Global Experts Release their Ideas to Help the Rio+20 Summit

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- The Government of Brazil – the Chair of the 2012 Rio+20 Summit – has launched the Sustainable Development Dialogues. This innovative multistakeholder initiative asks leaders from NGOs, academia and business to present practical ideas for delivering sustainable development at scale.
- Leading experts from the World Economic Forum's Network of Global Agenda Councils have provided their first responses to this challenge in an informal discussion paper, released today. The paper contains over 30 suggestions on how to scale up sustainable development solutions for issues like food, water and energy security, and decent jobs. It highlights how innovative public-private partnerships can be a key vehicle to help governments deliver these changes quickly and at scale.
- To download the paper, please visit: http://www3.weforum.org/docs/WEF_GAC_Rio20_Recommendations_2012.pdf

Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, 17 April 2012 – The Government of Brazil in its capacity as chair of the United Nations 2012 Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) has launched 10 multistakeholder dialogues on sustainable development. The Sustainable Development Dialogues will run through June on a special website (http://www.riodialogues.org), culminating in four days of discussion in Rio de Janeiro on 16-19 June.

The Dialogues aim to provide a fresh perspective from NGOs, research and business communities on existing or new projects, collaborations, commitments or initiatives that could be global game-changers if they were to be replicated, scaled up or created. The ideas will be shared with world leaders during the Rio+20 Summit.

Responding to this extraordinary challenge, internationally renowned experts from the World Economic Forum's Network of Global Agenda Councils have provided a first set of concrete ideas for action. They include:

- ***Poverty eradication*** – Launch a new generation of regional public-private funds to increase investment for smallholder farmers, e.g. an African smallholder equivalent of the International Finance Corporation
- ***Food and water security*** – Replicate successful initiatives, such as Brazil's Zero Hunger Program, which has helped reduce child malnutrition by 61%, as well as the Scaling Up Nutrition initiative; increase the active role of promising multistakeholder partnerships such as the New Vision for Agriculture, the Water Resources Group and the Alliance for Water Stewardship
- ***Jobs*** – Encourage governments and corporations to invest the equivalent of 2% of GDP in the green economy of 12 target countries across seven industries to create 48 million decent jobs over five years

"These recommendations are critical to inform the debate, which we expect to be as inclusive and democratic as possible, and we thank the experts from the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Councils for their contributions. We need prioritized, practical recommendations for action and encourage further stakeholder participation in the

web-based dialogues," said **Antonio de Aguiar Patriota**, Minister of External Relations of Brazil and Co-Chair of the Rio+20 Summit.

"This innovation from the Rio+20 chair may change how actors outside of government can meaningfully contribute to important global processes and summits. The potential for NGOs, business and others to work with governments and international agencies in scaled partnerships and collaborations to help make substantive progress in fundamental areas such as food and nutritional security, water, energy, jobs, infrastructure investment – especially for developing countries – is gaining ground," said **Dominic Waughray**, Senior Director, Head of Environmental Initiatives, World Economic Forum.

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