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Children and AIDS in post-2015 development discussions

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Post-2015 Development Process

High Level Political Forum on sustainable development provides leadership and reviews progress on sustainable development goals. The forum replaces the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD).

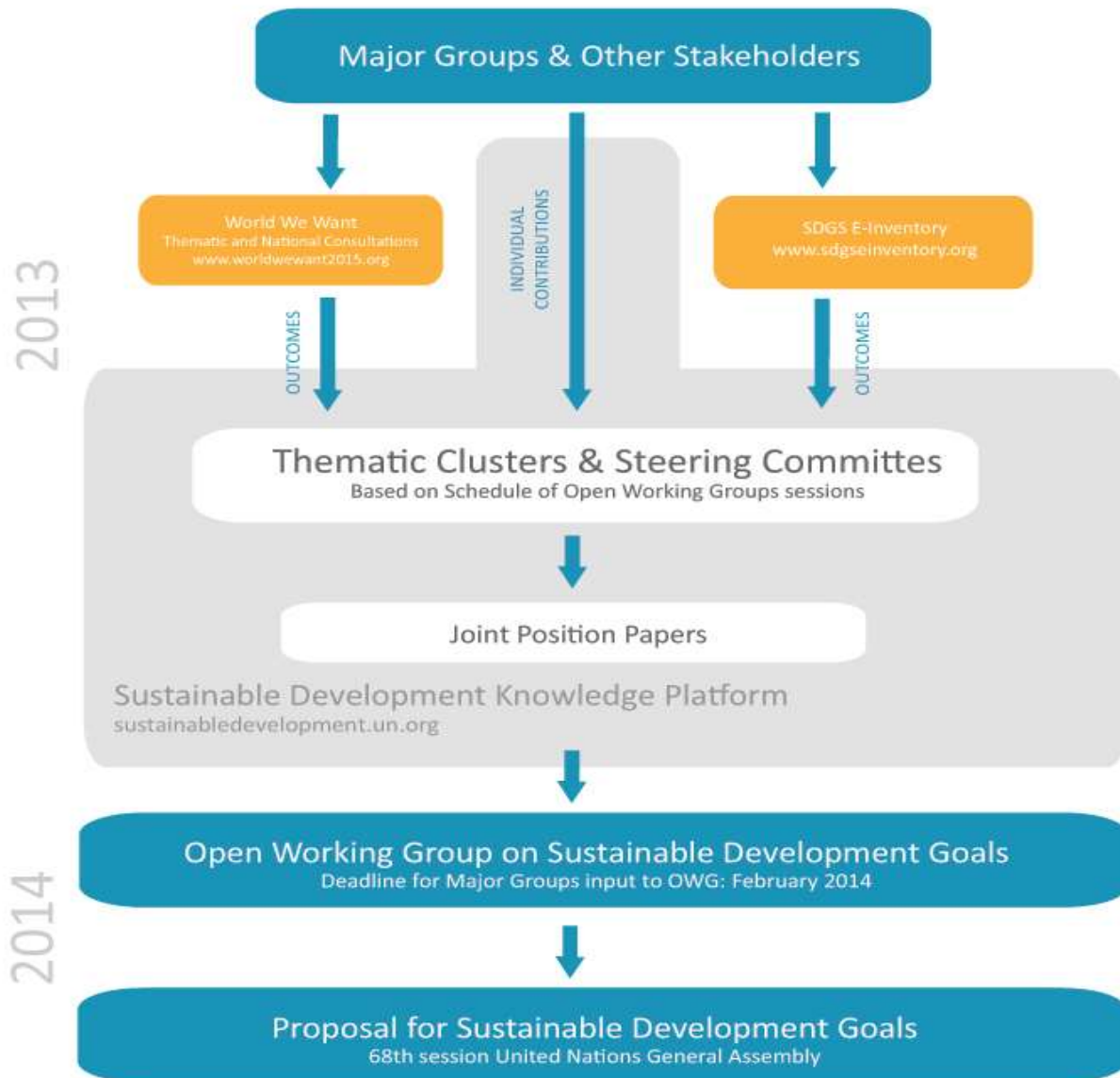
Open Working Group was established (Jan 2013) to provide an innovative, constituency-based system of representation on sustainable development goals. The Open Working Group of the General Assembly is tasked with preparing a proposal on the SDGs which will be submitted to GA in September 2014.

Intergovernmental committee of experts on sustainable development financing is preparing a report on financing SDGs which will be submitted to GA in September 2014²²

Sustainable development goals process



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Open Working Group

- On February 21, OWG submitted **focus area report** which includes 19 themes for consideration for SDGs. A broad based consultation on focus area report and proposed themes will be held until March 14, 2014. You can join the discussion at:
<http://www.worldwewant2015.org/node/424915>
- In addition, a health issue brief called ‘health and sustainable development’ was developed by Technical Support Team (TST)

19 themes proposed for consultation by OWG

Focus area 1. Poverty eradication	Focus area 11. Employment and decent work for all
Focus area 2. Food security and nutrition	Focus area 12. Promoting equality: social protection; marginalized groups.
Focus area 3. Health and population dynamics	Focus area 13. Sustainable cities and human settlements
Focus area 4. Education	Focus area 14. Sustainable Consumption and Production
Focus area 5. Gender equality and women's empowerment	Focus area 15. Climate
Focus area 6. Water and sanitation	Focus area 16. Marine resources, oceans and seas
Focus area 7. Energy	Focus area 17. Ecosystems and biodiversity
Focus area 8. Economic Growth	Focus area 18. Means of implementation
Focus area 9. Industrialization	Focus area 19. Peaceful and non-violent societies, capable institutions
Focus area 10. Infrastructure	

Emerging themes in health related discussion

- Overall shift towards multisectoral response to development
- ‘Maximizing healthy lives’ is emerging as an overall theme in all reports
- Accelerating progress on the unfinished health MDGs
- Ensuring universal health coverage and access
- Social determinants approach to health

Health related theme in OWG report



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Focus area 3. Health and population dynamics

- Preventing and treating communicable diseases, including malaria, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and neglected tropical diseases
- Elimination of preventable child and maternal deaths;
- Strong reference to MDG 4 and unfinished agenda
- Ensuring universal health coverage and access
- The emphasis on multisectoral response and intersection of health with other development sectors such as education, social protection, poverty reduction etc is emphasized

Entry points in other proposed themes in OWG report



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Focus area 1: Poverty eradication.

- Providing social protection to reduce **vulnerabilities of the poor, including children, youth, unemployed, persons with disabilities, indigenous people and local communities and older persons**. Since poverty is multidimensional, progress is linked to action in all other focus areas.

Focus area 4. Education:

- Extending where needed opportunities for **early childhood education**

Focus area 12. Promoting equality:

- Empowering and inclusion of marginalized groups, including indigenous peoples, minorities, migrants, refugees, persons with disabilities, older persons, children and youth; **strengthening social protection systems**; ensuring equality of economic opportunities for all, including marginalized groups

Missing opportunities in OWG report



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- Nutritional support for children particularly those who are affected by health and other adverse conditions is not mentioned under the food security and nutrition theme in OWG focus area report

Sustainable Development Solution Network report



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- Outside the UN, a group of experts and academicians have submitted its report [An Action Agenda for Sustainable Development](#) to UN Secretary-General. This also fed into OWG deliberations
- SDSN has submitted a **draft report on indicators** which is undergoing consultation from February 2014-March 14, 2014.

Health related indicators in SDSN draft report on indicators



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- The proposed **Goal 5 is: Achieve Health and Wellbeing at all Ages**
- **Target 5a. Ensure universal coverage of quality healthcare, including the prevention and treatment of communicable and NCDs, SRH, family planning, routine immunization, and mental health, according the highest priority to primary health care.**
- **Percent of population with access to basic primary health services**
- **Out-of-pocket expenditure on health as a percentage of total expenditure on health**
- **Percent of children receiving full immunization as recommended by WHO**
- **Number of households falling below the poverty line due to out of pocket health expenditures annually.**
- **Post-natal care coverage**
- **Percentage of exclusive breastfeeding for the first 6 months of life.**
- **Percent HIV+ pregnant women receiving PMTCT.**
- **Various on malaria**

Health related indicators in SDSN draft report on indicators



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Target 5b: End preventable deaths by reducing child mortality, maternal mortality, mortality from non-communicable diseases.

- Indicator 41: HIV prevalence, treatment, and mortality rates (modified MDG indicator)
- **Incidence, prevalence and death rates associated with TB (MDG Indicator)**
- **Neonatal mortality rate.**
- **Incidence rate of diarrheal disease in children under five years.**

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- **Goal 3: Ensure Effective Learning for All Children and Youth for Life and Livelihood**
- **Target - All children under the age of 5 reach their developmental potential through access to quality early childhood development programs and policies**

Indicators:

- **Proportion of children receiving at least one year of a quality pre-primary 25 education program (aged 36-59 months)**
- **Early Child Development Index (ECDI)** Developmental potential in early childhood is measured as an index, currently represented in the MICS, that assesses children aged 36-59 months in four domains: language/literacy, numeracy, physical, socio-emotional, and cognitive development
- **Proportion of children under 5 experiencing responsive, stimulating parenting in safe environments.** The MICS indicator measures the proportion of children below 5 years with whom an adult has engaged in four or more activities to promote learning and school readiness in the past 3 days.

Opportunities to influence the process

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<http://unsdsn.org/news/2014/02/14/public-consultation-on-indicators-for-sustainable-development/>



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Next steps -OWG

- OWG consultation on focus areas report will conclude on March 14, 2014
- The OWG will then hold 5 meetings, each a week long, from March to July to discuss the final report containing sustainable development goals.
- They will submit their final report to GA in September 2014.
- The intergovernmental committee of experts will also submit their report on financing sustainable development will also submit its report to GA in September.
- Secretary General will then present a final report towards the end of the year on SDGs.

Conclusions



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- Holistic approach to address health is adopted with focus on health system strengthening for universal health coverage
- Exceptionality of diseases is avoided with focus on communicable and non-communicable diseases
- Intersection of health with other development sector is emphasized

Thank you



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