Policy Coherence for Development in a post 2015 Era

Session I: Global trends shaping emerging policy coherence challenges in a post 2015 world.

Priority areas in a universal agenda for sustainable development

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Outline of presentation

I. The inter-governmental process towards the post 2015 development agenda

II. Focus areas in the SDGs

III. Policy coherence in a post 2015 UN development agenda
Inter-governmental processes:

1. Open Working Group on SDGs
2. Expert Group on finance for sustainable development
3. President of the General Assembly consultations

High Level Political Forum was established in Sept. 2013

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The inter-governmental Open Working Group concluded the first phase of discussions (March 2013 – February 2014)

- stock taking of relevant themes and the science based knowledge from where to draw the SDGs

Crafting the SDGs (from 3 March): building a single set of goals and targets containing all three dimensions of sustainable development

- Consensus building within the OWG
- Based on proposed goals and targets (OWG, existing commitments and new proposals from other stakeholders)
Mandate: prepare "a report proposing options on an effective sustainable development financing strategy to facilitate the mobilization of resources and their effective use in achieving sustainable development objectives." (August 2013 to August 2014)

Cluster 1: Assessing financing needs, mapping of current flows and emerging trends, and the impact of domestic and international environments
Cluster 2: Mobilisation of resources and their effective use
Cluster 3: International arrangements, policy coherence, synergies and governance issues

Between February and June 2014 will organize three high level events:
• Contribution of women, youth and civil society to the post 2015 development agenda
• Human rights and rule of law
• Contribution of South-South and triangular cooperation and ITC to the post 2015 agenda

And three thematic events:
• The role of partnerships
• How to guarantee stable and peaceful societies
• Water, sanitation and sustainable energy
General Assembly 2014

Will receive inputs from all work streams and make a decision on the way forward towards a unified development agenda post 2015

The SG to prepare a synthesis report before the end of 2014
(requested by the Special Event of the PGA in September 2013)

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

1. Poverty eradication
2. Food security and nutrition
3. Health and population dynamics
4. Education
5. Gender equality and women’s empowerment
6. Water and sanitation
7. Energy
8. Economic growth
9. Industrialization
10. Infrastructure
11. Employment and decent work for all
12. Promoting equality
13. Sustainable cities and human settlements
14. Sustainable consumption and production
15. Climate
16. Marine resources, oceans and seas
17. Ecosystems and biodiversity
18. Means of implementation
19. Peaceful and non-violent societies, capable institutions

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The Future We Want for All

Organize global goals along **four interdependent dimensions**:

- Inclusive social development
- Inclusive economic development
- Environmental sustainability
- Peace and security
Progress on an ambitious post 2015 agenda that is:

- Universal = applicable to all countries
- Transformative = integrate the three dimensions of sustainable development

will require a strategic, holistic approach that looks at the interrelations between the various dimensions of development and focusses on the root cause of problems.

It requires shared values across all development partners: governments, donors, private sector, civil society, philanthropy ...

.....It is all about policy coherence:

- a universal and transformative agenda will require a much higher level of policy coherence = much greater synergies of policies at national and international levels
- It must go hand-in-hand with high ambitions for a strengthened global partnership for development to address:

  - financing
  - technology and
  - capacity-building needs
What is the context?

The discussion of the global agenda is taking place in a different context, when compared to the MDGs

- Global economy is yet to recover from a protracted period of slow growth
- Emerging economies and new sources of growth
- The MDGs brought together the consensus built in the development conferences and summits in the 1990s

Reaching global agreement much more complex

High Level Political Forum

Rio+20 outcome: established a universal, intergovernmental, high-level political forum to promote synergies and coherence for a universal agenda:

- 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 three dimensions of sustainable development in a holistic and cross-sectoral manner
• The meetings of the forum under the auspices of the General Assembly will be convened by the President of the GA at the level of Heads of State and Government every four years.

• The meetings of the forum under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council will be convened annually by the President of the Council with a thematic focus reflecting the integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development.

• It will conduct regular reviews (on a voluntary basis), starting in 2016, on the follow-up and implementation of sustainable development commitments and objectives, including those related to the means of implementation.
The UNTT has published three main reports and many other thematic documents.