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From 19 to 22 June 2012, José Manuel Barroso, President of the EC, Connie Hedegaard, Member of the EC in charge of Climate Action, Janez Potočnik, Member of the EC in charge of Environment, Andris Piebalgs, Member of the EC in charge of Development, and Dacian Cioloș, Member of the EC in charge of Agriculture and Rural Development, took part in the UN Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The objective of the conference was to secure renewed political commitment for sustainable development, assess the progress to date and the remaining gaps in the implementation of the outcomes of the major summits on sustainable development, and address new and emerging challenges.



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TIME	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
10:00:00	Credits and title	00:00:20
10:00:20	1. Commissioners at events ahead of Rio+20, 19/06/2012	00:08:48
10:00:20	Title	00:00:05
10:00:25	Exterior views of the conference centre (2 shots)	00:00:11
10:00:36	General view of the conference room	00:00:06
10:00:42	Connie Hedegaard, Member of the EC in charge of Climate Action	00:00:10
10:00:52	Cutaway of the audience	00:00:04
10:00:57	SOUNDBITE by Connie Hedegaard (in ENGLISH) on a large project involving women in India: saying that as soon as the forestry policy and the environmental policy were applied properly, soil erosion stopped and the women started to get an income from their crop; but the most interesting part of it is how it made an impact on the women's identity; it generated a cultural change.	00:01:02
10:01:59	Cutaways of the audience (3 shots)	00:00:15

10:02:14	SOUNDBITE by Connie Hedegaard (in ENGLISH) saying that it would make a tremendous difference if they could agree, in Rio, on the aim of access to sustainable energy for all by 2030; it would be very essential for development; you cannot have sustainable development in the 21st century world if you don't have access to sustainable energy.	00:00:28
10:02:43	Woman taking notes	00:00:03
10:02:47	Connie Hedegaard	00:00:06
10:02:53	Cutaway of the room (2 shots)	00:00:10
10:03:04	SOUNDBITE by Connie Hedegaard (in ENGLISH) saying that a strong appeal should be made to Dilma Rousseff, President of Brazil, to deliver at least three key decisions that are not just words, but actions.	00:00:23
10:03:28	People walking in the corridor	00:00:09
10:03:37	Exterior shot of the conference centre	00:00:04
10:03:42	Journalists at work in media centre (2 shots)	00:00:09
10:03:51	Janez Potočnik, Member of the EC in charge of Environment, arriving at the press conference	00:00:12
10:04:04	Janez Potočnik and Ida Auken, Danish Minister for the Environment, speaking with journalist (2 shots)	00:00:09
10:04:14	Janez Potočnik and Ida Auken beginning their press conference (2 shots)	00:00:15
10:04:29	SOUNDBITE by Janez Potočnik (in ENGLISH) saying that the document doesn't entirely match the ambition the world would desire and need at this moment; but on the other hand, it is certainly the step in the right direction and it is the step that was possible in Rio; it is also clear that this document would be less ambitious and less concrete without a quite strong involvement of the European Union in the negotiation process.	00:00:40
10:05:10	Large shot of the conference room	00:00:05
10:05:15	SOUNDBITE by Janez Potočnik (in ENGLISH) saying that they are happy that the upgrade is mentioned in the text and they are also happy that the African friends are so firmly behind that idea; they think that they should work with them in the future, that this is not the end of the story, that this upgrade should sometime become a reality of their dream; they think that they deserve an agency in Africa; they tried to defend their vision; they haven't succeeded everywhere but the world after the conference goes in better direction than before.	00:00:53

10:06:08	People leaving from the press conference	00:00:04
10:06:13	General shots of the EU pavilion (3 shots)	00:00:15
10:06:29	Andris Piebalgs, Member of the EC in charge of Development	00:00:09
10:06:39	Cutaway of the public	00:00:06
10:06:45	SOUNDBITE by Andris Piebalgs (in ENGLISH) saying that energy for development is a crucial theme to be discussed in Rio; the EU has put human development and sustainable energy centre stage as well; both feature prominently in the EU's agenda for change, which sets out the plans for high impact, relevant and results-oriented policies to take EU development cooperation forward.	00:00:26
10:07:11	Cutaways of the speakers (4 shots)	00:00:21
10:07:33	Cutaway of the audience	00:00:02
10:07:36	SOUNDBITE by Andris Piebalgs (in ENGLISH) saying that with the combined strength of its 27 EU Members States and the European Commission, the EU has already provided over 12 billion euro in official development assistance for energy; a recent stock taking exercise has shown that support for the European Commission and its partners since 2005 is on track to improve access for 18 million people to build more that 15 000 km of transmission lines and 3.5 GB of production capacity and to create more than 80 000 jobs.	00:00:43
10:08:19	Cutaways (4 shots)	00:00:16
10:08:36	SOUNDBITE by Andris Piebalgs (in ENGLISH) saying that to be successful, the initiative needs to be driven at country level; the EU's partner countries must be committed to meeting the initiative's targets; to unlock their development potential to the full, they need sound energy policies, functioning institutions and predictable legal framework to attract investments.	00:00:26
10:09:02	Cutaway: EU flag	00:00:05
10:09:08	2. Formal opening of the Conference, 20/06/2012	00:01:59
10:09:08	Title	00:00:05
10:09:13	Arrival of José Manuel Barroso, President of the EC, at the first plenary meeting (3 shots)	00:00:09

10:09:22	SOUNDBITE by José Manuel Barroso (in ENGLISH) saying that promoting the right kind of growth that is inclusive and environmentally friendly is the most effective pathway to achieve sustainable development; for this reason, he warmly welcomes that the conference has acknowledged that green economy will enhance our ability to manage natural resources sustainably and with lower environmental impacts and also with increased resource efficiency.	00:00:29
10:09:52	Cutaways (2 shots)	00:00:07
10:09:59	SOUNDBITE by José Manuel Barroso (in ENGLISH) saying that as no time can be lost to move towards a greener and more sustainable economy and to eradicate poverty, better and more efficient global governance is strongly needed; he is therefore very happy with the agreement to strengthen sustainable development governance within the United Nations; he is satisfied that the new high level forum for sustainable development will build on inclusive participation modalities of the commission on sustainable development; he is confident that new forum will secure the regular participation of Heads of State or Government in reviewing progress of all the commitments; he also welcomes the agreement to reinforce the international environmental governance by strengthening and upgrading UNEP; it will now have universal membership and must become our common home to set the global environmental agenda; with this in mind, the EC will continue to work together with its partners for the creation of the full fledged United Nations environment organization.	00:01:04
10:11:04	Cutaways (2 shots)	00:00:04
10:11:08	3. Group photo, 20/06/2012	00:00:53
10:11:08	Title	00:00:05
10:11:13	Group photo of the leaders (4 shots)	00:00:48
10:12:01	4. Commissioners at side events, 20/06/2012	00:12:15
10:12:01	Title	00:00:05
10:12:06	General shots in the Rio pavilion (3 shots)	00:00:14
10:12:21	SOUNDBITE by Connie Hedegaard (in ENGLISH) on the agreement on the energy efficiency directive: saying that it is not only good for energy efficiency, it actually has as a co-benefit that indirectly it will add around 3 per cent further CO2 reductions, further to the 20 per cent target for 2020; so indirectly we are now moving up in the 20's through energy efficiency, that is how things are	00:00:29

10:12:50	Cutaway of the room	00:00:05
10:12:55	SOUNDBITE by Connie Hedegaard (in ENGLISH) saying that you need to put a price on pollution, on emissions, on energy and other resources if you want to create the right incentive; that is actually what is done in the EU through the emissions trading scheme.	00:00:26
10:13:22	Cutaways (2 shots)	00:00:10
10:13:32	SOUNDBITE by Connie Hedegaard (in ENGLISH) saying that the companies must bring the good examples out there so that people can see that it is not about a very different life if we start now; it is not easy but it is an attractive life, creative solutions, smart solutions, better use of our ingenuity; that is why it is important to act now, to show that it is actually doable.	00:00:43
10:14:15	Cutaway of the room	00:00:05
10:14:20	Exterior view of the Rio Pavilion conference centre	00:00:04
10:14:25	Exterior shot of Copacabana Palace where the Sustainia event takes place (2 shots)	00:00:07
10:14:33	Several shots of the general atmosphere at the conference site (4 shots)	00:00:20
10:14:54	Connie Hedegaard speaking (3 shots)	00:00:42
10:15:37	Public listening (4 shots)	00:00:18
10:15:55	SOUNDBITE by Connie Hedegaard (in ENGLISH) saying that that night was the presentation of Sustainia 100; one hundred solutions to show to people how, if we address climate and energy problems, we can create an attractive society, a creative society; it is not enough to tell people to transform our societies into more climate friendly society, we must show them.	00:00:35
10:16:30	Cutaways of the conference (3 shots)	00:00:14
10:16:44	SOUNDBITE by Connie Hedegaard (in ENGLISH) on the draft text: saying that it is not as ambitious as we would have liked in Europe but it's progress; now it is up to all the States of the world to carry on with this process and to use the hooks that we have got into the text; for instance, for the first time ever the green economy is mentioned in a UN text; she knows from her experience with UN systems that when a word has come into a text, you cannot take it away again; so there is something to work on and they will have to work very hard to secure the follow up from Rio.	00:00:52

10:17:36	Cutaways (4 shots)	00:00:36
10:18:13	SOUNDBITE by Connie Hedegaard (in ENGLISH) saying that they were asked whether they were optimistic or pessimistic about the future; of course she is optimistic; if you are a politician, you need to believe that you can solve the challenges in front of you; it might be difficult but it is doable and 'Sustainia' actually shows how we could do it.	00:00:24
10:18:37	General view of the Copacabana palace	00:00:10
10:18:47	General view of the conference centre (5 shots)	00:00:24
10:19:11	Janez Potočnik arriving (7 shots)	00:00:46
10:19:58	Cutaway of an interpreter	00:00:04
10:20:02	SOUNDBITE by Janez Potočnik (in ENGLISH) saying that the European Union is so serious about transformation into a greener, more resource efficient circular economy; this combines growth with jobs innovation and environmental protection and it can be, of course if well designed, really beneficial for all; this is part of the EU's overall strategy, Europe 2020; it links environmental, social and economic; restoring natural resources together with efforts to recycle and reuse materials and make production processes more effective are part of this equation.	00:00:45
10:20:47	Cutaway of the audience (3 shots)	00:00:15
10:21:03	SOUNDBITE by Janez Potočnik (in ENGLISH) saying that the EU welcomes that the UN statistical commission has adopted the system of environmental economic accounts; the EU is implementing the elements of this new standard; they are looking forward to the next steps on this, the further development of ecosystem accounts; these accounts will tell us how our economies and societies are depending on healthy and resilient ecosystems.	00:00:29
10:21:32	Cutaway of the press conference	00:00:07
10:21:40	Another side event with the participation of Janez Potočnik (5 shots)	00:00:23
10:22:03	SOUNDBITE by Janez Potočnik (in ENGLISH) saying that soil degradation may result in the loss of soil organic matter that is then released in the atmosphere as carbon dioxide; soil plays a key role in filtering rain water; soil biodiversity is an important part of biodiversity in general and key to make the ecosystems function; without the organisms and micro organisms that live under the soil, and in practice work for us. many of the ecosystem	00:00:42

	and in practice from now on, many of the ecosystem functions would be impaired.	
10:22:45	Cutaway	00:00:04
10:22:50	SOUNDBITE by Janez Potočnik (in ENGLISH) saying that the EU has proposed committing to a zero net rate of land and soil degradation to be achieved within an internationally agreed timeframe; the good news is that the document now on the table of Heads of State or Government does recognize the economic and social significance of good land management including soil, particularly its contribution to economic growth, biodiversity, sustainable agriculture and food security, eradicating poverty, women's empowerment, addressing climate change and improving water availability.	00:00:37
10:23:28	Cutaway	00:00:04
10:23:33	SOUNDBITE by Janez Potočnik (in ENGLISH) saying that business as usual is simply not an option; we can simply not continue disregarding and mistreating our soil resources; asking: where would we produce the food we need, from where would we get antibiotics and life saving drugs, how would we be able to adopt and to mitigate climate change if we don't protect our soils?	00:00:34
10:24:07	Cutaway of the press conference (2 shots)	00:00:10
10:24:17	5. EESC side event, 21/06/2012	00:02:44
10:24:17	Title	00:00:05
10:24:22	José Manuel Barroso arriving (2 shots)	00:00:12
10:24:34	José Manuel Barroso in the conference room (3 shots)	00:00:12
10:24:47	SOUNDBITE by José Manuel Barroso (in ENGLISH) saying that he warmly welcomes that one of the main outcomes of Rio+20 is precisely the agreement on the need for a transition to a green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication; some time ago, even the concept green economy was not widely accepted, and today it is recognized by the global community as an indispensable tool for sustainable development; we believe in Europe that the green economy is a key instrument for sustainable development; this means to promote an economy that respects the boundaries of our planet, creates decent jobs, fosters social cohesion, tackles poverty and enhances food security.	00:01:00
10:25:47	Cutaway of the audience	00:00:04

10:25:52	SOUNDBITE by José Manuel Barroso (in ENGLISH) saying that Rio+20 gives a global opportunity to unite behind the sustainability agenda, including the inclusive green economy; the priorities promoted by the European Union are as much about the environment as they are about social empowerment and poverty eradication; these dimensions are linked; similarly, the cross-cutting issues that have been highlighted at Rio, in particular in the social dimension, will ensure that these priorities are properly achieved; but, for true success at Rio+20, and indeed in the years ahead, we need active participation from all actors and at all levels; we will not achieve success from Rio+20 with governments alone; the challenge will be to achieve a real commitment from non-State actors to action at international, national and sub-national level.	00:00:56
10:26:49	José Manuel Barroso leaving	00:00:12
10:27:01	Commissioners at side events, 21/06/2012	00:16:43
10:27:01	Title	00:00:05
10:27:06	Entrance to the Jardim Botânico (2 shots)	00:00:10
10:27:16	Dacian Cioloş, Member of the EC in charge of Agriculture and Rural Development, arriving and shaking hands with Mendes Ribeiro, Brazilian Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply	00:00:19
10:27:35	Round table with Mendes Ribeiro and Dacian Cioloş (8 shots)	00:00:37
10:28:13	Dacian Cioloş and Mendes Ribeiro signing a Memorandum of Understanding to create an EU/Brazil Dialogue on Agriculture and Rural Development (6 shots)	00:00:56
10:29:10	Dacian Cioloş and Mendes Ribeiro leaving the building and shaking hands (3 shots)	00:00:22
10:29:33	Exterior view of the Jardim Botânico	00:00:05
10:29:38	General shots of the SLOW FOOD farmers market in Tijuca (5 shots)	00:00:29
10:30:07	Andris Piebalgs visiting the SLOW FOOD farmers market (7 shots)	00:00:41
10:30:49	SOUNDBITE by Andris Piebalgs (in ENGLISH) saying that a lot of sustainability issues are related to food; a lot of jobs are created by agriculture; opportunities could be created for small farmers, producing food in sustainable ways; it is definitely affecting small farmers particularly women in Africa that have not enough meals to feed the family. not even to sell the food: saying that when	00:01:04



	<p>...family, not even to see the food, saying that when investing a lot of money in agriculture, food security, we should look in particular for two things: to support small agriculture holdings or small farms and to support organic food producing because that is the closest to nature, that doesn't degrade the soil.</p>	
10:31:53	Cutaway of the Commissioner	00:00:05
10:31:58	SOUNDBITE by Andris Piebalgs (in ENGLISH) saying that an additional aspect of this issue is how you deal with food scraps in big cities, because even there you can reprocess what is left after the meals and with that you create compost and produce small vegetable gardens where you have some fruits close to your home; so it is remarkable what you can achieve; we need to support the initiative because it is in everybody's interest.	00:00:35
10:32:33	Cutaways of the market (3 shots)	00:00:12
10:32:45	SOUNDBITE by Andris Piebalgs (in ENGLISH) saying that it is important that all companies have a united approach and that everybody agrees that poverty eradication is the main goal of mankind; concerning poverty eradication, we should also be very careful about sustainability issues; this is not a controversial summit, it is rather a consensus building summit; each country should implement what they are talking about and what they have agreed; it is important to follow the words with concrete deeds.	00:00:39
10:33:24	Large view of the market	00:00:05
10:33:29	Exterior view of the EU pavilion	00:00:04
10:33:34	Interior view	00:00:05
10:33:39	Dacian Cioloş	00:00:05
10:33:44	Views of the conference room (4 shots)	00:00:20
10:34:04	SOUNDBITE by Andris Piebalgs (in ENGLISH) saying that the agricultural sector, beyond all the challenges, has also two structural problems: one is access to money, and that needs to be solved, and second is access to energy.	00:00:30
10:34:35	Cutaway of the audience	00:00:05
10:34:40	SOUNDBITE by Dacian Cioloş (in ENGLISH) saying that intensive use of irrigation, beyond related problems of water scarcity, accelerated the salinization of soil, affecting soil productivity; the EU deals with all these issues with the common agricultural policy; the application of sustainable agricultural practices by the farmers in the EU is a long term investment in a sustainable competitiveness: the sustainable development of	00:00:44

	competitiveness, and sustainable development of agricultural production has the same importance as increasing the productivity.	
10:35:24	Cutaway	00:00:05
10:35:29	SOUNDBITE by Dacian Cioloș (in FRENCH) saying that he signed, with the Brazilian Minister for Agriculture, an agreement to put in place an agricultural dialogue between the EU and Brazil; the EU implements this kind of dialogue with its strategic partners; the aim is to have in-depth discussions on topics of mutual interest.	00:00:51
10:36:21	Cutaway	00:00:05
10:36:26	SOUNDBITE by Dacian Cioloș (in FRENCH) saying that even if the EU wanted a more ambitious agreement, in the field of food security and the fight against poverty and nutrition, the objectives have been reached; the text includes the priority for small farms to develop their production capacity, the role of research and innovation, the issue of price volatility; so, efforts have been made at the level of the G20, at the FAO and other international bodies, and it is starting to bear fruit.	00:01:16
10:37:42	Exterior view of the EU pavilion	00:00:04
10:37:47	Panel of the conference	00:00:04
10:37:51	Arrival of Connie Hedegaard in the conference room (2 shots)	00:00:12
10:38:04	Views of the conference room (4 shots)	00:00:33
10:38:37	SOUNDBITE by Connie Hedegaard (in ENGLISH) saying that whether all these nice words and pictures in the Rio declaration are transformed into reality depends on how governments take it forward and how the leadership of the UN take it forward; the pricing system, getting the price signal right, is key to bringing the transformation we need with the scale we need and with the speed we need.	00:00:47
10:39:24	Cutaways (2 shots)	00:00:09
10:39:33	SOUNDBITE by Connie Hedegaard (in ENGLISH) saying that we should stop subsidizing fossil fuels and subsidize renewables more, and do it in a near future.	00:00:51
10:40:25	Several shots of the conference room (6 shots)	00:00:44
10:41:09	Exterior view of Rio by night (2 shots)	00:00:11
10:41:20	Janez Potočnik	00:00:06

10:41:27	SOUNDBITE by Janez Potočnik (in ENGLISH) saying that he is attending the presentation of Pavan Sukhdev's book "Corporation 2020"; the book is trying to present how the companies in 2020 should look like to fit into a sustainable future.	00:00:27
10:41:54	Several shots of the event (2 shots)	00:00:08
10:42:03	SOUNDBITE by Janez Potočnik (in ENGLISH) saying that with his work Pavan Sukhdev deserved the presence of many that night.	00:00:16
10:42:20	View of the conference room	00:00:05
10:42:25	SOUNDBITE by Janez Potočnik (in ENGLISH) saying that it is very closely related to the work of the European Union, also to the conclusions of Rio; it is about putting corporate responsibility into the centre of attention; if we talk about green economy, we can certainly not talk without a real involvement of the business, without sincere changes which need to be done in the production and of course later on also in the consumption, so that we make this transition to the green economy and to a sustainable world.	00:00:33
10:42:59	Cutaways (3 shots)	00:00:18
10:43:17	SOUNDBITE by Janez Potočnik (in ENGLISH) saying that he doesn't want to think about Rio+30; we have to deliver on everything that was agreed at Rio+20; it is the future that we have to create now and it is an engagement which is absolutely needed.	00:00:19
10:43:36	General view of Rio	00:00:08
10:43:45	6. Side events, 22/06/2012	00:06:06
10:43:45	Title	00:00:05
10:43:50	View from the Copacabana Fortress	00:00:05
10:43:55	Metal structure exhibition	00:00:10
10:44:05	José Manuel Barroso visiting the "Mundo em que vivemos" room (3 shots)	00:00:15
10:44:21	José Manuel Barroso visiting the exhibition library (3 shots)	00:00:22
10:44:44	José Manuel Barroso and other local dignitaries	00:00:07
10:44:52	José Manuel Barroso visiting the "O homem e suas conexões" room (2 shots)	00:00:16
10:45:08	José Manuel Barroso visiting a wind sculpture (3 shots)	00:00:29

10:45:38	José Manuel Barroso visiting the "Produções humanas" room (5 shots)	00:00:30
10:46:08	View of the bay	00:00:05
10:46:13	José Manuel Barroso visiting another exhibition (5 shots)	00:00:30
10:46:43	José Manuel Barroso outside with local dignitaries	00:00:05
10:46:49	View of Rio de Janeiro bay with a Brazilian flag	00:00:05
10:46:54	Arrival of the President of Fiesp (São Paulo Industry Federation) and handshake with José Manuel Barroso	00:00:08
10:47:02	Roof of the Copacabana fortress with canons	00:00:05
10:47:07	Round table with José Manuel Barroso and the President of Fiesp (3 shots)	00:00:10
10:47:18	General shots of Rio+20 summit (2 shots)	00:00:09
10:47:27	Cutaway	00:00:03
10:47:31	Janez Potočnik speaking with Eva Joly, Chairperson of the European Parliament Committee on Development	00:00:04
10:47:35	Cutaway of the press conference (3 shots)	00:00:14
10:47:49	SOUNDBITE by Janez Potočnik (in ENGLISH) saying that the international community has indicated that we must move towards sustainable development; a green and resource efficient economy is a central pathway to achieve it; however, Rio is just the beginning and the range of activities has now to be followed through the international level; the EU is also fully committed to contributing to eradicating poverty and improving people's lives, while significantly reducing pressures on the environment.	00:00:34
10:48:24	Cutaway during the conference (4 shots)	00:00:18
10:48:42	SOUNDBITE by Janez Potočnik (in ENGLISH) saying that the Rio declaration includes an agreement to set an intergovernmental process to develop options on a sustainable development financing strategy for mobilizing financial resources; it also contains express acknowledgment that new partnerships and innovative sources of financing can play a role in complementing sources of financing for sustainable development.	00:00:23
10:49:06	Cutaway of the conference room (3 shots)	00:00:15
10:49:21	SOUNDBITE by Janez Potočnik (in ENGLISH) saying that Rio brought us certainly closer to sustainable development, no doubt about that, but a lot of work is still ahead, including in the area of innovative financing.	00:00:18

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