

GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY GOVERNANCE

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GROWTH IN TRANSITION

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OBJECTIVE

- ACHIEVING OPTIMAL HUMAN WELFARE WHILE SAFEGUARDING/ENHANCING ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL STANDARDS
- Crisis has shown up – among other problems – the lack of effective governance of the socio-economic realm; but severe governance failure had already become visible during globalisation phase



IDEAL “ELEGANT” SYSTEM

- Vertical: Subsidiarity cascade of governance solutions from global (for global problems) to regional, to national, to local institutions/instruments, where “lower” levels also serve needs of “higher” ones
- Horizontal: interconnection of economic, social, environmental, political realms: not separate, no domination, equal importance



IDEAL SYSTEM: Process Needs

- Requirements: representativeness – legitimacy participation – efficiency - effectiveness
- Exclusive reliance on „state“ ineffective (capture by specific interests); but state apparatus necessary for implementation capacity;
- Recognition of „plural rationalities“, development of strong „countervailing“ power motivated by citizen welfare necessary – institutionalized „civil society“ involvement for inclusiveness



FROM “IDEAL” TO “FUZZY”

- Impossibility of „World government“
- Ineffectiveness of existing „non-system“
- Ineffectiveness of treaty-based approach
- End of WWII/Western-dominated governance – plural rationalities
- Necessity of socio-economic-environmental approach
- Resurgence of nationalism – national/regional solutions
- Broadest possible inclusiveness



EXISTING NON-SYSTEM

IMF
WB
WTO

G7 / G8

UN
ECOSOC
UNDP
UNEP

Regional Bodies
Bilateral Agreements

G20
G24
G77
G...

ILO
BIS
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GLOBAL GOVERNANCE AREAS

- Macroeconomic Stability: bop, X-rates, financial regulation
- Poverty/Development: inequality, socio-ec. development
- Environment/Climate: biodiversity, depletion, water, pollution, nuclear
- Social-Health: child labor, disease prevention, migration, working conditions
- Investment/Trade/Competition: fair trade, level playing field
- Illegal Activities: human trafficking, drugs, tax havens, money laundering
- [Overarching]



OBJECTIVES

Macroeconomic
Stabilisation

Closing the
Poverty Gap

Fair Trade and
Investment

Labor Standards
Migration

Adequate Provision
of Global Public
Goods

INTERLINKAGES

Guidance
Monitoring

POLITICAL STEERING
"GLOBAL ECONOMIC POLICY COUNCIL"

UN Mandate

INSTITUTIONS

Problem
Definition

THEMATIC NETWORKS

Affected Governments,
Civil Society,
Business, Academics

Rules
Standards

Macroeconomic
Stability

Environment
Resources

Labor
Migration

Evaluation,
Monitoring

Trade
Investment
Competition

Development

Illegal
Activities

Health
Social

INTERLINKAGES

“FUZZY” SOLUTIONS

- Ideal system: ineffective, non-participatory, inefficient
- Fuzzy system allows further development of democratic processes by inclusion
- No international treaties, but exemplary ad-hoc solutions to pressing problems
- Overarching mechanism to take into account spillovers into other areas



PROBLEMS

- Representation: poorest countries??
- No sanctions possible, only “naming and shaming”
- Legitimacy of participating “civil society”
- How many rationalities?
- Balance of interests
- Under UN umbrella? – existing institutions’ role



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