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Post 2015 Development Agenda and Challenges for Nepal

By

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The Rio + 20 outcome document *The Future We Want* had decided to develop and agree a single set of goals for all the member countries to be called Sustainable Development Goals or SDGs after the expiry of MDGs in 2015. Nepal is signatory to the Rio+20 declarations in which countries have agreed to consider “..green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication as one of the important tools available for achieving sustainable development...”. The Rio+20 agreement hopes that ‘green economy’ will be the vehicle to achieve the SDGs the pre-requisite for which is managing natural resources sustainably without increasing negative environmental impacts. Nepal having largely a green economy has immense potentials to chart its developmental path by adopting Green Economy tools and practices. However, it also faces huge challenges, the most important one being reducing poverty, adapting to climate change, enhance social and gender equity, and reduce environment degradation. How can such a complex and contradicting goal be achieved? The talk aims to propose and provoke a forward looking and constructive dialogue and discussions.

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