

PEOPLES SUSTAINABILITY TREATIES

an alternative pathway for a sustainable transition beyond Rio+20

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Rio+20: Avoiding a Historical Mistake

- Civil Society should not make the historical mistake of simply acting reactively to a UNCSO Rio+20 outcome negotiated by governments within the UN system.
- Civil Society should state clearly their aspirations for a sustainable world and propose the recommended pathways.
- Given the urgent need for radical reform in our behavior on earth, and knowing that official outcome cannot deliver such a change , Civil Society needs to come together bring forward the peoples' agenda.

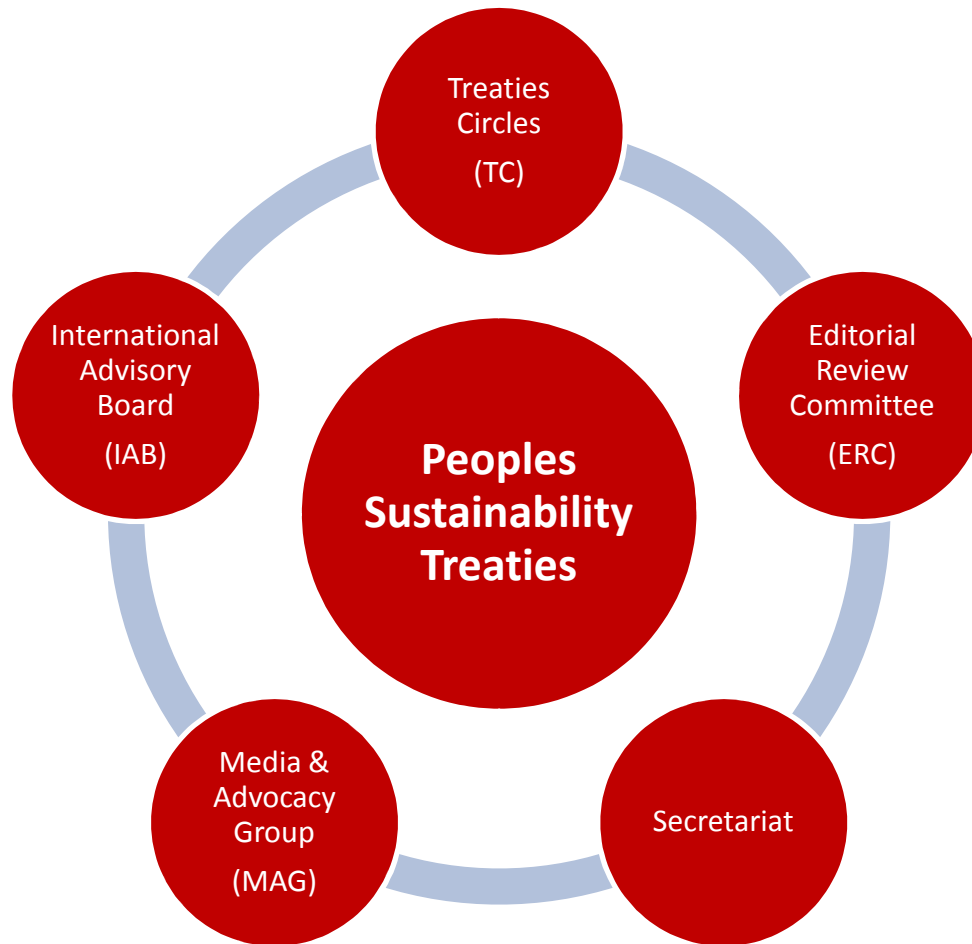
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INTRODUCTION

- Peoples' Sustainability Treaties are proposed as a series of independent collective agreements produced by civil society representatives.
- An alternative content outcome by civil society to reflect the public interest and aspirations of a sustainable world
- will serve as collection of proposals for governments negotiating for official outcomes at the Summit.
- Essentially, the process will lead towards advancing a Global Movement to ensure sustainable futures

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ORGANISATION



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Treaty Circles (TC)

- Every treaty will be formulated by an evolving Treaty Circle which is a network convened by the facilitating organizations. Any CSO can join a treaty circle and provide their input. The joint facilitators will appoint an editorial group to write and edit the treaty according to the dialogues, input, and research, and will facilitate a collective output. A Treaty Editorial Team will be selected by each Treaty Circle and will include experienced civil society leaders having expertise on the relevant subject matter. The recommended team should ideally contain between 3 to 9 members, and should have a representation from both North and South, and ideally at least one member from each region.

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International Advisory Board (IAB):

- A group of senior civil society leaders from the different major groups and partner organizations have been invited to guide the entire treatise process. They will act as the caretakers and guardians of the treaties process and guide a participatory and quality outcome. Regular advisory consultations will be held online to periodically assist the progress.

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Editorial Review Committee (ERC)

- An International Editorial Committee will be appointed to act as overall content management of the treaties. From 5 to 11 invited members with diverse knowledge, CSO management, and editorial capabilities will work closely with the Secretariat. A treaties editorial member will be invited to join the Treaties Review Committee to assist the IEC in a final outcome document that reflects the input from the treaties circles and public.

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Media & Advocacy Group (MAG)

- A media and advocacy group (MAG) will be created to run a global campaign to create awareness, engage public, and lobby decision makers. The group will use both mainstream and social media creatively. A Treatise Bulletin will be circulated regularly with news and updates, a website and facebook page will be managed on an interactive basis, and regular articles and news features will be provided to other outreach media of partner and support organizations and media as well.

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Secretariat

- An international secretariat for the Peoples' Sustainability Treaties is hosted by the Centre for Environment Development (CED) in Sri Lanka. It already functions with a Project Director and three volunteer staff from Brazil, Sweden and USA. Each treaty facilitating partner organization will also provide a representative to build-up a volunteer global action team required for organizing this large global initiative.

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STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE



• **Creating a Treaty Circle** with broad geographical representation

• **Organising Dialogues** through meetings, conference calls and email exchanges

• **Writing Drafts** by appointing treaty editorial team and discuss intensely

• **Consulting Experts** to ensure quality and credibility of draft

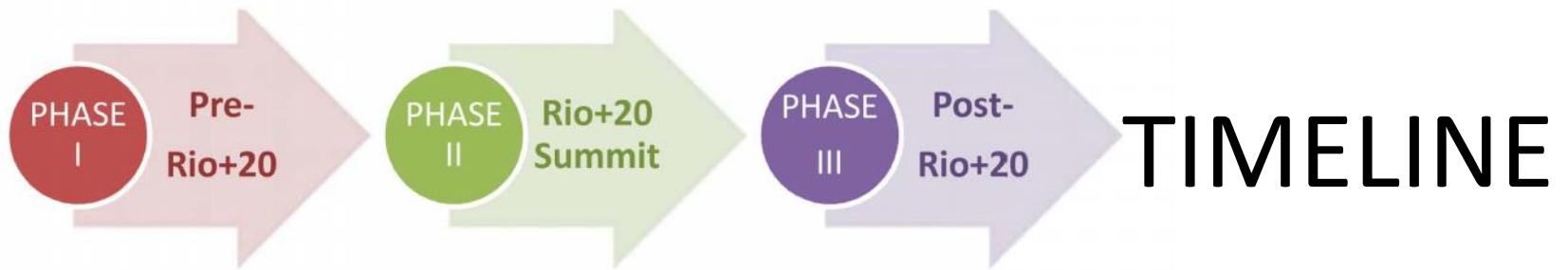
• **Editorial Review** for further improvement and intergration with other treatise

• **Generating Comments** by distributing across the world through databases and list servers for public comments.

• **Finalisation** of Treaty with International Editorial Committee and distribution amongst governments and stakeholders

• **Lobbying** governments, intergovernmental agencies, stakeholders and key actors of Rio+20

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January-May 2012 Pre-Rio+20	J	1 st January-31 st March: Organizing Treaties Circle, Organizing Treaty Dialogues & Public Hearings, Formulation of 1st drafts, and Media and Advocacy Campaign			
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June 2012 Rio+20 Summit	J	1 st April - 31 st May: Public Comments, Editing Treaties, Formulation of Declaration & Action Plan			
		1-12 June: Release of the Treaties & Pre-Summit Advocacy Campaign			
July 1 – December 31 Advancing a Global Movement	J	Prep.com	13	13-21 June: Organising Treaties Dialogues, Demonstrations, Advocacy and Media Activities in collaboration with other CSO initiatives, partners and supporters, and Media & Advocacy Campaign	
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	S	Official UNCSD20 12	20		22 June: Rio+20 PLATFORM (Joint Public Event) <i>Theme: Advancing a Global Citizens Movement</i> [convened by TWC]
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O		23 -30 th June: Follow-up action and planning post Rio+20 action, Reporting Results, and Media Campaign			
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The outcome document is expected to comprise of three components:

- 1. Declaration:** Commitment to Sustainable Futures on Earth
- 2. Treaties:** Peoples' Sustainability Treaties
- 3. Action Plan:** Peoples' Sustainability Transition Plan

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Declaration: Commitment to Sustainable Futures on Earth (proposed format)

- **A New Social Order:** Sustainable Development Governance
- **A New Economic Order:** Sustainable Economic System
- **A New Ecological Order:** Sustainable Lifestyle and Livelihood

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Treaties: Peoples' Sustainability Treaties (proposed format)

- Preamble
- Principle
- Commitments
- Action Plan
- Signatories.

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The treaties are proposed to be clustered under the following sections:

- SECTION 01: Sustainable Economies
- SECTION 02: Sustainable Societies
- SECTION 03: Sustainable Ecosystems
- SECTION 04: Equity, Rights & Governance
- SECTION 05: Peace, Values and Mindfulness

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ACTION PLAN: Peoples' Sustainability Transition Plan (proposed format)

1. Transition to a Sustainable Society
2. Sustainable Development Goals
3. Advancing a Global Movement
4. Timeline for Change

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Following treaties have been proposed and work has commenced:

- Sustainable Development Goals Treaty - *proposed by Stakeholder Forum*
- Millennium Consumption Goals Treaty – *proposed by the Millennium Consumption Goals Initiative (MCGI)*
- Sustainable Economies Treaty - *proposed by Centre for Environment and Development*
- Corporate Social Responsibility & Accountability - *proposed by Dialogue on a Convention for Corporate Social Responsibility and Accountability*
- Sustainable Consumption & Production Treaty - *proposed by Northern Alliance for Sustainability*
- Poverty Eradication Treaty – *proposed by Centre for Environment and Development*
- Climate Sustainability Treaty - *proposed by Climate Sustainability PLATFORM*
- Equity and Sustainability Treaty - *proposed by Initiative for Equality*
- Rights for Sustainability Treaty - *proposed by IBON International*
- Sustainable Development Governance Treaty - *proposed by Sustainable Development Governance Network*

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IAB & Partners (Evolving)

- Mr. Uchita de Zoysa (Centre for Environment & Development), Mr. Felix Dodds (Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future), Dr. Paul Raskin (Tellus Institute), Dr. Sylvia Lorek (Sustainable Europe Research Institute), Prof. Mohan Munasinghe (Munasinghe Institute for Development), Prof. Veena Sikri (South Asian Women's Network), Dr. Faiz Shah (Asian Institute for Technology – Extension), Dr. Ashvani Vasishth (Ramapo College), Ms. Leida Rijnhout (Northern Alliance for Sustainability), Dr. Deborah Rogers (Initiative for Equality), Dr. Janis Brizga (Green Liberty), Mr. Jeffery Barber (Integrative Strategies Forum), Mr. Paul Quintos (IBON International), Aron Belnky (Vitae Civilis) and Dr. Ashish Kothari (Kalpavriksh).

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Follow-up: Working for the Transition towards Global Sustainability

- Post Rio+20 will be used for further a “Campaign for the Advancement of a Global Movement” towards a sustainable world.
- Treaties will provide this movement a broad base of global civil society circles and foundations with commitment to an agreed-upon set of principles.
- The Declaration will provide the much needed common vision for a transition towards sustainability.
- The Action Plan will provide us a set of programmes to compile all the dialogues into an implementable action plan for a transition towards a sustainable world.

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Accepting the Challenge and Demonstrating Proactive Leadership

- Failure at Rio+20 cannot be accepted; failure of the official process should not become an obstacle towards successful evolving of a global movement to lead the transition towards sustainable futures on earth.

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Open Invitation

- The Peoples' Sustainability Treaties is an open invitation to all CSOs to come together to develop an independent, collective outcome for Rio+20, and to plan their actions towards sustainable futures for all.

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LET THE Dialogues Begin!



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