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Global Network of NCSDs Meeting of the International Advisory Group

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Agenda:

- Reflection on UNOSD event for the Network
- Think Pieces/papers
- Engaging Councils
- Linking to other initiatives/networks
- Thematic objectives for the Network
- Phase 2 and fundraising
- Next meeting and future role of IAG

Minutes:

Reflections

- Term 'NCSD' troublesome because of its exclusive nature. Could be replaced with a different term, e.g. Bodies, Apex, or Mechanisms.
- Publish think pieces exploring why some NCSDs have been abolished, including reasons and lessons learnt to provide insights for existing councils. The pieces should include:
 - why existing bodies are not as effective as they could/should be, and
 - the underlying factors which are relevant to all such bodies.
- Network could be an interface between national action and international commitments
 - work with UNOSD as an institutional home and support;
 - The UNOSD could host the Network's annual meeting;
 - Regional hubs or networks could be established within the global Network.

Think Pieces

- The Group decided to publish think pieces on the UK and Canada's lessons learnt.



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These think pieces could include a broader range of countries such as Tasmania.

- The pieces should include:
 - Reasons for failures and successes in order to balance the explorations of contributing factors.
 - failures will be celebrated.

Engaging Councils

- The survey should predominantly include multiple choice questions rather than written text.
- Councils should also be asked for a history account of each body.
- Councils should be invited to participate in side events and lunch time meetings in NYC to discuss experiences (e.g. on MDGs).
- The network should be linked to other initiatives.
 - Connect the network with SD Planet, and in particular with planning practitioners.

Thematic trust

- The Group agreed to include SDGs, and potentially expanding this theme more broadly to post-2015.
- Other inclusions: National implementation of existing commitments, i.e. taking Rio home, and practicing the SD approach, which should not be sectoral analysis.

Phase 2 and funding

- Future funding to be sought from regional development banks.

Future actions

- Think Pieces
 - Ella will look at successes
 - Zafar will look at Canada
 - Farooq will look at the UK
 - Darren will look at the sub-national, regional and local councils.
 - SF will contact councils to request existing papers on councils.
- Engaging Councils: Loy will maintain the watching brief for the Sri Lanka initiative and SF will provide support as requested.
- Phase 2: Jack Cornforth (SF) will send the objectives for Phase 2.

