

## Part II. GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING ON NATIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

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:

"Perspectives for Germany. Our Strategy for Sustainable Development".  
The strategy was approved by the Federal Cabinet in April 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:

The German NSDS is currently in its implementation phase; each actor (Federal Government, Länder, Local Authorities, environmental, economic and social stakeholders) is responsible for implementing the SDS in his field. As far as the Federal Government is involved, it understands the goals of the SDS as milestones in its policy.

Examples are: consequent implementation of sustainability in the fields of *environment* (i.e. turnaround in **energy policy**: phasing out nuclear energy and broad support for renewable energy; Germany plays a pioneering role in fighting **global warming** internationally and is well on the way to implementing its Kyoto/EU target to reduce the six most important greenhouse gases by 21% by 2008/12, Germany is preparing to use Emissions Trading, Joint Implementation and the Clean Development Mechanism; examples for activities in the **transport sector** are: ecological tax reform, tax incentives for low-sulphur and sulphur-free fuel, rail infrastructure improvements, encouraging energy-saving driving habits and the 3-litre car, as well as improvement for motorcycle emissions and noise performance, **producing healthily** and providing healthy food; *social structures* (i.e. structural reform of social security systems, health reform), *economy* (i.e. innovation initiative) and *international responsibility* (i.e. promoting the use of renewable energy in developing countries, protection of fresh water resources, improving market access for least developed countries, corporate social responsibility, disaster management and prevention, and supporting developing countries in their elaboration and implementation of sustainable development strategies).

A new **research programme** for applied sustainability concepts (summer 2004) will foster the research and education for sustainability in four main areas: society, industry and economy, regional development and economical use of natural resources.

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

Monitoring reports will assess progress every two years on the basis of the set of indicators contained in the NSDS, with the first report being due in autumn 2004. Evaluation will be done at federal government level as well as by civil society. The process is accompanied by evaluations and recommendations by the German Sustainable Development Council.

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: Climate Protection Programme (will be revised in 2004), Action Programme 2015 to combat poverty

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:

Multi-stakeholder consultations in 2001, 2002 and 2004 (held by the Federal Chancellery, the Federal Foreign Office, the Ministry for Economic Cooperation and the Ministry for the Environment), workshops on the environmental aspects and aspects of communication of the strategy (supported continuously by the Federal Ministry for the Environment), ongoing projects with NGOs.

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

The Federal Government has established a States Secretaries' Committee for Sustainable Development ("Green Cabinet") chaired by the Federal Chancellery. The Committee is responsible for interdepartmental management of the process within the government and regularly reports to the Federal Cabinet.

The Sustainable Development Council, appointed by Chancellor Gerhard Schröder, advises the Federal Government on the process of sustainability and creates a forum of dialogue regarding the numerous activities in society. Its members come from environment, trade and industry, transport, unions, municipalities, consumer protection/agriculture, churches, international affairs/development and science backgrounds.

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

(please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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