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Agenda on Global Sustainable Development post-2015

Vision and Challenges

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Post-2015 UN Development Agenda – Context

Towards a New Agenda on Global Sustainable Development

"A new post-2015 era demands a new vision and a responsive framework. Sustainable development [...] must become our global guiding principle and operational standard."

UN SG Ban Ki-Moon, A Life of Dignity for All, July 2013

- Building on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)
 - Attractiveness
 - Mobilisation
 - Results & Shortcomings
- ➤ Building on Rio+20 Outcome on SDGs
 - Agenda 21
 - New Topics







Post-2015 UN Development Agenda – Rationale

An ambitious, paradigm-changing agenda

Paradigm shift

- New challenges → new responses
- Lessons from MDGs
- Planetary Boundaries
- Transformative change → address root causes of poverty, green economy
- Universality



New roles & instruments

- New Global Partnership: Private sector, emerging economies, middle-income countries, civil society, science etc.
- Trilateral and South-South cooperation
- Multi-bi, global/regional programmes, silent partnerships etc.

Financing: beyond ODA

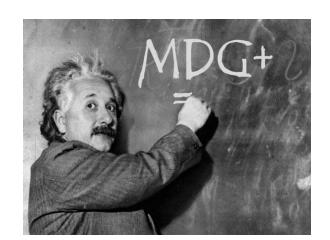
- New sources: FDI, DRM, remittances, export credits, guarantees etc.
- Innovative instruments: Taxes (air tickets, financial transactions, CO₂)



Post-2015 UN Development Agenda – Challenges

An ambitious, paradigm-changing agenda

- Complexity of UN-Process(es)
 - High-Level Panel of Eminent Persons
 - Open Working Group on SDGs
 - Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing
 - UN System Task Team
 - Global Consultations UNDG



- Complexity of national process(es) (whole-of-government approach)
- How to ensure that the process is participatory and representative?
- Universality: how to ensure buy-in from all sides?
- New architecture to define
- Means of implementation, financing, accountability, new actors



Post-2015 UN Development Agenda – Swiss Engagement

Active, substantive, bridge-building

International

- Open Working Group on SDGs
- Global consultations UNDG
- Networking / Building alliances
- Advocacy / Inclusion



National

- Development of Swiss position
- Interdepartemental Task Force, SDC Core Team
- Thematic Working Groups
- Consultations across federal administration and with the public (private sector, academia and civil society)
- Web platform: <u>www.post2015.ch</u>



Post-2015 UN Development Agenda – Swiss Position

Key elements of a post-2015 framework

- Overarching Goal: Sustainable Development and Poverty Eradication
- Principles
 - Human Rights
 - Respecting Planetary Boundaries
 - Social Inclusion and Justice
 - Universality
 - Policy Coherence

Characteristics

- From MDGs to SDGs (Convergence)
- Millennium- & Rio-Declarations, MDGs
- Action-, result-oriented, measurable, communicable, time-bound etc.

Means of Implementation

- Financing beyond ODA
- New global partnership
- Monitoring: Periodic review mechanism





Post-2015 UN Development Agenda – Swiss Position

Key Issues and Topics

14 Topics → 14 Positions

- Food Security and Nutrition for All through Sustainable Agri-food Systems
- A Water-secure World
- Ensuring Universal Access to Sustainable Energy
- Realization of the Right for All to Quality and Relevant **Education** and Learning
- Maximizing **Health** in All Life Stages
- Sustainable/Green Growth, Employment and Decent Work for All
- **Sustainable Consumption and Production** (including Chemicals and Waste)
- Governance: Achieving More Open, Inclusive and Accountable Institutions
- Gender Equality
- Peace and Security
- Disaster Risk Reduction
- Population Dynamics / **Migration** and Development
- **Biodiversity** (including Forests)
- Sustainable Cities / Infrastructure

























Post-2015 UN Development Agenda – Swiss Position

Thematic Positioning

- Stand-alone goals on:
 - Water
 - Health
 - Gender Equality
 - Peace & Security
- Cross-cutting or (sub-) goals:
 - Disaster Risk Reduction
 - Migration and Development
 - Sustainable Consumption and Production
- 5 Principles
- Balanced integration of 3 dimensions of SD

















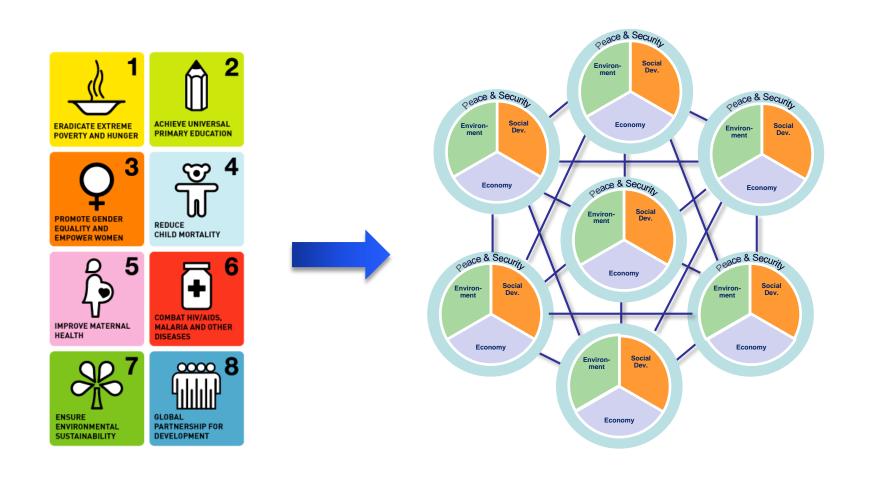








Post-2015 UN Development Agenda – Goal Architecture



Millennium Development Goals

Sustainable Development Goals



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Sustainable Energy for All Initiative – potential SDG?

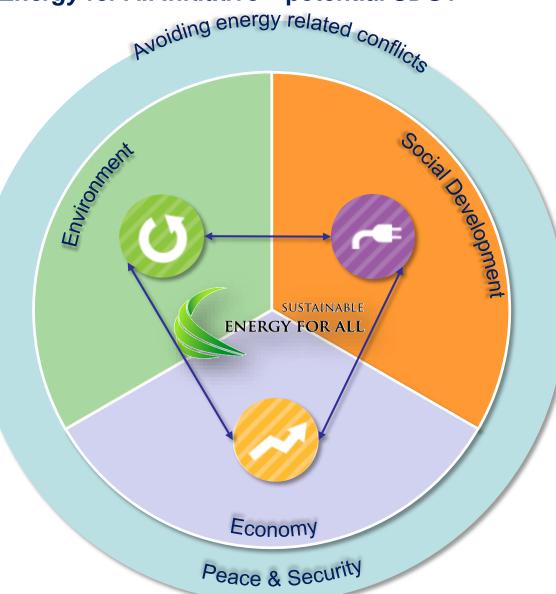


- Affordable energy even where grid does not reach
- New opportunities for small entrepreneurs
- Decreased variability in energy costs
- Energy security and reduced import bills
- Reduced environmental impacts



Doubling the rate of improvement in **Energy Efficiency**

- Lighting / appliances that require less power
- Fossil fuel resources used more effectively
- Reduced energy costs for consumers





- Improved health Improved agricultural productivity
- Empowerment of women
- Business and employment creation
- Economic development
- Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals



Doubling the rate of improvement in Energy Efficiency

- Redistribution of electricity that now is wasted or lost
- More reliable electricity systems



Thank you for your attention!

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Post-2015 UN Development Agenda – Next steps





















Looking ahead

- 68th UN GA session, Special Event on MDGs/Post-2015, New York (25.9.2013)
- Negotiations on Open Working Group Report (Spring 2014)
- Synthesis Report of the UN Secretary-General (Autumn 2014)?
- Intergovernmental Process UN GA (End 2014 / early 2015)
- Summit in autumn 2015?