Economic Commission for Europe

Inland Transport Committee

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Climate change and transport

ITC follow-up to Rio+20

Post-2015 Development Agenda - Formulation and implications for UNECE

Presentation by the secretariat

Post-2015 Development Agenda
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Formulation and Implications for UNECE

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Structure

1. Proposed contours of post-2015 agenda

2. Process of formulating the new framework

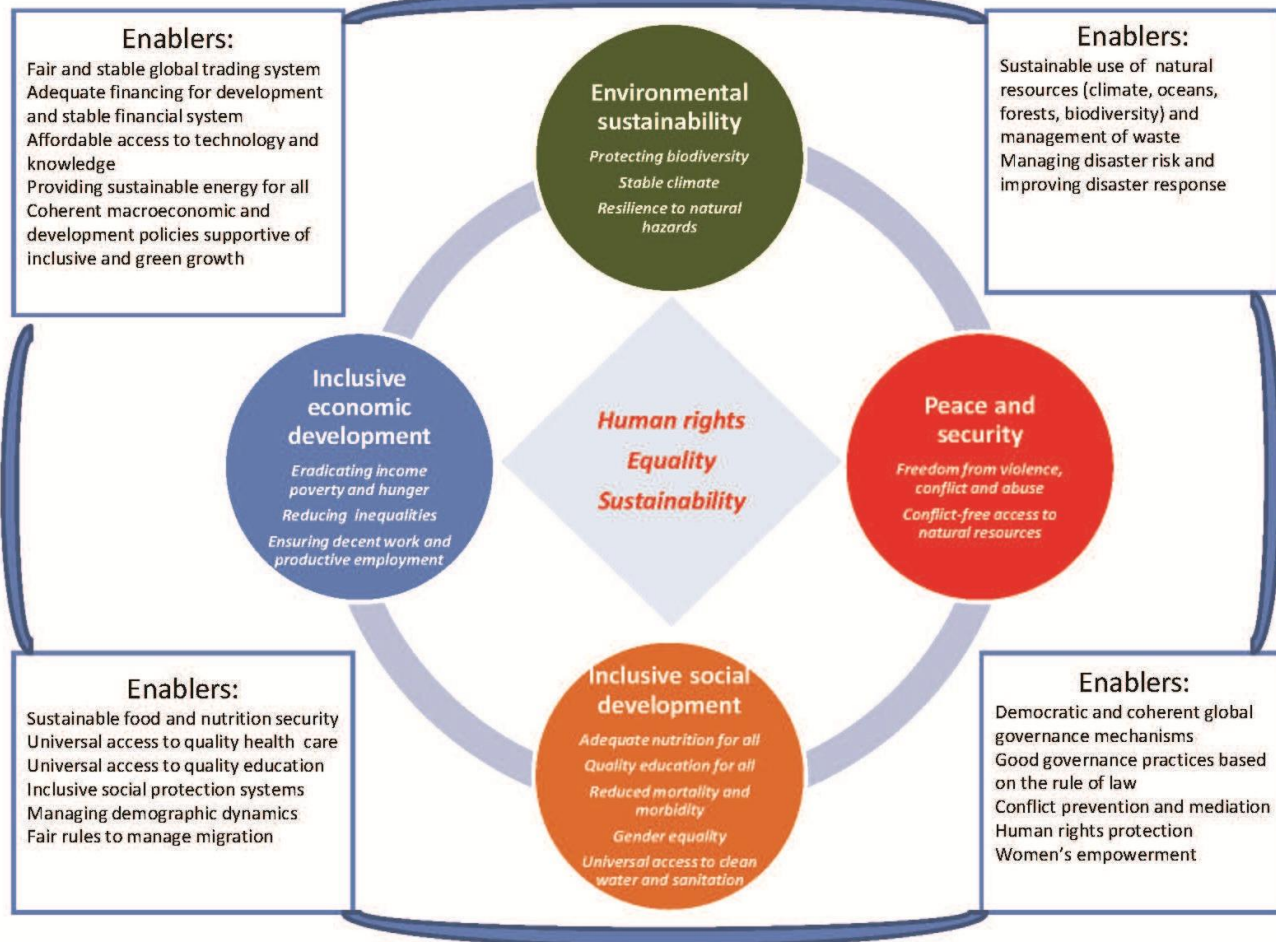3. Major challenges

4. Way forward for UNECE

Proposed format of post-2015 agenda

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- Based on three fundamental principles
- Four core dimensions
- Set of enablers

Need for integrated and coordinated policies to achieve progress across all dimensions

Enablers:
Fair and stable global trading system
Adequate financing for development and stable financial system
Affordable access to technology and knowledge
Providing sustainable energy for all
Coherent macroeconomic and development policies supportive of inclusive and green growth

Enablers:
Sustainable use of natural resources (climate, oceans, forests, biodiversity) and management of waste
Managing disaster risk and improving disaster response

Environmental sustainability
Protecting biodiversity
Stable climate
Resilience to natural hazards

Inclusive economic development
Eradicating income poverty and hunger
Reducing inequalities
Ensuring decent work and productive employment

Human rights
Equality
Sustainability

Peace and security
Freedom from violence, conflict and abuse
Conflict-free access to natural resources

Enablers:
Sustainable food and nutrition security
Universal access to quality health care
Universal access to quality education
Inclusive social protection systems
Managing demographic dynamics
Fair rules to manage migration

Inclusive social development
Adequate nutrition for all
Quality education for all
Reduced mortality and morbidity
Gender equality
Universal access to clean water and sanitation

Enablers:
Democratic and coherent global governance mechanisms
Good governance practices based on the rule of law
Conflict prevention and mediation
Human rights protection
Women's empowerment

UNTT, Realizing the Future We Want for All, 2012

Proposed features of post-2015 agenda

- Builds on key strengths of MDG framework with clear goals and targets

- Retains focus on key dimensions of human development

- Addresses issues that were inadequately reflected in MDGs

- Could provide general guidelines for policy orientation and coherence, without prescribing specific policies

- Should ensure flexibility to tailor targets to regional, national and sub-national conditions and priorities

Process of formulating post-2015 agenda

- Prerogative of Member States to deliver new framework

- Secretary-General provides overall leadership

- Multi-stakeholder consultation process

- Major work streams:

Open Working Group (OWG) on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)	High-level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda (HLP)	UN System Task Team on the Post-2015 Development Agenda (UNTT)	National and thematic consultations ⸺ Regional Consultations

Open Working Group (OWG) on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

- Agreement by Member States at Rio+20 to launch a process to develop a set of SDGs

- 70 countries (25 from UNECE region) from the five regional groups share 30 seats

- PGA appointed Brazil, Hungary and Kenya as facilitators

- Supported by UN System Technical Support Team

- OWG will present proposal for SDGs to 68th session of GA

High-level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda (HLP)

- Panel of 27 members to advise Secretary-General
- Co-chaired by the President of Indonesia, the President of Liberia, and the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom
- Includes leaders from civil society, private sector and government
- Panel agreed to proceed along framing questions on lessons learned from MDGs, shape and content of new framework, accountability and shaping global consensus
- Panel will submit report to SG on 31 May 2013

UN System Task Team on the Post-2015 Development Agenda (UNTT)

- Over 60 UN entities and international organizations, including all Regional Commissions
- Co-chaired by UNDP and UN-DESA
- Coordinates system-wide activities
- Provides analytical inputs and recommendations
- Prepared report "Realizing the future we want for all" (2012)
- Supports OWG

UNECE focal points for UNTT and its Working Groups

	Focal Point	Alternate
Post-2015 UNTT	Robert Shelburne	Malinka Koparanova
WG on Global Partnership for Development	Robert Shelburne	Mika Vepsalainen
WG on Monitoring and Targets Setting	Andres Vikat	Taeke Gjaltema
Technical Support Team on SDGs	Monika Linn	Miodrag Pesut

Consultative process

National and thematic consultations

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Regional Consultations

- National and global thematic consultations under UNDG umbrella
- National consultations in over 50 countries, including in about 13 UNECE countries
- 11 multi-stakeholder thematic consultations
- Regional consultations organized by the Regional Commissions
- Outcomes of the consultations will be made available to HLP and SG

Global thematic consultations

- Inequalities
- Governance
- Growth and employment
- Health
- Education
- Environmental Sustainability
- Food Security and Nutrition
- Conflict and Fragility
- Population Dynamics
- Energy
- Water (ECE facilitates sub-consultation on water resources management)

Major deliverables and timetable

Deliverable	Due date
Report High-level Panel to Secretary-General	31 May 2013
Report Secretary-General to General Assembly on post-2015 agenda	To be submitted to 68th session in September 2013 on the occasion of a special event
Report Open Working Group to General Assembly	To be submitted to 68th session

Major challenges

- Coordination between different work streams

- Building consensus on a comprehensive yet focussed agenda with realistic goals

- Integration of SDGs, post-2015 agenda and other UN processes

- Accountability framework for achievement of new development goals

Involvement of UNECE

- Member of UNTT and Technical Support Team to OWG

- Development of a Green Economy Toolbox in follow-up to Rio+20

- Regional reports
  - Rio+20 Report
  - Preparation of inter-agency report on post-2015 agenda
  - Regional Commissions Report

- Commission Session
  - High-level panels on
    (a) "The future of sustainability: from transition to transformation"
    (b) "Sustainable development governance: regional implications and perspectives for the post-Rio+20 institutional set-up"

The way forward for UNECE in post-2015 process

- Communicate an integrated vision from UNECE region on inclusion and sustainability

- Focus on key messages and cross-sectoral linkages in current stage

- Opportunity to promote activities and good practices as post-2015 process moves from conceptual to more specific stage

- UNECE areas of work that will feature in post-2015 agenda will gain momentum

Approach of draft inter-agency report on post-MDG vision for ECE region

- Inter-agency consensus to base combined vision on four areas, in line with proposed global format:
  - Inclusive social development
  - Inclusive economic development
  - Environmental sustainability
  - Peace, security and social stability
- In terms of stock-taking, region has made impressive progress towards MDGs
- Considerable challenges persist, particularly in health and environment
- Looking ahead, ECE region presents vital lessons for new global agenda