

Linking Poverty Reduction Strategies and National Sustainable Development Strategies

The Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, in calling on all States to begin implementation of National Sustainable Development Strategies (NSDS) by 2005, notes that “such strategies, where applicable, could be formulated as poverty reduction strategies that integrate economic, social and environmental aspects of sustainable development.”

To assist countries that have been developing poverty reduction strategies (PRS) to make the transition to NSDS, the Division for Sustainable Development (DESA) is jointly organizing an Expert Group Meeting with UNDP, UNEP and the Government of Ghana on Integrating Environment into the Development Process: Practical experiences in Sub-Saharan Africa. The EGM is scheduled for 3 to 6 October 2005, in Accra.

Senior government staff working in Ministries of Planning, Finance and Environment, members of civil society working in the field of environment and development and both regional and international organizations will participate.