

Informal Notes of the Breakfast Dialogue on the Follow-up to Rio+20 and the Post-2015 Development Agenda, 26 July 2012

Organized by the Bahá'í International Community
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Within the context of Rio+20 outcomes, the release of the [UN Task Team \(UNTT\) Report](#), and the impending [announcement of the High Level Panel](#), a diverse group of stakeholders¹ convened to informally discuss key issues regarding the post-2015 development agenda.

The following are a few highlights of the comments made during this rich discussion:

- The UNTT Report is clear, comprehensive and coherent, and it serves as a first reference for deliberations by all stakeholders.
- ECOSOC as a system (not just the Council) has key strengths in serving as an important role for the follow-up to Rio+20 outcomes and post-2015 development agenda.
- Progress towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals should accelerate.
- There's a need to distinguish between consultation spaces and negotiation spaces. The next few months should be for consultation not negotiation.
- It was suggested that the *Major Groups* model be adopted and augmented as a civil society engagement model for post-2015 processes.
- Processes at local, national and regional levels are vital in building a unified vision and in mobilizing support for implementation.
- Resources need to be made available for these processes.

Many interesting and important questions were raised that could serve to stimulate future consultations:

- How can the 30-member intergovernmental working group be truly inclusive?
- How can we strive to bring coherence amongst the many parallel processes (formal and informal processes at national, regional and international levels addressing Sustainable Development Goals & the Post-2015 agenda)?
- Which of these processes should civil society focus their energies on?
- With the inclusion of *Peace and Security* as one of the four key dimensions², what is the role of the Security Council in the processes?
- How can the International Financial Institutions, G20, Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development, and private sector be included in the processes?

The following related activities were shared and participants were invited to attend:

- Bahá'í International Community and International Movement ATD Fourth World's next Breakfast Dialogue: September 13th, 8:30am, 866 UN Plaza, Suite 120
- CIVICUS: World Assembly Pre-Conference and Side Events
- Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung: High Level Conference in October
- UN Women: Civil society consultations in August; Side Event during 67th Session of General Assembly; Online discussion on Inequalities Thematic Consultations; National level civil society advisory groups

¹ The following Permanent Missions were represented: Bolivia, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, France, Germany, India, Japan, and Mexico. The following agencies were present: UN DESA, UNDP and UN Women. These civil society organizations were present: The Bahá'í International Community, CIVICUS World Alliance for Citizen Participation, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Global Call for Action Against Poverty, International Disability Association, International Movement ATD Fourth World, International Planned Parenthood Federation, UN Foundation, and Women's Environment and Development Organization.

² The four key dimensions are: (1) inclusive social development; (2) inclusive economic development; (3) environmental sustainability; and (4) peace and security (page i, *Realizing the Future We Want for All*).