



UNIDO at Rio+20

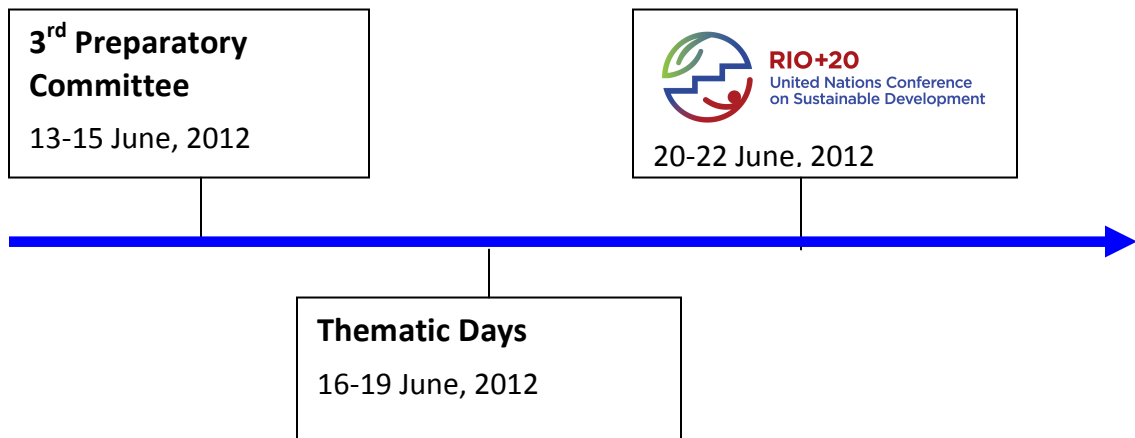
A Strategy Note

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1. Background

The United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development 2012, also referred to as Rio+20, will be held in Rio de Janeiro on **June 20-22 June, 2012** - twenty years after the Rio “Earth Summit” 1992. The 3rd Preparatory Committee (Prepcom) meeting will be held on from 13 to 15 June. It is expected that **four Thematic Days** will take place in the period between the Prepcom and the Conference, i.e. from 16 to 19 June (tbc).



Energy will be one of **eight core issues** to be addressed during the thematic sessions planned by the Brazilian Government for the four days (16-19 June) between the final Preparatory Committee Meeting and the UN Conference on Sustainable Development. These sessions, principally geared to civil society, will take place in the main venue of the Conference to ensure convenient access for and engagement of delegations, political leadership and other high-level participants. It is hoped that the President of Brazil might open each session. Participation will be by invitation only (300-400, including business CEOs, practitioners, thought leaders, scientists, financiers, development organizations, and representatives of Governments). The thematic session on energy will focus principally on recommendations for an action agenda for the public and private sectors.

The conclusions from the eight thematic sessions will be carried forward to the conference, where four roundtables will be organized, each addressing two core issues. Representatives of each thematic session will present their findings and recommendations to the leaders present.

2. Objectives

UNIDO's key contribution to Rio+20 is built around two major themes, which are **Sustainable Energy for All** and **Green Industry**. As part of its mandate and the thematic priorities, UNIDO's contribution is intended to support both the pre-conference debate on key thematic issues and the post-Rio implementation with a particular focus on tangible actions and initiatives enabling the global transition to green economy through **greening industrialization** and **building green industries** in developing countries and economies in transition.

UNIDO's goal is to ensure that the Rio+20 outcomes and decisions firmly reflect the **sustainable energy** agenda, and include a framework for action on energy and **green industry** together with related **mandates for UNIDO**, including reporting responsibilities in the fields of **green industry, energy access, energy efficiency**.

3. Side Events¹

The strategy for achieving this objective includes the following events to be held at the Rio+20 Conference.

Friday, 16 June (tbc) - 10.30 to 12.30, venue to be confirmed

UNIDO/UNEP/Global Compact event on **Green Industry Forum - Green Industry for Green Economy**

The global transition to **green economy** will require a new **industrial revolution**, a large scale industrial transition to low-emissions, resource-efficient growth. Industry is the engine of this process. The event will highlight the importance of greening industry by promoting resource and material efficiency and establishing the right market conditions and regulatory frameworks to enable progress in these areas.

Uniting with private sector and industry to support greening of the industrial sector as the main driver of green growth and global transition to green economy, UNIDO along with UNEP and the UN Global Compact will launch the **Green Industry Forum**. This global multi-stakeholder platform aims to (i) mobilize governments, business, research institutions and non-governmental organizations on a global scale to commit to support, to guide and to research and a develop strategy for "greening of industry" and "creating green industries" (ii) encourage through the example of successful practices, the green industry global policy agenda in order to contribute to an appropriate intergovernmental framework (iii) serve as a global forum and develop a Action Agenda for Green Industry.

¹ The dates are provisional and will have to be confirmed, subject to space allocation and other considerations, e.g. the Director-General schedule, availability of speakers, etc.

This side-event will further elaborate in detail on the Green Industry Forum and present technical examples on ongoing actions being undertaken to execute the green industry agenda for sustainable development in developing and transition economies.

Saturday, 17 June (tbc) – 10.30 – 12:30, Rio Convention Centre

UNIDO/(World Bank?) Side Event on Industrial Policy for Green Growth

(text on industrial policy for green growth)

Monday, 18 June (tbc) - 10.30 to 12.30, Rio Convention Centre

Industrial Energy Efficiency Focus – Launch of UNIDO’s Industrial Development Report

(text on the IDR)

Tuesday, 19 June (tbc) - 10.30 to 12.30, Global Compact Venue

Side Event with Electrobras on Renewable Energy: Green Engine for Green Growth

(text on renewable energy as engine of green growth)

Tuesday, 19 June – 13.30 to 15:00 (tbc)

High-Level Roundtable on Sustainable Energy for All – Thematic Day on Energy Event (UN Secretariat, UN-Energy, UNIDO)

At the UN Conference on Sustainable Development, as noted above, roundtables of national leaders will consider the recommendations brought forward from the thematic sessions. The roundtable on energy will serve as an appropriate occasion to present the work of the HLG and provide a forum for discussion on key issues of the Sustainable Energy for All Initiative before the official launch of the Action Agenda for Sustainable Energy for All, by the Secretary-General and the Brazilian President at the High Level Segment of the UNCSD. The Strategy will be presented and commitments announced, with an invitation for further actions and commitments at the UN General Assembly in September 2012, as part of the International Year of Sustainable Energy for All, and beyond.

4. Outreach and Media

Media strategy is to be developed.

5. Space requirements

The expected participation for each event is around 300 people. The target audience are members of delegations, government representatives, development practitioners, private sector/business and industry representatives and organizations, NGOs, other. UNIDO will request space for the Renewable Energy side event and that on Green Industry at the Global Compact venue at *Centro de Convenções Sul America* (see attached form). Venues for the UNIDO **side events** on the *Industrial Energy Efficiency Report (IDR)*, *Industrial Policy for Green Growth* and the **Thematic Day event** on *Sustainable Energy for All* will be requested in the main venue of the Conference, i.e. the *Rio Convention Centre*. UNIDO will also request space for the office of the Director-General and for the UNIDO Booth, where the relevant printed material will be displayed. The Booth space and the office of the Director General will serve as a meeting space for official meetings and other such events.