



RIO+20: Making it Happen

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"We need to mobilize public support around the world for the vision of finally building a sustainable world that guarantees the well-being of humanity, while preserving the planet for future generations"

- UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

Rio+20 Registration Still Open www.uncsd2012.org/registration

Rio+20 Voluntary Commitments - Commit to the Future We Want

All Stakeholders are encouraged to make and implement voluntary commitments at Rio+20 in order to reduce poverty, advance social equity and ensure environmental protection on an ever more crowded planet to get to the future we want.



Commit now at www.uncsd2012.org/commit



FEATURE STORY

130 World Leaders Confirmed: Last Sprint towards Rio+20

Over 130 Heads of State, Vice Presidents, Heads of Government, and deputy Prime



FEATURE STORY

Leaders of the whole UN system rally behind sustainable development goals

The United Nations System Chief Executives Board (CEB) that brings together the executive heads of the organizations of the UN system

Ministers are currently inscribed on the speakers list for the Rio+20 Conference, from 20-22 June. Rio+20 is expected to be a tremendous example of wide-ranging popular participation: over 50,000 people are expected to attend the Conference and numerous side events in Rio de Janeiro, including thousands of business CEOs, parliamentarians, mayors, NGO leaders, academics, senior UN officials, representatives from miscellaneous groups and journalists.

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Harmony with Nature Dialogue to mark Mother Earth Day

To mark International Mother Earth Day, the UN General Assembly held an interactive dialogue on harmony with nature on 18 April at UN Headquarters to examine how human activity has affected the regenerative capacity of the planet. "As we get closer to Rio+20, we must keep the Earth in full view when making decisions and taking actions shifting from a self-centered to an Earth-centered approach," Mr. Sha told participants. "Our success and wealth must be measured by the balance we create between ourselves and the world around us; that is, by our ability to live in harmony with nature." [More Information](#)

under the chairmanship of Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, met on 14-15 April to discuss Rio+20 and adopted an important joint declaration Conference that notably supports the adoption of sustainable development goals (SDGs). Following are excerpts:

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Commemorative stamps will highlight Rio+20

United Nations stamps are miniature works of art, which have won international design awards. They are created by artists from around the world. Stamp collectors appreciate United Nations stamps not only for their innovative designs and universal themes, but also because it is still possible to collect every United Nations stamp ever issued. Since its creation, UNPA has issued over one thousand stamps. [More Information](#)



Counselling and mobilizing business leaders

A two-day consultation of business and industry, governments and civil society for Rio+20 entitled "Realising Inclusive and Green Growth" attracted 300 participants, mostly business people from both developed and developing countries, on 11 and 12 April in The Hague, The Netherlands [More Information](#)



Rio+20 Host-Country Agreement

The Host Country Agreement, a legal document officially allowing Brazil to host the Rio+20 Conference, was signed on 5 April by the Secretary-General of the Conference, Mr. Sha Zukang, and the Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations, Mrs. Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti. "Signing this agreement is a major milestone on our way to Rio," Mr. Sha said. "The agreement that we signed today, together with the strong cooperation we have enjoyed with the Government of Brazil throughout the preparatory process, helps pave the way forward for Rio+20 to achieve its potential for setting us on a new path toward a sustainable future -- the future we want."

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UPCOMING EVENT

Stockholm+40 Conference

23-25 April,
Stockholm, Sweden

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UPCOMING EVENT

Youth Perspectives: Environmental issues in contemporary societies

26-29 April
Geneva,
Switzerland

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UPCOMING EVENT

World Sustainable Health Conference, (WSHC)

2-4 May
Geneva, Switzerland

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UPCOMING EVENT

Magna Conference on Energy and Forests towards Sustainable Cities

6-7 May 2012
São Paulo, Brazil

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20 - 22 June 2012

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