

The Italian EU Presidency's agenda for addressing international SD issues



SDGs and their impact on European SD policy frameworks

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Rio+20 follow up.....

- Report of the Open-ended Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals
- Report of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing
- FoC of the UN Statistical Commission
- Second Session of the High Level Political Forum
- First Session of the UN Environment Assembly of UNEP

....the path towards the Post-2015 Agenda (2013 Outcome Document)

Post-2015 development agenda

16. In parallel with the intensification of efforts to accelerate the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, **we are determined to craft a strong post-2015 development agenda [...]**

19. We are resolved that the post-2015 development agenda should reinforce the international community's commitment to poverty eradication and sustainable development. [...] **Recognizing the intrinsic interlinkage between poverty eradication and the promotion of sustainable development, we underline the need for a coherent approach that integrates in a balanced manner the three dimensions of sustainable development.** This coherent approach involves working towards a **single framework and set of goals, universal in nature and applicable to all countries**, while taking account of differing national circumstances and respecting national policies and priorities. It should also promote peace and security, democratic governance, the rule of law, gender equality and human rights for all.

1. Poverty	2. Hunger, Food Security, Nutrition, Sust. Agriculture	3. Healthy lives Well-being	4. Education, Life-long learning
5. Gender equality, Women Empowerment	6. Water and Sanitation	7. Energy (affordable, reliable, sustainable)	8. Economic growth (sustainable and sustained), employment, decent work
9. Infrastructures, Industrialization, Innovation	10. Inequality	11. Cities and human settlement	12. SCP
13. Climate Change	14. Oceans, Seas, Marine Resources	15. Ecosystems, Forests, Desertification, land degradation, biodiversity	16. Peaceful and inclusive societies, accountable inst, justice
17. Mol and GP for SD	+ 169 targets		

SDGs include 169 Targets

OWG SDGs Report:

*“Targets are defined as **aspirational global targets, with each Government setting its own national targets guided by the global level of ambition, but taking into account national circumstances. The goals and targets integrate economic, social and environmental aspects and recognize their interlinkages in achieving sustainable development in all its dimensions**”.*
(para 18)

Environmental dimensions across goals through targets (few examples)

Goal 1 Poverty Eradication

1.5 By 2030, build the resilience of the poor and those in vulnerable situations and reduce their exposure and vulnerability to climate-related extreme events and other economic, social and environmental shocks and disasters.

Goal 2 Hunger, Food Security, Nutrition, Sust. Agriculture

2.4 By 2030, ensure sustainable food production systems that [...] help maintain ecosystems, that strengthen capacity for adaptation to climate change, extreme weather, drought, flooding and other disasters and that progressively improve land and soil quality.

2.5 By 2020, maintain the genetic diversity [...] ensure access to and fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge, as internationally agreed.

Goal 8 Economic Growth, Employment, Decent Work

8.4 Improve progressively, through 2030, global resource efficiency in consumption and production and endeavour to decouple economic growth from environmental degradation, in accordance with the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production, with developed countries taking the lead

Etc...

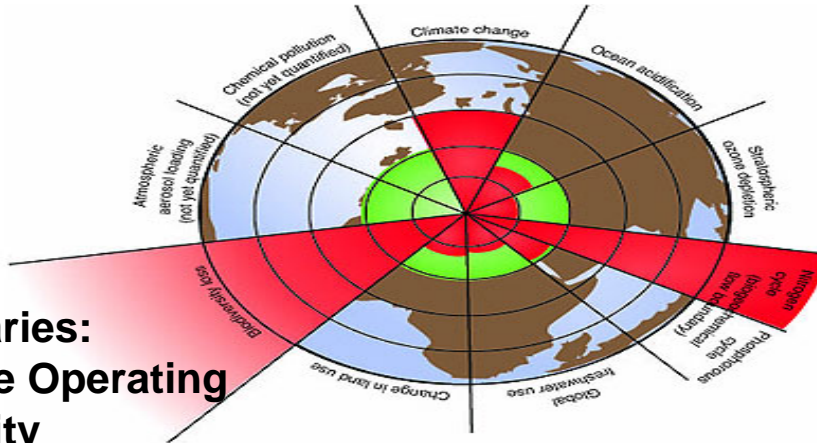
Missing pieces of a Post-2015 Agenda

- A strong narrative
- A discourse on monitoring, review and accountability
- An agreement on means of implementation and a global partnership

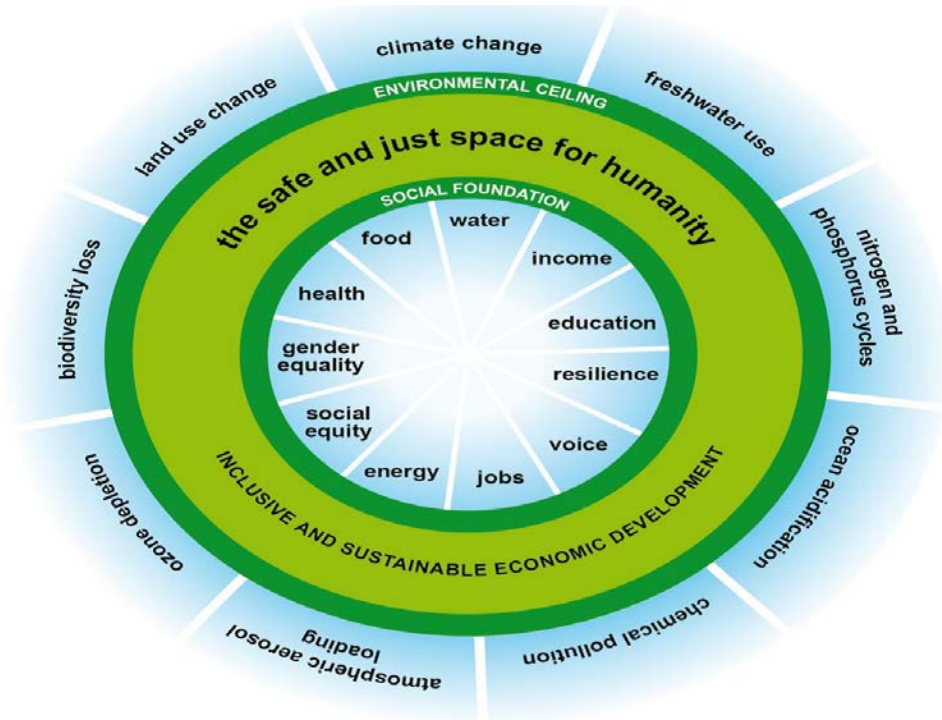
A strong narrative

Planetary Boundaries: Exploring the Safe Operating Space for Humanity

Johan Rockström et al..



A safe and Just Space for Humanity, Oxfam Discussion Paper, February 2012, Kete Raworth



Monitoring, review and accountability

[..]. **A robust mechanism to review implementation will be essential** for the success of the goals. **The General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the high-level political forum will play a key role in this regard.**

To monitor the implementation of the SDGs, it will be important to improve the **availability of and access to data and statistics disaggregated** by income, gender, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability, geographic location and other characteristics relevant in national contexts. [..]. (OWG SDGs Report. Introduction)

HLPF 2015 Session: *“Strengthening integration, implementation and review - the HLPF after 2015”*.

An agreement on the MoI and a global partnership

We agree to establish an intergovernmental process under the auspices of the General Assembly [...]. **The process will assess financing needs, consider the effectiveness, consistency and synergies of existing instruments and frameworks, and evaluate additional initiatives, with a view to preparing a report proposing options on an effective sustainable development financing strategy to facilitate the mobilization of resources and their effective use in achieving sustainable development objectives. [...] (255 TFWW)**

ICESDF Report (August 2014)

Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa July 2015)

Italian Presidency Initiatives

Informal Joint Meeting of EU Ministers of Environment and Ministers of Labour (Milan, July 2014)

*Council Conclusions on **Greening the European semester and the Europe 2020 Strategy – Mid-term Review** (28th October 2014)*

*Council Conclusions on **A transformative post-2015 agenda** (to be approved)*



Thank you