# The Post-2015 Development Agenda
## Do we need one? How different should it be?

## Realizing the Future We Want for All

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Report of UN System Task Team to the Secretary-General:

- June 2012

- first set of recommendations on contours of the post-2015 UN development agenda

- to serve as a point of reference for further consultations

- UNTT: 60 entities of UN System and beyond

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# Do we need one?
# Lessons from the MDG agenda



- MDGs have become milestones that helped galvanize national and international development efforts
- Inspirational vision with time-bound goals focused on **human development**

BUT:

- Targets not always clear and perhaps unfair
- Insufficient attention to fundamental causes of poverty
- Goals, but little guidance about the "means"
- Inadequate attention to core development issues (productive employment, human security, inequalities, governance, etc.)

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# Do we need one?

## Yes, the more so given today's global challenges

- Growing environmental footprints
- Persistent inequalities
- Food and nutrition insecurity
- Knowledge challenge
- Shifting demographics (migration, urbanization, ageing)
- Conflict, violence and insecurity
- Governance deficits at all levels

➔**Urgent need to find new pathways in pursuit of inclusive, equitable and sustainable global development**

# Should it be different?
# Lessons from the MDG agenda



- Retain format of concrete and transparent goals, targets and indicators

- Retain focus on **human development**, but recognize imperative of environmental sustainability and human security

- Balance **realism** with **ambition**

- Don't be prescriptive about the "means", but provide **more guidance on the "how"** (principles for policy coherence)

- Global goals yes, but **recognize differences in initial conditions** and need for context-specific goals

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## Vision:

## The Future We Want for All

- Recognize need for transformative change for inclusive, people-centered, sustainable development

- Build on the core values outlined in the Millennium Declaration….

- …centred on **three fundamental principles**:
  - ✓ respect for human rights
  - ✓ equality
  - ✓ sustainability

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# The Future we Want for All

## Equality

## Sustainability

## Human rights

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# Vision: The Future We Want for All

- …and organizing global goals along

  **four interdependent dimensions**:

  - ✓ Inclusive social development
  - ✓ Inclusive economic development
  - ✓ Environmental sustainability
  - ✓ Peace and security

**Environmental sustainability**

*Protecting biodiversity*

*Stable climate*

*Universal access to clean water and sanitation*

**Inclusive economic development**

*Eradicating income poverty and hunger*

*Reducing inequalities*

*Ensuring decent work and productive employment*

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*Equality*

*Sustainability*

*Human rights*

**Peace and security**

*Freedom from violence, conflict and abuse*

*Resilience to natural hazards*

*Conflict-free access to natural resources*

**Inclusive social development**

*Adequate nutrition for all*

*Quality education for all*

*Reduced mortality and morbidity*

*Gender equality*

*Adequate social protection*

# Vision:

## *Realizing* the Future We Want for All

- A high degree of **policy coherence** at the global, regional, national and sub-national levels is required

- A core set of '**development enablers**' to guide policy coherence but not aiming to be overly prescriptive



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Fair and stable global trading system
Adequate financing for development and stable financial system
Affordable access to technology and knowledge
Providing sustainable energy for all
Coherent macroeconomic and development policies supportive of inclusive and green growth

Enablers:
Sustainable use of natural resources (climate, oceans, biodiversity) and management of waste
Managing disaster risk and improving disaster response

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Enablers:
Sustainable food and nutrition security
Universal access to quality health care
Universal access to quality education
Inclusive social protection systems
Managing demographic dynamics
Regulating international migration

**Inclusive human development**

*Adequate nutrition for all*

*Quality education for all*

*Reduced mortality and morbidity*

*Adequate social protection*

Enablers:
Democratic and coherent global governance mechanisms
Good governance practices based on the rule of law
Human rights protection

# The Rio+20 Outcome

Launched an inclusive intergovernmental process to formulate **Sustainable Development Goals** (SDGs)

…  through an Open Working Group of 30 representatives nominated by Member States

… with the resolution to coordinate and make the process consistent with the Post-2015 UN development agenda

## SDGs as agreed in Rio+20:

- incorporate in a balanced way all three dimensions of sustainable development:
  - Economic
  - Social
  - Environment
- …and their inter-linkages
- coherent with and integrated into the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015,

# The Way Forward

Several work streams:

1. UN Task Team (continue analytical work and support the Open Working Group for the formulation of SDGs)

2. UNDG consultations: 70 – 100 national consultations and 11 thematic consultations (conflict and fragility, food security, environmental sustainability, water, energy, inequalities, population dynamics, health, education, growth and employment)

3. High-level Panel of Eminent Persons: 3 co-chairs (Liberia, Indonesia, UK); 23 panelists from academia, civil society, private sector, governments) plus ex-officio, the Special Advisor to the SG on Post 2015

4. Inter-government Open Working Group on SDGs

# The Way Forward

A large number of consultation processes :

1. **International civil society** (interacting with UN processes but doing their own consultations – large use of social media)

2. **Development cooperation agencies** supporting global and national consultations (mainly in Europe), often with participation of think tanks and academic institutions

3. **Global polling on people's preferences** recently presented to the HLP in a beta version to identify people's preferences on Post 2015

4. **HLP in relation to agreed 5 meetings** first two in NY and London, broad consultations with civil society, private sector, academics

5. **Regional consultations** mainly organized by regional commissions

For more information on the work of the UN System on the post-2015 UN development agenda visit:

## http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/policy/untaskteam_undf/index.shtml