

Key Background Resources:

The UNCSD Co-Chairs [Guidance Note](#) provides detailed instructions for giving input to this process.

UN DPI NGO declaration.- This declaration is the outcome of the UN Department of Public Information NGO Forum was held in Bonn, Germany in September 2011. This offers a 15-page declaration of NGO positions towards informing the preparatory process of the Rio+20 Conference on Sustainable Development.

Objectives and Themes of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development Report of the Secretary-General: This report examines the two themes of UNCSD— green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication (GESDPE), and the institutional framework for sustainable development (IFSD) — in relation to the three objectives of the conference. The starting point is the recognition that sustainable development, with each of its three pillars reinforced and mutually reinforcing, has been the overarching goal of the international community since Rio 1992.

The Rio 2012 Conference – The Explanatory Roadmap to Rio + 20 This document has been prepared to help guide stakeholders interested in contributing to the final outcome document of the Rio + 20 Conference. A Road Map complete with dates, places and status of the meeting is given, and guidance to be effective and correct in responding to the invitation by the UN to contribute to the Zero Draft of the Outcome Document.

Enabling a Flourishing Earth: challenges for the green economy, opportunities for global governance by Klaus Bosselmann, Peter, Brown, and Brendan Mackay provides an Earth Charter-based perspective on the two key themes of the conference, [particularly addressing the question: how can we make more secure, abundant, and widely shared those classes of public goods that are central to sustainable development but which cannot be satisfactorily addressed through market-based macroeconomic instruments?

The Earth Charter and the Green Economy. By ECI Secretariat, 2011

Earth Summit 2012 Principles for the Green Economy

A collection of principles for the green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication. By Hannah Stoddart, Stakeholder Forum Sue Riddlestone, Bioregional Mirian Vilela, Earth Charter Initiative

Maurice Strong remarks on offered at the High-level Symposium on the U.N. Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Beijing, China on September 8th-9th. Click on the following link to read it **"Assessing progress and gaps in 20 years of sustainable development"**.