



Rio+20 – Major Groups Capacity Building

Institutional Frameworks for Sustainable Development (IFSD)

Farooq Ullah – Head of Policy and Advocacy
Stakeholder Forum

IFSD Proposals – International



- Creating a Highest-Level SD (HLSD) Body in the UN system:
 - Reforming CSD
 - Sustainable Development Council
 - Reforming and strengthening ECOSOC
- Reforming/Upgrading UNEP:
 - World Environment Organisation (WEO)
 - United Nations Environment Organisation (UNEO)
 - Effectiveness
- Intergovernmental Panel on SD to promote sound science
- A Sustainable Development Board made up of governing bodies to help deliver SD at the One Country Programme level
- High Commissioner for Future Generations
- A global convention on Rio Principle 10
- A convention on Corporate Social Responsibility and Accountability

IFSD Proposals – Regional & National



- Adopting regional conventions on Rio Principle 10
- Establishing an Ombudsperson for Future Generations at national level
 - The Role of Parliaments
- Strengthening National Councils/Strategies for Sustainable Development

Co-Chairs Suggested Text (CST)



- Para 44 – Affirm importance of IFSD
 - Article 139 of JPOI – A21 and SD at all levels
 - IFSD not an end, but a means to achieve SD
 - Role of IFIs
- Para 45 – General Assembly
 - Call for GA to consider means to adequately reflect the priority of SD in its agenda setting, including through periodic high-level dialogues.
- Para 46 & 47 – ECOSOC
 - A central mechanism for for promoting the implementation of Agenda 21
 - Para. 47 no change – economic and social issues
- Co-Chairs have not proposed text for Paras. 48 to 51
 - Para 48 - ECOSOC
 - Para 49 - Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD)
 - Para 49 - Sustainable Development Council
 - Para 50 & 51 - UNEP

Co-Chairs Suggested Text (CST)



- Para 52 – State of the Planet review/GEO
- Para 53 – no CST – science-policy interface
- Para 54 – IFIs to mainstream SD
- Para 55 – Further achieve efficiency and enhance coordination and cooperation among MEAs
- Para 56 – SD in all UN’s operational activities
- Para 57 – no CST – High Commissioner for Future Generations
- Para 58 – Access to information, no explicit mention of Principle 10 anymore
- Para 59-61 - Regional, national, local
 - National, sub-national and local multi-stakeholder SD institutions

Highest-Level SD (HLSD) Body



- Functions:
 - **Political leadership and agenda** setting by establishing a High Level political forum, or Assembly, to follow and advance the sustainable development agenda;
 - Ensuring implementation by a **periodic review mechanism** for increased implementation and cooperation;
 - Monitor progress in promoting, facilitating and financing, as appropriate, access to and **transfer of environmentally sound technologies** and corresponding know-how, in particular to developing countries, on favourable terms;
 - To review and monitor regularly progress towards the United Nations target of **0.7 per cent of the GNI for ODA** combined with the monitoring of the implementation of sustainable development agreements with the review of financial resources available;

Highest-Level SD (HLSD) Body



- Functions:
 - To receive and analyse relevant **participation and input** from Major Groups in the context of the overall implementation of sustainable development agreements;
 - To **review new and emerging issues** as well as monitor the implementation of sustainable development goals
 - Enhancing **science-policy interface** and progress tracking – to be achieved by institutionalizing a regular sustainable development assessment; and
 - **Strengthening inter-agency coordination** through a sustainable development sub-committee of the Chief Execs Board (as a 4th committee) – to follow-up and provide advice to the Secretary General on coordination.
 - Ensuring **long-term thinking** in policy-making and decision-making – to be achieved by institutionalize a framework to ensure that the needs of future generations are considered in the UN.

UNEP



- Regardless of form, functions under discussion include:
 - Funding;
 - Membership;
 - Collaboration between UN agencies and UN programmes;
 - In-country delivery programmes;
 - Authority to oversee and implement multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs);
 - Scientific basis for decision-making.

UNEP



- Benefits required:
 - Legal authority to enforce sanctions on countries that violate Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs)
 - Strengthened role as a global environmental watchdog and ombudsmen
 - Provision of a forum, or focal point, for national environmental ministers
 - Reporting on national and international performance and progress against multilateral commitments
 - Coordination of relevant scientific research

Future IFSD-specific Meetings



- 28th April – Building a Global NCSDs Network
 - Church Centre
- 29th April – IFSD Workshop
 - Church Centre
- 1st May – Side Event on Corp SD – 13:15
- 3rd May – Meeting with ECOSOC president and ECOSOC members – 15:00-18:00



Questions?

Farooq Ullah

Head of Policy and Advocacy

Stakeholder Forum

fullah@stakeholderforum.org

www.stakeholderforum.org

www.earthsummit2012.org