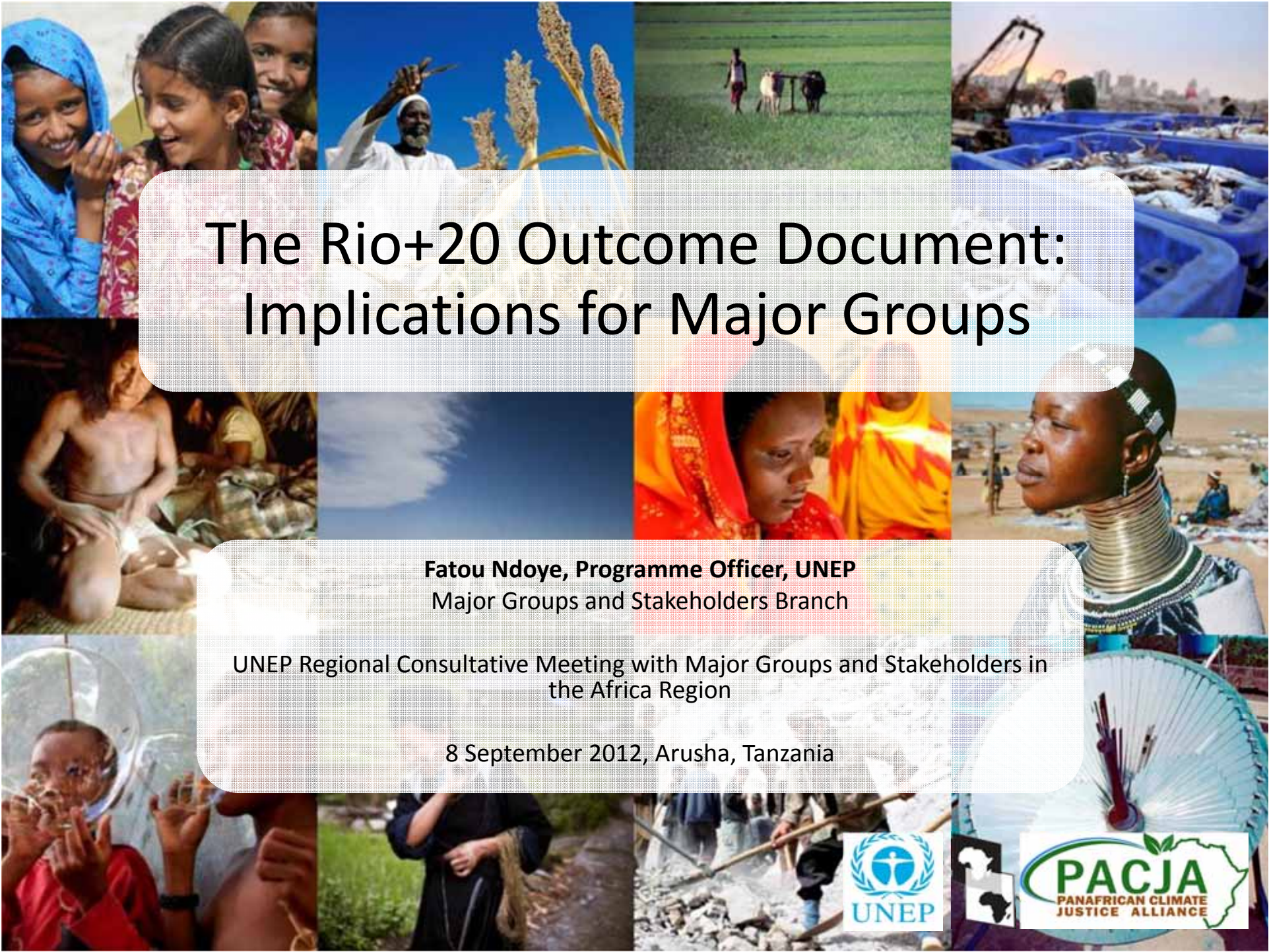




The Rio+20 Outcome Document: Implications for Major Groups

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1. Major Groups in the Outcome Document

90 references to all major groups

Role in sustainable development

70 references to topics/issues

Human rights

Public participation

Access to information Women's rights

Equity

Social inclusion

Employment

677 contributions by November 2011

493 submissions by MGS

73% from MGS / 15% from Member states

2. Major Groups and the Outcome Document: From despair to ... hope?

Criticism

lack of moral purpose

lack of urgency

non-binding nature

regression on a number of universally agreed principles

process and spirit of the negotiations

3. The main themes of the Conference in the Outcome Document

Green Economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication

IFSD/IEG

Universal membership

Enhanced participation of MGS

Transparency

Best practices

Model UN organization



4. Key entry points for MGS

Sustainable Development Goals

High Level Political Forum

Finance

Technology

10 YFP

Ombudsperson for future generations

Oceans

Beyond GDP



4.1. Sustainable Development Goals

Para 248: *“We resolve to establish an inclusive and transparent intergovernmental process on SDGs that is open to all stakeholders, with a view to developing global sustainable development goals to be agreed by the General Assembly....”*

- Open working group to be constituted by the 67th session (Sept 2012) of the GA
- 30 representatives, nominated by Member States from the 5 UN regional groups
- Report to the 68th session of the GA (Sept – Dec 2013)

MGS issues:

Fair

equitable
representation

balanced
perspectives

experience

geographic
diversity



4.2. High level political forum

Para 84: *“We decide to establish a universal intergovernmental high level political forum, building on the strengths, experiences, resources and inclusive participation modalities of the Commission on Sustainable Development, and subsequently replacing the Commission ...”*

Para. 86: *“We decide to launch an intergovernmental and open, transparent and inclusive negotiation process under the General Assembly to define the high level forum’s format and organizational aspects with the aim of convening the first high level forum at the beginning of the 68th session of the GA.”*

- First session in September 2013

MGS issues:

Authority of the Forum Engagement and participation model
Mandate





4.3. Finance

*...sh an intergovernmental process under the auspices of
nbly, with technical support from the United Nations
n and broad consultation with relevant international
cial institutions and other relevant stakeholders.”*

*...ntergovernmental committee, comprising 30 experts
regional groups, with equitable geographical
ll implement this process, concluding its work **by 2014.**”*

...ons for effective sustainable development financing by

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effectiveness

consistency

instruments

frameworks



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