Major Groups and other Stakeholders Engagement with the Post-2015 Development Agenda and beyond
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What are Major Groups and other stakeholders?

- Established in 1992 at the Earth Summit, the nine Major Groups have provided a coordinated platform for key sectors of society to engage in sustainable development processes in a structured manner.

- Major Groups: Women; Children and Youth; Indigenous Peoples; NGOs, Local Authorities; Workers and Trade Unions; Business and Industry; Scientific and Technological Community; Farmers

- Rio+20 and HLPF: need for enhanced participation of civil society to include “other stakeholders”, including private philanthropic organizations, educational and academic entities, persons with disabilities, volunteer groups and other stakeholders active in sustainable development.

- While this requires coordination among civil society actors, the impact of joint positions has been powerful.

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OWG on SDGs

• 2015 marks the deadline for the achievement of the MDGs
• Rio +20 set out a mandate to establish an Open Working Group to develop a set of sustainable development goals (SDGs) that should address and incorporate in a balanced way all three dimensions of sustainable development and their interlinkages and be coherent with and integrated into the UN development agenda beyond 2015
• OWG saw unprecedented engagement of stakeholders through morning hearings, compilation documents, meetings with Member States
• Outcome is a report of the OWG with 17 proposed SDGs and 169 targets that serve as centrepiece of Post-2015 negotiations

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## Proposed 17 SDGs

| Goal 1..... | **End** poverty in all its forms everywhere | **End** hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture |
| Goal 2..... |  |  |
| Goal 3..... | **Ensure** healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages | **Ensure** inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all |
| Goal 4..... |  |  |
| Goal 5..... | **Achieve** gender equality and empower all women and girls | **Ensure** availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all |
| Goal 6..... |  |  |
| Goal 7..... | **Ensure** access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all | **Promote** sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all |
| Goal 8..... |  |  |
| Goal 9..... | **Build** resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation |  |
| Goal 10... | **Reduce** inequality within and among countries |  |
| Goal 11... | **Make** cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable | **Ensure** sustainable consumption and production patterns |
| Goal 12... |  |  |
| Goal 13... | **Take** urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts |  |
| Goal 14... | **Conserve** and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development |  |
| Goal 15... | **Protect**, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reserve land degradation and halt biodiversity loss |  |
| Goal 16... | **Promote** peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels |  |
| Goal 17... | **Strengthen** the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development |  |
Post-2015 Development Agenda

• The Post-2015 negotiation process is facilitated by the Ambassadors and Permanent Representatives of Kenya and Ireland
• Monthly meetings since January 2015
• SDGs and targets centerpiece
• Outcome will have four parts: (a) declaration; (b) SDGs and targets; (c) means of implementation; and (d) follow-up and review
• Zero draft to be presented at the end of May. Negotiations in June and July, adoption by HoS at post-2015 Summit (25-27 September)
• Closely linked with the Financing for Development Conference (Addis, July 2015) and UNFCCC COP (Paris December 2015)

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Indicators

- Global indicators for the SDGs and targets will be elaborated by an Inter-Agency Expert Group (IAEG) under the Statistical Commission comprised of Member States.
- UN system and stakeholders will also be able to participate.
- First meeting in June, final set of global indicators to be discussed by the Statistical Commission at its annual meeting in March 2016.
- National indicators to be developed by the national statistical systems.
Engagement of Major Groups and other stakeholders

- Participate in monthly interactive dialogues with Member States during the negotiations
- Provide written inputs (particularly concrete textual suggestions welcomed by co-facilitators)
- Organize side events during the session
- Monthly 18-member stakeholder steering committees comprised of Major Groups and other stakeholders

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HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (HLPF)

- Outcome of Rio +20, replaces the Commission on Sustainable Development, meets under the auspices of ECOSOC and GA
- Central role in the review of post-2015
- General Assembly resolution 67/290 on HLPF format and organizational aspects
- Para 2: HLPF provide political leadership, guidance and recommendations for sustainable development, follow-up and review progress in the implementation of sustainable development commitments, enhance the integration of the 3 dimensions of SD and consider new and emerging issues
- Para. 13: Recognizes the importance of regional dimension and invites the regional commissions to contribute to the forum through annual regional meetings with the involvement of relevant regional entities, major groups and other stakeholders, as appropriate
- Para 16: Encourages the major groups and other stakeholders such as private philanthropic organizations, educational and academic entities, persons with disabilities, volunteer groups and other stakeholders active in areas related to sustainable development to autonomously establish and maintain effective coordination mechanisms for participation in the HLPF and for actions derived from that participation at the global, regional and national levels, in a way that ensures effective, broad and balanced participation by regional and by type of organization

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MGoS engagement in HLPF

- Informal working group of MGoS on HLPF that meets regularly
- MGoS submit formal position papers on the theme of the HLPF
- Make available any other written material on the HLPF website
- HLPF programme still under preparation
- Opportunities to be lead discussants in HLPF roundtables
- Limited number of MGoS to address the opening and closing
- Organize side events

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Thank You!

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