

## PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES INFORMATION SHEET

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### **Name of the Partnership/Initiative:**

#### **Environmental Management Capacity Building for Local Government**

**A global training & guidance program for the local implementation and application of environmental management systems**

**An international program with regional, national and local dimensions**

Expected date of initiation: 1. October 2002  
Expected date of completion: 31. December 2006

### **Partners involved (to be confirmed):**

#### **Governments:**

Canada (tbc)  
Further national governments

#### **Local Government:**

International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI)  
together with its member local authorities, further municipalities especially in developing countries, and other (international and national) local government associations

#### **Intergovernmental organizations:**

UNEP-DTIE/IETC (tbc)  
UN-HABITAT (tbc)  
Other supra-national organizations to be involved during the lifetime of the partnership (e.g. SAARC)

#### **Major groups:**

Business: FIDIC International Federation of Consulting Engineers  
Science: Potchefstroom University  
Training: Regional and national training institutes (e.g. Thailand Environmental Institute)

#### **Leading Partner:**

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

#### **Background:**

UNEP, ICLEI and FIDIC have jointly published a Training Resource Kit on EMS for local governments in 2002. The Kit was written and composed by the Potchefstroom University/South Africa, Environment Canada, and ICLEI. It is aimed at training the trainers. Thereon based, the program will address local governments as end-users of the training and guidance.

**Summary:**

The program aims to build capacity at the local government level for implementation / application of Environmental Management Systems (EMS) as effective and strategic tools for improving the (local) environment in order to achieve tangible impacts and improvements through municipal activities.

The partnership comprises a middle- and long-term strategy for motivating, training and supporting local governments to use and implement EMS. The focus is given on **making implementation happen**. In addition, this program supports good governance, local sustainable development and stakeholder involvement.

The program involves the global, regional, national and local levels with a specific share of roles to each.

**Objectives in detail:**

- Initiate a global strategy for implementing Environmental Management Systems in local governments.
- Support local governments world-wide to succeed in implementation and application of Environmental Management Systems.
- Set up a global training and guidance program which offers support throughout the entire process of EMS implementation i.e. accompanying measures over a longer period of time ('handhold approach'). Training and guidance will not only focus on training individuals but also on providing support to local governments for **implementation** and **application**. Local governments will have to **commit** themselves and prove themselves to be willing and able to participate.

**All levels of government will be involved in this program:**

The **global level** serves best for providing up-to-date training material and a web-based (distance) training concept for municipalities, and selecting and supporting regional and national training partners.

The **regional level** serves best for political awareness raising and motivation, achieving funding for the end-user training or approaching national funding sources, and supporting inter-municipal exchange.

The **national level** serves best for adaptation of training material, providing face-to-face and distance training as well as guidance for the end-users.

The **local level** is the main player and major actor for implementing the EMS.

**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:**

The development and implementation of environmental management instruments and their integration into all decision making processes is recognized as the key to the success of sustainable development and Agenda 21 principles.

The Rio Declaration and **Agenda 21** state the need for strategic environmental planning and management. **Chapter 8** "Integrating Environment And Development In Decision-making" includes in section 8.1. (a) Integrating environment and development at the policy, planning and management levels; and in section 8.1 (d) Establishing systems for integrated environmental and economic accounting.

To strengthen planning and management systems, **chapter 10**, "Integrated Approach To The Planning And Management Of Land Resources" states in section 10.7, "Governments at the appropriate level, with the support of regional and international organizations, should review and, if appropriate, revise planning and management systems to facilitate an integrated approach." (Agenda 21, Rio, 1992)

The **Charter of European Sustainable Cities & Towns Towards Sustainability (Aalborg Charter)** in clarification of Agenda 21, explains in Part 1.14 "Instruments and Tools for Urban Management Towards Sustainability", "*We, cities & towns, pledge to use the political and technical instruments and tools available for an ecosystem approach to urban management. We shall take advantage of a wide range of instruments including those for collecting and processing environmental data; environmental planning;*

*regulatory, economic, and communication instruments such as directives, taxes and fees; and mechanisms for awareness raising including public participation.” (Aalborg Charter, Part 1.14, 1994)*

The **United Nations Millennium Declaration** affirms the need for continued attention to be paid to the management of our natural resources. The Declaration identifies Respect for Nature, through the prudent management of “living species and natural resources, in accordance with the precepts of sustainable development”, as a fundamental value for future international relations. **Part IV** of the Declaration, ‘Protecting our Common Environment’ reaffirms support for the principles of sustainable development and Agenda 21.

Melbourne Principles, developed under the responsibility of UNEP, will be taken other basic guidelines for implementing the project.

**Expected results:**

- Municipalities in all regions of the world, especially in developing countries, will be familiar with elements of Environmental Management Systems and their value for local and global sustainable development.
- The transition to sustainable cities world-wide will be supported by application of EMS.
- A world-wide network of excellence on EMS for municipalities will be established.
- A course concept and training material (for end-users) will be available and kept up-dated for regional/national training partners; and a web-based training system will be established.
- Step-by-step, the regional/national training partners will be selected and agreements made.
- Cities in various countries will receive a comprehensive training and guidance program.
- The (pilot) activities will be communicated and more cities will start to use EMS.

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

**Target 1:**

By the middle of 2003: Training course system (web based) and material available for international use

**Target 2:**

By the end of 2006: 20 + x Regional and national training partners enabled to deliver national/language based training and guidance, part of a global network.

**Target 3:**

By the end of 2006 and in all regions of the world:

- 10 + x local governments will have successfully completed their EMS and will continue to use EMS in the future. At the same time, they will be committed to act as lead and support for other cities in their countries/region pilot function);
- 40 + x local governments will have started to use EMS and are committed to maintain these activities;
- further 100 + x local governments are informed/ have attended awareness raising events and are seriously considering using EMS / have started first steps of action

**Target 4: World-wide discussion and use of EMS for cities**

By the end of 2004: awareness raising event on EMS will have happened in at least 4 regions

By the end of 2004: 10 + x local cases will be documented and available for international use

By the end of 2006: Cities in at least 20 countries (mainly in developing countries) will be familiar with EMS, and a widespread use of EMS in cities will have started in these countries

**Target 5: Certified cities**

In addition to all other targets, the program aims to provide municipalities with access to certification according to standing systems, such as ISO 14.000. The aim is to guide at least 2 cities per region and 10-15 cities to a successful certification.

### **Coordination and Implementation mechanism**

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

- The coordination responsibilities of this implementation partnership will reside with ICLEI, supported by UNEP-IETC (tbc). In order to enable efficient and valuable support for this coordination, a **Program Committee** comprising of the partners who set-up the Environmental Management Training Resource Kit (=UNEP, FIDIC, ICLEI, Potschefstroom University, Environment Canada) will be established. Further institutions having shared the development of the Kit will be kept informed and invited to share results.
- The Program Committee, among others, will agree on the basics of the course, arrangements with regional and national partners, quality and evaluation criteria for all elements, including the trainers, and will assist in achieving the necessary funding.

### **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.)

It is not realistic to assume that a higher level will be funded through contributions of lower levels. Strategically, tasks and funding will have to correspond with the respective levels of actions. Funding therefore will be secured according to these levels and the tasks allocated.

- a) At the global level, globally acting funders/donors are requested to support this training initiative.
- b) At regional level, regionally operating funders/donors will be asked to support the respective tasks.
- c) At national level, either national funding is required and/or international donors with national funding programs shall be approached.
- d) Local governments are expected to contribute to cost covering of the training in accordance with their local funding possibilities. They are responsible for local (implementation) costs, for which they can seek for support from national or international funding sources.

### **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 keystone of the proposal is aimed at capacity building through a process of best practice exchange and a system of knowledge dissemination and accumulation through print, electronic and face to face mediums. Further details are outlined in the main objectives of the Partnership/Initiative section.

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

not 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:

CASE (UNEP)  
International *eco*BUDGET initiative  
ISO 14000, EMAS activities

**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 Program Committee will establish key performance indicators and criteria for quality assurance and evaluation.
- Regional and national activities will be documented and made available to the public through the Internet & publications.
- Participating municipalities will have to commit themselves to sharing experience and results as well as to public monitoring of their activities.

**Other relevant information:**

UNEP/ICLEI/FIDIC, Urban Environmental Management Training Resource Kit, 2002

Web-site (if available):

<http://www.unep.or.jp/>

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