wetlands, rivers, aquifers and lakes
- 6.a by 2030, expand international cooperation and capacity-building support to developing countries in water and sanitation related activities and programmes, including water harvesting, desalination, water efficiency, wastewater treatment, recycling and reuse technologies
- 6.b support and strengthen the **participation** of local communities for improving water and sanitation management

Water and other Goals

Goal 6 Targets

Water as Target/Sub-target in other Goals



Water and Other Goals

- Poverty Goal 1 \rightarrow AWM 1/ α Poverty
- Food security, nutrition and agriculture Goal 2
- Education Goal 4 \rightarrow WS Access α Girls Education
- Gender women and girls Goal 5
- Energy Goal 7 \rightarrow E = f(water)
- Resilient Infrastructure Goal 8
- DRR, Climate Resilience Etc

Nexus → Integration!!

- Water-poverty-wealth creation
- Water-food-energy nexus
- Water-peace-security-cooperation-transboundary governance
- Water-climate change-vulnerability-resilience-adaptation

 \rightarrow Res = f(WRM)

Goals→Targets→Indicators→Data→M&R

Indicators

- Ch 40 of Agenda 21 calls on countries and the international community to develop indicators of sustainable development.
- They are needed to increase focus on SD and assist decision-makers at all levels to adopt sound national SD
- They help better decisions and more effective actions by simplifying, clarifying and making aggregated information available to policy makers.

Indicators

- They can help incorporate physical and social science knowledge into decision-making
- Help measure and calibrate progress toward sustainable development goals
- Provide an early warning to prevent economic, social and environmental setbacks
- They are also useful tools to communicate ideas, thoughts and values
- □ etc

Moving Forward

- SDGs are Universal, Broad Range and Require Integration
- New Indicators are Required- old ones are limited, fit for purpose indicators are needed, …
- New Data Required scope, increased disaggregation, new focus, use of technology, visibility, prominence
- Necessary: data for effective policy, address national priorities, strengthen statistical capacity
- Lesson: MDG, CSD, SEEA, Multiple Efforts → coordination
- Research and new knowledge
 - How would existing knowledge be used in setting indicators for SDGs?
 - What are the knowledge gaps in unpacking new targets, indicators and data?

Thank You