

**Compilation of inputs and amendments from UCLG
to the zero draft outcome document for RIO+20**

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TEXT TO BE KEPT

CULTURE -
16. We acknowledge the diversity of the world and recognize that all cultures and civilizations contribute to the enrichment of humankind and the protection of the Earth's life support system. We emphasize the importance of culture for sustainable development. We call for a holistic approach to sustainable development which will guide humanity to live in harmony with nature.
ROLE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
II. <u>Renewing Political Commitment</u> [B. Assessing the progress to date and the remaining gaps in the implementation of the outcomes of the major summits on sustainable development and addressing new and emerging challenges (Integration, Implementation, Coherence)]
12. We note that national commitment to sustainable development has deepened. Many Governments now incorporate environmental and social issues into their economic policies, and have strengthened their commitment to sustainable development and the implementation of Agenda 21 and related agreements through national policies and plans, national legislation and institutions, and the ratification and implementation of international environmental agreements.
Proposed amendments from States in favor of Local Governments
By European Union: [Furthermore, we recognize and applaud the numerous examples of progress and leadership in sustainable development at regional, national and local levels]
By Republic of Korea [12 bis We also note that there has been action at regional, subregional, and sub-national levels . Major groups have played important roles in taking action at all levels, while the private sector has demonstrated the potential of stakeholders to make a difference.]
II. <u>Renewing Political Commitment</u> [C. Engaging major groups]
20. We also acknowledge the essential role of local governments and the need to fully integrate them into all levels of decision making on sustainable development.
Proposed amendments from States in favor of Local Governments
By European Union [We further acknowledge efforts and progress made at local level and stress that cities and local communities have a major role in advancing a real sustainable development agenda on the ground, including through their role in engaging citizens and other stakeholders.]
By Republic of Korea [20. ter We acknowledge the essential role of the international organisations as a nodal point of global governance which promotes the three pillars of sustainable development in a balanced manner while encouraging cooperation among states, local governments, and the private sector]

[D. Framework for action]

22. We commit to improving governance and capacity at all levels - global, regional, national and local – to promote integrated decision making, to fill the implementation gap and promote coherence across institutions.

Proposed amendments from States in favor of Local Governments

Republic of Korea [22. alt1 We commit to improving governance and capacity at all levels – global, regional, national and local – to strengthen the integration of the three pillars to fill the implementation gap and promote coherence across institutions.]

GREEN ECONOMY/GREEN URBAN ECONOMY

III. Green Economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication

A. Framing the context of the green economy, challenges and opportunities

25. We are convinced that a green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication should contribute to meeting key goals – in particular the priorities of **poverty eradication, food security, sound water management, universal access to modern energy services, sustainable cities, management of oceans and improving resilience and disaster preparedness, as well as public health, human resource development and sustained, inclusive and equitable growth that generates employment** . It should be based on the Rio principles, in particular the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities, and **should be people-centred and inclusive**, providing opportunities and benefits for all citizens and all countries.

[Green jobs-social inclusion]

77. We stress the need to provide social protection to all members of society, including those who are not employed in the formal economy. In this regard, we strongly encourage national and local initiatives aimed at providing a social protection floor for all citizens.

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

IV. Institutional framework for sustainable development

A. **Strengthening/reforming/integrating the three pillars**

44. We recognize that strong governance at local, national, regional and global levels is critical for advancing sustainable development. The strengthening and reform of the institutional framework should, among other things:

- a) Integrate the three pillars of sustainable development and promote the implementation of Agenda 21 and related outcomes, consistent with the principles of universality, democracy, transparency, cost-effectiveness and accountability, keeping in mind the Rio Principles, in particular common but differentiated responsibilities.
- b) Provide cohesive, government-driven policy guidance on sustainable development and identify specific actions in order to fulfil the sustainable development agenda through the promotion of integrated decision making at all levels.
- c) Monitor progress in the implementation of Agenda 21 and relevant outcomes and agreements, at local, national, regional and global levels.
- d) Reinforce coherence between the agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, including the International Financial and Trade Institutions.

[Sustainable Development Council]

We resolve to transform the CSD into a Sustainable Development Council that will serve as the authoritative, high-level body for consideration of matters relating to the integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development

D. Regional, national, local

59. We reaffirm that overarching sustainable development strategies incorporated in national development plans are key instruments for the implementation of sustainable

development commitments at regional, national and **sub-national levels**.

60. We call for the strengthening of existing regional and sub-regional mechanisms, including the regional commissions, in promoting sustainable development through capacity building, exchange of information and experiences and providing expertise.

61. We underline the need for more coherent and integrated planning and decision-making at the national level. We therefore call on countries to establish and strengthen, as appropriate, national sustainable development councils to enable them to coordinate, consolidate and ensure the mainstreaming of cross-cutting issues in the highest decision-making bodies, with the integration and **full participation of all stakeholders**.

62. **We recognise the need to integrate sustainable urban development policy as a key component of a national sustainable development policy and, in this regard, to empower local authorities to work more closely with national governments. We recognize that partnerships among cities have emerged as a leading force for action on sustainable development. We commit to support international cooperation among local authorities, including through assistance from international organizations.**

FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION AND FOLLOW-UP

CITIES

V. Framework for action and follow-up

A. Priority/key/thematic/cross-sectoral issues and areas

[Cities]

72. We commit to promote an integrated and holistic approach to planning and building sustainable cities through support to local authorities, efficient transportation and communication networks, greener buildings and an efficient human settlements and service delivery system, improved air and water quality, reduced waste, improved disaster preparedness and response and increased climate resilience.

V. Framework for action and follow-up

B. Accelerating and measuring progress

105. We recognize that goals, targets and milestones are essential for measuring and accelerating progress towards sustainable development and agree to launch an inclusive process to devise by 2015:

a) a set of global Sustainable Development Goals that reflect an integrated and balanced treatment of the three dimensions of sustainable development, are consistent with the principles of Agenda 21, and are universal and applicable to all countries but allowing for differentiated approaches among countries;

b) a mechanism for periodic follow-up and reporting on progress made toward their achievement.

106. We invite all stakeholders to join this process and request the UN Secretary-General to coordinate this process.

107. We propose that the Sustainable Development Goals should include sustainable consumption and production patterns as well as priority areas such as oceans; food security and sustainable agriculture; sustainable energy for all; water access and efficiency; sustainable cities; green jobs, decent work and social inclusion; disaster risk reduction and resilience.

108. We consider that the Sustainable Development Goals should complement and strengthen the MDGs in the development agenda for the post-2015 period, with a view to establishing a set of goals in 2015 which are part of the post-2015 UN Development Agenda.

109. We also propose that progress towards these Goals should be measured by appropriate indicators and evaluated by specific targets to be achieved possibly by 2030, and request the Secretary-General for proposals in this regard.

110. We resolve to strengthen the capacity of all countries to collect and analyze data and information needed to support the monitoring of progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals. We request the Secretary-General, with the support of interested donors, the UN system, international organizations and other entities, to promote a global partnership in this regard.

111. We also recognize the limitations of GDP as a measure of well-being. We agree to further develop and strengthen indicators complementing GDP that integrate economic, social and environmental dimensions in a balanced manner. We request the Secretary-General to establish a process in consultation with the UN system and other relevant organizations.

UCLG PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS

CULTURE

16. We acknowledge the diversity of the world and recognize that all cultures and civilizations contribute to the enrichment of humankind and the protection of the Earth's life support system. We emphasize the importance of culture for sustainable development **and call for an in depth consideration which may enshrine culture as fourth pillar of sustainability**. We call for a holistic approach to sustainable development which will guide humanity to live in harmony with nature.

III. Green Economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication
B. Framing the context of the green economy, challenges and opportunities

28. We recognize that each country, respecting specific realities of economic, social and environmental development as well as **cultures and** particular conditions and priorities, will make the appropriate choices.

V. Framework for action and follow-up

A. Priority/key/thematic/cross-sectoral issues and areas

[Cities]

72. We commit to promote an integrated and holistic approach to planning and building sustainable cities through support to local authorities, efficient transportation and communication networks, **efficient protection of cultures and traditions**, greener buildings and an efficient human settlements and service delivery system, improved air and water quality, reduced waste, improved disaster preparedness and response and increased climate resilience.

[Culture]

98. We underline the importance of the right to participate in cultural life as a human right that is essential for the full enjoyment of life and all human rights. We highlight the critical importance of cultural diversity for sustainable development.

99. We recognize the importance to include culture in all national and local integrated long-term planning for sustainable development. Culture provides the soul of a sustainable development which is meaningful to all peoples and to humanity.

100. We acknowledge the need to an in-depth analysis on the relation between sustainability and culture during the next years through a "UN Decade on Culture for Sustainable Development".

V. Framework for action and follow-up

B. Accelerating and measuring progress

107. We propose that the Sustainable Development Goals should include sustainable consumption and production patterns as well as priority areas such as oceans; food security and sustainable agriculture; sustainable energy for all; water access and efficiency; sustainable cities; green jobs, decent work and social inclusion; **culture, education and** disaster risk reduction and resilience.

GREEN ECONOMY IN THE CONTEXT OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ERADICATION

III. Green Economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication

C. Framework for action

42. We realize that to make significant progress towards building green economies will require new investments, new skills formation, technology development, transfer and access, and capacity building in all countries. We acknowledge the particular need to provide support to developing countries in this regard and agree:

- a) To provide new, additional and scaled up sources of financing to developing countries;
- b) To launch an international process to promote the role of innovative instruments of finance for building green economies;
- c) To gradually eliminate subsidies that have considerable negative effects on the environment and are incompatible with sustainable development, complemented with measures to protect poor and vulnerable groups;
- d) To facilitate international collaborative research on green technologies involving developing countries, ensuring the technologies so developed remain in the public domain and are accessible to developing countries at affordable prices;
- e) To encourage creation of Centres of Excellence as nodal points for green technology R&D;
- f) To support developing countries' scientists and engineers and scientific and engineering institutions to foster their efforts to develop green local technologies and use traditional knowledge;
- g) To establish a capacity development scheme to provide country-specific advice and, where appropriate, region and sector-specific advice to all interested countries and to assist them in accessing available funds.
- h) **To develop international and national financial mechanisms accessible to subnational and local governments to implement sustainable development's programs.**

FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION AND FOLLOW-UP

V. Framework for action and follow-up

A. Priority/key/thematic/cross-sectoral issues and areas

[Water]

68. We recognize the necessity of setting goals for **good governance for access to water supply and** wastewater management, including reducing water pollution from households, industrial and agricultural sources and promoting water efficiency, wastewater treatment and the use of wastewater as a resource, particularly in expanding urban areas

69. We renew our commitment made in Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (JPOI) regarding the development and implementation of integrated water resources management and water efficiency plans. We reaffirm our commitment to the 2005-2015 International Decade for Action "Water for Life". We encourage cooperation initiatives **and especially decentralized cooperation** for water resources management in particular through capacity development, exchange of experiences, best practices and lessons learned, as well as sharing appropriate environmentally sound technologies and know-how.

V. Framework for action and follow-up

A. Priority/key/thematic/cross-sectoral issues and areas

[Natural disasters]

87. We reiterate the call for disaster risk reduction to continue to be addressed in the context of sustainable development and placed within the post-2015 development agenda. We call for increased coordination among **local**, national, regional and international levels for a robust response to environmental emergencies and improved forecasting and early warning systems, as well as closer coordination between emergency response, early recovery and development efforts, including adoption of a post “Hyogo Framework” and its integration into development policy.

87 bis. We recognize the need to support local governments on financial, technical and institutional support to reduce disaster risk.

V. Framework for action and follow-up

A. Priority/key/thematic/cross-sectoral issues and areas

[Gender equality]

103. We call for removing barriers that have prevented women from being full participants in the economy and unlocking their potential as drivers of sustainable development, and agree to prioritize measures to promote gender equality in all spheres of our societies, including education, employment, ownership of resources, access to justice, political representation **and participation including at local and subnational level**, institutional decision-making, care giving and household and community management.