

## PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES INFORMATION SHEET

Name of the Partnership/Initiative

### **CLEANER FUELS AND VEHICLES PARTNERSHIP**

Expected date of initiation: **29 August 2002**

Expected date of completion: **continuing**

#### **Partners Involved:**

**Governments:** Australia, Canada, Chile, China, European Parliament, Italy, the Netherlands  
Ministry of Housing, China, South Africa, United States of America

**Intergovernmental organizations:** Asian Development Bank, Pan American Health  
Organization (Clean Air Initiative Asia)  
United Nations Department of Economic & Social Affairs (DESA), United Nations Environment  
Program (UNEP), World Bank

**Major groups:** Alliance to End Childhood Lead Poisoning  
Environmental and Energy Technology and Policy Institute  
Environmental Justice Networking Forum  
Global Environment and Technology Foundation  
Health Effects Institute  
Legal Resources Centre, Cape Town  
Natural Resources Defense Council

**Industry:** Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers  
American Honda  
American Petroleum Institute  
Asian Clean Fuels Association  
Association of European Automobile Manufacturers (AECA)  
Association for Emission Control by Catalyst  
Association of Intl. Automobile Manufacturers  
BP Products North America Inc.  
Engine Manufacturers Association  
ExxonMobil Refining & Supply Co.  
Ethyl  
Ford Motor Company  
International Fuel Quality Center (IFQC)  
International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Assn (IPIECA)  
International Truck and Engine  
Japan Automobile Manufacturer's Association  
Japan Automobile Research Institute  
Lubrizol Corporation  
Manufacturers of Emission Control Association (MECA)  
Petrobras  
Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers  
Volvo Group North America, Inc.

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### **Main objectives of the Partnership/Initiative**

Please provide a brief description:

The partners will work to:

- Help developing countries to develop action plans to complete the elimination of leaded gasoline and start to phase down sulfur in diesel and gasoline fuels, concurrent with adopting cleaner vehicle requirements;
- Support the development and adoption of cleaner fuel standards and clean vehicle requirements by providing a platform for exchange of experiences and successful practices in developed and developing countries as well as technical assistance;
- Develop public outreach materials, educational programs, and awareness campaigns; adapt economic and planning tools for clean fuels and vehicles analyses in local settings; and support the development of enforcement and compliance programs, with an initial focus on fuel adulteration;
- Foster key partnerships between government and industry, NGOs, and other interested parties within a country and between countries to facilitate the implementation of cleaner fuel and vehicle commitments.

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:

This Partnership relates to Chapters 7 and 9 of Agenda 21, decisions taken at Rio+5 as detailed in paragraphs 47 (f) and 47(g) and decisions related to atmosphere, transport and energy of the ninth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development as detailed in paragraphs 11(k), 11(j) and 17 (e) of the final report. It addresses paragraphs 54 (k) and 56 (a,b,c) of the WSSD Plan of Implementation adopted in Johannesburg, 4 September 2002. It also follows up on the goals related to “protecting our environment” in the Millennium Declaration.

### **Expected results:**

Please provide a brief description:

Results are expected in terms of improved health for people in developing countries, especially for those living in urban areas. This will be accomplished by improving air quality through the use of cleaner fuel and higher standard vehicles. Results include reduced vehicular emissions.

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

Specific activities and targets were formulated on a region by region basis at the First Steering Committee Meeting held at United Nations Headquarters in New York, 14-15 November 2002.

They are detailed in the report of the meeting available at:

<<http://www.un.org/esa/gite/cleanfuels/index.html>>

Working groups to address technical issues on octane, sulphur and valve seat recession were

established.

### **Coordination and Implementation mechanism**

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

A clearing house mechanism to be housed in Nairobi in the UNEP offices will undertake the following functions:

- Share and disseminate information to the partners on relevant issues;
- Operate and maintain a website to provide easy access to information, partner activities, and resources;
- Provide logistics for partnership activities and events: workshops, technical assistance activities, etc;
- Provide administrative help to partners;
- Maintain contacts in developing countries;
- Help to gather appropriate information for countries;
- Liaise with the other existing groups working on related activities;
- Help to bring in new partners or participants in partnership activities;
- Develop and disseminate public outreach materials about the partnership, along with technical materials for the developing countries;
- Help to bring developing country NGOs, universities, and governments into the partnership or its activities; and
- Support partners, at their request, in addressing these issues.

### **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.)

Commitments for the funding and in-kind assistance for the clearing house have been made by a number of governments, industry partners and international organizations. Approximately \$1 million has been allocated for specific activities by Partners.

### **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:

**Activities will include regional workshops, training and technical projects, including those for the elimination of lead in gasoline, reducing sulphur in gasoline and diesel and improving inspection and maintenance capabilities aimed at capacity building and technology transfer goals.**

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:

DESA and UNEP have many on-going sustainable development activities at all levels. EPA is actively involved in building capacities in developing countries in air quality management. Other partners are involved at the international and regional levels to varying degrees. Many other partners have been involved to varying degrees in similar activities at national, regional and international levels.

**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)

The Partnership has established a website (see below) on which all information on activities is available and updated on a regular basis. Working group discussions will be posted as available and all future planned activities will be listed. All monitoring arrangements, including those requested by the Commission on Sustainable Development as a follow-up to WSSD, will be undertaken by the clearing house function of the Partnership.

**Other relevant information:**

Web-site: <<http://www.un.org/esa/gite/cleanfuels/index.html>>

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