Overview of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing

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- One of the processes mandated by Rio+20
- Key input to negotiations on post-2015 development agenda starting in September 2014 (outcome of MDG event)
  - together with SDGs and technology facilitation mechanism
- Mandate of the committee: to prepare “a report proposing options on an effective sustainable development financing strategy to facilitate the mobilization of resources and their effective use in achieving sustainable development objectives.”
- Paragraph 255 of the Rio+20 outcome document further states: “The process will assess financing needs, consider the effectiveness, consistency and synergies of existing instruments and frameworks, and evaluate additional initiatives “.
- A link between financing and the outcomes of Rio+20 and the SDGs is made in Paragraph 254 of the Rio+20 outcome document.
The Committee

- Committee formally established by the General Assembly on 21 June 2013 in decision 67/659.
- Composition:
  - 5 experts from the Eastern European group
  - 7 experts from the Asia-Pacific Group
  - 7 experts from the African group
  - 5 experts from Western Europe and Others group
  - 6 experts from the Latin America and the Caribbean group
- Two co-chairs: Mr Mansur Muhtar, from Nigeria, and Amb. Pertti Majanen, from Finland.
- The Committee held its first session from 28 to 30 August 2013
- Next sessions:
  - Second Session: 2-6 December 2013
  - Third Session: 3-7 March 2014
  - Fourth Session: 12-16 May 2014
  - Fifth Session: 4-8 August 2014
Calendar of work until September 2014

- Work in between official sessions in NY
- Three thematic clusters, facilitated by Committee members:
  - Cluster 1: Assessing financing needs, mapping of current flows and emerging trends
  - Cluster 2: Mobilisation of resources and their effective use
  - Cluster 3: Institutional arrangements
- October – December: work on cluster 1, to be concluded at the 2\textsuperscript{nd} meeting in December. Start of work in cluster 2
- Cluster 3 will come later in the process
- Timing of work (provisional)
  - 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 3\textsuperscript{rd} meetings: discussion of work done in the three thematic clusters
  - 4\textsuperscript{th} meeting (June ‘14): first draft report (?)
  - 5\textsuperscript{th} meeting (August ’14): finalisation of the report
  - September 2014: Report transmitted to the GA
Communication and Consultation Activities

• Rio+20 outcome document: the process should “be conducted in open and broad consultation with relevant international and regional financial institutions and other relevant stakeholders.”

• Contemplated activities:
  – written contributions multi-stakeholder consultations in the form of and dialogues;
  – dedicated periods for interaction with Member States and other relevant stakeholders during Committee session
  – Informal meetings of Committee with outside experts in NY
  – as feasible, regional /national meetings (outreach)
  – communication with other UN processes (SDG Open Working Group, General Assembly, ECOSOC
    • E.g. High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development on 7-8 October 2013
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