

PART III: GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING ON INDICATORS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

Background

The Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (JPOI) and the Commission and Sustainable Development (CSD), at its 11th session, re-affirmed the importance of indicators for sustainable development and encouraged further work on indicators for sustainable development by countries at the national level, including integration of gender aspects, on a voluntary basis, in line with national conditions and properties.

Questions

1. Do you have a national programme or initiative to develop and/or use indicators for sustainable development?

Yes

No (Please describe your plans to develop such a programme or initiative).

If yes:

i. When was it established? *May 1990*

ii. What is the name of the programme or initiative?

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iii. What are the specific areas of sustainable development for which your country is developing or monitoring indicators?

- *Shelter, Social Development, Economic Development, Environment, Governance, International Cooperation.*

- *Indicators are prepared at the National and Local (City) Levels (The Cities of Ismailia and Tanta).*

iv. Have you developed a set of indicators of sustainable development in your country?

Yes

No

If yes, please describe the status:

- Agreed set of indicators
 Draft set of indicators
 Other _____

2. Is there an established coordinating mechanism in the country at the national level for indicators for sustainable development?

- National commission/council on sustainable development
 Steering committee
 Inter-agency/Ministerial Working Group
 Other *MHUUC/ GOPP*
 None

3. Do you participate in any regional or international programmes on indicators of sustainable development?

- Yes
 No

If yes, please provide the names of these programmes:

- *Workshop on "The Role of Urban Observatories and preparing Urban Indicators", Cairo, February 2000.*
- *Workshop on "Preparing Urban Indicators", Manama, October 2000.*
- *Training course focusing on the preparation of urban indicators and setting an action plan for establishing the NUO, Cairo, August 2000.*
- *Workshop targeting urban observatories staff in Arab countries, Cairo, April 2001.*
- *GOPP/NUO organized a discussion session to facilitate financial and technical support to establish the National urban Observatory, Cairo, March 2002.*

4. What are the 3 most difficult problem areas in the establishment of indicators of sustainable development in your country? Please indicate the order of priority.

- Training in methodologies relating to indicators of sustainable development
 2 Communication with other agencies responsible for indicators
 1 Basic data and/or statistics-quality and quantity
 Human resources
 3 Financial resources
 Information management system, including equipment
 Monitoring mechanisms
 Other _____

5. Please provide the name of a contact person responsible for indicators of sustainable development.

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