UN SYSTEM TASK TEAM ON THE POST-2015 UN DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

Realizing the Future We Want for All
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Report of the UN System Task Team to the Secretary-General:

• June 2012
• First set of recommendations on contours of the post-2015 UN development agenda
• To serve as a point of reference for further consultations
• UNTT: 60 entities of the UN System and beyond
Lessons from the MDG agenda

• Retain format of concrete and transparent goals, targets and indicators
• Retain focus on human development
• Balance realism with ambition
• Don’t be prescriptive about the “means”, but provide more guidance on the “how” (principles for policy coherence)
• Global goals yes, but recognize differences in initial conditions and need for context-specific goals and priority setting
Today’s global challenges

- Persistent inequalities
- Food and nutrition insecurity
- Knowledge challenge
- Growing environmental footprints
- Conflict, violence and insecurity
- Governance deficits at all levels
- Shifting demographics (migration, urbanization, ageing)

→ Urgent need to find new pathways in pursuit of inclusive, equitable and sustainable global development
Vision: The Future We Want for All

• Recognize the need for transformative change for inclusive, people-centered, sustainable development
• Build on the core values outlined in the Millennium Declaration....
• ...centred on three fundamental principles:
  ✓ respect for human rights
  ✓ equality
  ✓ sustainability
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Equality
Sustainability
Human rights
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• ...and organizing global goals along four interdependent dimensions:
  ✓ Inclusive social development
  ✓ Inclusive economic development
  ✓ Environmental sustainability
  ✓ Peace and security
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Environmental sustainability
- Protecting biodiversity
- Stable climate
- Universal access to clean water and sanitation

Inclusive economic development
- Eradicating income poverty and hunger
- Reducing inequalities
- Ensuring decent work and productive employment

Peace and security
- Freedom from violence, conflict and abuse
- Resilience to natural hazards
- Conflict-free access to natural resources

Inclusive social development
- Adequate nutrition for all
- Quality education for all
- Reduced mortality and morbidity
- Gender equality
- Adequate social protection
Vision: Realizing the Future We Want for All

- A high degree of policy coherence at the global, regional, national and sub-national levels is required
- A core set of ‘development enablers’ to guide policy coherence but not aiming to be overly prescriptive
Enablers:
Fair and stable global trading system
Adequate financing for development and stable financial system
Affordable access to technology and knowledge
Providing sustainable energy for all
Coherent macroeconomic and development policies supportive of inclusive and green growth

Enabler: Sustainable use of natural resources (climate, oceans, biodiversity) and management of waste
Managing disaster risk and improving disaster response

Enablers:
Democratic and coherent global governance mechanisms
Good governance practices based on the rule of law
Human rights protection

Enablers:
Sustainable food and nutrition security
Universal access to quality health care
Universal access to quality education
Inclusive social protection systems
Managing demographic dynamics
Regulating international migration

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Enabler: The Future we Want for All
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What’s next in shaping the global development agenda?

• Broad consultations about vision and contours
• When seeking consensus three dangers should be avoided:
  • Overloading
  • Overt prescription
  • Donor centrism
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Avoiding overloading, ‘dirigism’ and donor centrism

A limited set of goals relevant to all countries
....with shared responsibilities
....adapted to national and local contexts
....while aligned with international agreements
....and inclusive to build partnerships with all stakeholders.
A long time horizon may be needed (15 to 25 years) ... to allow for major transformational changes to take place ... but include intermediate goals and targets (5 years) to review interim progress and adjust long-term goals ... with a combination of absolute and relative targets ... to take population dynamics and different demographic structures across countries and regions into account.
The Way Forward

Member States are to provide guidance on the process for the formulation of the post-2015 development agenda.

There is wide recognition that the process must be open, inclusive and in consultation with all stakeholders.

... and consistent with the formulation of the Sustainable Development Goals.
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Inter-governmental processes will serve as milestones towards the post-2015 UN development agenda:

2012 High-Level Meeting on the Rule of Law
2013 High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development
2014 20-year review of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development
2014 Financing for Development review conference
2014 Development Cooperation Forum
2015 World Conference on Disaster Reduction
2015 10-year Review of the World Summit of the Information Society
2015 Commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of the Beijing World Conference on Women
...... among others
The Rio+20 Outcome

Launched an inclusive intergovernmental process to formulate Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

... through an Open Working Group of 30 representatives nominated by Member States

... with the resolution to coordinate and make the process consistent with the Post-2015 UN development agenda
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Sustainable Development Goals as agreed at Rio+20:

• Incorporate in a balanced way all three dimensions of sustainable development and their inter-linkages
• Contribute to the implementation of the outcomes of all major summits in the economic, social and environmental fields
• Consistent with international law
• Build upon commitments already made
• Coherent with and integrated into the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015
Sustainable Development Goals as agreed at Rio+20:

- Sustainable development goals should be action oriented
- Concise and easy to communicate
- Limited in number
- Aspirational
- Global and universally applicable
- Taking into account different national realities, capacities and levels of development
- Progress towards the achievement of the goals needs to be assessed by targets and indicators
Sustainable Development Goals as agreed at Rio+20:

• Developing global sustainable development goals through an inclusive and transparent intergovernmental process that is open to all stakeholders.

⇒ SDGs and Post-2015 must go hand in hand
For more information on the work of the UN System on the post-2015 UN development agenda visit:


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