A Multi-stakeholder Preview of Rio+20:
UNEP, Stakeholder Forum, WBCSD & US State Department

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Low expectations and sizeable roadblocks overshadow the Summit

- Rio+20 takes place at a time of heightened concern about the planet and amidst wider debate about the merit of global summits which tend to cater to the lowest common denominator.
- Negotiations have been characterized as “dysfunctional” and repetitive.
- Stakeholders have expressed frustration with logistical hiccups, information delays, opaque processes and a lack of focus on the part of the planners.
- Few leaders from government, civil society or private sector have emerged to lead on the Summit agenda.
- Many see a lack of national leadership and involvement, particularly from the US, as a roadblock to progress.
- Perhaps most importantly, no new formal agreement is expected.

President Obama will likely skip the Summit, as well as leaders from Britain and Germany.
What is Rio+20?

• Rio+20 is the short name for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD). It will take place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 20-22, 2012.

• Rio+20 is called “Rio+20” because it marks the twenty-year anniversary of the first Earth Summit, also held in Rio in 1992.

• The aim of Rio+20 is to renew political commitment for sustainable development.
Rio Outcomes

- Agenda 21
- Rio Declaration
- Forest Principles
- Commission on Sustainable Development
- Stakeholder engagement
- Local Agenda 21 (6000)
- National Councils and Strategies on SD (100)
- 2 conventions: climate and biodiversity
The world has progressed since 1992…

The Future We Want

Agenda 21

Plan of Action

1992  2002  2012  2022

Rio  Johannesburg  Rio+20  ….
Rio+20 is an opportunity to do things differently.

• A **green economy** in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication.

• The **institutional framework** for sustainable development.
  – IEG (UNEP)
  – UN System
  – National-level governance
GLOBAL GREENHOUSE GAS CONCENTRATIONS IN THE ATMOSPHERE NOW EXCEED SAFE LEVELS AND EMISSIONS ARE CONTINUING TO INCREASE.

GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY DECLINED 28% BETWEEN 1970 AND 2008

13 MILLION HA OF FORESTS (THE SIZE OF GREECE) WERE LOST EACH YEAR BETWEEN 2000 AND 2010

80% OF OUR COMMERCIAL FISH STOCKS ARE EXPLOITED
One in five people still lacks access to modern electricity.

The global population reached 7 billion in 2011 and is expected to increase to at least 9 billion by 2050.

2.6 billion people lack access to basic sanitation services, such as toilets or latrines.

884 million people do not have access to safe drinking water.
We all know radical transformation is needed
Business as provider of innovative solutions

CS 3.0 – Solutions to Scale

CS 2.0 – Integration in core of business

CS 1.0 – Philanthropic

1970

Club of Rome

1992

Rio

2002

Johannesburg

2012

Rio+20

2022

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Vision 2050

The new agenda for business
Presidential Policy Directive on Global Development

The PPD serves as a Guidepost for U.S. positions going forward:

• Broad-based **economic growth** and **sustainable development** are mutually reinforcing.

• **Good governance, country ownership** and **country responsibility** are necessary for sustainable development policies to be effective.

• Progress should be **measured** and information should be **shared**.
Negotiating an Outcome: U.S. Submission

- Sustainable development for countries in all stages of development
- **Science, technology & innovation:**
  - Fundamental to sustainable future
  - Policies based on **sound science**
  - **R&D** and **new technologies**
- Outcome document should be **concise and action-oriented**
- **All participants** come with own **Compendium of Commitments**
- **Evolving SD agenda:**
  - Urban Environment
  - Natural Environment
  - Institutional Environment
U.S. Contributions to Rio+20

• **Rio+20**: Bridging Connection Technologies & Sustainable Development

• Enhanced Role for **State and Local Governments**

• **High-Level Deliverables**
  - JIUS
  - ACEF
  - CCAC
  - Avoided Deforestation
Potential Rio+20 Outcomes

• **Negotiated high-level document**
  • Language on complements to GDP, subsidies, oceans, energy, food security, cities?
  • Principle 10 and other governance text
  • Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?
  • Private sector role, e.g. global policy framework for corporate reporting

• **Voluntary public-private initiatives and partnerships**
  • Energy Access For All
  • Global Cities Partnership
  • Compendium of Commitments
  • Other?
Sustainable Development Goals

• MDGs – just developing countries
• SDGs – universal application
  – Water
  – Energy
  – Oceans and Seas
  – Food Security
  – Green Cities
  – Resilience
  – Jobs and skills
Green Economy in the Context of Sustainable Development and Poverty Eradication

- Agree **principles to guide a green economy**
- Address **sovereign wealth funds** - $7 trillion by 2012 – long term funds but no sustainability criteria. Potentially amend the Santiago principles
- Knowledge Sharing Platform
- Agree to develop and implement **new measures of economic success**
- Agree to negotiate **a convention on corporate sustainability** – (Lost) Chapter 41 of Agenda 21
Institutional Framework for Sustainable Development Governance

- New sustainable development body
- UNEP reform
- Intergovernmental Panel on sustainable development
- National, sub-national and local multi-stakeholder platforms
- Set up an INC for a P10 Convention
What else in Rio?

• Three day dialogue on ten themes including energy, forests
• Peoples’ Forum
• Industry Days
• Local and Regional Government
• Personal Pledge campaign
• Commitments register
• 560 side events
• 50,000 people inspired to make a change
Elements of a strengthened UNEP

• Universal membership

• Enhanced capacity to meet country-level demand

• Credible and accessible science platform and policy interface

• Increased coherence in delivery of MEA work programs

• Sufficient, predictable, and coherent funding
Events at Rio+20

Rio+20 Conference Schedule

• 3rd Preparatory Committee Meeting (June 13-15)

• Dialogues on Sustainable Development (June 16-19)

• High-level segment (June 20-22)

Additional Events

• Corporate Sustainability Forum (June 15-18)

• World Congress on Justice, Governance and Law for Environmental Sustainability (June 17-20)

• Partnership Forum (June 20-22)
How to Participate

• Connect with your Major Groups: [http://www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/majorgroups.html](http://www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/majorgroups.html)

• Join the global conversation about The Future We Want: [http://www.futurewewant.org](http://www.futurewewant.org)

• Join the Rio+20 Dialogues to discuss key sustainable development themes with stakeholders around the world: [http://www.riodialogues.org](http://www.riodialogues.org)

• Make a voluntary commitment: [http://www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/voluntarycommitments.html](http://www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/voluntarycommitments.html)

• Make your actions count by joining Volunteer Action Counts at: [http://www.volunteeractioncounts.org](http://www.volunteeractioncounts.org)


• Register a Partnership: [http://www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/partnerships.html](http://www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/partnerships.html)

• Engage with social media tools:
  • Facebook: [http://www.facebook.com/UNRioplus20](http://www.facebook.com/UNRioplus20)
  • Twitter: [http://twitter.com/#!/UN_Rioplus20](http://twitter.com/#!/UN_Rioplus20)
    #rioplus20, #futurewewant, #rio20
The beginning not the end!!

- 2012 CBD and UNFCCC
- 2013 MDG review and UNFCCC
- 2014 SIDS and Population Conference, CBD and UNFCCC
- 2015 MDG new targets, Beijing+20, UNFCCC
- 2016 Habitat III, CBD and UNFCCC