



As part of the ongoing follow-up of the Rio+20 UN Conference on Sustainable Development, the Secretariat for the Rio+20 conference will host a Google+ Hangout on Tuesday, 12 February at 18:00 CET, featuring key experts on Rio+20 and sustainable development from the UN system and civil society.

The first in a [series of Google+ Hangouts](#) will highlight the major outcomes of Rio+20 and the key follow-up processes launched at the conference and the Hangout will be hosted on the [United Nations Google+ account](#)

The goal of the Hangout is to provide the general public with a greater awareness of the positive and concrete outcomes of Rio+20, in an effort to improve public perception and optimism surrounding the conference. In addition, the Hangout series will also promote the progress made in the Sustainable Development realm, the highlights of civil society engagement in the process, as well as the next steps going forward in the process.

The Google+ Hangout will also feature a 20-minute live Q&A session with the panelists. Questions can be tweeted to [@SustDev](#) using #SDinAction, or can be posted on the [Sustainable Development Knowledge Platform Facebook page](#)

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for one of our Sustainable Development Action Networks to join the conversation there.

Panelists for the first "Sustainable Development in Action" Google+ Hangout on 12 February include **Nikhil Seth**, Director of UN DESA's Division for Sustainable Development; **Elizabeth Thompson**,

Executive Coordinator for the Rio+20 conference;

Kimo Goree,

Vice-President of the International Institute for Sustainable Development Reporting Services (IISD); and

Jacob Scherr

, Director of global strategy and advocacy for the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC.)

More information: <http://bit.ly/RioHangout>

Additional links:

- [UN DESA's Division for Sustainable Development](#)