

Engagement opportunities for civil society in post-Rio+20 / post-2015 processes

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The background

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The challenge: Two processes for only one agenda?

- Ongoing key UN development processes:
 - post-Rio+20 mandated
 - post-MDG (post-2015) mandated
- These processes can be:
 - intergovernmental
 - UN Secretariat and inter-agency-led initiatives

Overview of key processes

- Rio+20:
 - Open Working Group on SDGs
 - High level political forum on sustainable development
 - Intergovernmental committee on SD financing strategy
 - *...and many other entry points for MGs engagement*
- Post-MDG / Post-2015:
 - High Level Panel on post-2015
 - UNDG-led consultations and outreach
 - Special GA event on MDG (Sept 2013)
 - UN Task Team on post-2015
 - SG report (July-August 2013)

Engagement modalities for Major Groups

- No official engagement modalities for MGs within GA processes
- No defined engagement modalities for MGs within post-Rio+20 processes
- But...

Major Group and other stakeholder engagement welcome!

- Rio+20 mandate:
- **para 43:** ...we agree to work more closely with the major groups and other stakeholders and encourage their active participation, as appropriate, in processes that contribute to decision-making, planning and implementation of policies
- **para 55:** ...commit to work together with major groups and other stakeholders (in global partnership for sustainable development in) addressing implementation gaps
- **para 76 (h)** (on IFSD): ...enhance the participation and effective engagement of civil society and other relevant stakeholders in the relevant international forums and in this regard promote transparency and broad public participation and partnerships to implement sustainable development
- **para 85 (h)** (on HLPF): ...promote transparency and implementation through further enhancing the consultative role and participation of major groups and other relevant stakeholders ..to better make use of their expertise, while retaining the intergovernmental nature of discussions

Ongoing engagement opportunities and consultation processes

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Open Working Group on SDGs

- OWG to produce report to be presented to the 68th session of the GA
- Engagement opportunities for MGs likely to be similar as for Rio+20
- Engagement through Rio+20 Major Group structure coordinated by DSD/DESA

High level political forum on sustainable development

- Intergovernmental negotiations on HLPF probably to be convened by Sweden and Uruguay
- CSD-20 in May 2013?
- MG invited to submit MG report for the CSD with recommendations for MG participation in HLPF
- First meeting of the HLPF in September 2013?

High Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the post-2015 Development Agenda (I)

- 3 co-chairs (UK, Liberia, Indonesia), 27 eminent members
- 5 meetings (including London early November)
- Report to be submitted to the SG in May 2013

High Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the post-2015 Development Agenda (II)

- CS post-2015 dialogue with members of the HLP in September in New York
- Meeting in London (Oct 31 – Nov 2) included:
 - NGLS online consultation on household poverty (4 questions related to human development and jobs and livelihoods) and report sent to HLP
 - Dialogue with stakeholders (Nov 2), including civil society, business and youth

UNDG-led consultations (I) - National consultations

- 56+ national consultations in developing countries with stakeholders on post-2015
- September 2012 to March 2013
- UNDG-led process under the responsibility of the Resident Coordinator
- UNDG guidance for consultation online

UNDG-led consultations (II) - Global thematic consultations

- 11 thematic consultations (different engagement modalities)
- Led by different UN agencies and co-hosted by a developed and a developing country
- Inequalities; growth & employment; health; education; environmental sustainability; food security & nutrition; governance; conflict & fragility; population dynamic; energy; water
- Already done: growth & employment; governance
- Ongoing online consultation: inequalities, health, environmental sustainability...

UNDG-led consultations (III) - Global Conversation

- UNMC-led process and webplatform, in collaboration with other UN agencies and CSOs
- Outreach, mobilization and consultation elements; complementary to other consultations
- MyWorld: sms-based and offline survey to prioritize issues
- www.worldwewant2015.org

Other initiatives

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Civil society initiatives

- Events : post-Rio+20 & post-2015 event organized by UNEP, DESA, SF, GEC in October in New York
- Beyond2015 Campaign grassroots consultations in 30 countries and initiative “Participate”
- Autonomous initiatives: e.g. People’s Goals Campaign, People’s Sustainability Treaties...

Further information

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- www.un-ngls.org
- www.worldwewant2015.org
- <http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/>
- <http://www.un.org/en/ecosoc/about/mdg.shtml>
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