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ON THE **POST-2015** UN  
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**Realizing the Future We Want for All**

# Realizing the Future We Want for All

Report of the UN System Task Team to the Secretary-General:

- June 2012
- **First set of recommendations** on contours of the post-2015 UN development agenda
- To serve as a point of reference for **further consultations**
- UNTT: **60 entities** of the UN System and beyond



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## Lessons from the MDG agenda

- Retain format of concrete and transparent goals, targets and indicators
- Retain focus on **human development**
- Balance **realism** with **ambition**
- Don't be prescriptive about the “means”, but provide more guidance on the “how” (principles for policy coherence)
- Global goals yes, but **recognize differences in initial conditions** and need for context-specific goals and priority setting



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**Today's global challenges**

- Persistent inequalities
- Food and nutrition insecurity
- Knowledge challenge
- Growing environmental footprints
- Conflict, violence and insecurity
- Governance deficits at all levels
- Shifting demographics (migration, urbanization, ageing)

**→ Urgent need to find new pathways in pursuit of inclusive, equitable and sustainable global development**



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## **Vision: The Future We Want for All**

- Recognize the need for transformative change for inclusive, people-centered, sustainable development
- Build on the core values outlined in the Millennium Declaration....
- ...centred on **three fundamental principles**:
  - ✓ respect for human rights
  - ✓ equality
  - ✓ sustainability

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***The Future  
we Want for  
All***

***Equality***

***Sustainability***

***Human rights***

## Vision: The Future We Want for All

- ...and organizing global goals along **four interdependent dimensions**:
  - ✓ Inclusive social development
  - ✓ Inclusive economic development
  - ✓ Environmental sustainability
  - ✓ Peace and security





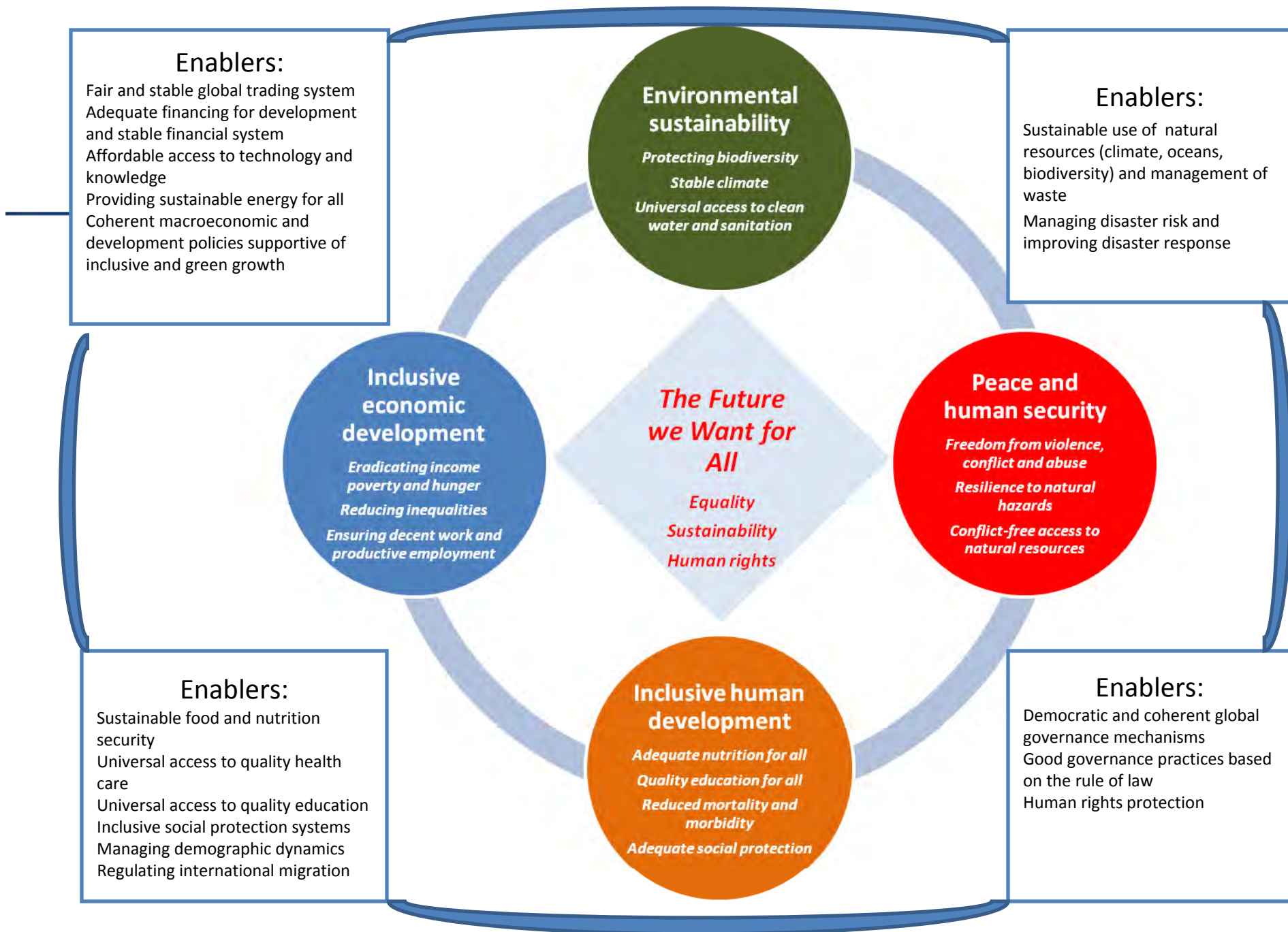




## Vision: *Realizing* the Future We Want for All

- A high degree of **policy coherence** at the global, regional, national and sub-national levels is required
- A core set of '**development enablers**' to guide policy coherence but not aiming to be overly prescriptive







## What's next in shaping the global development agenda?

- Broad consultations about vision and contours
- When seeking consensus three dangers should be avoided:
  - **Overloading**
  - **Overt prescription**
  - **Donor centrism**



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***Avoiding overloading, ‘dirigism’ and donor  
centrism***

A **limited set of goals** relevant to **all countries**

....with shared responsibilities

.... adapted to national and  
local contexts

.... while aligned with  
international agreements

.... and inclusive to build  
partnerships with all  
stakeholders.



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**A long time horizon  
may be needed  
(15 to 25 years)**



- ... to allow for major transformational changes to take place
- ... but include intermediate goals and targets (5 years)
  - to review interim progress and adjust long-term goals
- ... with a combination of absolute and relative targets
- ... to take population dynamics and different demographic structures across countries and regions into account.

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**The Way Forward**

Member States are to provide guidance on the process for the formulation of the post-2015 development agenda.

There is wide recognition that the process must be open, inclusive and in consultation with all stakeholders

... and consistent with the formulation of the Sustainable Development Goals.



## The Way Forward

Inter-governmental processes will serve as milestones towards the post-2015 UN development agenda:

2012 High-Level Meeting on the Rule of Law

2013 High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development

2014 20-year review of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

2014 Financing for Development review conference

2014 Development Cooperation Forum

2015 World Conference on Disaster Reduction

2015 10-year Review of the World Summit of the Information Society

2015 Commemoration of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Beijing World Conference on Women

..... among others

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## **The Rio+20 Outcome**



Launched an inclusive intergovernmental process to formulate **Sustainable Development Goals** (SDGs)

... through an Open Working Group of 30 representatives nominated by Member States

... with the resolution to coordinate and make the process consistent with the Post-2015 UN development agenda



## **Sustainable Development Goals as agreed at Rio+20:**

- Incorporate in a balanced way all three dimensions of sustainable development and their inter-linkages
- Contribute to the implementation of the outcomes of all major summits in the economic, social and environmental fields
- Consistent with international law
- Build upon commitments already made
- Coherent with and integrated into the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015

## **Sustainable Development Goals as agreed at Rio+20:**

- Sustainable development goals should be action oriented
- Concise and easy to communicate
- Limited in number
- Aspirational
- Global and universally applicable
- Taking into account different national realities, capacities and levels of development
- Progress towards the achievement of the goals needs to be assessed by targets and indicators

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**Sustainable Development  
Goals as agreed  
at Rio+20:**



- Developing global sustainable development goals through an inclusive and transparent intergovernmental process that is open to all stakeholders.

**→SDGs and Post-2015 must go hand in hand**

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For more information on the work of the UN System on the post-2015 UN development agenda visit:

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