

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

Background

The Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (JPOI) and the Commission on 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 priorities.

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?

The inter-governmental working party started the elaboration of a set of key indicators in 2001 based on long standing involvement in the international processes on indicator development.

(ii) What is the name of the programme or initiative?

The inter-governmental working party "Indicators for sustainability" coordinated by the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Protection and Nuclear Safety.

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

The set of 21 key indicators consists of:

1. Productivity of energy and raw materials
2. Emissions of the six greenhouse gases specified in the Kyoto Agreement
3. The proportion of renewable energy sources in overall energy consumption
4. Increase in land use for housing and transport
5. Development of the stocks of specified animal species
6. Balance of public sector financing
7. Capital-outlay ratio
8. Private- and public-sector expenditure on research and development
9. Educational outcomes for 25-year-olds and number of new students
10. Gross domestic product
11. Transport intensity and share of the railways in providing goods transport
12. Proportion of ecological agriculture and general statement on nitrogen surplus
13. Air pollution
14. Satisfaction with health
15. Number of burglaries
16. Labour force participation rate
17. Full-time child care facilities
18. Relationship between male and female gross annual earnings
19. Number of foreign school-leavers who have not completed secondary school
20. Expenditure on development collaboration
21. EU imports from developing countries

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: Agreed set of indicators, that will be repeatedly reviewed, adjusted and further developed within the coming years.

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 _____
- 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:

OECD Ad hoc working group on sustainable development
Eurostat Task Force on indicators for sustainable development

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
- Communication with other agencies responsible for indicators
- 2 Basic data and/or statistics – quality and quantity
- Human resources
- 3 Financial resources
- Information management system, including equipment
- Monitoring mechanisms
- 1 Other: selection and extension process of a core set of indicators for sustainable development

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

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