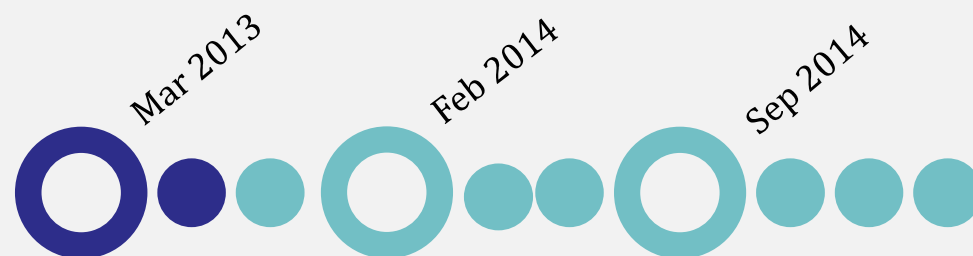


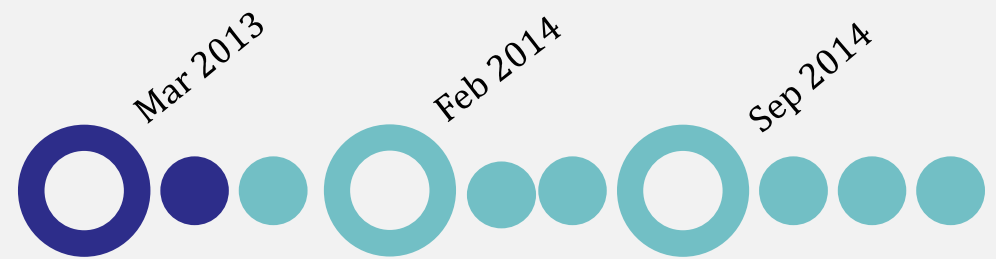
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Briefing of the Co-Chairs

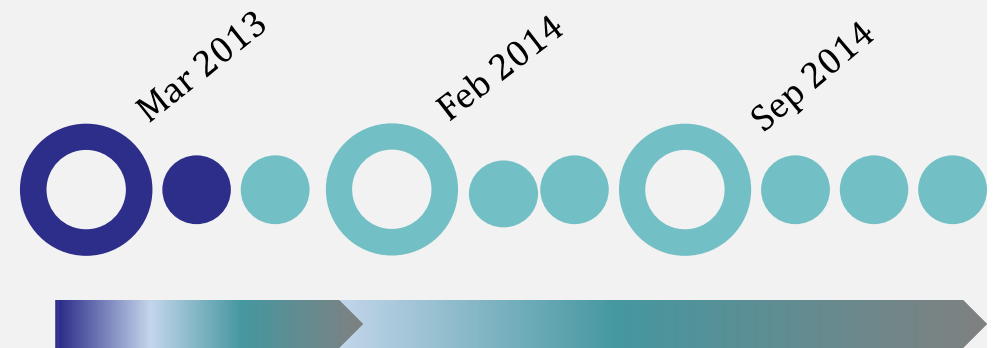
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A sense of urgency



- Continued unacceptable levels of poverty and their dehumanizing and destabilizing consequences need urgent responses
- If the science is to be believed, failure to slow climate change, natural resource degradation and loss of biodiversity is imposing rising costs and will set back social and economic progress

Outline



1

The social (MDG) agenda, including poverty, hunger, health, education, gender, etc.

2

Inter-sessional Activities

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Challenging issues: economics, means of implementation, climate change, inequality, governance, etc.

4

The Way Forward: transition from stock-taking to SDGs

1

The Social (MDGs) Agenda

Strong consensus:

- Poverty eradication must be overriding objective;
- Goals must be few, measurable, easy to communicate;
- Must build on MDGs, finish that agenda...
- Must be inclusive, “leave no one behind”
- Must be universal – apply to all countries – while recognizing different priorities, levels of development

Broad support for goals/targets on poverty, food security, water & sanitation, health, education, employment, universal attainment of social development threshold.

Must address the 3 dimensions of sustainable development – social, economic and environmental - in a balanced way

2

Inter-sessional Activities

26-27 Aug	Bangkok, Thailand	Asia-Pacific Ministerial Dialogue on Post-2015	Government of Thailand, ESCAP
19-20 Sept	New York	Global Compact Leaders Summit	UN Global Compact
2-4 Oct	Glen Cove, NY	Retreat for PRs on SDGs	Independent Research Forum, World Resources Institute
7-11 Oct	FAO HQ, Rome, Italy	Committee on World Food Security Fortieth Session	FAO
8-11 Oct	Budapest, Hungary	Budapest Water Summit	BWS Secretariat
30-31 Oct	Tarrytown, New York	UNDG GRULAC Retreat	UNDG and GRULAC
31 Oct	Indonesian Mission, NY	Means of Implementation in post-2015 agenda	Government of Indonesia
4-5 Nov	Addis Ababa	Africa Regional Consultative Meeting on Sustainable Development Goals	UN ECA, AU, ADB
6-8 Nov	Istanbul, Turkey	Post 2015 Europe and Central Asia Regional Consultation	ECE
8-9 Nov	Glen Cove, NY	LDCs Priorities in post-2015 development agenda and SDGs	UN-OHRLLS
18-19 Nov	Tunis, Tunisia	Arab Regional Consultative Meeting on SDGs	ESCWA
22 Nov	New York	OWG Intersessional Meeting with Major Groups, other stakeholders	OWG, Major Group organizers

3

Challenging issues: *The Economic and Environmental Agenda*

- Growth and Development for All within the Sustainability Paradigm
- Strengthening productive capacities and technological capabilities
- Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP)
- Climate Change and SDGs
 - SDGs w/o addressing CC would be meaningless
 - Yet, ongoing negotiations due to finish in 2015 on future legal agreement ...
 - Can SDGs reinforce the UNFCCC process, raise level of ambition?
 - How can they address need to build resilience?

3

Challenging issues: *Addressing drivers and trends*

- How to anchor agenda on **human rights principles**?
- How is the **Right to Development** to be secured in the SDG agenda?
- How to integrate the **governance, peace and security** agendas?
- **Inequalities**: widening in many places, but how to address?
 - 'leave no one behind' as an equity principle, means of addressing inequality across all relevant goals/targets?
 - 'zero targets' on social goals?
 - indicators that measure progress with disaggregated data?
 - separate goal/target on income, other types of inequality?

4

The Way Forward



OWG :

- Session 5: growth, macro, industrialization, energy, etc.
- Session 6: MOI, countries in special situations, global governance
- Sessions 7&8: climate change, cities, SCP; oceans, forests, biodiversity, etc.
- Informal mtg on S&T in SDGs;
- Informal mtg on measuring progress

- OWG, financing committee to produce reports to GA by Sept 2014;
- technology facilitation progress report
- 6 Special events of PGA
- 3rd SIDS Conference in Samoa, Sept 2014

- GA to commence discussions on post-2015 development agenda, based inter alia on Synthesis report of the SG
- Possible international conference on financing for development

- Heads of State/Govt
- To adopt post-2015 development agenda (SDGs, enhanced global partnership, monitoring framework)

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The Way Forward:

Transitioning from stock-taking to SDGs

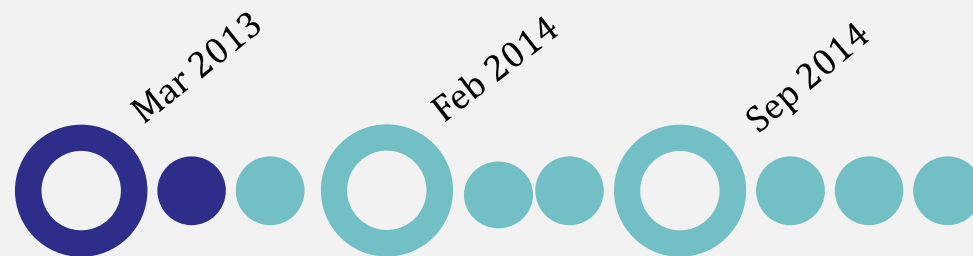
Rio+20, The Future We Want

“... sustainable development goals should be action-oriented, concise and easy to communicate, limited in number, aspirational, global in nature and universally applicable to all countries, while taking into account different national realities, capacities and levels of development and respecting national policies and priorities. ...

... [The OWG] will submit a report, to the [General] Assembly at its sixty-eighth session, **containing a proposal for sustainable development goals** for consideration and appropriate action.”
[emphasis added]

- ❑ *What is **our vision of the world we want in 2030**? How do we translate that into goals? What is needed to achieve those goals (targets)? How do we ensure they are ‘action-oriented’? How do we address resource requirements to achieve vision?*
- ❑ ***Universal yet nationally differentiated:** How to avoid proliferation of non-comparable national targets, indicators?*
- ❑ ***Few in number:** How to deal with broad range of topics encompassed by sustainable development? ... need to prioritize*
- ❑ ***Balancing three dimensions of SD:** “environmental”, “social”, “economic” goals – or address all three under all relevant goals?*
- ❑ ***Cross-cutting issues and inter-linkages among issues***

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Thank you!

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