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future: Beyond RIO+20*

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RIO+20 Follow-up

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2012 UNCSD

Some numbers from UNCSD Fact Sheet 22 June 2012

Participants at Riocentro (as of close of 21 June)

- **Total number of participants: 45,381**
- **Delegations participated from 188 countries and three observers**
- **Over 100 Heads of State and Government**
- **Delegates: approximately 12,000**
- **NGOs and Major Groups: 9,856**
- **Media: 4,075**
- **Dialogue Day passes for civil society: 1,781**
- **Security Personnel: 4,363**
- **About 5,000 people worked at Riocentro daily.**

1992 UNCED ---

---2012 UNCSD

UNCED Some highlights

- Achieved adoption of concept and principles of “sustainable development”
- AGENDA 21
- Climate Change & Biodiversity Conventions signed; Set stage and impetus for international agreements on Desertification, Forests, Chemicals.
- Energized governments and major groups.
- Ushered –in the participation of major groups in all UN Conferences.
- Peace dividend euphoria.
- Climate change just emerging

UNCSD Some highlights

- Introduced concept of “Green economy within the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication”
- Explicitly linking poverty eradication.
- Outcome Document. Our Common Vision: The Future we want.
- Emergence of BRICS
- European debt crisis.
- Climate change risks and impacts well recognized and acknowledged by many, if not most HoS/HoG

FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION & FOLLOW-UP

- Consist of a mix of Thematic areas and cross-sector issues.
- Poverty eradication
- Food security and nutrition and sustainable agriculture.
- Water and sanitation.
- Energy.
- Sustainable tourism.
- Sustainable transport.
- Sustainable cities and human settlements.
- Health and population.
- Promoting full and productive employment, decent work for all, and social protection.

Continued:

- Oceans and seas
- Disaster risks reduction.
- Climate change.
- Forests.
- Biodiversity.
- Desertification, land degradation and drought.
- Mountains
- Chemicals and wastes.
- Sustainable consumption and production.
- Mining.
- Education.
- Gender equality and women's empowerment.

MDGs

‘We **underscore** that the Millennium Development Goals are a useful tool in focusing achievement of specific development gains as part of a broad development vision and framework for the development activities of the United Nations, for national priority-setting and for mobilization of stakeholders and resources towards common goals. We therefore remain **firmly committed** to their full and timely achievement.” *Para 245*

Outcome Document

SDGs

We further **recognize** the importance and utility of a set of sustainable development goals, based on Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, which fully respect all the Rio Principles, taking into account different national circumstances, capacities and priorities, -----”

Para 246 Outcome Document

BEYOND RIO+20

Institutions

- Resolved to **establish** an inclusive and transparent process on SDGs, open to all stakeholders. By 67th GA Session, 2012, constitute open ended WG of 30 members nominated by Member States through the 5 UN Regional groups. Report to be submitted to 68th GA Session. Initial input by UN SG with support by an Inter-agency team and expert panels, as needed.
- Agreed to **establish** an intergovernmental process on financing, under UNGA. Inter-governmental Committee, 30 experts nominated by regional groups will implement process, concluding work by 2014.
- Decided to **establish** a universal inter-governmental high-level forum, building upon CSD and subsequently replacing it. 12 ToRs suggested for forum. Launch an inter-governmental and open , transparent and inclusive negotiating process under GA for establishing Forum by 68th UNGA.

“We are committed to strengthening the role of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) *as the leading global environmental authority* that sets the global environmental agenda, promotes the coherent implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development within the United Nations system and serves as an authoritative advocate for the global environment. We *reaffirm resolution 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972 which established UNEP* and other relevant resolutions that reinforce its mandate, as well as the 1997 Nairobi Declaration on the Role and Mandate of UNEP and the 2000 Malmö Ministerial Declaration. In this regard, we invite the General Assembly, at its sixty-seventh session, to adopt a resolution strengthening and upgrading UNEP in the following manner: “ *Para 88 Outcome Document.*

CAPACITY BUILDING

“We emphasize the need for *enhanced* capacity-building for sustainable development and, in this regard, we call for the strengthening of technical and scientific cooperation, including North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation. We reiterate the importance of *human resource development*, including training, the exchange of experiences and expertise, knowledge transfer and technical assistance for capacity-building, which involves strengthening institutional capacity, including planning, management and monitoring capacities.” *Para 277 Outcome Document*

Continued:

... underscore importance of supporting educational institutions, especially higher educational institutions in developing countries, to carry out **research and innovation** for sustainable development, including develop quality and innovative programmes, **entrepreneurship , business skills , technical and vocational training** geared to bridging skills gaps for advancing national sustainable development objectives---

“We acknowledge that good governance and the rule of law at the national and international levels are essential for **sustained, inclusive and equitable** economic growth, sustainable development and the **eradication of poverty and hunger.**”

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BEYOND RIO + 20?

TRANSFORMATIONAL !

PARADIGM CHANGE!

THE FUTURE WE WANT ??????

THE FUTURE WE NEED !!!!!