

Part II. GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING ON NATIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

The 1997 Special Session of the UN General Assembly set a target date of 2002 for the formulation and elaboration of national strategies for sustainable development (NSDS). It also reaffirmed that all sectors of society should be involved in their development and implementation. The Johannesburg Plan of Implementation urges States to take immediate steps to make progress in the formulation and elaboration of NSDS and begin their implementation by 2005.

The NSDS global map, distributed at the eleventh session of the CSD, attempts to capture the status of development and implementation of NSDSs at the global level, based on information contained in the 2002 Country Profiles and in the National Assessment Reports, prepared for the WSSD. The purpose of the map is to encourage those countries that have not yet completed the process, to proceed in their efforts to meet the goal of 2005, while at the same time serving as a tool for the CSD to monitor progress in this area.

In order to properly track broad progress in the area of NSDS development and implementation, the CSD Secretariat intends to issue an updated version of the map for distribution at the CSD sessions on an annual basis until 2006.

Please indicate the stages of NSDS development/implementation in your country, by responding to the questions below:

1. Does your country have a NSDS approved by the government: **No**
If **yes**, please give name and year of approval: _____
If **no**, please go straight to questions 5-7.
2. How is your NSDS being implemented? Give specific actions/activities undertaken for this purpose: _____

3. Has your NSDS been evaluated and if so, when and how? _____

4. Do you have, and if so, what are the other relevant strategies in place supporting the NSDS? Please choose from the following:
Water (name and year of being implemented): _____
Sanitation (name and year of being implemented): _____
Human settlements (name and year of being implemented): _____
Other strategies: _____

5. Have multi-stakeholder consultations, training or workshops for NSDS development been undertaken?

If yes please give the nature and type of consultations/training/workshops held:
Yes, consultations were held with the community at large, the local government agencies, private sector and the business community and workshops which address sustainable development issues.

6. Do you have a national coordination body for NSDS development established?
If so, please give the name and nature of such body (eg. composition):

There are several national coordination bodies that have been established to deal with specific issues. There is a National Biodiversity Coordinating Committee, a National Climate Change Coordinating Committee, the International Waters Coordinating Committee, the Biosafety Coordinating Committee and the Persistent Organic Pollutants Coordinating Committee. These committees are chaired by the Directors of the agencies that are hosting the implementation of the programmes with committee members representing different agencies from public to private sector. There is no established single body that coordinates NSDS but the above committees also have responsibilities covering sustainable development.

7. Where a NSDS does not exist, do you have other relevant strategies, plans and activities in place? : Yes, the National Biodiversity Strategy and the Climate Change Strategy.
(please specify)