

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:
If **yes**, please give name and year of approval:

National Strategic Development Plan 2003 – 2005; Approved in November 2002.

If **no**, please go straight to questions 5-7.

2. How is your NSDS being implemented? Give specific actions/activities undertaken for this purpose:

NSDS are implemented by implementing agencies, which are made of government ministries and departments, statutory bodies and Non-government organizations. A monitoring mechanism has been established by Government to facilitate the implementation of the plan. The mechanism consists of the Cabinet, national Economic Development Council (NEDC), 9 Summit Working Groups (SWGs), and all Ministries and Departments. The non-government sector is represented in the NEDC and SWGs. Implementing agencies submit quarterly reports to the National Planning Office (NPO) for the 9 SWGs' deliberations before recommendations are submitted to the NEDC.

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

Plans are in place to carry out a mid term review of the National SDP 2003-2005 in June 2004.

3. 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):

National Water Policy is still in its formulation stage, Strategic Planning and Management of Water Resources, 2002; National Environmental Health Action Plan (NEHAP), 1999-2001; 2002-2006; Water Supply Act; Master Plans for Regional Water Supplies; Community Water Projects-funded through the national budget..

Sanitation (name and year of being implemented):

Ministry of Health Strategic and Corporate Plans, year implemented – 2003; National Environmental Health Action Plan (NEHAP), 1999-2001; 2002-2006; Community Health Plan.

Human settlements (name and year of being implemented):

Strategies for Home Ownership: Rental Subsidy to Low Income Earners, Amendment Decree No. 12, 1989; Low Income Earners Housing Authority Scheme, Housing Act Cap 267, 1985; Housing Authority Reduction of Interest Subsidy, 2000; HART (look after destitute and very poor), 1970; National Housing Squatter Settlement Plan, 1991.

Other strategies:

The Asian Development Bank is currently implementing a Technical Assistance (TA) on 'Urban Policy and Action Plan'. This TA will address urban housing among other issues.

4. 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:

A wider consultative process was undertaken in the preparation of the SDP 2003-2005. Eleven Taskforces were established to discuss issues & strategies for inclusion in the plan. The work of the Taskforces was the basis for the preparation of the draft plan. The draft plan was discussed at a National

Economic Summit where a wide cross section of our citizens participated. The draft SDP 2003-2005 was then tabled in Parliament in 2002 for final approval.

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

A National Economic Development Council (NEDC) was established at the beginning of 2003 to monitor the implementation of the SDP 2003-2005. Membership of the NEDC comprised of Government, Private Sectors and Non-Government Organisations. The NEDC meets every six months to discuss reports from Summit Working Groups before recommendations are made to Cabinet for policy considerations.

6. Where a NSDS does not exist, do you have other relevant strategies, plans and activities in place? :