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# Critique Rio+20: Peoples Alternatives for the Green Economy, SDGs and IFSD



**Peoples'  
Sustainability  
Treaties**  
alternative pathway for a sustainable transition

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# The Several Last Chances: Rio1992 to Rio2012



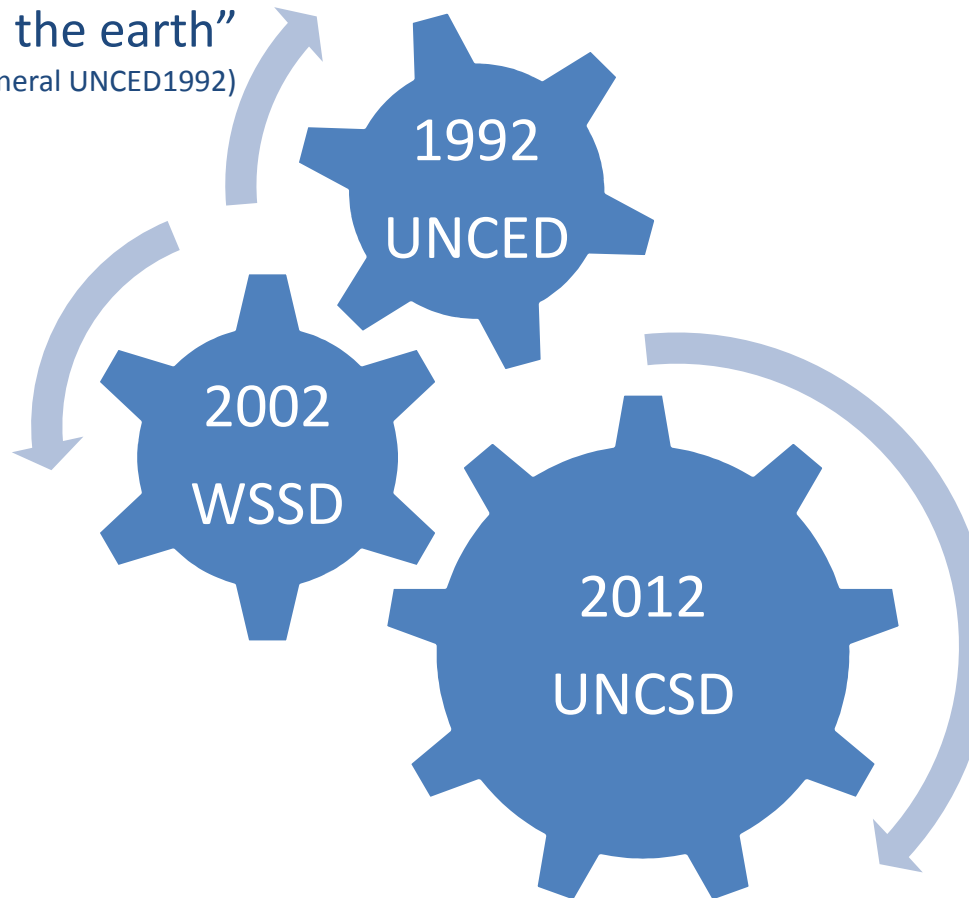
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“Last chance to save the earth”

Mr. Maurice Strong (Secretary General UNCED1992)

"I think we have to be careful not to expect conferences like this to produce miracles.."

United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan, WSSD 2002



“humanity stands at a crossroads. Nature waits for no one, and nature’s warning signs are flashing. Sustainable development is the only path that allows all of humanity to share a decent life on this, one planet.”

Mr. Sha Zukang (Secretary-General, UNCSD 2012)



# Still Guessing

1. Crunch time and still guessing
2. We worry about any positive outcome
3. Now we fear a forced outcome
4. We do not want “The future They Want”



# Eluding Challenges

1. EQUITY?
2. A clear political commitment to wards eradicating poverty and confronting Climate Change?
3. International Agreement on Sustainable Consumption & Production – not just a 10YFP, even that is out?
4. Sustainable Economic Prosperity?
5. Corporate Accountability? Not mere voluntary commitments in the form of CSR?
6. Decentralized and participatory SD Governance?



# Issues – Equity & GE

1. GE – still an illusion to many – most governments are clueless, but southern governments sense the dangers
2. A green wash or the market
3. A green market monopoly
4. Dolly the sheep single model
5. Can increase poverty – lack of access and affordability
6. Not a GE – A SYSTEM OF SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIES!



# Issues – SDG

1. A face saving effort to bring some new SD Goals
2. new proposition without much research and deliberation
3. Cannot commit governments to a SDGs - not debated extensively
4. These are country and region specific challenges – as much as global
5. We need a SDG framework in Rio – towards 2015 successor of MDGs
6. A three year global dialogue needs to be set towards the Millennium Summit in 2012



# Issues – SD Governance

1. IFSD? Reforming UN?
2. It should be about SD Governance architecture
3. Who will govern the SD agenda? Should not be the UN?
4. NCSD needs to be discussed in a bigger role – then revitalization of the dead NCSD's is necessary
5. Local to National to regional implementation – governance representation in decision making bodies
6. Shape the IFSD on a more national and regional strengthen based global mechanism



# Making our Own Engagement Campaigning for the Key Concerns



**Peoples'  
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The Peoples' Sustainability Treaties brings together global civil society to develop an independent, collective outcome for a sustainable future beyond Rio+20. These independent collective agreements are produced by people's organizations in parallel to the official UNCS2012 and to further to strengthen the People's Summit Rio+20 and all other independent efforts towards creating people's visions and voices. The treaties are essentially a forward looking process and targets a future beyond Rio+20 and will become a living document towards planning the transition action towards a sustainable world order.

1. Peoples' Sustainability Treaty on Consumption and Production 2. Peoples' Sustainability Treaty on Equity 3. Peoples' Sustainability Treaty on Sustainable Economies 4. Peoples' Sustainability Treaty on Radical Ecological Democracy 5. Peoples' Sustainability Treaty on Sustainable Development Governance 6. Peoples' Sustainability Treaty on Rights of Mother Earth 7. Peoples' Sustainability Treaty on Sustainable Development Goals 8. Peoples' Sustainability Treaty on Environmental Education for Sustainable Societies and Global Responsibility 9. Peoples' Sustainability Treaty on Ethical and Spiritual Values for Sustainable Development 10. Peoples' Sustainability Treaty on Rights for Sustainability 11. Peoples' Sustainability Treaty on Higher Education 12. Peoples' Sustainability Treaty on Corporate Social Responsibility and Accountability 13. Peoples' Sustainability Treaty on Transitioning to a Zero Fossils World

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# Equity

**Principle 1. Equity as Fundamental Human Right**

Principle 2. Equity as Foundation of Sustainability

Principle 3. Equity as Essential to Well-being

**Principle 4. Equitable Right to Sustainable Development**

Principle 5. Economic Activity as Means

Principle 6. Equity at All Scales

Principle 7. Equity in All Dimensions

Principle 8. Equity Through Systemic Change



# Sustainable Economies

- 1: The Earth Integrity and Planetary Boundaries Principle
- 2: The Resilience-by-Localization Principle
- 3: The Equity, Dignity and Justice Principle**
- 4: The Inclusive Governance Principle
- 5: Beyond-GDP and the Precautionary Principle**
- 6: Sufficiency, and the Polluter-Pays Principle**
- 7: The Internalizing Externalities Principle
- 8: The Restitution of Natural Capital and Human Capital Principle



# SCP

Principle #1: Equitable Consumption

**Principle #2: Well-being**

**Principle #3: Sufficiency**

Principle #4: Sustainable Societies

Principle #5: Decentralized Governance



# SD Governance

**Principle #1: Inclusiveness**

**Principle #2: Equally Representative and Responsive**

Principle #3: Flexible: Any initiatives must be capable of addressing current global challenges

Principle #4: Focused on Functions

Principle #5: Access to Information

Principle #6: Global Public Goods

**Principle #7: A Rights Based Approach**



# SD Goals

Principle #1: Universality

**Principle #2: Focused on poverty eradication**

Principle #3: Rights-based approach

Principle #4: Comprehensiveness

Principle #5: Measurability

Principle #6: Participation and inclusiveness

Principle #7: Transparency and accountability

Principle #8: Coordination and coherence

Principle #9: Equity

**Principle #10: Alignment with MDG review and post-2015 process**



# CSRA

Principle #1. Human rights

**Principle #2. Transparency and disclosure**

Principle #3. Environmental performance

Principle #4. Business ethics

Principle #5. Labour practices

Principle #6. Anti-corruption

Principle #7. Access to remedy and redress

Principle #8. Responsiveness to Consumers

Principle #9. Worker Participation and Shared Ownership



# Global Citizens Movement

The planetary challenge is urgent and systemic. The world confronts twenty-first century perils hobbled by twentieth century mindsets and institutions, a dangerous gap that bodes ill. A just and sustainable civilization is still possible. We can forge a path to a different future: a world of lives enriched and nature resilient. A fragmented movement is incapable of systemic transformation. Civil society efforts are vital, but lack an overarching vision and strategy matched to the complexity of the historic task. A critical social actor is missing from the global stage. The transition awaits the awakening of a vast cultural and political movement engaged on all fronts in a supranational project of global citizenship. The global citizens movement will be adaptive and polycentric. The living movement will evolve as a dispersed ecology of associations, spawning centers of influence in every nation and community. -TWC



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# Peoples' Sustainability Treaties

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1. [Peoples' Sustainability Treaties](#) - 13 June 2012 - 15:30 to 17:00hrs - Room: T-2 (Rio Centro, Brazil)
2. [The need for a rights-based approach to sustainable development](#) - 14 June 2012 -11:30 to 13:00hrs - Room: T-9 (Rio Centro, Brazil)
3. Dialogues Day – Peoples Sustainability Treaties – 16<sup>th</sup> at Aterro do Flamengo
4. [Imagine All The People: Advancing a Planetary Movement](#)
5. 17 June 2012 - 17:30 to 19:00hrs - Room: T-9 (Rio Centro, Brazil)
6. [Campaign for Advancing a Global Citizens Movement: Widening The Circles – 19<sup>th</sup> June 6-10pm](#)
7. [Peoples' Sustainability Treaties DIALOGUES](#) (16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> June) at the Peoples Summit – 07 events confirmed
8. Space for Artists and Activists – a creative dialogue space at Peoples Summit (16-23 June)

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