

Intervention of Saudi Arabia  
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Ministerial dialogue on "moving towards sustainable development: expectations from Rio+20"

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Institutional Frameworks

- Sustainable development requires a delicate balance between environmental, social and economical challenges.
- The balance of these three pillars is extremely important
- We believe that the problem is not in the institutional framework for sustainable development,
- There are enough existing institutions, covering a wide scope of areas under sustainable development, but the sustainable development gap remains large, so, we don't believe that adding more institutions is really the answer.
- In addition, being that there are many specialized organizations and programs, none of them, can take up the comprehensive role of CSD, and maintain the balance between the three pillars of sustainable development
- So, we don't believe that we have an institutional problem, we have the right vehicle in the CSD, the challenge however, is that when there is no fuel to run this vehicle, there is a limit to how far it can go
- The problem is, and has always been, in the means of implementation
- The ODA commitment, that have never been fulfilled (let alone the mobilization of new resources); technology transfer slogans that never materialized, despite the meetings, the summits and the resolutions;
- If the discussions and positions on means of implementation that we witnessed through these two weeks of CSD19 are an indication, then road to Rio could be a rocky one!

Green Economy

- There remains to be a lot of ambiguity on what this Green Economy is, and more importantly, what is the intention of the introduction of this idea.
- The point to be stressed, it that this title should not a mean to allow for a new approach that breaks the balance of the three pillars of sustainable development, and lean towards environment at the expense of economic and social development.
- This should not also be a tool new forms of protectionism

- Can this approach Green Economy be a tool for sustainable development? Can the architects of such approach be followed without compromising energy access and food security? This is yet to be seen.
- There are many views about this Green Economy. From some perspectives, it is a Blue Economy. And perhaps other colors and shades are also present.
- As I have stated in the last Rio+20 prep com, there are realities that can't be ignored
- The differentiation between developed and developing countries, as enshrined in the Rio Principles, and the wide divergence between different levels of development and poverty, as well as the varying access to natural resources, all these factors and more, command that there has to be different colors and shades of economy.

We look forward to a successful summit in Rio; and a spirit as portrayed by its president and host government.

We look forward for a vision that will aim to fulfill the deficits of the past, through a robust future governed by fairness and equity