



# **RIO+20**

## **United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development**

**State of Negotiation Text:  
Compilation with Co-Chairs' Suggestions**

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# What has happened since end-March?



- Co-Chairs have responded to request of Member States to produce Co-Chairs' suggested text to streamline the compilation text
- As of end of March informal informals, compilation text had reached 200+ pages
- Current text includes all the original amendments to zero draft – as of 27 March – plus paras representing Co-Chairs' suggestions (in blue)
- The two combined make the text around 270 pages long.
- So, the Co-Chairs' suggested text has reduced the compilation text by roughly two-thirds.

# What's noteworthy about new text



- Discussion of Major Groups enhanced
- Green economy SDPE chap: balances dev'ing country concerns with sense of opportunities
- Rights-based approach to food, water, other basic needs
- Corporate sustainability reporting framework still on agenda (CST 24)
- Access to env information and justice

# What's noteworthy about new text



- Now only a single framework for action encompassing:
  - Priority areas and cross-cutting issues
  - SDGs and measuring progress
  - Means of implementation
- Link from Green economy SDPE chapter to Framework for action
- Also link from priority areas to the SDGs

# What about SD governance?



- Co-chairs' text offers no suggestions on core issues:
  - ECOSOC + SDC, or ECOSOC instead of SDC?
  - Can, should CSD be reformed, strengthened?
  - UNEP: specialized agency or only universal membership?
- Strong suggestions on strengthening science-policy interface

# Consultations on CST



- Co-Chairs met separated with four Political Group(ing)s:
  - EU
  - G77 and China
  - JUSCANZ+
  - Eastern European countries
- Took temperature to see if CST could be used as basis for moving forward with negotiations

# What else has been happening?



... during the recess in negotiations ...

- Ambassadors' mtg convened by Brazilian gov't in effort to bring positions closer together ...
- Some Major Groups have submitted proposals
- Business and Industry held major meeting in The Hague
- UN SG met with Finance Ministers last Friday at World Bank/IMF spring meetings

# MGs: strategy from now to Rio?



- Open letter from some NGOs calling for fuller engagement of MGs in negotiations
- How to be most effective?
- What matters most? Where should energies be focused? With respect to ...
  - Green economy SDPE
  - Institutional framework SD
  - Priorities/cross-cutting issues; SDGs
  - Means of implementation



# Green economy SDPE



- Roadmap: will Rio+20 agree on one?
  - How should MGs engage in drawing up such a roadmap?
- Knowledge platforms: will these be encouraged?
  - What can MGs do to ensure their relevance at the grass roots, for all stakeholders?
- Tool kit, menu of policy options
  - How to draw upon MG experience, know how?

# Institutional framework for SD



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# Priority areas, cross-cutting issues



- Can aspirational goals be agreed for key priority areas – food, water, energy, oceans?
  - EU has been discussing introducing explicit reference to goals and timelines in these areas
- How can engagement of MGs in key areas be strengthened?
  - decent green jobs and social inclusion
  - agriculture and food security
  - sustainable cities

# Sustainable Development Goals



- State of discussion:
  - Broad agreement on a SD framing of post-2015 development agenda
  - Strong but not universal support for process to define SDGs, complementing MDGs
  - Limited support for endorsing specific goals at Rio
- How should MGs engage in these discussions?
  - What are views on what should come out of Rio?
  - Are some areas ripe for agreeing goals at Rio?

# Means of implementation



- What are the aspirations of MGs in this area?
- 10YFP on SCP: contains explicit agreement on MOI
- ... but what about Green Economy SDPE?
- ... How can the institutional reforms agreed at Rio enhance MOI?
  - Strengthening resource mobilization capacities
  - Improving oversight of delivery on MOI commitments

# 15/15/15: where do we stand?



- **15/15/15 UN – Civil Society Resource Mobilization Partnership Formula** (Global civil society committing at Rio+20 to mobilize 15 billion Euros and 15 million volunteers by the year 2015 for UN led sustainable development efforts and getting new participation possibilities in UN system in return)

# Registry of voluntary commitments



- Has gone live on Rio+20 website (<http://www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/voluntarycommitments.html>)
- Open to Major Groups, IGOs, Member States
- Specific, timebound, monitorable
- Eight commitments so far ... would like at least 800 by Rio
  - Between now and the Conference, that would mean 20 new commitments a day
- MGs:
  - register legally binding commitments
  - invite participating entities/individuals to endorse Charter on Shared Social Responsibility for Global Commons and to report/register on an annual basis their sustainable development efforts
  - measure progress against globally agreed goals (link to SDGs0)
  - Ensure actions add up to what science tells us is needed to address scale of problems faced.