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### Voluntary Commitments and Partnerships for Sustainable Development

A special report of the Sustainable Development in Action Newsletter  
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United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development - or Rio+20 - resulted in a focused political outcome document which contains clear and practical measures for implementing sustainable development.

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- In accordance with resolution 67/290 and the letter by the President of the General Assembly, dated 24 July 2013, addressed to all permanent representative and permanent observers, the first meeting of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development will be held on Tuesday, 24 September 2013, from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm.**
- [Press release: Countries Agree on Novel Formula for High-level Forum to Boost Follow-up of Rio+20 Outcomes on Sustainable Development](#)
- [The resolution of "Format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development" was adopted by the General Assembly on 9 July 2013.](#)
- [Expert Group Meeting on Science-Policy Interface 5 September 2013, New York](#)
- [More on High-level political forum](#)

ISLAND VOICES GLOBAL CHOICES

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Follow the preparations for United Nations Conference on Small Island Developing States, scheduled to take place in Apia, Samoa in 2014.

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# Sustainable Development Knowledge Platform

## Official documentation

SG reports, Decisions, Resolutions, Meeting reports, Background notes related to Sustainable Development

### Member States

National strategies

National indicators

National reports

### UN System

Activities on Rio+20  
Follow-up

### Major Groups & Other Stakeholders

Position papers,  
input to int.gov  
processes

Statements

SD in Action – Voluntary Commitments & Partnerships for SD

Green economy policies

Publications

1992

10,000+  
records

2013

# How information is organized

## By Process

- Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals
- High-level political forum on Sustainable Development
  - Commission on Sustainable Development
- Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing

## By Topic

- Thematic Areas from Rio+20
- Topics from Agenda 21 and Commission on Sustainable Development

## By Stakeholder

- Member States
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- Major Groups & Other Stakeholders

**Sustainable Development Knowledge Platform**

# Navigation overview

The image shows a screenshot of the United Nations Sustainable Development Knowledge Platform website. The page features a blue header with the UN logo and the text 'UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT KNOWLEDGE PLATFORM'. Below the header is a navigation menu with items: HOME, INTER-GOVERNMENTAL PROCESS, UN SYSTEM, MAJOR GROUPS, TOPICS, SD IN ACTION, RESOURCES, ABOUT US, and MY ACCOUNT. A search bar is located in the top right corner. The main content area includes a featured article titled 'Voluntary Commitments and Partnerships for Sustainable Development' with a sub-headline 'A special report of the Sustainable Development in Action Newsletter July 2013'. Below this, there are sections for 'In Focus', 'Latest SG Reports and Documents', and 'First meeting of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development'. A sidebar on the right contains a 'My Account' section with a login form and a 'Simple & Advanced Search' section. The page is annotated with five orange callout boxes with arrows pointing to specific navigation elements:

- Intergovernmental process**: Points to the 'INTER-GOVERNMENTAL PROCESS' menu item.
- UN System related activities**: Points to the 'UN SYSTEM' menu item.
- SD in Action**: Points to the 'SD IN ACTION' menu item.
- Green economy policies, Voluntary commitments & Partnerships**: Points to the 'SD IN ACTION' menu item.
- Simple & Advanced Search**: Points to the search bar.
- Information by Topics**: Points to the 'TOPICS' menu item.

# Inter-governmental process

## Processes

High-level political forum  
Open Working Group on SDGs  
Int Gov Committee of Experts of SD Financing

## Member States

## Rio+20 National reports

## Milestones

### Member States

Afghanistan	Albania	Algeria
Andorra	Angola	Antigua and Barbuda
Argentina	Armenia	Australia
Austria	Azerbaijan	Bahamas
Bahrain	Bangladesh	Barbados
Belarus	Belgium	Belize
Benin	Bhutan	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Botswana	Brazil
Brunei Darussalam	Bulgaria	Burkina Faso
Burundi	Cambodia	Cameroon
Canada	Cape Verde	Central African Republic
Chad	Chile	China
Colombia	Comoros	Costa Rica
Cote d'Ivoire	Croatia	Cuba
Cyprus	Czech Republic	Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Denmark	Djibouti
Dominica	Dominican Republic	Ecuador
Egypt	El Salvador	Equatorial Guinea
Eritrea	Estonia	Ethiopia
Fiji	Finland	France
Gabon	Gambia	Georgia
Germany	Ghana	Greece
Grenada	Guatemala	Guinea
Guinea-Bissau	Guatemala	Guinea
Guyana	Honduras	Laos

Access to individual Member States pages

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High-level political forum  
2nd Committee  
Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals  
Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing  
ECOSOC  
Member States  
Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD)  
Milestones  
Rio+20  
High-level review of the Millennium Development Goals Implementation (MGI+5)  
High-level Mauritius International Meeting (MSI)  
WSSD  
Conference on the Implementation of the Millennium Development Goals  
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Conference on the Implementation of the Millennium Development Goals

**Inter-governmental process**

**DID NOT MISS**

- SD Reports for 68th session of the 2nd Committee
- High-level political forum
- 20th session of the CSD
- Sustainable development goals | Open Working Group
- Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing
- Follow-up to Rio+20

1972 1983 1992 1993 1994 1997 1999 2002 2005 2010 2012 2013 2014 the Future We want

United Nations Conference on the Human Environment  
UNCED Earth Summit Agenda 21  
BPOA  
BPOA+5  
WSSD  
MSI  
MSI+5  
UNCSD Rio+20 The Future We Want  
UN Conference on SDGs

Since the 1972 Summit, the concept of sustainable development governance has expanded considerably at local, national, regional and global levels. The need for the integration of economic, social and environmental protection and social equity and inclusion was introduced for the first time by the World Commission on Environment and Development (WCED) also known as the Brundtland Commission (UNCED) also known as the Earth Summit. In 1993 the General Assembly established the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD), as the UN high level political body entrusted with the monitoring and promotion of the implementation of the Rio outcomes, including Agenda 21.

United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development, Rio+20  
Implementation advance the mainstreaming of the three dimensions of sustainable development through the adoption of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (JPOI).

development of small island developing States resulting in a planned Conference in 2014 will take these processes

**Synthesis of National Reports for Rio+20, UN DESA/UNDP**

In the lead up to Rio+20 there were numerous efforts which took place in countries around the world to help Governments, Civil Society Organizations and individuals prepare for the event held in Rio de Janeiro in June 2012. One of the more significant efforts led by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) was a support programme to 72 countries across all regions build a consensus on national views around the themes and objectives of the Rio+20 Conference. The assistance programme was launched in January 2011 at the first Rio+20 Inter-Sessional Meeting held in New York.

View publication

**National reports**

**NATIONAL REPORTS**

REPORT	TOPICS COVERED
National Report - El Salvador	
National Report - Jamaica	
Stakeholder Report - Jamaica & UNDP	
Report on Energy and Transport in the Context of a Green Economy	Energy; Green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication; Sustainable
National Report - Malawi	
National Report - Dominica	
National Report - St. Kitts and Nevis	
National Report - Rwanda	
National Report - Sri Lanka	
National Report - Mozambique	
National Report - Philippines	
National Report - Uzbekistan	
National Report - Cape Verde	

Saint Kitts and Nevis  
Rwanda  
Sri Lanka  
Mozambique  
Philippines  
Uzbekistan  
Cape Verde

# Example: Member States page

The screenshot shows a navigation bar with four tabs: **Focal Point**, **National Reports**, **Statements**, and **Voluntary Commitments & Partnerships**. Below the navigation bar, the page is divided into three main sections:

- National reports**: A table listing various reports and their associated topics and processes.
- NATIONAL SD STRATEGY**: A table listing the 2007 NSDS Profile and its topics.
- NATIONAL INDICATORS OF SD**: A table listing the 2007 Indicators Profile and its topics.

Callouts from orange ovals point to specific elements:

- Focal point**: Points to the 'Focal Point' tab.
- National reports, strategies, indicators**: Points to the 'National Reports' tab.
- Green economy policies, Voluntary commitments & Partnerships**: Points to the 'Voluntary Commitments & Partnerships' tab.
- Statements**: Points to the 'Statements' tab.

REPORT	TOPICS COVERED	PROCESS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Report - El Salvador</li> <li>Agriculture</li> <li>Desertification</li> <li>Drought</li> <li>Land</li> <li>Rural Development</li> <li>Case Studies</li> <li>Country Profile 2002</li> <li>National Assessment Report</li> <li>Pre-WSSD National Report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food security and nutrition and sustainable agriculture ;</li> <li>Desertification, land degradation and drought ;</li> <li>Desertification, land degradation and drought ;</li> <li>Desertification, land degradation and drought ;</li> <li>Rural Development;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rio+20;</li> <li>CSD-16; CSD-17;</li> <li>CSD-16; CSD-17;</li> <li>CSD-16; CSD-17;</li> <li>CSD-16; CSD-17;</li> </ul>

  

REPORT	TOPICS COVERED	PROCESS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2007 NSDS Profile</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Sustainable Development Strategies (NSDS);</li> </ul>	

  

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# Topics

Topics

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Topic A-Z

**MOST VISITED TOPICS**

- Sustainable development goals
- Green economy
- Sustainable consumption and production

**Sustainable Development Topics**

The Future We Want - Rio+20 - highlighted the following thematic areas and cross-sectoral issues

- Africa
- Chemicals and waste
- Disaster risk reduction
- Energy
- Forests
- Health and population
- Oceans & Seas
- Sustainable cities and human settlements
- Biodiversity and ecosystems
- Climate change
- Education
- Finance
- Gender equality and women's empowerment
- Institutional framework for sustainable development
- Poverty eradication
- Sustainable consumption and production
- Capacity-building
- Desertification, land degradation and drought
- Employment, decent work and social protection
- Food security and nutrition and sustainable agriculture
- Green economy in sustainable development
- Mining
- Mountains
- Small Island Developing States
- Sustainable development
- Sustainable tourism

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Education

**Education & Awareness**

- Decisions
- Documents
- Publications
- National Reports
- Statements
- Meetings & Events
- Voluntary initiatives

## Education

Section X of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (JPOI) adopted by WSSD reaffirmed both the Millennium Declaration goal of achieving universal primary education by 2015 and the goal of the Dakar Framework for Action on Education for All to eliminate gender disparity in primary and secondary education by 2005 and at all levels of education by 2015. The JPOI addressed the need to integrate sustainable development into formal education at all levels, as well as through informal and non-formal education opportunities.

Following the WSSD recommendation, the General Assembly, at its 57th Session (2002), proclaimed a Decade of Education for Sustainable Development - DESD (2005-2014) and designated UNESCO as lead agency for its promotion. The Decade was globally launched in New York on 1 March 2005. Prior to the launch, UNESCO developed an international framework for implementing DESD and later drafted an International Implementation Scheme. The General Assembly, at its 59th session (2004), took note of these developments and requested that a mid-term progress report on the implementation of DESD be submitted at its 65th session (2010).

[The International Implementation Scheme](#) was approved by the UNESCO Executive Board session in September 2005.

At the regional level, on 18 March 2005, in the Lithuanian capital, Vilnius, UNECE Ministers of both Environment and Education adopted a [UNECE strategy for Education for Sustainable Development and the Vilnius Framework for Implementation](#). The Decade was also launched in other regions, sub-regions and also at the national level throughout 2005 and early 2006.

Education, Public Awareness and Training is the focus of Chapter 36 of Agenda 21. This is a cross-sectoral theme both relevant to the implementation of the whole of Agenda 21 and indispensable for achieving sustainable development.

Following the adoption of Agenda 21 in 1992, the Commission on Sustainable Development, at its fourth session in 1996, adopted an International Work Programme on Education, Public Awareness and Training for Sustainability in order to give added impetus and visibility to this theme. The Work Programme was further elaborated in 1998 at CSD-VI (Decision 6/3) and its implementation was re-emphasized in 1999 at CSD-VII (Decision 7/4).

**FEATURED PUBLICATIONS**

- Voluntary Commitments and Partnerships for Sustainable Development - a special edition of the SD in Action Newsletter



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# SD in Action

Voluntary Commitments & Partnerships for Sustainable Development,  
Green Economy Policies

SD in Action

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with links for HOME, INTERACTIVE GROUPS, TOPICS, SD IN ACTION, RESOURCES, ABOUT US, and MY ACCOUNT. Below the navigation is a 'Resources' sidebar with links to About SD in Action, Newsletter, Action infographics, Google+ Hangout, Publications, Deliverables Timeline, Statistics by Topic, and Statistics by Country. The main content area features a 'Voluntary Commitments and Partnerships' banner for July 2013, a 'Sign in' button, and a 'Sustainable development in action' section with various icons and a brief description of the Rio+20 Conference.



Sign in [More](#)

Sign and register a Voluntary Commitment/Partnership in the SD in Action registry.

Username/E-mail



## Sustainable development in action

The Rio+20 Conference was an action-oriented conference focusing on implementation of sustainable development. Member States, the United Nations system, and Major Groups and other stakeholders are together leading the way forward to the Future We Want.

Rio +20 as well as earlier sustainable development conferences have all emphasized the importance of action-oriented voluntary initiatives to complement government-led action in realizing sustainable development. [Read more](#)

To register a new voluntary commitment, partnership or green economy initiatives, kindly click here.

Green Economy Policies



## Green economy policies, practices and initiatives

Green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication was one of the two themes for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20). In June 2012 in Rio de Janeiro governments agreed to frame green economy as an important tool for achieving sustainable development. Governments agreed to general principles and priority areas which will guide implementation of the green economy at all levels as well as cooperation between all the Stakeholders.

The map/list of green economy policies provides a searchable, interactive global database of green economy policies and other initiatives that was developed as an information resource in the lead up to Rio+20. The various initiatives were collected either by Secretariat staff or uploaded directly into the database by member states, international organizations and major groups through the online form. To add more initiatives related to Green economy, please [Sign in to My Account](#)



GREEN ECONOMY

[Sign in & register new voluntary initiative](#)

Total initiatives: 307

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- Biotechnology
- Capacity-building
- Chemicals and waste
- Climate change
- Demographics
- Desertification, land degradation and drought
- Disaster risk reduction
- Education
- Employment, decent work for all and social protection
- Energy

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**2003 Status Report**  
2003 Status Report: OMAN NATIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES Please indicate the stages of NSDS implementation in your country, by responding to the questions below: 1. Does your country have a NSDS approved by the government: If yes, please give name and year of approval: Vision for Oman?s Economy : Oman 2020. Approved in 1996 If no, please go straight to questions 5-7. 2. How is your NSDS being implemented? Give specific actions/activities undertaken for this p...  
Type: National Report

**2003 Status Report**  
2003 Status Report: GHANA NATIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES (NSDS) (Ghana) Survey Please indicate the stages of NSDS implementation in your country, by responding to the questions below: 1. Is your country implementing an approved NSDS or its equivalent? Yes No If No, go directly to question #2 If Yes: a) Do you have a national body designated to implement the NSDS (or its equ...  
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**2003 Status Report**  
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# Questions?

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