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What is the Rio+20 Conference, often mentioned in the news? (a) It is the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (b) It is a Ministerial Meeting of the World Trade Organization (c) It is a Conference of the Inter Government Panel on Climate Change. (d) It is a Conference of the Member Countries of the Convention on Biological Diversity. Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

(a) It is the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development. **Rio+20** (Rio de Janeiro, 2012) was the UN Conference on Sustainable Development, twenty years after the 1992 Earth Summit. That is the official key.

(b)

(b) It is a Ministerial Meeting of the World Trade Organization. WTO ministerials are separate (e.g. Doha, Bali). Not **Rio+20**.

(c)

(c) It is a Conference of the Inter Government Panel on Climate Change. IPCC plenaries adopt assessment reports; they are not branded **Rio+20**.

(d)

(d) It is a Conference of the Member Countries of the Convention on Biological Diversity. CBD COPs (Nagoya, Hyderabad) are distinct from **Rio+20**.

Summary

Official key is (a) It is the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development. **Rio+20** met in 2012 in Rio de Janeiro and produced The Future We Want. It is not a WTO ministerial, an IPCC session, or a CBD COP. Only UNCSD matches the name.

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Rio Earth Summit

UNCED, 1992

Rio+20

UNCSD, 2012, Rio de Janeiro

Outcome document

The Future We Want

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