



A Small Planet: Sustainable Development Goals for Asia and Europe

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9:00 – 10:30

CONCEPT NOTE

Objective:

To provide input for the discussion of the post-2015 development agenda based on the research on Sustainable Development Goals undertaken by ENVforum. :

Specifically, the research:

- 1. Examines the goals and targets of national strategies for (sustainable) development / green growth or similar plans and their monitoring and evaluation tools in 14 selected Asian and European countries;
- 2. Proposes a set of SDGs and associated indicators based on country realities; and
- 3. Identifies implementation challenges at a country level.

In view of the on-going processes to determine the development landscape post2015, this side-event plans to inform heads of state, policy makers, and other relevant stakeholders on options for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), targets and indicators to guide global, national and local development strategies,

Format:

The event present research outcomes on possible SDGs and related targets and indicators and discuss the implications of establishing global goals for national level implementation. Issues to be discussed:

- A set of SDGs for development post-2015 and associated targets and indicators based on a methodology combining bottom-up and top-down research findings;
- Means of implementation – what are the identified challenges and what are the new mechanisms and institutional frameworks that would address them;



- Possible capacity gaps – what are the critical issues that need to be taken care of to ensure a successful post-2015 development agenda?

Research:

The work is conducted for ENVforum by IISD-Europe (Switzerland, project leader), Earth Council Asia-Pacific (Philippines) and PublicStrategy for Sustainable Development (Belgium) in collaboration with the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (Japan), who will contribute its expertise to the project.

The research focuses on 14 countries: Australia, Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, and Singapore in Asia and France, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, and the EU.

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