

OWG Co-Chairs Release SDGs 'Zero Draft'

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On 2 June 2014, the co-chairs of the Open Working Group (OWG) on SDGs, Ambassador Macharia Kamau of Kenya, and Ambassador Csaba Korosi of Hungary, released the 'zero draft' of the OWG's proposals for goals and targets, in preparation for the group's June session.

1. General outline:

As anticipated, the co-chairs have put forward an expanded document, re-inserting a goal on reducing inequality within and among nations (bringing the number of proposed goals to 17), and including some 212 targets put forward by the UN Member States.

The proposed goal on **"Achieving peaceful and inclusive societies, rule of law, effective and capable institutions"** has also remained in the document, and continues to be presented as a single goal area, despite requests from some Member States that it be split into two separate areas.

Reflecting the political discussions on means of implementation and global partnerships, the zero draft document contains sub-headings under the proposed goal 17 **"Strengthen and enhance the means of implementation and global partnership for sustainable development"** related to each of the other 16 goals. This is perhaps an attempt to resolve Member States' divergent views on whether means of implementation should be addressed as a stand-alone goal only, or as both a stand-alone goal and an issue that is linked to each of the other goals.

2. Migration:

The latest document includes a number of specific targets on migrants and migration, including the reintroduction of text on refugees and IDPs:

- Proposed **goal 8. Promote strong, inclusive and sustainable economic growth and decent work for all**
8.13 end child labour by 2030, protect the rights and ensure safe and secure working environments of all workers, including migrant workers and those in precarious employment.

8.15 by 2030 lower the overall costs in migration processes and minimize transaction costs of remittances.
- Proposed **goal 10. Reduce inequality within and among countries**
10.5 empower and promote the social and economic inclusion of the poor, the marginalized and people in vulnerable situations, including indigenous peoples, women, minorities, migrants, persons with disabilities, older persons, children and youth.

10.6 promote and respect cultural diversity.

10.11 facilitate greater international mobility of labour while mitigating brain drain.

- Proposed **goal 16. Achieve peaceful and inclusive societies, rule of law, effective and capable institutions**
16.3 by 2030 reduce illicit financial flows by x% and reduce money laundering and all forms of organized crime including human trafficking and illicit trade in arms, drugs and wildlife.

16.9 reduce the number of internally displaced persons and refugees.

- Proposed **goal 17. Strengthen and enhance the means of implementation and global partnership for sustainable development**

(Proposed goal 10. Reduce inequality within and among countries) - subheading

17.34 by 2030 reduce to 5% or below the transaction costs of migrants' remittances, including regulatory and administrative costs.

17.35 enhance global cooperation to facilitate orderly, safe, responsible migration and mobility of people, including through implementation of planned and managed migration policies that facilitate migrants' contribution to sustainable development.

3. Other issues:

Disaster risk reduction and resilience has continued to feature in the document in a number of areas, including:

- Proposed **goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere**
1.6 by 2030 strengthen early warning and disaster risk reduction systems and related capacities with the aim of building resilience and protecting the poor and those in vulnerable situations from disasters and shocks, including climate-related extreme events.
- Proposed **goal 11. Build inclusive, safe and sustainable cities and human settlements**
11.6 by 2020, increase by x% the number of human settlements adopting and implementing policies and plans towards resilience and adaptation to climate change and natural disasters.
- Proposed **goal 13. Promote actions at all levels to address climate change**
13.2 build resilience and adaptive capacity to climate induced hazards in all vulnerable countries.

Measures to ensure access of vulnerable populations to **health, social protection, education and employment**:

- Proposed **goal 3. Attain healthy life for all at all ages**
3.6 achieve universal health coverage (UHC), including financial risk protection, with particular attention to the most marginalized and people in vulnerable situations.
- Proposed **goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere**
1.3 by 2030, fully implement nationally appropriate social protection measures including floors, with a focus on coverage of the poor, the most marginalized and people in vulnerable situations.



1.4 by 2030 achieve equal access to productive employment and decent work for all, including the poor, persons with disabilities, and other people in vulnerable situations as well as women and young people.

- Proposed **goal 4. Provide equitable and inclusive quality education and life-long learning opportunities for all**
4.6 by 2030 ensure that people in vulnerable situations and marginalized people including persons with disabilities and indigenous peoples have access to inclusive education, skills development and vocational training aligned with labour market needs.

Land and property rights and access to financial services are addressed under the poverty goal:

- Proposed **goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere**
1.5 by 2030 ensure development opportunities for all men and women, including secure rights to own land, property and other productive resources, and access to financial services, with particular focus on the poor, the most marginalized and people in vulnerable situations.

Disaggregated data is addressed in a number of areas:

- **Proposed goal 10. Reduce inequality within and among countries**
10.7 ensure the availability of high-quality, timely and disaggregated data to ensure monitoring of progress for marginalized groups and people in vulnerable situations.
- **Proposed goal 17. Strengthen and enhance the means of implementation and global partnership for sustainable development**
17.36 by 2020, substantially strengthen capacities for data collection and statistical analysis relevant to sustainable development with a focus on generating timely and high-quality data disaggregated, as appropriate, by income, gender, age, race, ethnicity, and rural/urban location.

4. Way forward:

- The co-chairs have confirmed 9-11 June as the dates for the OWG's informal consultations.
- The intention is to use these "informal-informals" to discuss Member States' initial reactions to the zero draft document.
- The co-chairs have noted that the OWG has only 10 days of formal work remaining, and that it is therefore crucial that delegations come prepared with concise and final language that will facilitate timely agreement of both goals and targets.
- It has been reemphasized once again that the OWG must agree on how to limit the amount of text and the size of the document particularly with regard to the number of targets.
- The OWG will reconvene at its penultimate formal session on 16 June.
- The zero draft document is available online:
<http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/4044140602workingdocument.pdf>