

The Role of Civil Society/Major Groups in a future International Framework for Sustainable Development

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Speakers

Neth Dano, ETC Group – on IEG reform and civil society post-Rio

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Conference Room B
North Lawn Building**

Respondents

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What mechanisms could enable more effective civil society engagement in the post-Rio+20 institutional framework on sustainable development? Over the years questions have been raised about the representation, participation and accountability of Major Groups in informing, implementing and monitoring intergovernmental policy-making. To improve the multi-stakeholder process, a number of organizations have looked at best practices of public participation in other multilateral bodies as well as civil society proposals not yet implemented. Join Major Group organizing partners, civil society & UN experts, and government delegates in a roundtable discussion on proposals to advance improved multi-stakeholder engagement in global sustainable development governance.

For background information, see the report on "Civil Society Engagement in Sustainable Development Governance" at UN-NGLS web site: http://www.un-ngls.org/spip.php?page=arioplus20&id_article=3781
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