



## **A brief update:**

- **Rio 2012**
- **SG's Global Sustainability Panel (GSP)**
- **UNDP's Human Development Report 2011**

**Poverty Environment Partnership  
Vienna 16-18 February 2011**

**United Nations Development Programme**

## Rio 2012 ([www.uncsd2012](http://www.uncsd2012))

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### Three-pronged objective:

- secure renewed political commitment for sustainable development;
- assess the progress to date and the remaining gaps in the implementation of the outcomes of the major summits on sustainable development;
- address new and emerging challenges

### Two themes:

- a green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication;
- the institutional framework for sustainable development

# Rio 2012 - The intergovernmental process: 1<sup>st</sup> Inter-sessional (Jan 2011)

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## *Green economy – some common understanding emerged:*

- Implementation of SD is important;
- Green economy is not a substitute for, but rather a step and a tool on the road to SD;
- Bottom-up approach;
- BUT: Not much said about how to ensure link to poverty eradication

## *Institutional framework – more disparate discussion:*

- Strengthen existing institutions
- Upgrade UNEP
- New umbrella organization for SD
- Rethink CSD and ECOSOC
- Delivering as One

# Rio 2012: The intergovernmental process

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- Bureau
- 2<sup>nd</sup> PrepCom (Mar 2011)
- Regional Preparatory Meetings (Sept-Dec 2011)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Inter-sessional (Nov 2011)
- Possibly also SIDS preparatory meeting
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Inter-sessional (Mar 2012)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> PrepCom (???)
- Rio 2012 (???)

## Some questions:

- Outcome Document: Who draft and when?
- Negotiations: When and Where?
- How ensure input from poorer countries?
- How ensure whole of government and multistakeholder buy-in

## Rio 2012: The inter-agency processes

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- Overall UN coordination (ECESA)
- UN at country level (UNDG Task Team)
- Policy coherence (HLCP/CEB)
- UN support for transition to green economy (EMG)
- Sustainable UN (EMG)
- “Towards a fairer, greener, sustainable globalization” (HLCP)

# Rio 2012: Support for country level preparations

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25 responses to DESA questionnaire for Synthesis Report from developing countries, none from LDCs

Joint DESA-UNDP proposal for support for country-level preparations in approx. 60 countries:

- Multi-stakeholder and whole of government processes
- Focus on objective and themes of Rio 2012
- **Output:** Report or response to questionnaire to feed into regional processes & next Synthesis Report
- **Outcome:** lesser developed countries participate in and contribute to process and prepare to engage in outcome of Rio 2012

Fundraising on-going; contributions are most welcome

# SG's Global Sustainability Panel (GSP)

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2<sup>nd</sup> Panel Meeting up-coming in Cape Town, then Helsinki and New York.

Outreach activities, including

- high-level dialogue with UNGA 16 March 2011
- Rio 2012 Bureau
- Regional Commissions

Report in late 2011

# SG's Global Sustainability Panel (GSP)



Three working groups:

- WG1 focuses on the linkages between poverty reduction, social cohesion, employment and sustainability
- WG 2 examines ways to operationalise linkages between the three pillars of sustainable development
- WG3 addresses how market tools and investments could support sustainable development

# Human Development Report (HDR) 2011



- Report focuses on equity and sustainability - or how to sustain human progress made over past 40 years (from HDR10)
- Intra and inter-generational
- Human Development Index (HDI) and Inequality corrected HDI (IHDI) remain core but report may call for the development of alternative indicators of sustainable development and well-being
- Timing