

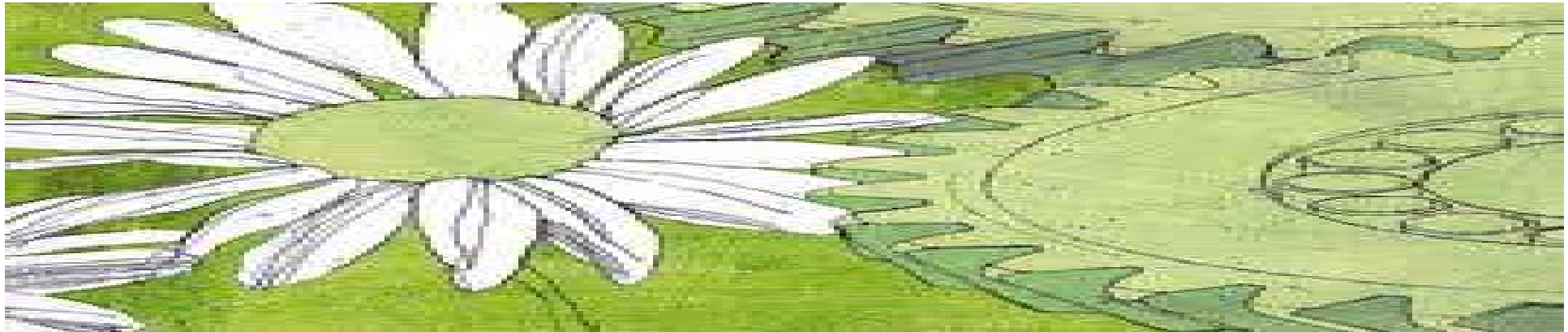


RIO+20

United Nations Conference
on Sustainable Development

Promoting a Transformative Agenda for Sustainable
Development: A Strategy Workshop on Rio+20

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State of Play and Mapping of Major Stakeholders' Positions: Opportunities for Engagement A Global and Regional Overview

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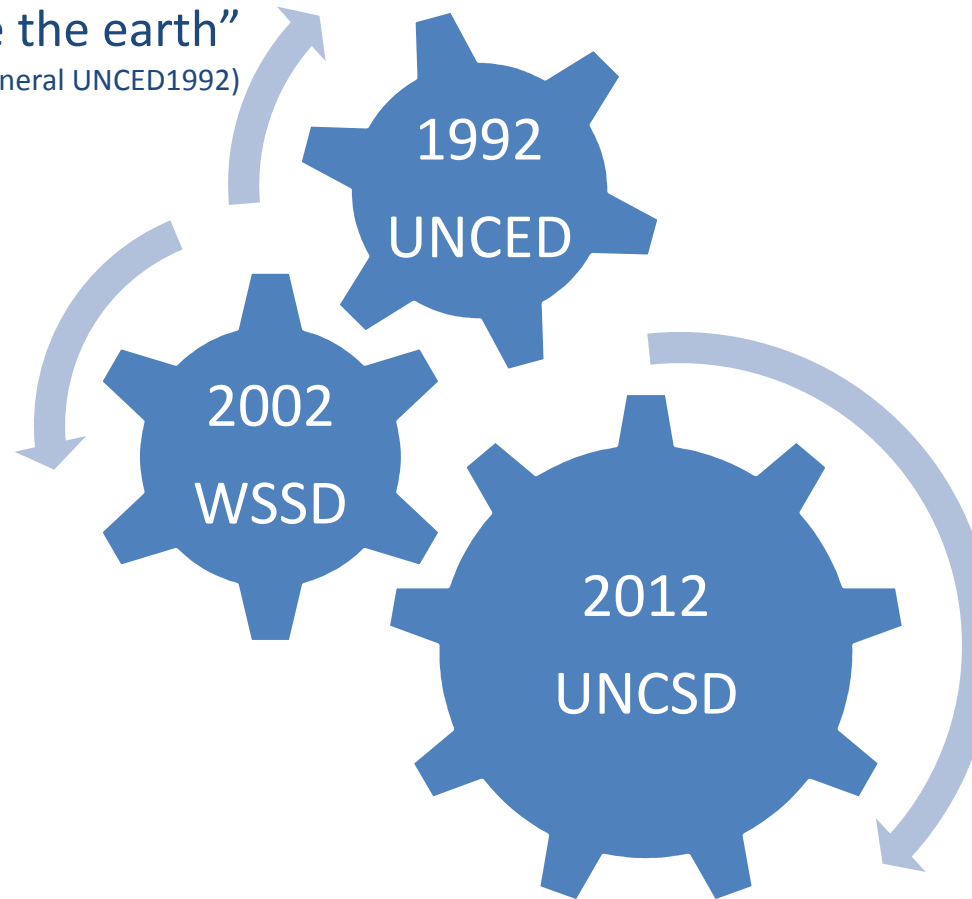


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The Several Last Chances: Rio1992 to Rio2012

“Last chance to save the earth”

Mr. Maurice Strong (Secretary General UNCED1992)



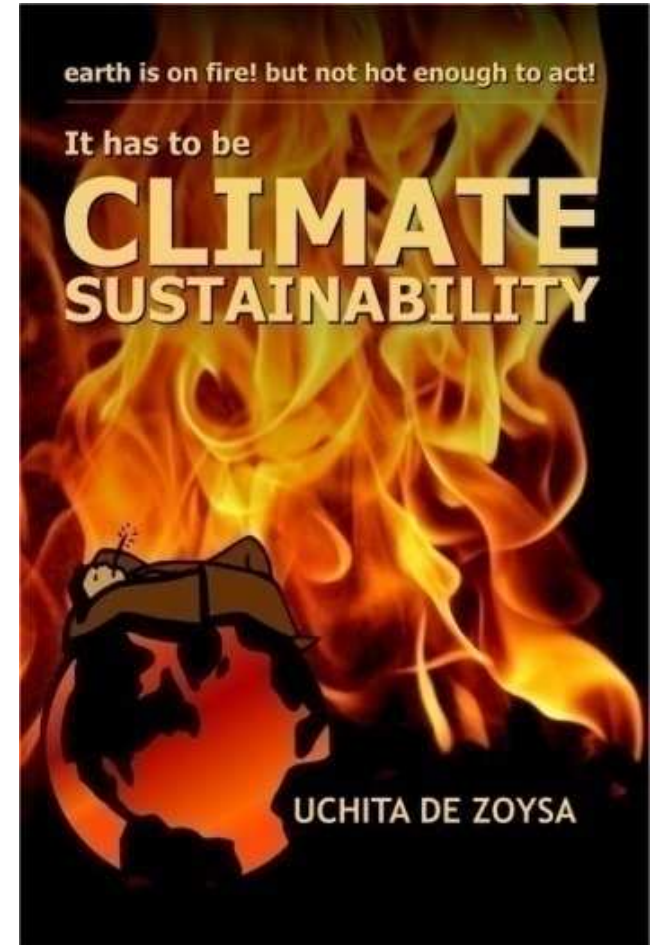
“humanity stands at a crossroads. Nature waits for no one, and nature’s warning signs are flashing. Sustainable development is the only path that allows all of humanity to share a decent life on this, one planet.”

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

Riding on a Dismantled Train

UN Journey to SD

Pg 62... “I see the whole United Nations effort on sustainability like dismantling the train's engine and compartments and getting the different units to run separately on different tracks to find sustainability. While the engine is parked on one track, the compartments seem to be running on different tracks and at different speeds with the railway staff trying to steer as many journeys as possible towards sustainability. This has left us passengers stranded not knowing which path leads to sustainability or which train takes us on that journey. The stations too have changed and different roadmaps drawn up since. We now have to figure out which map provides better direction; which one would direct us to the correct station to board and the correct train towards sustainability. Amidst all the confusion, the train company has survived and continues to profit by having multiple maps, stations, trains, and destination points directed towards sustainability.”



The Changing Focus: UNCED1992 & UNCSD2012

172 governments –
108 heads of state

UNCED 1992

- Rio Declaration
- Agenda 21
- Convention on Biological Diversity
- Forest Principles
- Framework Convention on Climate Change

UNCSD

Focus:
Environment and
Sustainable Development

Very low level of
political interest
and commitment?

UNCSD 2012

- Green Economy -
- IFSD -
- Emerging Issues -

?

Focus:
Green Growth
& SD Governance

A Different Playing Field: UNCED1992 TO UNCSD2012

2400 NGOs –
17,000 people

Rio 1992

Alternative
Treatise

International
NGO Forum

Approach:
Collective force

So far very poor
engagement and
participation

Rio 2012

Global
Forum?

Approach:
Individual efforts

?

The Different Rio Games: UNCED1992 TO UNCSD2012

UNCED 1922

UNCSD 20112

Rio Declaration

- What would be a Rio+20 Declaration?

Agenda 21

- What is the renewed commitment to Agenda 21?

Conventions on Biodiversity
& Climate Change - Forest
Principles

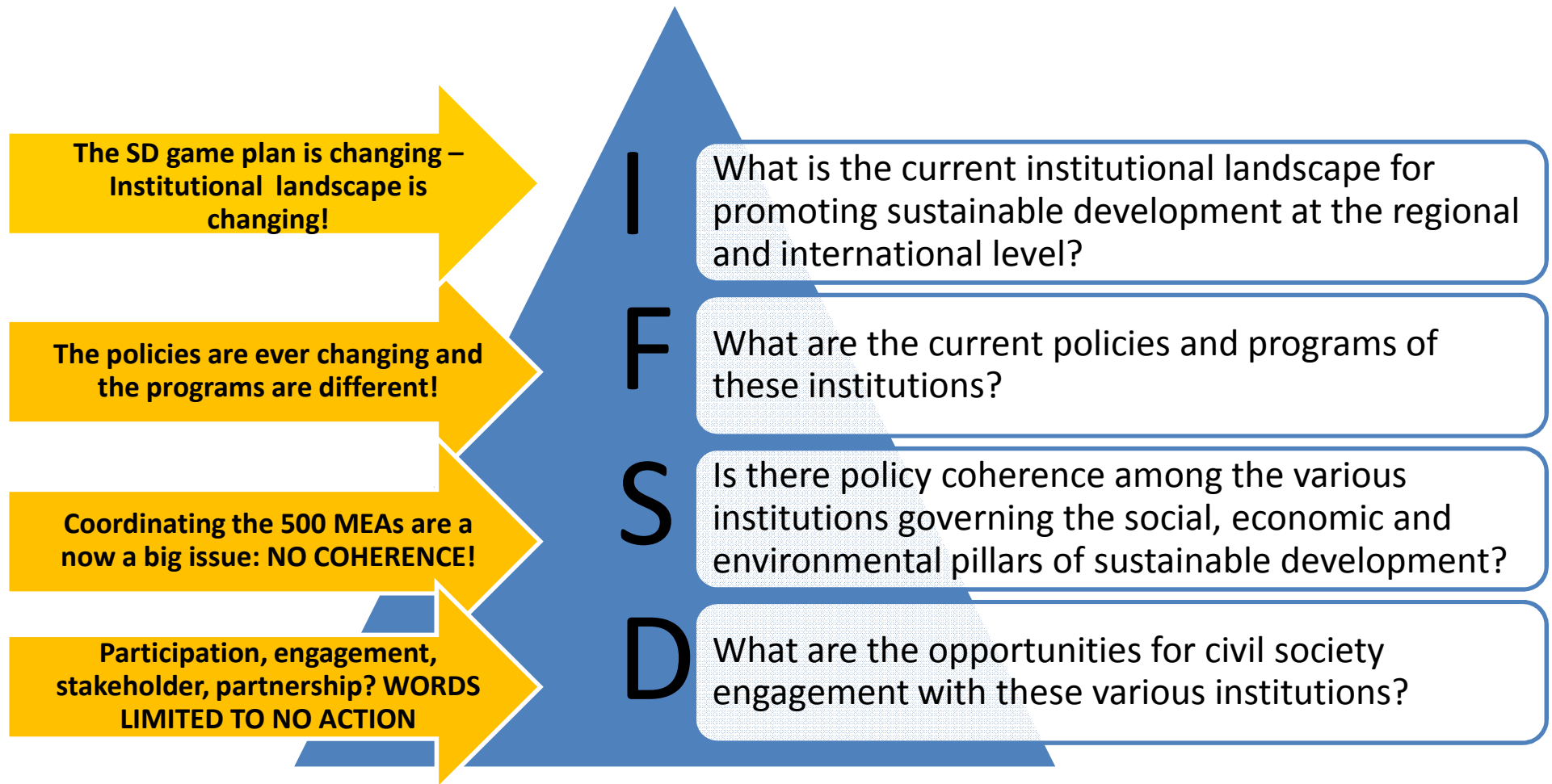
- What is the continued commitment we are looking for?

UN Commission on
Sustainable Development

- Council for Sustainable Development?

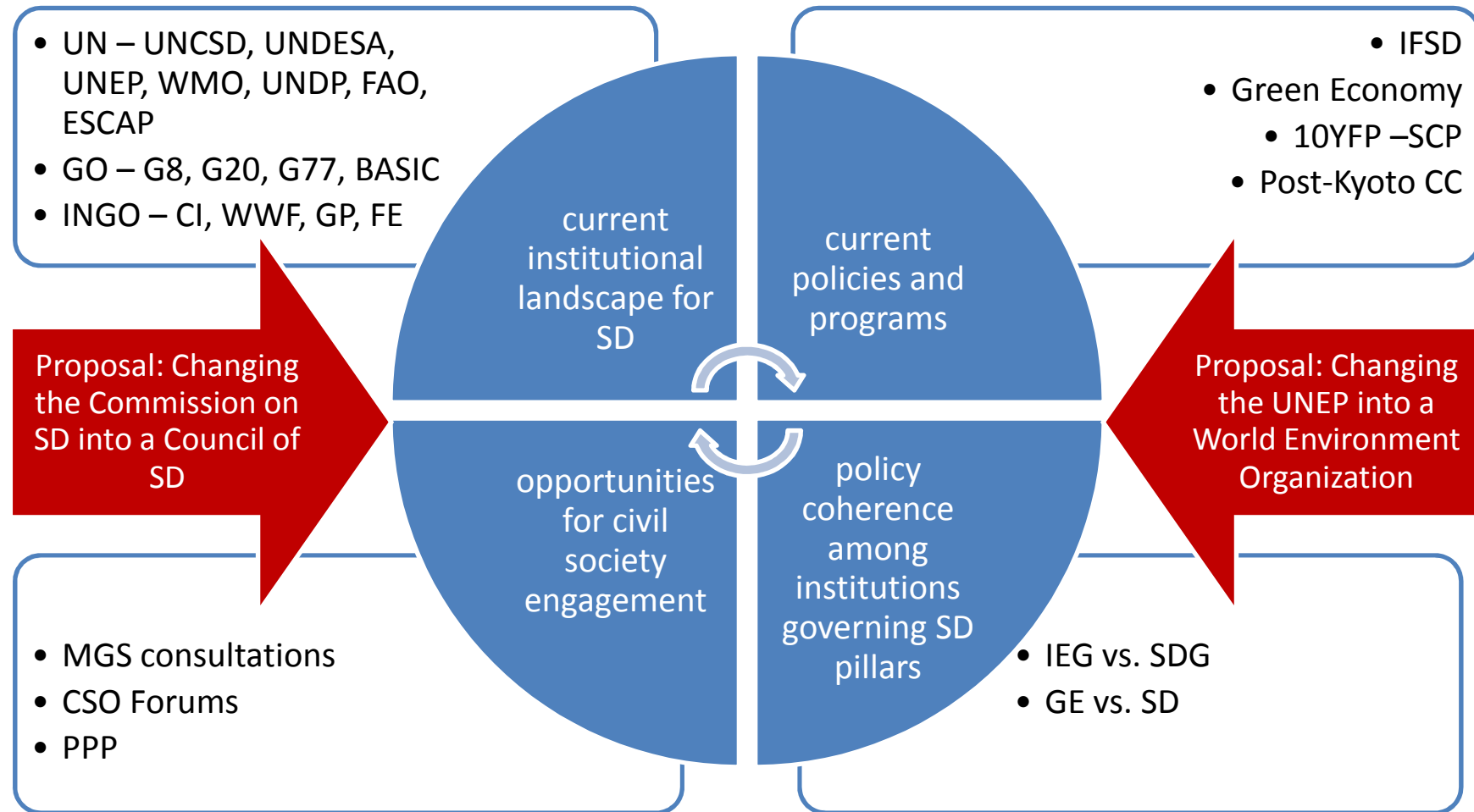
Changing State of Play

UNCED1992 TO UNCSD2012



A Changing Game!

Old Wine in New Bottles?



The System is Challenged

The Call for a New Green Deal

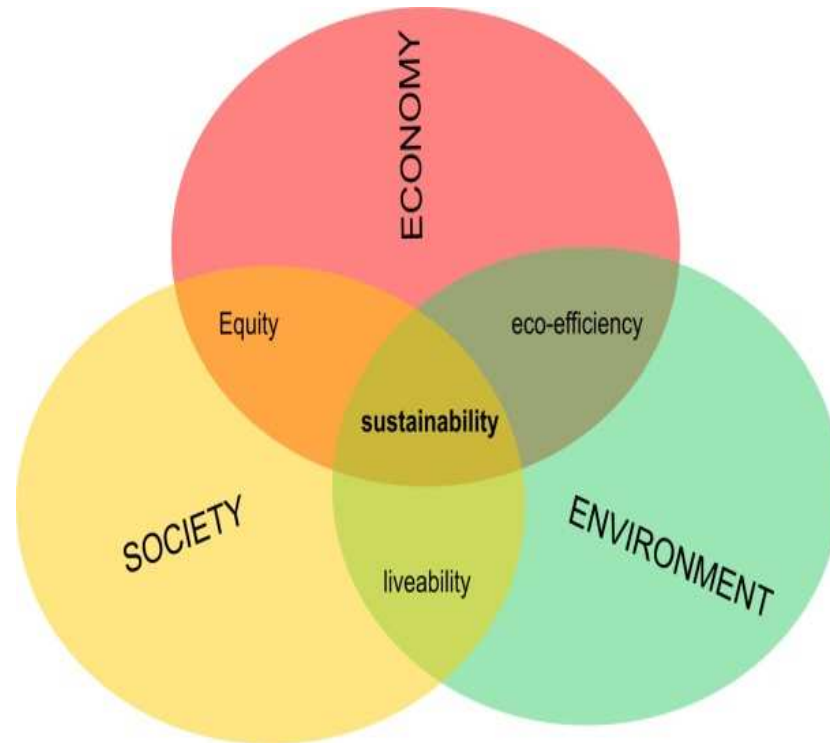
- The multiple crisis has prompted the guardians of the system to call for a new deal.
- **UNEP Green Economy Report, 21 February 2011** - a green economy can be thought of as one which is low carbon, resource efficient and socially inclusive. growth in income and employment should be driven by public and private investments that reduce carbon emissions and pollution, enhance energy and resource efficiency, and prevent the loss of biodiversity and ecosystem services.



Greening the Economy or a Sustainable Economy!

- **Can the Green Economy replace the greed-based economic order and help us face the challenge of climate change and poverty?**
- is this an attempt to “green” the brown economy;
- Sustainable Economy (or a true Green Economy) should be an economic system that ensures social equity, protects the ecological balance and creates economic sufficiency.
- The core idea of a GE should be to enforce Sustainability as in wellbeing of all people and the biodiversity.

(Uchita de Zoysa, UNEP Green Economy Consultation, Geneva, October 2010)



Who are Engaged in Rio+20?

Who can be engaged?

- Governments & Power Groups
 - EU
 - USA
 - G77 & China
 - BASIC
- Major Groups
 - Business and Industry
 - Children and Youth
 - Farmers
 - Indigenous Peoples
 - Local Authorities
 - NGOs
 - Scientific and Technological Community
 - Women
 - Workers and Trade Unions

Who are they?
Who do they represent?
Why are they important to the decisions?

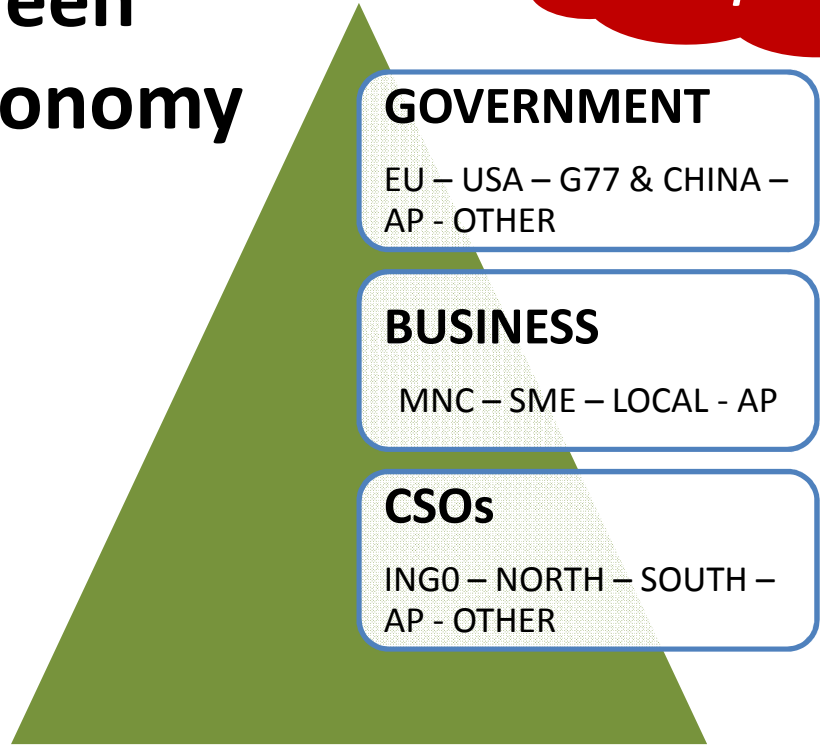
Who are they?
Who Represents them?
Who decides on representation?

What are their positions on the key issues

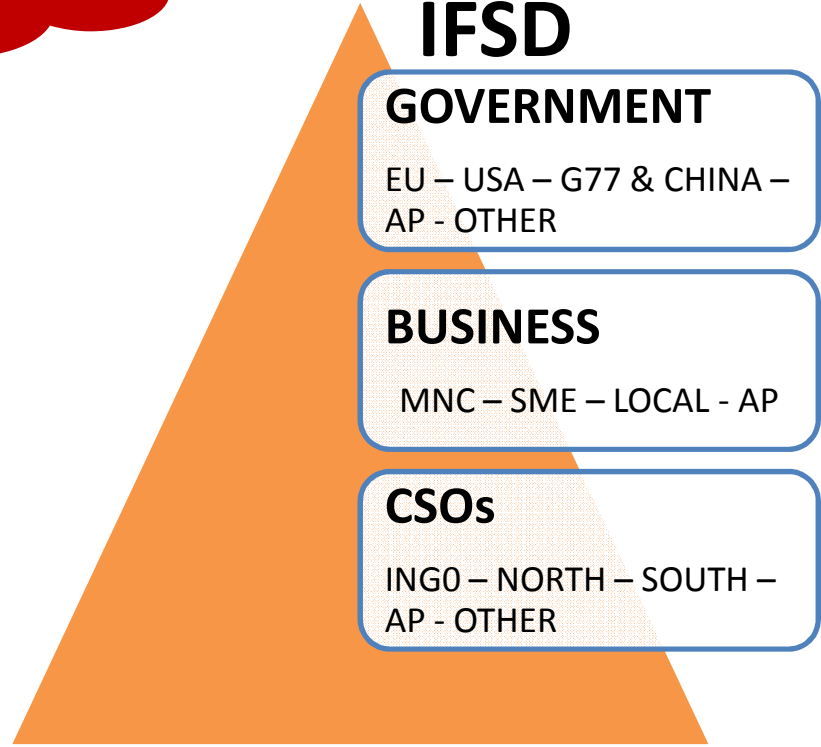
Are there any solid positions?

[Matrix Analysis of Country Positions at PrepCom1](#) (source: Stakeholder Forum)

Green Economy

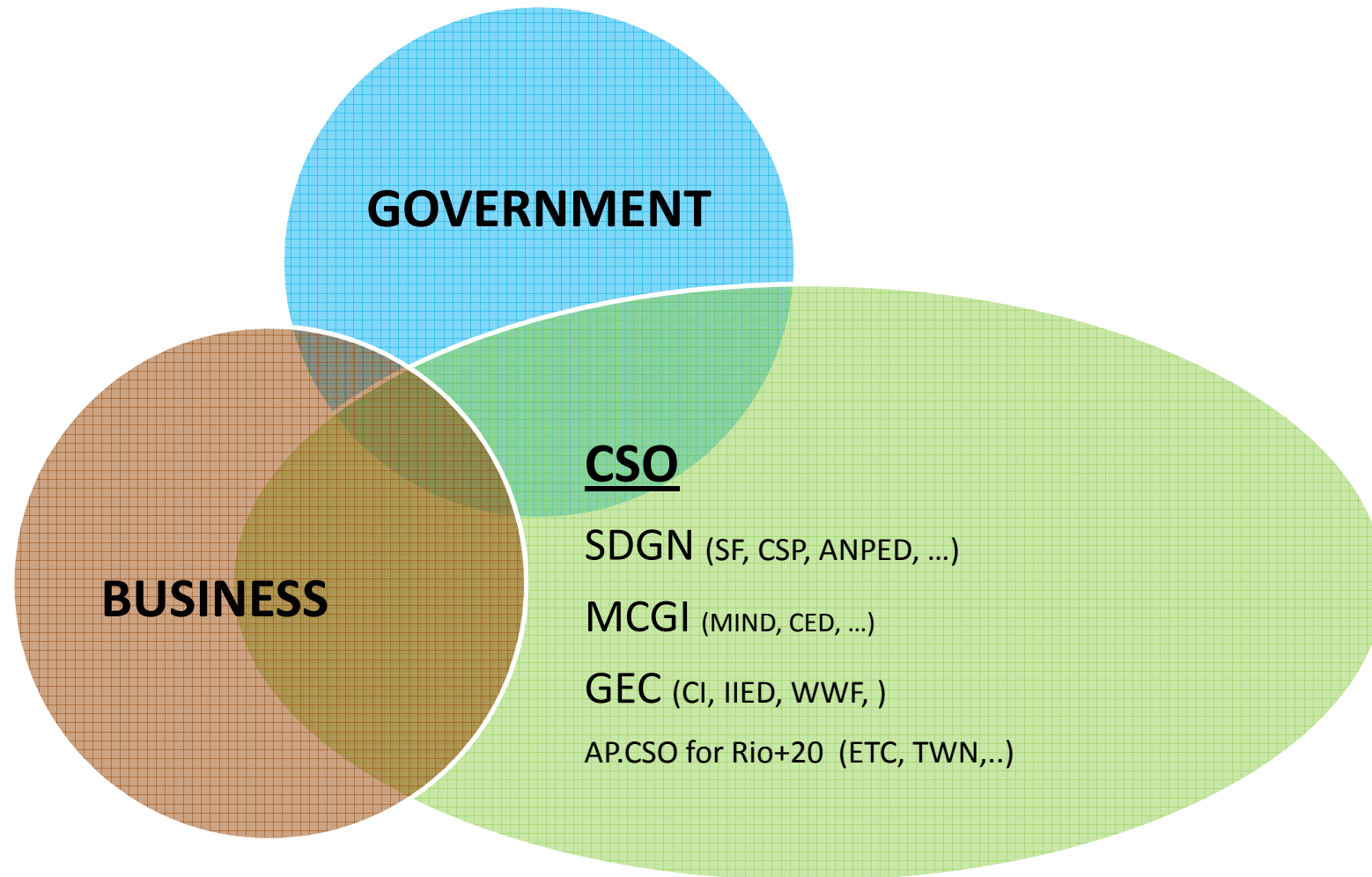


IFSD



Emerging Issues

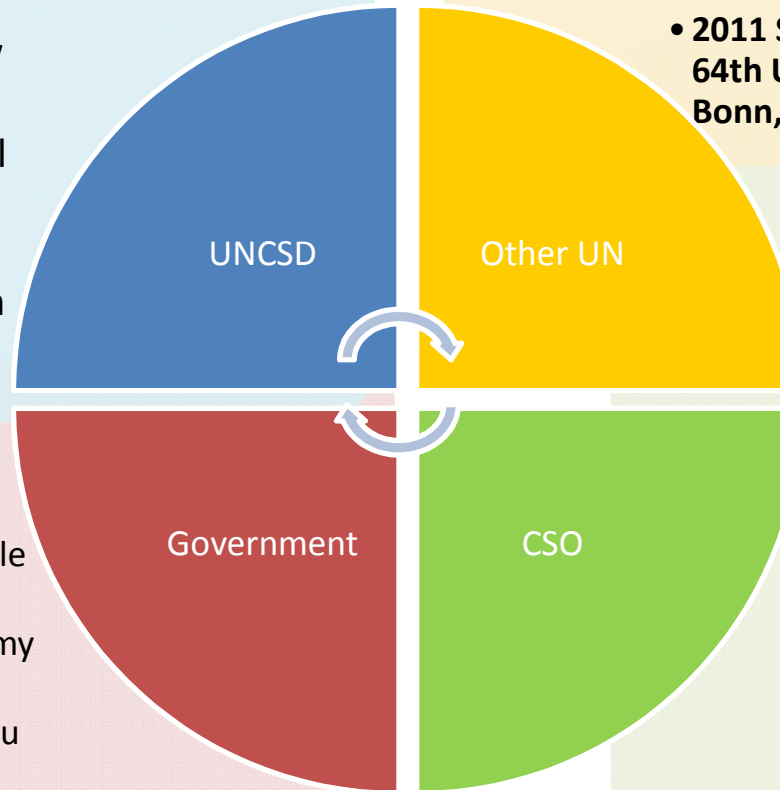
What are their initiatives regionally/sub-regionally, and globally on the road to Rio?



What are the various venues for CSO engagement with the UN?

- **2011 October 19-20th – Regional PrepCom Asia. (Seoul, Korea)**
- 2011 December 15-16th - 2nd Intersessional Meeting of UNCSD (New York, USA)
- 2012 March 26-27th – 3rd Intersessional Meeting of UNCSD (New York, USA)
- 2012 May 28-30th - 3rd Preparatory Committee Meeting UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)

- 2011 Sept. 8-9th - High-Level Symposium on the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Beijing, China)
- 2011 Oct. 3-4th - Dialogue on “Green Economy and Inclusive Growth” (New Delhi, India)
- 2011 Dec. 12-15th - Eye on Earth Summit (Abu Dhabi, UAE)



- 2011 Sept. 1-2, UNEP Rio+20 Consultations (Bonn, Germany)
- **2011 September 3-5th - 64th UN DPI Conference, Bonn, Germany**

- 2012 March 26-29th - ICIMOD Conference on Green Economy and Sustainable Mountain Development (Kathmandu, Nepal)
- 2012 March 26-29 - Planet Under Pressure 2012 - New Knowledge Towards Solutions (London, UK)

A Strategic Process towards an Asia Pacific Positions for a Zero Draft

Current Position Papers from Regional, Sub-Regional & National Consultations (Mid August 2011)

- **DHAKA DECLARATION:** South Asia Women's Network's Positions on an emerging Green Economy (July 2011)

Key Events to Discuss an Evolving Asia Pacific Positions for a Zero Draft

- Draft-1: A Strategy Workshop on Rio+20 (17th Aug, Bangkok)
- Draft-2: DPI Conference – AP Meetings (3-5th Sept., Bonn)
- Draft-3: Regional PrepCom – CSO Sessions (17-18th Oct., Seoul)

Asia Pacific Zero Draft

(1st November 2011)

Asia Pacific Positions Consolidation Workshop?

Other regional, sub-regional and national meetings

Some Asia Pacific Positions for a UNCSD2012 Zero Draft

GREEN ECONOMY

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- The core idea of a GE should be to enforce Sustainability as in wellbeing of all people and the biodiversity

IFSD

- The focus of IFSD should be to strengthen the local and national level capacity to enforce sustainable development
- The global IFSD mechanisms should ensure equitable rights and opportunities for all to enjoy sustainable development and secure futures

EMERGING ISSUES

- Need for strong commitment on sustainable consumption and production

Making our Own Engagement

Campaigning for the Key Concerns

- Changing “unsustainable consumption and production habits” and adopt **“sustainable lifestyles and livelihoods”**.
- Move from mere “efficiency” focus to **‘sufficiency’** based ‘sustainable development’ paradigms
- Replace the growth based economic development model with the **“sustainable economy”**
- A common vision for an **“equity”** based world order
- Commitment towards creating **‘wellbeing & happiness for all’**
- Cultivate **‘mindfulness’**



In an effort towards reaching climate sustainability we humans have to behave in a way that brings the ecological system of the planet earth into full consideration, while planning for the wellbeing of our future generations.

The Transition to SD: Global Citizen's Movement

- **The global challenge is urgent and systemic.** In a world increasingly interdependent, people and nature are becoming a single community of fate. We are in a turbulent transition, moving toward some form of global society
- **A transition to a desirable future is still possible.** The perils are real and dangerous, but not determinative. We stand at an historical branch point with the shape of the future deeply uncertain and contested. If we seize the opportunity, contemporary generations can forge a transition to a desirable world, a just planetary civilization of lives enriched and nature resilient.



A critical social actor is missing from the global stage. The global transformation will require the awakening of a new social actor: a vast, ubiquitous, and coherent movement of global citizens expressing a supranational identity and building new institutions for a planetary age. Such a global citizens movement (GCM) would work on all fronts, comprehending the various struggles for the environment and justice, as well as the search for meaningful and responsible ways of living in our interdependent world, as different expressions of a common project.