

PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES INFORMATION SHEET

Name of the Partnership/Initiative

Strengthening Human Rights Measures and Policies for Sustainable Development (SHRIMPS)

Expected date of initiation: January 2003

Expected date of completion: open

Partners Involved:

Governments: *Belgium , Costa Rica , Switzerland are the first countries interested in the launching of the partnership. In Johannesburg and after, other participants are invited to join.*

Intergovernmental organizations:

Major groups: *CEDHA (Argentina), CESR (USA) , Earthjustice (USA and Switzerland)*

Other:

Leading Partner:

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Main objectives of the Partnership/Initiative

Please provide a brief description:

The objective of the Partnership is to help governmental institutions, intergovernmental organizations and civil society in strengthening human rights based measures and policies in sustainable development and environmental protection

To provide training on the relationship between human rights and sustainable development so as to encourage consultation with intergovernmental organizations and major groups possessing expertise in human rights for guidance in sustainable development activities undertaken pursuant to Agenda 21 and the UN Millennium Declaration.

To encourage North-North, North-South, and South-South experience exchanging, networking and advocacy to achieve poverty eradication.

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:

Agenda 21 and the United Nations Millenium Declaration serve as guidelines for improving the quality of life in developing countries in a manner sustainable to the environment, to communities, and to workers. To help assure that the projects that governments, corporations, and intergovernmental agencies, design and implement and that local communities receive at the international, regional, and local levels each actually achieve a state of development that is truly sustainable, the process needs to include recognition of and protections for certain human rights such as public participation, access to information, access to judicial resources, labor protections, health protections, and environmental protections. Therefore, appropriate training of those involved in sustainable development projects about these human rights is essential to assuring the goals of Agenda 21 and the United Nations Millenium Declaration are properly met.

Expected results:

Please provide a brief description:

People active in governmental institutions, international agencies or civil society organisations will have a better understanding of how the link between the protection of human rights and the protection of the environment benefits to sustainable development, which in turn reinforces the two. It will help in legislative, administrative, judicial, management or social activities related to sustainable development.

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

*Intergovernmental agencies setting sustainable development agendas.
Governmental institutions responsible for sustainable development activities..
Local communities and civil society in general, concerned by sustainable development activities..*

Coordination and Implementation mechanism

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

The Partners will have a "General Meeting of Partners", if possible every year. A Coordination Unit will execute the coordination work, between these meetings. It will be hosted by one of the Partners. It will be in charge of circulating the information among the Partners.

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.)

Each Partnership Activity will have its specific funding. The sources expected will come from donor governments, international institutions or private foundations.

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:

The Partnership will work by sharing among Partners, knowledge, experiences and examples of good practice linking sustainable development, environmental protection and human rights, in order to improve each one's work .

The partnership is oriented on capacity building and will concern, ie :

- *assessment*
- *experience sharing*
- *training*
- *technical assistance*
- *institutional building*
- *networking*

Activities concerning regional and international cooperation will focus on :

- *exchange of experience between the regions in the assessment of the needs, the formulation of guarantees, the implementation strategies and the cooperation among States and major groups.*
- *training and technical assistance to strengthen the regional experiences.*

Activities concerning national and local actions will focus on :

- *exchange of assessment methods*
- *sharing of experiences*
- *analysis to develop training and technical assistance*
- *network of resources for training and technical assistance.*

Activities concerning poverty eradication will focus on :

- *exchange of experience on the key elements of the most successful initiatives*
- *network of training and technical assistance (N-S / S-S / S-N)*
- *proposals for stronger advocacy by the concerned people at the international level.*

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

The transfers will concentrate on mutual exchange of know-how.

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

Please provide a brief description:

Synergies will be developed with activities conceived and realized outside of the Partnership. Due to their convergence with the aims and methods of the Partnership, links can be developed. These activities will be announced among the Partners and their results shared the same way.

Links will also be established with the regional initiatives developed in each region.

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 evaluation of the partnership's progress is to be made on a yearly base. The Partners will forwards the reports to the CSD and other concerned organs, like the Commission on Human Rights, ECOSOC, or regional Organisations. A general evaluation should be held after 5 years.

Other relevant information:

Web-site (if available):

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