

VIEWPOINTS ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS OWG OUTCOME DOCUMENT

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Sustainable development: Status (1 / 2)

Thematic areas	Energy/ Environment areas	Current status
1. Poverty eradication (MDGs)	Resilience	Completed in the MDGs context, but still 1 billion people in extreme poverty
2. Food security and sustainable agriculture (MDGs and beyond)	Resilience Biodiversity	On-track in the MDGs context
3. Water and sanitation (MDGs)	Water	On-track in the MDGs context
4. Health (MDGs)	Air quality	On-track in the MDGs context
5. Education (MDGs)	Resilience	Off-track
6. Employment (MDGs)	Resilience	Off-track
7. Oceans (Ch. 17 of Agenda 21; JPOI; Aichi Targets 6, 10 and 11; Target 7.B of MDG)	Resilience Water Biodiversity	Off-track
8. Biodiversity (Aichi Targets; MDG Target 7.B)	Biodiversity	Off-track
9. Forest (Aichi Targets on forest; Four shared global objectives on forests, agreed at UNFF Session 6)	Forests	Off-track

Source: United Nations (2014); Column 2 is self-tabulated

Sustainable development: Status (2/2)

Thematic areas	Energy/ Environment areas	Current status
10. Sustainable consumption and production (SCP) (Ch.4 Agenda 21; and JPOI Ch. 3)	Waste management Resource efficiency	Off-track
11. Means of implementation (MDGs, Rio+20; Copenhagen Accord)	Development cooperation	Off-track
12. Sustained and inclusive economic growth (Rio+20)	Resilience	Mixed progress.
13. Needs of countries in special situations, and mid- income countries (Istanbul PoA; Rio+20)	Resilience	Mixed progress among these groups.
14. Human rights, the right to development and global governance (Rio+20)	Resilience	Mixed progress.
15. Equality (MDGs)	Resilience	Off-track
16. Energy (Rio+20 Outcome Document)	Clean energy Energy access	Off-track
17. Sustainable cities, transport (MDGs etc.)	Resilience Resource efficiency	Off-track
18. Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction (Copenhagen Accord)	Resilience Climate change response	Off-track
19. Conflict prevention, post-conflict peace- building	Resilience	Different views on how much progress has been made.

OVERALL REACTIONS ON INITIAL DRAFTS

Principles on which the proposed goals are made can be discussed as the process evolves.

Global environment goals can be aligned more closely with the Rio conventions and other multilateral agreements.

Air pollution related goals are weak and the proposed goals are silent on concrete outdoor air pollution targets. The proposed targets mention air pollution in context of health.



OVERALL REACTIONS ON PROPOSED GOALS

The **gap in means of implementation** which was there in the MDG process will be important to fill.

Resource efficient technologies related goals seem to focus more on technology transfer from developed to developing countries and **not so much on building indigenous technological capacity.**

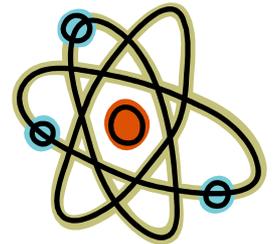
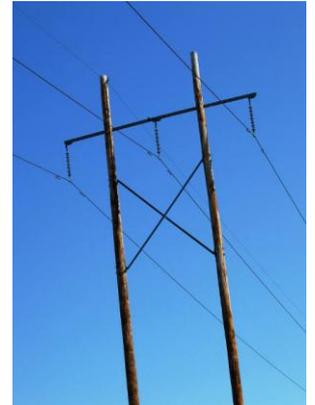
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ENERGY

Energy Security will remain a key issue of concern for countries like India.

Energy related targets will need to **consider aspects such as clean cooking fuels and technologies** in developing countries.



AIR



Air pollution has **not received adequate mention in the overall goals**. While, it receives a mention under Proposed goal 3 - Attain healthy lives for all. It is not addressed under other goals despite the fact that ambient air quality is **a major concern in cities of developing and under developed countries**.



Following areas merit attention:

- ❑ To make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe and sustainable, there could be a goal so that by 2030 cities **achieve the WHO guidelines or Nationally prescribed air quality standards**.
- ❑ **Enhance the air quality monitoring network in cities** of developing and under developed countries.
- ❑ **Encourage reduction of SLCPs** (short lived climate pollutants) in countries to provide immense local health benefits and global gains.
- ❑ **Enhance and encourage clean biomass based cook-stove technologies** in developing and under developed countries to reduce indoor air pollution and related health impacts.



WATER



Enhance the water quality monitoring network in developing and under developed countries.



Water Use Efficiency is a very important aspect and **needs to be quantified.**



WASTE MANAGEMENT



Waste related goals are **optimistic** but fast tracking of actions would happen only when we have such goals.



Monitoring of waste need to be strengthened in developed and under-developed countries.



FORESTS



Illegal exploitation of forest resources including timber should be addressed to reduce the pressure on forests.



Time bound targets are needed for forest related goals especially for means of implementation.



Climate related issues can be considered in future forest management.



BIODIVERSITY

Post-2015 targets relevant to biodiversity are good, however, **Aichi Targets should form the basis** for biodiversity targets in the post-2015 agenda



CLIMATE CHANGE (1 / 2)



Climate change is a cross-cutting theme among various issues and therefore **synergies need to be built**. Goals that could have climate **co-benefits must also be looked** at.



The much needed **investments for adaptation are absent**.

There is a need to reiterate the **additional investments** which will be required to achieve the SDGs.



It is important to also address how future indicators/targets are measured in terms of **means of implementation**.



CLIMATE CHANGE (2/2)



For most of the climate goals, the investments required is high and technology need will also be high. So a **focus on relaxed IPR** (intellectual property rights) will be good.

The proposed targets 13.a could imply that any form of **financial flow** from developed to developing countries **can be accounted for meeting the USD 100 billion target**. This USD 100 billion is to come from public finance provisions.

Integrating mitigation and adaptation is technically part of co-benefits approach. SDGs can integrate climate change commitments as listed under the **UNFCCC and subsequent COP decisions into national strategies and plans**.



Thank you 😊

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