



RIO+20 POLICY SDGS

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WWF welcomes the concept of Sustainable Development Goals as a means to address the critical and **interlinked challenges** facing the development agenda to 2030. Steps are urgently needed to ensure that these challenges, including **food water and energy security for all**, are tackled and human wellbeing is improved. Rio+20 should deliver a strong outcome on Sustainable Development Goals through the creation of a **common vision, principles, and criteria** to embed sustainability in the post-2015 development framework, with **key thematic areas identified** in Rio+20's Outcome Document.

Principles

Rio+20's first opportunity is to define the principles behind new Sustainable Development Goals to 2030. These Goals would be:

- 1) **multidimensional**, capitalising on synergies across different sectors, and responding to the complex interlinkages between the three dimensions of sustainable development;
- 2) **universally applicable**, so that all countries have obligations, ownership and accountability as part of global framework, with differentiated targets responding to different stages of development;
- 3) **equitable**, to ensure reductions in inequality within and between countries to enable a just transition to a sustainable world.

Way forward

In addition to defining principles for goals to 2030 at Rio+20, Parties should launch a clear and immediate process for their development.

- ▶ The current development framework of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) comes to an end in 2015 and the process of defining a new post 2015 framework has already begun. The development of SDGs should be mandated to be **fully integrated with the existing post-MDG review process** as early as possible.
- ▶ Rio+20 should see an **agreement on key themes for the SDGs including food, water and energy security** that are complimentary to MDGs. Themes identified for the elaboration of SDGs should contribute to the post MDG deliberations.
- ▶ SDGs should have clear **targets, timetimes and indicators and must be fully funded**.

- ▶ Parties should mandate the **UN Secretary General to launch and coordinate an expert-led process** that is inclusive, transparent and open to the participation of all stakeholders.
- ▶ In order to ensure the achievement of the SDGs, a **sustainable development body within the UN** should act as a space where progress toward SDGs is reviewed and promoted.



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