



RIO+20

United Nations Conference
on Sustainable Development

The Rio 20 Major Groups/Civil society Capacity building workshop

Objective: Bringing stakeholders up to speed on the UNCSO/Rio plus 20 process and content

Time: MONDAY, March the 19th -- 09:00 to 13:00

Where: North Lawn Building, NLB room E

Moderated by – Chantal Line Carpentier, UN DESA
and Jan-Gustav Strandenaes, Stakeholder Forum

Organized by – The UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)
and Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future

Topics of the day:

- The formalities of the Rio20 process:
Process, logistics, deadlines, structure– what are the relevant items for major groups/civil society?
- The content of the Rio20 process:
What does the political picture relating to Rio plus 20 look like now? Which patterns have emerged – if any – from the contributions of governments to sections III, IV and V?
- What patterns have emerged from the contributions of civil society to sections III, IV and V?
- What happened at the UNEP GC to affect Rio 20?
- Where is the policy discussion on the two major themes of the Rio 20 conference – “the Green Economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication” and “the International Framework on Sustainable Development” [IFSD]?
- What is the political dynamic on the Green Economy and IFSD?
- Can the messages of Rio mobilize and motivate the global public?

Speakers are still being confirmed, except for David O’Connor, from UN DESA, confirmed.

Schedule:

09:00 – 09:15: Welcome and overview of the day

09:15 - 09:50 The Zero Draft as it looks now with contributions from the governments on sections III, IV and V — David O’Connor, UN DESA

09:50 – 10:30 The formalities of the Rio20 process: Process, logistics, deadlines, structure– what are the relevant items for major groups/civil society?

10:30 – 11:00 The major groups/civil society contributions to sections III, IV and V – are any general trends visible?

11:00 – 11:15 What happened at the UNEP GC? Brief overview

11: 15- 12:30 “The Green Economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication” and “the International Framework on Sustainable Development” – the two major themes of the Rio plus 20 Conference – are there any visible patterns emerging, and are there any new proposals or suggestions entered into the discussion?

Based on initiatives taken and pursued relating to the two major themes of the Rio Conference, this section of the workshop will summarise the present situation on the following themes. (Each presentation will be ca 10 minutes)

- On the Green Economy and poverty eradication
- On emerging issues and priorities for action
- On the Sustainable Development Goals

- On general Comments on IFSD – including the Council on Sustainable Development and the upgrade of UNEP
- On the Global Convention on Principle 10 –
- On the Ombudsperson for future generations –

12:30 – 12:45 Can we use media and the Summit to communicate issues beyond talking only to governments, to address all of the peoples of the world? –

12:45 – 12:55 Closing remarks

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