

Regional and national perspectives: ECE

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Introduction

- ECE: heterogenous region of 56 member states, incl. 9 landlocked developing countries
- Stretches from Vancouver to Vladivostok
- Some 1.2 billion people
- GNI per capita (at PPP) ranges from \$2,060 to \$63,850 (2010)
- Child mortality (per 1,000 live births) between 2.8 and 61.2 (2009)

Emerging regional consensus on post-2015 agenda

- Need for a roadmap for sustainable *and* inclusive development with goals, objectives and actions at the international level
- Enlarge the process to all countries with broader environmental, health and poverty objectives
- Avoid one-size-fits-all approach
- Need for fundamental change in consumption and production patterns to reduce resource use
- Address poverty and social exclusion: social protection floors, quality education and skills development

National perspectives on post-2015 agenda

- Scandinavian countries
 - Focus on poverty and hunger eradication
 - Retain health-related goals
 - Include security in post-2015 framework
 - Energy, infrastructure, empowerment of women
- Switzerland
 - Post-2015 framework to reflect new geopolitical realities
 - Early and inclusive engagement of shareholders
 - Particular attention to fragile and conflict-affected countries

Common perspectives

- Regional level
 - Security and cooperation (OSCE, 56 countries)
 - Human rights and democratic development (Council of Europe, 47 countries)
 - Environment for Europe (EfE) process (56 countries)
- Sub-regional level
 - North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA, 3 countries)
 - European Union (EU, 27 countries)
 - Eurasian Economic Community (EurAsEC, 6 countries)
 - UN Special Programme for Economies of Central Asia (SPECA, 7 countries)