

Working Group

- Implementation of Rio + 20

General Comments on Rio+20

- The Group discussed the RIO+20 outcomes and noted that the high hopes and expectations of the peoples of the world were not realized
- The outcomes were weak in real commitments beyond political declarations and reaffirmations of RIO principles and decisions of other previous summits
- Outcomes did not address fundamental development concerns of developing countries
- It basically reinforced the financialization of the environment – which puts more control in the hands of corporations rather than communities and people

- It failed to recognize and address the Durban outcome which dealt a death blow to global solidarity, collapsed Kyoto protocol, allowing rich industrialized countries to renege on their responsibilities
- It allowed North to push through a development paradigm within Rio process, which they have not been able to realise in WTO

- In planning implementation of the Rio+20 outcome we are interested in recognizing the weaknesses, weaknesses that underscore the non-implementation of RIO Agenda 21
- We should be rearticulating the central global principles underpinning the quest for a sustainable world that we want

- In discussing the world that we appreciate the inclusion of a fourth pillar of sustainability – that of Governance
- And the recognition that credible Institutional Framework is desirable for Sustainable Development

- The discussions noted the need to build clarity on the world we want in general and specific terms
- That the clarity about how to realise the world we want is about processes which are underpinned by shared global SD principles
- In particular the 1992 principles – polluter pays, precautionary and CBDR.

- The Group notes that the world we want is a low carbon economy, founded on new patterns of production and consumption, allowing for the needs of all in society
- In this light the conceptualization of green economy – characterized by low carbon emissions, among other sustainable development goals, should seek to realise fundamental rights of all peoples, especially social, economic and cultural rights

- The group notes the importance of agriculture in the lives of the people in Africa
- It notes that the future we want must necessarily develop agriculture in a manner that reestablishes peoples' control over farming systems, recapture from corporations

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