

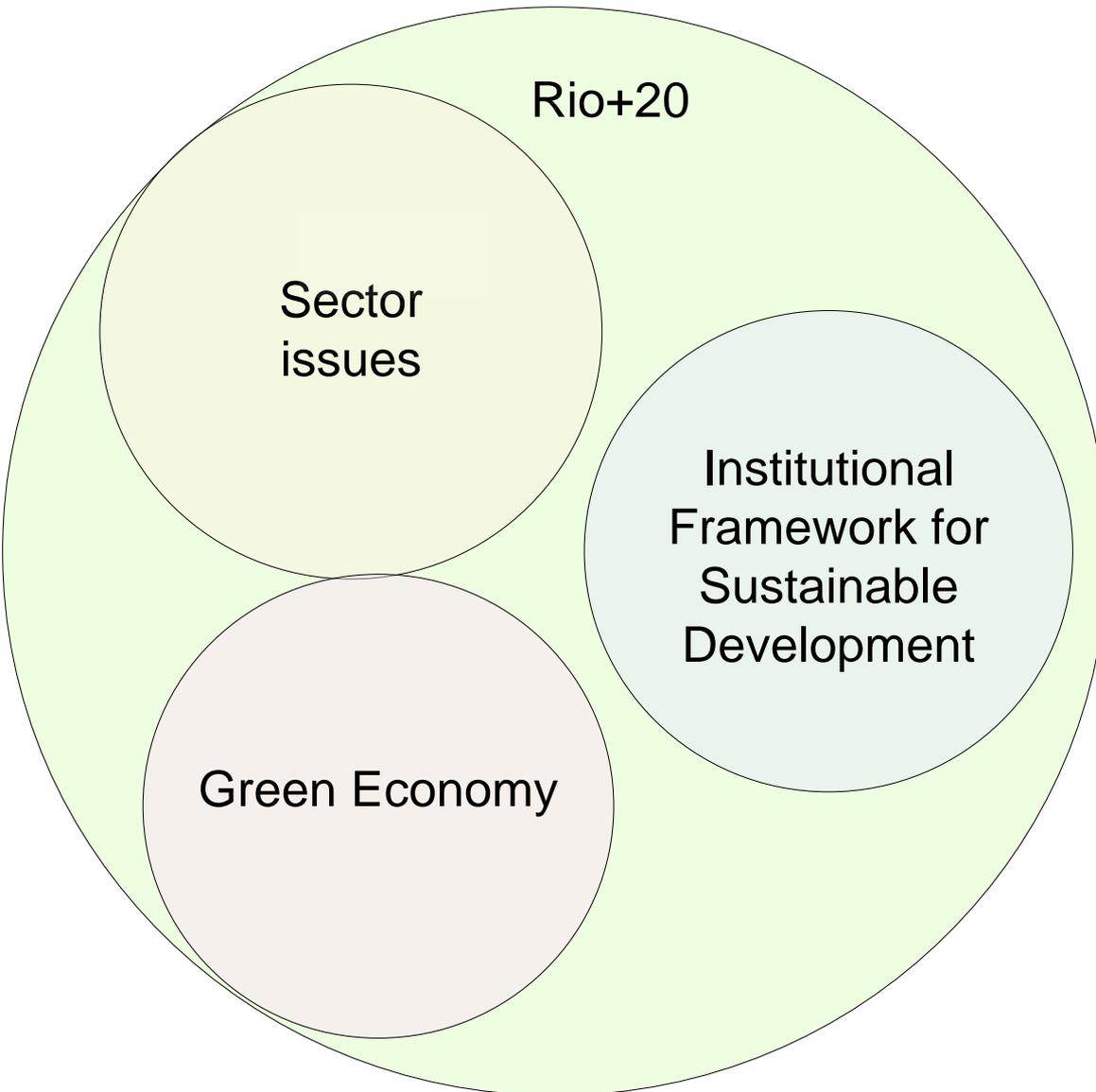
The Global Sustainable Development Report in the context of Rio+20 follow-up

Expert Group Meeting for the Global Sustainable Development Report -
Engaging national assessments

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Rio+20 scope



Rio+20 follow-up



- Changes in the international institutional framework for SD
 - UNEP
 - High-Level Forum
 - others
- Intergovernmental Processes
 - SDGs
 - Expert Committee on Financing for SD
 - Technology facilitation mechanism
 - others: SIDS conference, intergenerational solidarity, ...

Lead to post-2015 development agenda

Intergovernmental Process

September
2014

- SDGs (narrative and set of goals)
- Expert Committee on Financing for SD (report)
- Technology facilitation mechanism
- Other inputs



Post-2015
Development
agenda

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

SDG Open Working Group

- Initial input from UN system (requested in Rio+20)
- Open Working Group on SDGs (since March 2013)
 - Meetings have focused on stock taking, common understanding of key issues
 - Focus on thematic areas, covering broad spectrum of issues
 - From March 2014: discussion on strategic narrative and set of goals

Issues

- One set of global SD goals to support the post-2015 agenda
- Unfinished business of MDGs
- SDGs “universal”: all countries taking action
- True global partnership for SD transcending donor-recipient relationship
- How to finance the SDGs?

Intergovernmental expert committee on sustainable development financing

- Committee held first meeting in August 2013
- Rio+20 mandate:
 - prepare a report proposing options by the end of 2014, for GA consideration
 - look at financing needs,
 - consider effectiveness, consistency and synergies of existing instruments and frameworks
 - evaluate additional initiatives
- Stocktaking until March 2013, then report preparation
- Challenges:
 - Support the SDGs, while not knowing exactly what those are going to be
 - Build on Financing for Development intergovernmental discussions (Monterrey-Doha)
 - Convey the shift of paradigm “Beyond ODA”?

High-level Political Forum on SD

- Format and organizational modalities agreed in June 2013
- three tier structure proposed:
 - HS/HG every four years, under UN General assembly
 - Ministers every year, under ECOSOC
- Selected functions of the HLPF (Rio+20 outcome, para. 85):
 - Provide political leadership, guidance and recommendations for sustainable development
 - Follow up and review progress in the implementation of sustainable development commitments, including means of implementation
 - Enhance integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development at all levels
 - Promote the sharing of best practices and experiences, enhance evidence-based decision-making at all levels
 - **Strengthen the science-policy interface**
 - Contribute to strengthening ongoing capacity-building for data collection and analysis in developing countries

Science-policy interface and the GSDR

- Rio+20 mandate:

“Strengthen the science-policy interface through review of documentation, bringing together dispersed information and assessments, including in the form of a global sustainable development report, building on existing assessments”

- UNGA Resolution 67/290, para. 20:

“...requests the forum to consider, in 2014, the scope and methodology of a global sustainable development report, based on a proposal of the Secretary-General reflecting the views and recommendations of Member States, and relevant United Nations entities...”

Thank you!

Global Sustainable Development Report:

<http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/globalsdreport>

Sustainable Development in the 21st Century project reports:

<http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sd21.html>

Intergovernmental processes:

<http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/intgovmental.html>