

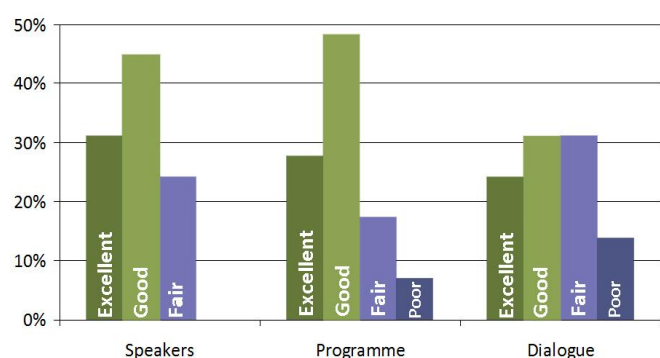
Survey Results – Major Groups and other Stakeholders Briefing Days

In a survey, participants of the Major Groups and other Stakeholders briefing days were asked to evaluate the event's format, content and execution. In total, **44 participants provided feedback** on the briefing days, 55% of which attended both briefing days, with the other 45% only attending the second briefing day. Among those taking part in the survey, the largest share **belonged to Non-Governmental Organisations (57%)**. A majority of the remaining participants represented the Major Groups: Children and Youth (**9%**), Women (**9%**), Farmers (**7%**), Academia (**5%**), Local Authorities (**5%**), and Indigenous People (**2%**). In addition there was participation on behalf of the United Nations and other international organisations (**2%**). Absent were participants of Business and Industry, Governments, the Scientific and Technological Community, and Workers and Trade Unions.

The main reasons for attendance in order are provided below:

- Obtain information on and being prepared for the ensuing UN sessions and side-events;
- Network
- Learn about critical issues related to the post-Rio+20 and post-2015 processes
- Propagate stakeholder interests

1. Assessment of event format and execution:



Attendees were asked to rate the event with respect to its format. They could choose between four different grades (excellent, good, fair, and poor) in their evaluation of the performance of speakers, the general design and execution of the programme, and the facilitation and quality of the dialogue following the speeches and presentations.

Overall, attendees seem pleased with the speakers and the overall quality of the programme, but the format of the dialogue with the audience could have been to a higher standard.

2. Assessment of content

The survey also gathered information on the content of the events asking participants to point out elements of the session, which they found useful, useless or redundant. The most frequent responses are summarised in descending order in the table below:

Particularly useful elements	Useless/redundant elements
Dialogue and exchange of ideas between participants	Repetitive nature of some presentations, speeches, and statements
Keynote speeches and question and answer time	Negligence of interactive discussions
Information on how to access and influence international processes and particular recommendations/means to develop the new agenda and comply with its objectives	Some contributions too general or unrelated to the agenda
Information about latest developments at the institutional level	

3. Suggestions for future topics/changes to the format/other

Finally, the questionnaire inquired about topics that had been neglected during the two briefing days. Further, participants provided suggestions on the desired format of future briefing days. In addition the right hand column provides a list of general suggestions. All items are ordered based on frequency.

Topics to be included in the future	Desired changes to the format	Other suggestions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -ethics, a rights-based approach, and the rule of law -women, youth, and the elderly -demographic factors and health -inequality and disability -climate funds, emission control and management -cooperation with developed economies -education -statistic reports/data analysis -NGO and state perspectives -SDGs and the post-2015 agenda -best practices and their applicability -transparency and accountability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -enhance interactive elements (dialogue, voting on issues, roundtables, social media use) -confirmation of attendance and information on the event more in advance, a brief induction for novices -improve punctuality and conciseness (merge thematic areas) -produce written outputs throughout the event -improve accessibility for disabled people -address developing countries more directly -explain how individual contributions will figure within the official framework and provide more information on funding options 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - help with attending events/travel support/financial support - more state speakers - send a pre-event survey to hear suggestions on the format of the event - involve more CSOs (private sector?)