UN Sustainable Development Goals: Scotland Preparing for Action

2015 A Defining Year for our Planet

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Outcome of Rio+20

An intergovernmental process:

• **Defining** the Sustainable Development Goals - SDGs
• **Addressing** the three dimensions sustainability
• **Based** on Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation
• **Building** upon achievement & lessons learned from the MDGs
• **Focusing** on priority areas for the achievement of SD
Sustainable Development Goals Track

• Led by the Open Working Group to prepare a proposal for consideration by the General Assembly
• Universally applicable to all countries
• Action-oriented
• Concise
• Limited in number
• Aspirational
• Easy the communicate
Post-Millennium Development Goals Track

- Led by UN Secretary-General
- Consultations on the post-development framework replacing the MDGs
- High Level Panel of Eminent Persons
- Sustainable Development Solutions Network
- UN Global Compact Consultations
- UNDP Thematic and National Consultations

...what next?
Post-2015 Development Agenda

A Single Framework and a Single Set of Goals

SDGs
Ensuring Sustainable Development

Post-MDGs
Overcoming Poverty and Insecurity
Goal 17

Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

MDGs relied on voluntary aid and individual promises from countries, perpetuating a dependence on donor-recipient aid relationships.

SDGs should promote a paradigm shift of financing, beyond ‘development aid’
- multi-stakeholder partnerships
- good governance
- ethical trade
- social investment
- capacity building
SDGs
HLPF

High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development
Pre-eminent unit within the United Nations system to review the SDGs

Providing leadership and agenda-setting
Strengthening the science-policy interface
Identifying emerging issues
Monitoring - Global Sustainable Development Report
Promoting evidence-based decisions
The Big Test for the 2015

How to build coherent plans of action between the two agendas: domestic and international, development and sustainability

And we need to do a big push- the last lap to finish the MDG run. The higher we complete, the higher will be the bar as we start!
“We are the first generation that can end poverty and the last generation that can take steps to avoid the worst impact of climate change. Future generations will judge us harshly if we fail to uphold our moral and historical responsibilities.”

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon
Thank you!

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