



A DECENT LIFE FOR ALL

Ending poverty and giving the world a sustainable future

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Rationale behind the Communication

Two of the most pressing challenges in the world:

Eradication of poverty

Sustainable Development



'A Decent Life for All: Ending Poverty and Giving the World a Sustainable Future' puts forward **a single overarching framework**



New global context, new challenges, new opportunities

The world has undergone enormous changes over the recent years:

Shifts in global economic and political balance

Depletion of natural resources

Increased inequalities

New actors in the global arena

Building on the achievements of the MDGs and Rio+20 outcomes

MDGs:

- MDGs have been the blueprint to eradicate poverty over the last decade
- Progress made, challenges remain to deliver on 2015 targets
- UN General Assembly to take stock of achievements in Sept 2013
- What will follow after 2015?



Building on the achievements of the MDGs and Rio+20

RIO+20:

- Confirmation of a global vision for an economically, socially and environmentally sustainable future for present and future generations
- Decision to formulate Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Commitments made in Rio which now need to be implemented
- Various processes initiated, most prominently the process to formulate SDGs





Integrating sustainable development and poverty eradication in a post-2015 overarching framework

At international level:

- Review of the MDGs and elaboration of the SDGs
- Bring together both strands which have fundamental links
- A common framework needs to include poverty eradication and sustainable development



Integrating sustainable development and poverty eradication in a post-2015 overarching framework

Provide for every person by 2030 'A Decent Life for All'

Possible main elements:



Examples of areas for goals for main elements

Basic living standards: Education, health, food and nutrition, clean water and air, productive employment and decent work.

Drivers for inclusive sustainable growth: Social cohesion, sustainable agriculture, sustainable fisheries, sustainable energy, resource efficiency, waste, sustainable cities, aiming at an inclusive green economy, supported by indicators beyond GDP.

Sustainable management of natural resources: land degradation, healthy oceans and marine ecosystems, water resources, ecosystems, forests...



Towards a post 2015 overarching framework

Some underlying issues :

- Universal scope in aspiration and coverage
- Goals to be limited in number and respect different national contexts
- Integrate all three dimensions of sustainable development
- Synergies across goals (through targets)
- Coherence with international agreements, Conventions

Country ownerships and accountability are crucial for implementing the framework

Next steps

- The EU aims engage fully in the **international processes** at the UN and other relevant fora
- Working on **common EU approach** to Open Working Group on SDGs and Special UN General Assembly Special Event on MDGs in Sept 2013

