

E-discussion: *“Managing the transition from the Millennium Development Goals to the Sustainable Development Goals: What it will take”*

Summary report

The proposed Sustainable Development Goals, when in place, will aim to mobilize governments, businesses, civil society organization

SDSN is working in partnership with UN agencies, civil society, national statistical offices and technical and scientific experts, to develop recommendations on the shape of these four monitoring levels, and to identify the investments and innovations that will be required to respond to the ambitious SDG agenda. .

The e-discussion also focused on the challenge of establishing a robust follow-up and review mechanism to support implementation. More specifically it considers the institutions that would be required to encourage mutual accountability of all UN member states, and the

II. Discussion Points and Policy Recommendations

The discussion focused on the following four areas as important components of a successful monitoring and review process.

I Data

II Institutions

III Capacities

IV Enabling Implementation

I Data

What evidence will underpin this architecture and the monitoring of the SDGs? What is the role of indicators at global, regional and national levels?

Effective SDGs, targets, and their indicators will serve as a management tool to help countries develop implementation strategies and allocate resources accordingly. They will also serve as a report card to measure progress towards sustainable development and to help ensure the accountability of all stakeholders for achieving the SDGs. Indicators will be the backbone of monitoring progress towards the SDGs at local, national, regional, and global levels.

As underscored by the OWG, the focus of monitoring on the SDGs must be at the national level. Each country will choose the national SDG indicators that are best suited to track its own progress towards sustainable development.

Yet, the Goals also describe a global agenda, including some global public goods that cannot be implemented by any country on its own. Unless an effective global monitoring framework complements national efforts, the SDGs cannot be achieved in time. To ensure effective global monitoring, the Global Monitoring Indicators for the SDGs would be tracked in every country and reported periodically at the global level and by each country. In addition, regional monitoring and accountability will play a critical

4. How can we utilize private sector platforms for effective monitoring and evaluation and leverage new technologies like cloud-computing?
5. Should we not be incorporating qualitative as well as quantitative targets? Sometimes the unmeasurable is the most important thing.
6. There is a call for a Global Sustainable Development Index that is a realistic alternative to GNI. A sustainability index, that incorporates economic, social and environment dimensions, a metric that has the power to drive political debates around issues of efficiency, equity and sustainability.
7. There is a call or nationally motivated gender based indicators around all targets. Data2x is doing great work here but are we seeing a mainstreaming of gender across the proposed indicators harmonized for global monitoring and used in strategic planning within countries?
8. There is a call for the use of integrated micro data. The problem at the moment is that micro data tends to be collected from Companies, Households and on the Environment separately, or not at all! Such data can be made interoperable with geo coding (see Aid Data project funded by US AID).

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vocation to achieve these SDGs or nothing will real

executive, centralized process; stakeholders should have the right to attend meetings, submit documents and make recommendations

5. Discussions to give priority to national level NGOs and civil society groups, development councils and other stakeholders

7. Monitoring of implementation needs information sharing at local, national, regional and global level. However, it is not only the quest