

PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES INFORMATION SHEET

Name of the Partnership/Initiative

Introduction of social standards in production

Expected date of initiation: June 2002

Expected date of completion: December 2003 (official contract-based cooperation)

Partners Involved:

Governments: German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development (BMZ)

Intergovernmental organizations: German Agency for Technical Co-operation (GTZ)

Major groups:

Business: Faber Castell (FC) and its subsidiaries and suppliers in Asia

Union: German metalworkers' union (IG Metall) and trade unions in Asia

Other: Public Authorities in Asia, NGOs in Asia

Leading Partner:

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Main objectives of the Partnership/Initiative

Please provide a brief description:

Introduction of social and environmental standards at the Asian subsidiaries and suppliers of Faber Castell, a German manufacturer of writing, drawing and painting implements and cosmetics

Please also provide a brief description of the relationship of the Partnership/Initiative with the objectives of Agenda 21 as well as relevant goals and objectives of the United Nation Millennium Declaration:

Improvement of social standards, working conditions in developing countries and related topics (e.g. human rights) is an important objective / mean of the Agenda 21 process

Expected results:

Please provide a brief description:

Audits of social and environmental standards are conducted at Faber Castell's Asian subsidiaries and suppliers. These audits are based on questionnaires that have been jointly developed by GTZ, Faber Castell and IG Metall, the German metalworkers' union. If necessary,

the audits are followed by the design of corrective action plans. The supplier firms receive support in the implementation of the corrective action plans' recommendations. This process also involves local authorities, trade unions and NGOs

Specific targets of the Partnership/Initiative and timeframe for their achievement:

Introduction and effective application of social standards at all Asian subsidiaries and suppliers of Faber Castell by end of 2003

Aiming at influencing framework conditions to ensure effective application of (agreed on) social standards, national regulations by setting a positive example.

Coordination and Implementation mechanism

Please provide a brief description of expected coordination/implementation mechanism of the Partnership/Initiative.

Tight cooperation between GTZ (German Technical Cooperation) staff, IG Metall (metal workers' union Germany) and Faber Castell in Asia as well as in Germany. Involvement of various local authorities, trade unions and NGOs.

Arrangements for funding

Please describe available and/or expected sources of funding for the implementation of the Partnership/Initiative (e.g. donor government(s); international organization(s)/financial institution(s); foundation(s); private sector; other major groups, etc.)

Funding sources:

Private sector: Faber Castell (approx. 50% of total project costs)

Government: BMZ

Arrangements for capacity building and technology transfer

Please include information if the Partnership/Initiative provides for training, informational support, institutional strengthening and/or other capacity building measures:

Empowerment of management and workers to ensure realisation of social standards in production.

Please also provide here a brief description of expected arrangements for technology transfer (if applicable).

Links of Partnership/Initiative with on-going sustainable development activities at the international and/or regional level (if any)

Please provide a brief description:

Links to various initiatives of to improve social and ecological standards in developing countries, currently especially in Asia (e.g. round table "codes of conducts with BMZ, leading (german) private sector companies, leading german NGOs)

Monitoring Arrangements

Please describe expected arrangements for monitoring of progress in the implementation of

Partnerships/Initiative after it will be launched at the WSSD:
(e.g. frequency/modalities of preparation of progress reports; electronic updates, news-letters, etc)
Ongoing monitoring of progress by GTZ, GTZ sends progress reports to BMZ at least every six months

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