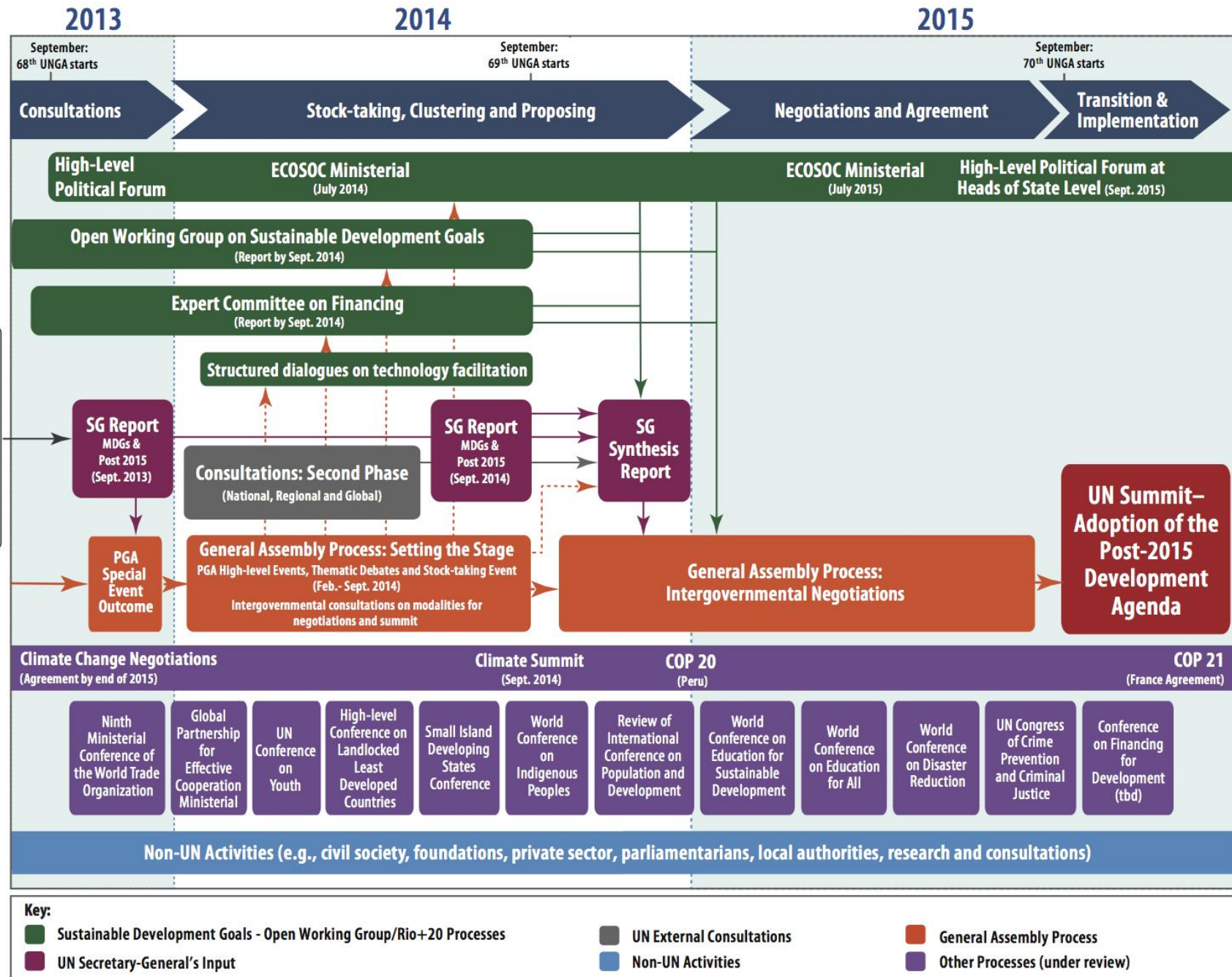


# Women's organisation participation in SDG / Post2015 global process



Women's Major Group

# Processes feeding into the Post-2015 Development Agenda



# Women's Major Group at Rio+20



# Women Activies at Rio+20 summit



**RIO20**  
Women Creating a Sustainable Future

Women's Major Group  
United Nations  
Rio+20 Summit

**RIO+20: From the Future We Want to the Future We Need**

Women's Major Group Final Statement on the Outcomes of Rio+20

23 June 2012

The Women's Major Group (WVG), representing 200 civil society women's organizations from all around the world, is greatly disappointed in the results of the Rio+20 conference. We believe that the governments of the world have failed both women and future generations.

#### Women's Rights Rolled Back

Two years of negotiations have culminated in a Rio+20 outcome that makes almost no progress for women's rights and rights of future generations in sustainable development. The Women's Major Group has worked around the clock to maintain women's rights and commitments to gender equality that have already been agreed to, but gaining affirmation of those rights left no time for real progress and commitments to moving toward the future we need.

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Creating a Just &  
Sustainable Future

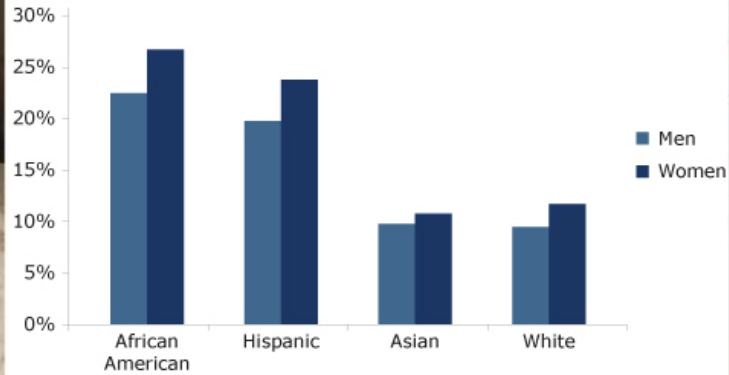
# Root causes of the problem

- Unsustainable development, inequality and the violation of the human rights of women and men are closely linked
- As the Brundtland report noted already in 1987:
- ***“inequality is the planet's main 'environmental' problem; it is also its main 'development' problem.”***

# Women are the majority of the poor



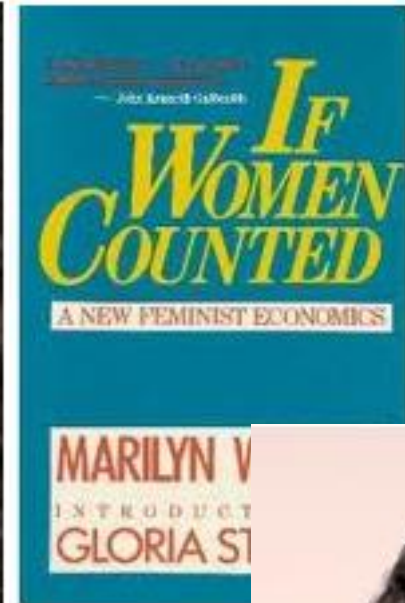
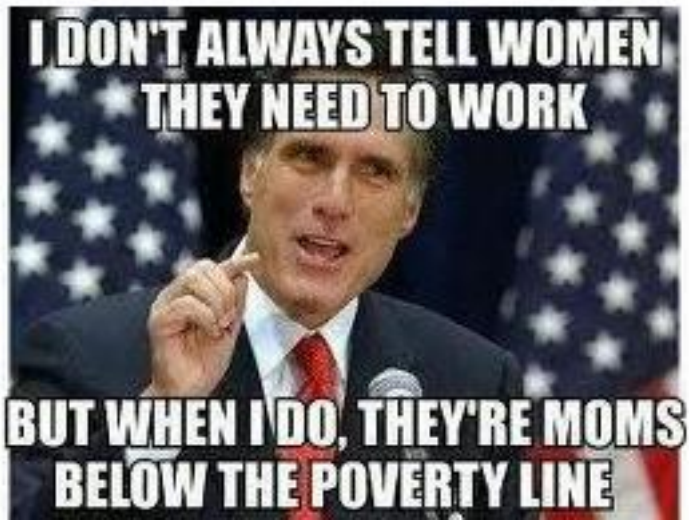
Percentage of men and women in poverty by race/ethnicity



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2008 Annual Social and Economic Supplement



# Women's unpaid work – invisible pillar of our economy



Woman waters seedlings in the Lake Tana area of Ethiopia's Amhara Region. Photo: IFAD/Petterik Wiggers



# Women's livelihoods & nature

- Intact ecosystems assure the survival of the poorest people, who depend for up to 80% of their livelihoods on functioning ecosystems (TEEB report)
- Economic growth in many countries has come at cost of destruction of natural resources. And this has hit the poor and women most severely



# 3 billion poor due to environmental degradation...

- People in poverty are suffering from degradation of their agricultural land, forests, water supplies and biodiversity,
- The Human Development Report, warns that if ***environmental degradation*** continues at the current rate, gains will be entirely turned back, pulling over ***3 billion people*** back into extreme poverty

# Extractives, exploitation, violence, pollution...



# ILLUSTRATIVE GOALS AND TARGETS

POST-2015



1. End Poverty



2. Empower Girls and Women and Achieve Gender Equality



3. Provide Quality Education and Lifelong Learning



4. Ensure Healthy Lives



5. Ensure Food Security and Good Nutrition



6. Achieve Universal Access to Water and Sanitation



7. Secure Sustainable Energy



8. Create Jobs, Sustainable Livelihoods, and Equitable Growth



9. Manage Natural Resource Assets Sustainably



10. Ensure Good Governance and Effective Institutions



11. Ensure Stable and Peaceful Societies



12. Create a Global Enabling Environment & Catalyse Long-Term Finance

## A NEW GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP

The Report of the High-Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda [post2015hlp.org](http://post2015hlp.org)

# HLP post2015

## EMPOWER GIRLS AND WOMEN AND ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY

- a) Prevent and eliminate all forms of violence against girls and women
- b) End child marriage
- c) Ensure equal right of women to own and inherit property, sign a contract, register a business and open a bank account
- d) Eliminate discrimination against women in political, economic, and public life

# HLP post 2015

## ENSURE HEALTHY LIVES

- a) End preventable infant and under-5 deaths
- b) Increase by x% the proportion of children, adolescents, at-risk adults and older people that are fully vaccinated
- c) Decrease the maternal mortality ratio to no more than x per 100,000
- d) Ensure universal sexual and reproductive health and rights
- e) Reduce the burden of disease from HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, neglected tropical diseases and priority non-communicable diseases

# PROVIDE QUALITY EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING

- a) Increase by x% the proportion of children able to access and complete pre-primary education
- b) Ensure every child, regardless of circumstance, completes primary education able to read, write and count well enough to meet minimum learning standards
- c) Ensure every child, regardless of circumstance, has access to lower secondary education and increase the proportion of adolescents who achieve recognized and measurable learning outcomes to x%
- d) Increase the number of young and adult women and men with the skills, including technical and vocational, needed for work by x%

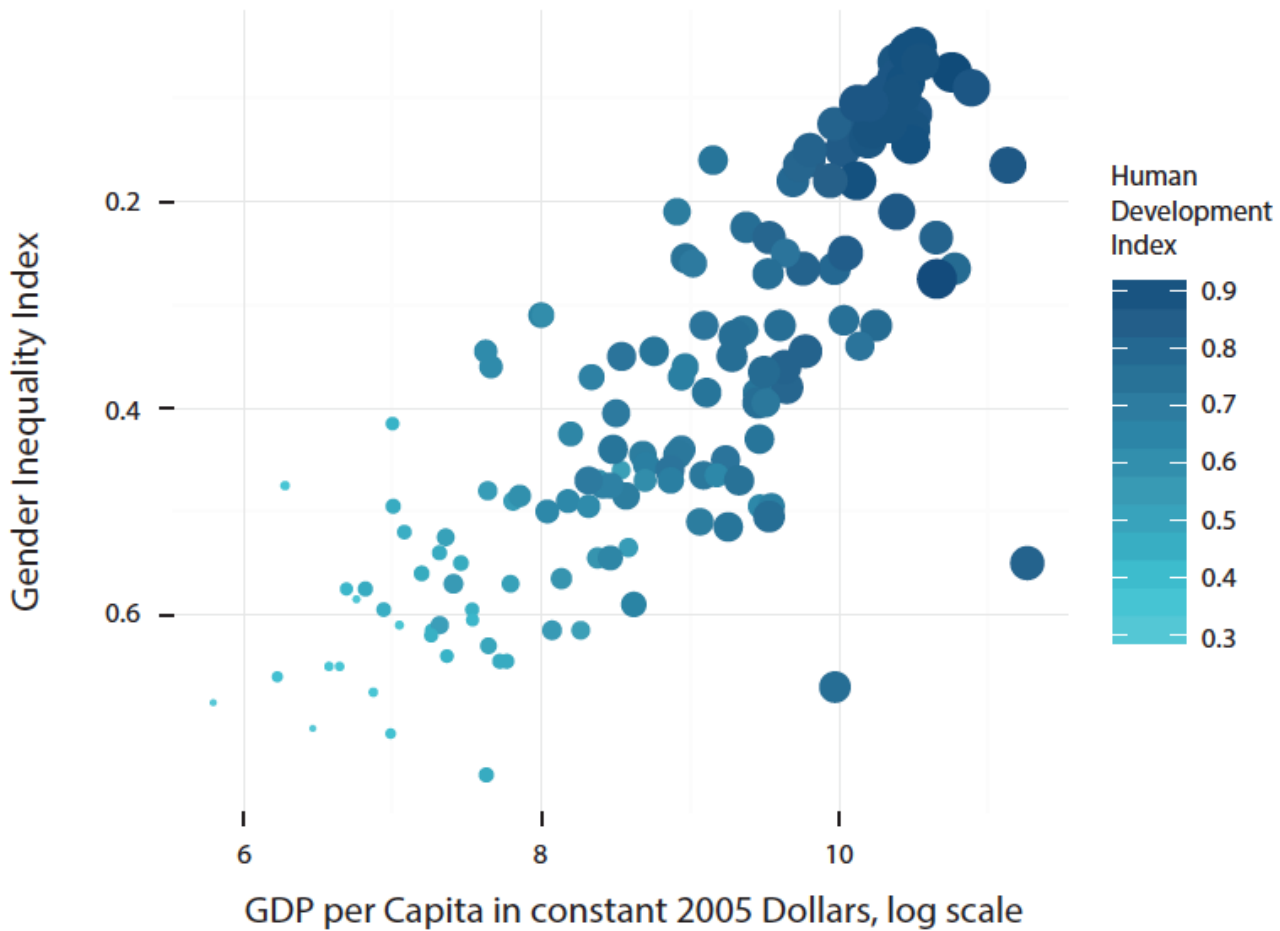
# HLP post2015

## END POVERTY

- a) Bring the number of people living on less than \$1.25 a day to zero and reduce by x% the share of people living below their country's 2015 national poverty line
- b) Increase by x% the share of women and men, communities and businesses with secure rights to land, property, and other assets
- c) Cover x% of people who are poor and vulnerable with social protection systems
- d) Build resilience and reduce deaths from natural disasters by x%

# HLP post2015

Higher Gender Equality Associated with Higher Income <sup>14</sup>





# HLP - women

## Women

- There is a reinforced standalone gender goal and expanded gender targets and indicators
- Women's access to land, property, productive resources, information and technology is strengthened; their unpaid care and social reproduction roles are accounted for
- All forms of gender-based violence are addressed; access to justice must be prioritized and a package of critical services is made available to all victims of gender-based violence
- Laws that discriminate on the basis of gender, criminalize or marginalize specific groups on the basis of their gender identity or sexual orientation must be repealed
- Specific and cross-cutting financial allocations for women's rights (gender budgeting) is ensured; disaggregated data is available to monitor implementation and outcomes
- Women's leadership in decision-making, including affirmative action measures for political participation at all levels; and in the private sector must be prioritized
- The role of climate change, natural disasters, land grabbing and the extractives model of development in perpetuating women's poverty is recognized and addressed

# SDG's and Post2015

- SDGs Colombia and Guatemala common Initiative
- Reasons for SDGs we can only guess at
  - Re-strengthen multi-lateralism ?
  - Emerging economies/ developing countries in the lead
  - Not donor or UN-driven ?
  - Taking it away from ministries of finance and foreign affairs.....?

# Rio+20 Outcome document

- Universal Goals
- Intergovernmental process
- Process to merge with Post-2015

## Difficult issues

- ....no SRHR agreed in Rio.... !
- Planetary Boundaries.. Common but Differentiated Responsibilities..

# Open Working Group on SDGs

- New grouping never seen before at the UN
- More flexibility ? – e.g. China, Indonesia....
- [http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/1692OWG\\_methods\\_work\\_adopted\\_1403.pdf](http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/1692OWG_methods_work_adopted_1403.pdf)

1. Algeria/Egypt/Morocco/Tunisia
2. Ghana
3. Benin
4. Kenya
5. United Republic of Tanzania
6. Congo
7. Zambia/Zimbabwe
8. Nauru/Palau/Papua New Guinea
9. Bhutan/Thailand/Viet Nam
10. India/Pakistan/Sri Lanka
11. China/Indonesia/Kazakhstan
12. Cyprus/Singapore/United Arab Emirates
13. Bangladesh/Republic of Korea/Saudi Arabia
14. Iran (Islamic Republic of)/Japan/Nepal
15. Colombia/Guatemala
16. Bahamas/Barbados
17. Guyana/Haiti/Trinidad and Tobago
18. Mexico/Peru
19. Brazil/Nicaragua
20. Argentina/Bolivia (Plurinational State of)/Ecuador
21. Australia/Netherlands/United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
22. Canada/Israel/United States of America
23. Denmark/Ireland/Norway
24. France/Germany/Switzerland
25. Italy/Spain/Turkey
26. Hungary
27. Belarus/Serbia
28. Bulgaria/Croatia
29. Montenegro/Slovenia
30. Poland/Romania

# How does OWG on SDGs work

- Taking stock of possible Goals, Targets, Indicators
- Co-chairs Ambassadors Kenya and Hungary present reports after each OWG meeting
- Have moved into in-official negotiation mode
- Only 1 more session to go in July 2014
- See: [sustainabledevelopment.un.org](http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org)

# 17 Goals proposed for SDGs (02.6.14)

- **1. Poverty eradication**
- **2. Food security and nutrition**
- **3. Health and population dynamics**
- **4. Education**
- **5. Gender equality and women's empowerment**
- **6. Water and sanitation**

# SDGs goals, cont.

- **7. Energy**
- **8. Economic Growth & Decent work**
- **9. Industrialization**
- **10. In-equalities**
- **11. Sustainable cities and human settlements**
- **12. Sustainable Consumption and Production**
- **13. Climate Change**



# SDGs goals cont.

- **14. Marine resources, oceans and seas**
- **15. Ecosystems and biodiversity**
- **16. Peaceful and non-violent societies, rule of law**
- **17. Means of implementation**

# Tensions

- Human rights
- Women's rights missing – 120 countries which discriminate in legislations
- Enforced early marriage
- SRHR – right is missing (again) – abortion, access contraceptives, comprehensive sexuality education
- Rights of lesbians , gays, transgender, (LGBTI) missing
- Unpaid work / care economy & link to social protection floor
- Women's role in peace – security
- Economic roots of female poverty, violence

# WMG publication SDGs

[www.womenmajorgroup.org](http://www.womenmajorgroup.org)

## PUBLICATION



*Gender Equality, Women's Rights and Women's Priorities : Recommendations for the proposed Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Post-2015 Development Agenda*

- English version ([download here](#))
- Francais ([télécharger ici](#))
- Espanol ([descargar aqui](#))

2-page overview of recommendations in the publication

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- Russian ([скачать здесь](#))

Booklet: "Strengthening Gender Justice: Recommendations for the Sustainable Development Goals and the Post-2015 Development Agenda."  
-- a booklet with the main conclusions and recommendations of the publication

- English version ([download here](#))
- Francais (en cours)
- Espanol (próximamente)

**Women's Major Group contribution for the Fifth Session of the Open Working Group on the Sustainable Development Goals**

**Analysis and key recommendations on Energy based on comments to the UNTST Issue Brief**

**25-27 November 2013**

*Submitted by Women's Major Group<sup>1</sup>*

We appreciate the opportunity for providing feedback on the different issues that will be discussed during the upcoming session of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals.

We are deeply concerned about the analysis and proposals contained in the TST Energy briefing, for the following reasons:

- Although there is a strong focus on energy efficiency, little mention is made of the unsustainable patterns of energy consumption, which lie behind unsustainable energy generation, including from types of energy falsely classed as 'renewable' and 'green'. Energy efficiency in itself is not a convincing tool for reducing excessive energy demands: historically, increased energy efficiency has consistently gone hand in hand with increased energy use and increased carbon emissions. Without deeper economic and social changes, there are no reasons to think that this link will be broken.
- The document strongly promotes energy for economic growth, without acknowledging any environmental limits to consumption and growth. While many people's basic energy needs remain unmet, many others clearly use far more energy than is sustainable. Overall global energy consumption growth is incompatible with a stable climate and with environmental protection.

# Major Groups

- In Focus and Upcoming
- SDGs Thematic Clusters
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Meeting/event	Date	Registration
Intersessional Meeting between Major Groups and other stakeholders and the Open Working Group on SDGs	22 Nov 2013	<a href="#">Click here</a>
Fifth session of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals	25-27 Nov 2013	<a href="#">Click here</a>
Interactive Multistakeholder Dialogue with Second meeting of the Intergovernmental committee of experts on sustainable development financing	5 Dec 2013	<a href="#">Click here</a>
Sixth session of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals	9-13 Dec 2013	<a href="#">Click here</a>
Seventh session of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals	6-10 Jan 2014	<a href="#">Click here</a>
Eighth session of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals	3-7 Feb 2014	<a href="#">Click here</a>

## Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on SD Financing

More

As per paragraph 255 of the Rio+20 Outcome document, the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing is committed to work in "open and broad consultation with relevant international and regional financial institutions and other relevant stakeholders".

In this context, participation and inputs from Major Groups and other stakeholders will be solicited throughout the duration of the work of the Committee. Please [click here](#) for more information.

## Sustainable Development Goals

More

### Sustainable Development Goals

Help form the Sustainable Development Goals and the post 2015 development agenda.

The upcoming **Fifth session of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals** will deal with:

- Sustained and inclusive economic growth
- Macroeconomic policy questions (including international trade, international financial system and external debt sustainability), infrastructure development and industrialization
- Energy

[Learn more on how to contribute to the SDGs]



## In Focus

- Intersessional Meeting between Major Groups and other stakeholders and the Open Working Group on SDGs (22 Nov 2013) - Outlines for Background papers now available
- FAQs on High-Level Political Forum
- SD in Action Newsletter - Nov 2013 issue

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## Women

### Highlighted

- Introduction
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- Statements

### Latest

► **Briefing Papers for the OWG 5.**

Please find here the paper on Analysis and recommendations on energy growth and macroeconomic policies

[Women in Europe for a Common Future \(WECF\)](#) on 8:43 am, 20 Nov, 2013

► **Briefing Papers for the OWG 5.**

Please see the paper on Analysis and recommendations on Energy

[Women in Europe for a Common Future \(WECF\)](#) on 8:41 am, 20 Nov, 2013

► **Women's Major Group Intervention on Strengthening Gender Justice and Human Rights to Achieve Sustainable Development\_UN\_19\_sept\_2013**

To review all interventions at the panel discussion on strengthening Gender Justice and Human Rights to Achieve Sustainable Development, made by our colleagues: as member of the table Nolene Nabulivo...