

2004 SURVEY FOR REPORTING ON NATIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES (NSDS)

Survey

Please note that the survey identifies different stages of NSDS development and implementation in questions 1 to 5, which relate to the categories used in the Global Map on NSDS Status.

Please read all the questions and choose the questions that best fill the stages on development/ implementation in your country, and respond to that question and its sub-questions and then move to questions 6 to 8, which should be answered by all respondents

(See Annex I for categories used in the Global Map of NSDS Status, and Annex II for the list of characteristics of a NSDS)

1. Is your country implementing an approved NSDS or its equivalent?

Yes No

Yes Bhutan is implementing an approved NSDS.

If No, go directly to question # 2

If Yes:

- a) Do your country have a national body designated to implement and/ come to your country's NSDS (or its equivalent)?

Yes No

Yes it has a national body designed to implement the NSDS.

Please give the year it started: 1998

Please also give the name and composition of such a body:

It is the National Environment Commission, a high-level body comprised of senior ministers representing key sectors.

b) How is your NSDS (or its equivalent) being implemented? please give specific actions/ activities undertaken for this purpose: Yes the Environment Sector Programme Support and the Environment Sector Plan for the Ninth Five Year Plan are implementing the national NSDS.

c) Is the implementation of NSDS (or its equivalent) being monitored and evaluated?

- Monitored on a regular basis
 Not monitored on a regular basis
 Has been evaluated
 Has not yet been evaluated

No, it is not monitored on a regular basis.

2. Does your country have a NSDS* or its equivalent approved by the government but not yet implemented?

No

for countries with federal governments, this may mean having a federal strategy for sustainable development.

Yes No

If Yes, please give the name of NSDS or its equivalent and the year of approved it?

Name: The Middle Path, National Environment Strategy for Bhutan

Year of approval: 1998

Counties which are already implementing NSDS: please skip questions

3. Has your country already developed an NSDS, but not yet formally approved it?

- Yes, a NSDS has been developed, and is awaiting formal approval;
 NSDS is under development.

If your country is in the process of developing an NSDS, have the following been undertaken?:

- Multi-stakeholder consultations;
- Training or workshops;
- National Coordination body established or designated.

No, a NSDS has not yet been developed but is under consideration

4. If your country does not have a NSDS process (or its equivalent) in place do you have the following components that could contribute to an NSDS (please check all that apply).

- Poverty Reduction Strategy (PRS)
- National Development Plan
- National Environmental Action Plan
- Other Please specify: _____

Check here if no action has been taken regarding NSDS or its equivalent.

If your county has developed Poverty Reduction Strategy (PRS) but not a NSDS,

Does your country's PRS incorporate and integrate environmental, economic and social aspects of development?

7. If your country has developed both NSDS and PRS, is the PRS linked to the NSDS?

Yes No

8. Does your country's PRS or NSDS address the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

Yes No

Comments: _____
