



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
SOLUTIONS NETWORK
A GLOBAL INITIATIVE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS

Sustainable Development Solutions Network

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The post-2015 / SDG processes

UN:

- The High-Level Panel of eminent persons on the post-2015 development agenda
- The interagency UN process
- The Sustainable Development Solutions Network
- Partnerships

General Assembly Process:

- Sustainable Development Group / Open Working Group

Independent processes:

- Independent Research Forum (IRF): DA, IGES, IIED, ODI, SEI, WRI, ...
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What is the Solutions Network?

- Mandated by SG Ban Ki-Moon to “provide an independent global, open and inclusive process to support and scale up problem solving at local, national and global levels”
- Directed by Prof. Jeffrey D. Sachs; housed by Columbia University
- Part of post-2015 mandate and Rio+20 outcomes

Objectives

1. Support the High-Level Panel and other post-2015 processes
2. Organize Thematic Groups mobilizing global expertise to identify critical pathways to sustainable development in priority areas
3. Promote development, demonstration, and testing of promising new technologies, institutional innovations and business models
4. To build a global Knowledge Center Network involving universities, research centers, civil society organizations, and companies to accelerate practical problem solving for sustainable development

Thematic Groups

1. Prospects for Global Growth, Population and Planetary Boundaries
2. Poverty Reduction and Peace-Building in Fragile Regions
3. Gender Equality, Social Inclusion, and Human Rights
4. Education, Technology, and the Future of Jobs
5. Universal Health Coverage
6. De-Carbonizing the Energy System
7. Agriculture, Nutrition and Ecosystem Services
8. Smart, Healthy, and Productive Cities
9. Good Governance of Extractive Resources
10. Governance of the Global Commons

Some Key Questions

- Risks under Business As Usual (BAU)?
- Critical pathways to sustainable development?
- “Tough Questions” that need to be resolved?
- “Greatest Opportunities” / “Solutions” available to the public and private sectors for early action?
- Key metrics of sustainable development

Governance

- Governed by a large Leadership Council comprising global thought leaders; a smaller Executive Committee oversees operational & financial matters
- Each Thematic Group chaired by 2-4 Co-chairs
- Modalities of Knowledge Center Network TBD in late 2012 / 2013
- A small secretariat housed by Columbia University in New York and Paris.



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