UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network – Mediterranean MED Solutions
The need for an accounting system for SDGs

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Arab Consultative Meeting on an Accountability Framework for the Post-2015 Development Agenda – Tunis, 16 September 2014
Processes feeding into the Post-2015 Development Agenda

2013
- September: 68th UNGA starts
- SDG Open Working Group (OWG)
- Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)
- UN Global Compact
- High-Level Panel (Report June 2013)

2014
- September: 69th UNGA starts
- Expert Committee on Financing (Report by Sept. 2014)
- High-Level Political Forum (Report by Sept. 2014)
- SDG OWG Report (Sept. 2014)

2015
- Key:
  - SDG WG / Rio +20 Processes
  - UN SG Process
  - UN External Consultations
  - Non-UN Activities
  - Member State Negotiations
  - Other Processes
- SG Report MDGs & Post-2015 (Sept. 2013)
- SG Synthesis Report
- Member State Negotiations → Agreement
- Climate Change Negotiations (Agreement by end of 2015)
- Non-UN Activities (e.g., civil society, foundations, private sector) research and consultations

Source: UN Foundation and Dalberg analysis
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Accountability is featured in the Thematic Groups...

11. Global Rules and Mechanisms for Sustainable Development

- Sustainable development requires good governance to achieving the three other dimensions of sustainable development – economic, social, and environmental.
- Interactions between the public sector, business and other stakeholders

Accountability is also featured in the proposed SDGs:

10. Transform governance and technologies for sustainable development

- The public sector, business, and other stakeholders as well as civil society organizations commit to good governance, including transparency, accountability, access to information, participation, an end to tax and secrecy havens, and efforts to stamp out corruption.
The SDSN Report to the Secretary General

- Outlines the challenges of sustainable development (economic, social, environmental, governance/security)
- Stresses the importance of measuring accountability against specific targets

The SDSN Indicators Report

- Defines indicators as report cards to measure progress towards achieving a target and ensuring good management and accountability of governments and other stakeholders to achieve SDGs
Proposed goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

- Data, monitoring and accountability

- by 2020, enhance capacity building support to developing countries to increase significantly the availability of high-quality, timely and reliable data disaggregated by income, gender, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability, geographic location and other characteristics relevant in national contexts

- by 2030, build on existing initiatives to develop measurements of progress on sustainable development that complement GDP, and support statistical capacity building in developing countries
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- Chaired by Prof. Angelo Riccaboni, Rector (University of Siena)
- 43 Partners from the Mediterranean region
- Activities
  - Regional and national pathways to Sustainable Development
  - Teaching on Sustainable Development
  - Applied research activities
  - Participating in the debate on SDGs for the Mediterranean
- Membership is open to MED universities and research institutions
SDSN is building a global network of universities and research centers

- work with business partners, governments, and civil society to promote solutions initiatives for sustainable development

- Membership information is available at www.unsdsn.org and www.medsolutions.unisi.it
Second MED Solutions Conference
Siena: March 5-6, 2015

- Theme: “Sustainable Agri-food culture in the Mediterranean Area”

Why Food?

- Expo Milan, May 1, 2015 – “Feeding the Planet. Energy for life”
- Initiative Art. 185 TFEU (P.R.I.M.A.) Partnership in Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (food systems and water resources as pillars)
PRIMA

- promoting smart, inclusive and sustainable socio-economic growth in the Mediterranean Area
- co-designed, co-financed, co-managed,
- fostering a research and innovation partnership in selected fields among EU Member States (Croatia, Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain), Associated Countries (Israel), and Mediterranean Partner Countries (Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia, Turkey).
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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