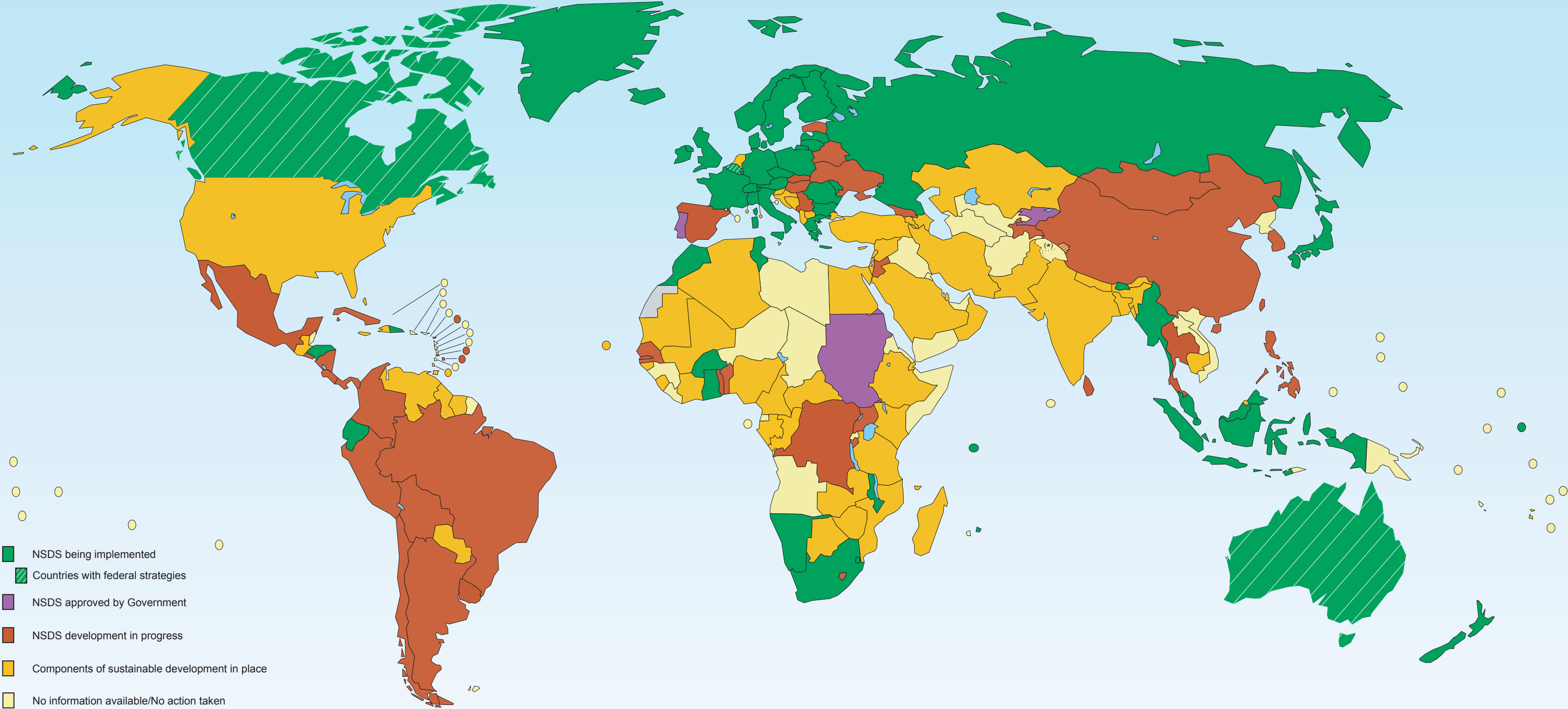


National sustainable development strategies: The global picture 2004



- NSDS being implemented
- Countries with federal strategies
- NSDS approved by Government
- NSDS development in progress
- Components of sustainable development in place
- No information available/No action taken

The Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, agreed to at the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD), in 2002, urges states to "take immediate steps to make progress in the formulation and elaboration of national strategies for sustainable development (NSDS) and begin their implementation by 2005."
To track progress towards the 2005 goal, this map attempts to capture the general status of development/implementation of national sustainable development strategies. It is based on information from the 2004 Survey for Reporting on National Sustainable Development Strategies (NSDS), where available, and otherwise from the 2002 Country Profiles and National Assessment Reports, prepared for the WSSD in 2002.

The map categorizes progress into a series of 4 stages in an acknowledgement that the NSDS process is a continuing one consisting of multiple steps. The purpose of the map is not to single out countries that have not initiated or completed the process of developing a national sustainable development strategy, but rather to encourage those countries that have not yet completed the process to proceed in their efforts to meet the goal of 2005. The UN Division for Sustainable Development intends to issue, on an annual basis, an updated version of the map for distribution at the annual spring sessions of the CSD. The current map is the third issued in this series.

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* Dotted line represents approximately the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir agreed upon by India and Pakistan. The final status has not yet been agreed upon by the parties.

Countries with federal forms of governments, having developed federal strategies for sustainable development as opposed to national strategies for sustainable development, have been recognised separately as having reached the status of a national strategy.

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