



**2<sup>ND</sup> PREPARATORY COMMITTEE MEETING UN CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT**

**Statement by Switzerland on the Expected Outcome and  
Next Steps**

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In order to secure renewed political commitment for sustainable development and to have a concrete outcome of the conference in 2012, it is important that the UNCSO will focus on the already designated topics. Switzerland is committed to a substantive outcome of the UNCSO on strengthening the institutional framework for sustainable development and on accelerating the shift towards a Green Economy.

With regard to Green Economy, Switzerland is convinced that collective action at the international level is needed. As my delegation has stated already at the first PrepCom, we think that one of the main outcomes of the UNCSO should therefore be an international Green Economy Road Map.

This Green Economy Road Map should reflect progress on two levels, one being the policy and the other the operational level. At the policy level, the Green Economy Road Map needs to contain a common vision, common goals, common strategies as well as concrete targets and timelines for the transformation towards a green economy. At the operational level, the Green Economy Road Map needs to bring together best practices and tools that will help us to put the common vision and goals into practice.

Both the policy and the operational part of the Green Economy Road Map should build on the excellent analysis and range of possible policies, measures and best practices identified in the UNEP Green Economy Report. The report certainly is a milestone and contains key findings that are obviously of tremendous importance for our further deliberations.

Mr. Chair, with regard to the outcome in the area of institutional framework for sustainable development, we think it is important to address both governance in each of the pillars of sustainable development as well as governance for sustainable development in a horizontal manner. Our deliberations have once more confirmed that environmental governance is among the highest common priorities for accelerating progress toward sustainable development.



In this context, we look forward to the full analysis of the broader reform options identified in the Nairobi-Helsinki Outcome. This will allow an informed decision about an ambitious and effective International Environmental Governance Reform package as part of the strengthening the institutional framework for sustainable development.

With regard to improving governance for sustainable development in a horizontal manner, Switzerland is certainly open to consider any concrete proposals. In particular, we think that we should find ways to achieve better accountability for example through the establishment of a peer review process.

Mr. Chair, let me turn to the question of the format of the outcome. It our view that we should aim for a concise political outcome of the UNCSD as we have already agreed in the relevant UN General Assembly resolution. We do not think that the outcome of this summit should be a comprehensive Plan of Implementation on all aspects of Agenda 21 as it was the case the years ago at the World Summit on Sustainable Development.

Mr. Chair, Switzerland is committed to an outcome from the UNCSD that has an added value. The short political outcome that we are looking for should renew the international commitment to sustainable development by agreeing on concrete steps forward for shifting towards a Green Economy and for improving the institutional framework for sustainable development.