

## A Post-2015 Calendar

This list – extracted from a forthcoming Center on International Cooperation paper on a post-2015 Global Partnership – is an initial, non-comprehensive compilation of key milestones on financing, global economy, sustainability, and the post-2015 agenda more broadly between now and the end of 2016. Meetings that have the potential to be especially important or high-profile are highlighted.

Corrections and suggestions for additions to the list are welcome and can be sent to Alex Evans at [alex.evans@nyu.edu](mailto:alex.evans@nyu.edu).

<b>2013</b>		
2-6 December	<b>Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing</b> , New York (second session).  Will discuss an initial assessment of financing needs, current flows and emerging trends, and the impact of domestic and international environments. (The Committee's other two 'clusters' of work will cover mobilisation of resources, and institutional arrangements and policy coherence.) <sup>i</sup>	Financing
3-6 December	<b>Ninth WTO Ministerial Conference</b> , Bali. Potential agreement on package including trade facilitation, select agricultural issues, and some components related specifically to developing countries.	Global economy
9-13 December	<b>Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals</b> , New York (sixth session).  2 days allocated for discussion of means of implementation (including science and technology, knowledge-sharing, and capacity building), and a Global Partnership for achieving sustainable development. <sup>ii</sup>	All
<b>2014</b>		
Date tbc	<b>6<sup>th</sup> BRICS Summit</b> , Fortaleza, Brazil  Grouping of Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa reportedly plan to complete arrangements for a new international development bank in time for the summit.	All
Date tbc	<b>Turkey Presidential election</b>  Direct Presidential elections to be held for first time. Current Law on Presidential Elections (2012) allows Prime Minister (currently Recep Tayyip Erdogan) to stand for President without resigning as PM, although this is being contested in Constitutional Court.	National politics

First half of the year	<b>Second MIKTA meeting</b> , Mexico New forum launched in September 2013, bringing together foreign ministers of Mexico, Indonesia, South Korea, Turkey, and Australia, aimed at cooperation on global governance.	All
1 January	<b>Global Ocean Action Summit</b> , the Hague Convened by World Bank and Dutch government aiming to mobilise financial and technical support for established goals under Global Partnership for Oceans (GPO)	Sustainability
1 January?	<b>Third High-level Symposium for 2012 UN Development Cooperation Forum</b> , Germany Focus on strengthening of accountability frameworks in post-2015 context.	All
6-10 January	<b>Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals</b> , New York (seventh session). Agenda includes 1.5 days on sustainable consumption and production, and 1.5 days on climate change and disaster risk reduction.	All
20-22 January	<b>World Future Energy Summit</b> , Abu Dhabi	Sustainability
22-25 January	<b>World Economic Forum</b> , Davos. Potentially a key moment for the private sector to set out its stall on post-2015.	Global economy
3-7 February	<b>Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals</b> , New York (eighth session). Agenda includes 2 days on oceans and seas, forests, and biodiversity, and 1.5 days on promoting equality.	All
4-6 February	<b>5th Biennial C40 Mayors Summit</b> , Johannesburg Three day summit convening Mayors from world's largest cities on climate change – key focus of this meeting will be greenhouse gas metrics and adaptation	Sustainability
March	<b>EU Council of Ministers</b> Head of government level summit – will discuss EU's 2030 climate framework.	Sustainability
19-21 February	<b>Green Climate Fund board meeting</b> , Indonesia Promises of \$100 billion a year by 2020 are starting to look questionable, with only \$7.5 million committed to date.	Sustainability
3-7 March	<b>Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing</b> , New York (third session).	Financing

25-29 March	<b>Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change</b> – Working Group 2 releases Fifth Assessment Report findings on climate impacts, adaptation, and vulnerability	Sustainability
April – July	<b>South Africa general election</b> Will elect a new National Assembly of 400 members, which will choose President of South Africa.	National politics
7-11 April	<b>Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change</b> – Working Group 3 releases Fifth Assessment Report findings on strategies for low-carbon mitigation	Sustainability
11-13 April	<b>World Bank and International Monetary Fund spring meetings</b> , Washington DC	Global economy
15-16 April	<b>1<sup>st</sup> High Level Meeting of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation</b> , Mexico City. Stock-take of efforts since Busan, and forward look on post-2015 development agenda.	All
12-16 May	<b>Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing</b> , New York (fourth session).	Financing
14-15 May	<b>Clean Energy Ministerial</b> , Seoul (fifth session) High level forum to promote best practice, including in financing. 23 governments involved, with composition broadly comparable to G20.	Sustainability
22-25 May	<b>European Parliament elections</b> Under 2009 Lisbon Treaty, these will be the first EP elections to elect the European Commission's President, although on the basis of a proposal made by Council of Ministers (i.e. member states).	National politics
31 May	<b>India general election</b> Deadline for elections to India's <i>Lok Sabha</i> (lower house), which will determine appointment of Prime Minister.	National politics
4-5 June	<b>G8 Leaders Summit 2014</b> , Sochi. Given Russia's record on the 2013 G20, probably unwise to expect too much on development or climate change.	Global economy
July	<b>UN Development Cooperation Forum / High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development</b> New York. Top objective for the DCF is to "assess how a Global Partnership for development beyond 2015 could work in practice". <sup>iii</sup> HLPF will be one of the annual meetings held under auspices of ECOSOC (as opposed to quadrennial meetings at head of government level under auspices of General Assembly).	All

9 July	<b>Indonesia Presidential election</b> Election to choose successor to President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono (who co-chaired UN High-level Panel on the Post-2015 Development Agenda) who will stand down after reaching the two terms legal limit.	National politics
August	<b>Publication of private sector Capital Plan</b> ( <i>proposed</i> ) Finance sector-led initiative to help mobilise investment in post-2015 goals and low carbon sustainable economy.	Financing
4-8 August	<b>Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing</b> , New York (fifth session).	Financing
1-4 September	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> UN Conference on Small Island Developing States</b> , Samoa <sup>iv</sup>	All
23 September	<b>2014 Climate Summit</b> , New York. Hosted by UN Secretary-General, at head of government level. Intended to be a key moment for raising ambition and political will en route to COP 21 in Paris in December 2015.	Sustainability
23 or 24 September?	<b>Possible major public mobilisation</b> on post-2015 and climate change, New York	All
23-29 September	<b>UN General Assembly General Debate</b> , New York (69 <sup>th</sup> session). Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing and Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals report back to UN General Assembly.	All
October?	<b>APEC Summit</b> , Beijing China will chair; no details on priorities yet. Philippines will chair in 2015.	Global economy
5 October	<b>Brazil general election</b> To select both President and National Congress. Runoff election for President on 26 October if no candidate receives more than 50% of vote.	National politics
10-12 October	<b>Annual meetings of World Bank and International Monetary Fund</b> , Washington DC.	All
27-31 October	<b>Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change</b> , Copenhagen (40 <sup>th</sup> session). Meeting to approve summary for policymakers of Fifth Assessment Report – likely to be the biggest story of the year for IPCC.	Sustainability

31 October	<b>Expiry of current European Commission</b> List of new Commissioners must be approved by Council of Ministers (i.e. member states, under qualified majority voting) and then by European Parliament.	National politics
4 November	<b>US Congressional mid-term elections</b> 435 House contests and 33 Senate races held.	National politics
15-16 November	<b>G20 Leaders Summit 2014</b> , Brisbane. Given political complexion of newly elected Australian government, unclear that development or climate change are likely to figure highly on the agenda.	Global economy
December	<b>OECD Development Assistance Committee High Level Meeting</b> , Paris. DAC will propose new comprehensive framework for reporting on external development finance, including new statistical measure of “total official support for development”	Financing
3-14 December	<b>COP 20 of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change</b> , Lima. Potentially a key moment for Parties to unveil their emissions mitigation and/or climate finance ‘offers’ ahead of the Paris summit in December 2015.	Sustainability
By end of year	<b>Report of the UN Secretary-General</b> ( <i>proposed</i> ) To cover “vision, principles, goals and targets of the post-2015 development agenda, as well as ... the renewed Global Partnership for development”, drawing on Open Working Group on SDGs and Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing.	All
<b>2015</b>		
Date tbc	<b>G20 Leaders Summit 2015</b> , Turkey. Given limited expectations for 2014 G20 (see above), likely to be a key moment on multiple agendas. Much will depend on the timing of the meeting: recent years have seen the leaders’ summit take place in September (St Petersburg 2013), June (Los Cabos 2012 and Toronto 2010), November (Cannes 2011). June would be ideal as a way of securing outcomes in advance of the September 2015 High Level Political Forum.	Global economy

First half of the year?	<p>Potential <b>high level summit on financing for development</b>, following on from Monterrey in 2002 and Doha in 2008.</p> <p>Likely to be mandated by the General Assembly before the end of 2013. Could potentially take place later than 2015. Would also in effect take forward the proposal made in the High-level Panel on the Post-2015 Development Agenda for an international conference to discuss “how to integrate development, sustainable development, and environmental financing streams”.</p>	Financing
January	<b>World Economic Forum</b> , Davos	Global economy
1 March?	<p><b>World Conference on Disaster Reduction 2015</b>, Sendai, Japan.</p> <p>Expected to agree post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction.</p>	Financing
April	<b>Spring meetings of World Bank and International Monetary Fund</b> , Washington DC.	Global Economy / Financing
4-15 May	<b>UN Forum on Forests</b> , New York (eleventh session)	Sustainability
7 May	<p><b>UK general election</b></p> <p>Parliamentary elections for House of Commons; will determine next Prime Minister.</p>	National politics
June?	<p><b>G8 Leaders Summit 2015</b>, Germany.</p> <p>Given limited expectations for 2014 G8 (see above), likely to be a key moment on multiple agendas.</p>	Global economy
22-28 September	<p><b>UN General Assembly General Debate</b>, New York (70<sup>th</sup> session) - potentially including extraordinary session of <b>High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development</b> at head of government level.</p> <p>Likely to be the key decision moment on post-2015 development goals.</p>	All
October	<p><b>Argentina Presidential elections</b></p> <p>Exact date to be decided by parliamentary decision.</p>	National politics
1 October	<b>Annual meetings of World Bank and International Monetary Fund</b> , Lima.	Global Economy / Financing
19 October?	<p><b>Canada federal election</b> (<i>provisional</i>)</p> <p>Canada Elections Act requires election no later than third Monday of October in fourth calendar year following last election: Prime Minister may advise Governor-General to call election earlier than this.</p>	National politics
December?	<b>Tenth WTO Ministerial Conference</b> , venue to be confirmed.	Global economy

2-13 December	<b>COP 21 of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change</b> , Paris.  Key decision moment on both legal form and actual targets on global climate policy from 2020 onwards.	Sustainability
<b>2016</b>		
First half of the year?	<b>World Humanitarian Summit</b> , Istanbul. <sup>v</sup>  Key opportunity to improve integration of humanitarian and development programmes – a key issue for many least developed countries in particular.	Financing
June?	<b>G8 Leaders Summit 2016</b> , Japan.	Global economy
October?	<b>International Civil Aviation Organisation 39<sup>th</sup> Assembly</b>  Due to agree on final proposal for a new market based mechanism (MBM) that could provide significant new funding for global public goods, for implementation from 2020 onwards.	Financing
November?	<b>G20 Leaders Summit 2016</b> . Host will be one of China, Indonesia, or Japan. <sup>vi</sup>	Global economy
8 November	<b>US Presidential election</b>  New President will be inaugurated on 20 January 2017.	National politics

<sup>i</sup> See workplan set out in summary of the Committee's first meeting: <http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/2028ICESDF-Co-Chairs-Summary-FirstSession.pdf>

<sup>ii</sup> The OWG's workplan is available at <http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/1778Pow2805.pdf>.

<sup>iii</sup> See <http://www.un.org/en/ecosoc/newfunct/2014dcf.shtml>

<sup>iv</sup> See <http://www.sids2014.org/>

<sup>v</sup> See <http://www.worldhumanitariansummit.org/>

<sup>vi</sup> Carin, B. (2010). *The Future of the G20 Process*. Waterloo: CIGI.