COMPARISON OF CURRENT PROPOSALS ON SDGs

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Structure

*Part 1: Synthesis Analysis* compares four proposed frameworks as a whole in terms of:

- The conceptual framework underpinning each proposal
- Major similarities and differences in their approach to defining a goal framework
- How the proposals address the cross-cutting issues of inequality, resilience and sustainable production and consumption
- Some key questions to consider going forward
Structure

Part 2: Goal Area Analysis examines how the frameworks address goal areas that could feature in the post-2015 agenda:

- Education
- Climate/Energy
- Environmental Sustainability
- Food Security
- Gender
- Governance
- Health
- Income Poverty and Income Inequality
- Sustainable and Inclusive Economic Growth
- Water
- Cities and settlements
## Organising Principles of Goal Frameworks

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- **Fundamental principles: Human rights; Equality; Sustainability;**
- **Four dimensions of sustainability: Economic, social, environmental - and peace;**
Goal Framework

Some major similarities:

- Grounding in the MDGs…
- … but broader focus on human well-being and shared prosperity
- Recognition of new development challenges
- Universality
- Inter-linkages
- Narrative versus proposed goals and targets
### Themes common across the proposals

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| • Poverty (inequality, hunger)  
• Education  
• Health  
• Growth and employment  
• Food security  
• Climate (energy)  
• Water (sanitation, natural resources)  
• Environmental sustainability (biodiversity, nat. res., ecosystems) | • Gender  
• Governance (also figures as enabling mechanism in some proposals) | • Cities  
• Infrastructure  
• Resilience  
• Peace and stability  
• SCP (integrated or crosscutting) |
Cross-Cutting Issues

Inequality:

• None of the four proposals include a stand-alone goal on inequality - instead it is combined with poverty.

• Proposals address inequality in 3 primary ways:
  • Targets to measure income inequality;
  • Disaggregation of data to detect disparities;
  • Goals for human rights or governance to level the playing field.
Cross-Cutting Issues

Resilience:

• Resilience increasingly seen as key to poverty eradication that sticks.

• HLP includes it as part of goal to “end poverty.”

• SDSN addresses resilience separately in urban and rural contexts.

• ASEF report: Economic resilience
Cross-Cutting Issues

Sustainable consumption and production:

- All except the ASEF proposal do not include SCP by name.

- SDSN comes closest through a goal for “development within planetary boundaries.”

- Parts of SCP contained in targets for food loss and waste, reducing environmental impacts of production.
Some Key Questions Moving Forward

• How to achieve a more integrated framework that links the economic, social and environmental dimensions of poverty eradication and sustainable development within and across goals?

• How should the post-2015 agenda address sustainable production and consumption?

• How should the post-2015 agenda address growing urbanization as a development driver?
Some Key Questions Moving Forward

• To what extent does achieving the post-2015 agenda require a true transformation in economic structures, and how can this be reflected in a goal framework?

• How should the post-2015 agenda address climate change as a development driver?

• How can the post-2015 agenda more effectively address the role of local actors, social entrepreneurs and the private sector?
Thank you!

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