

**Name of the Partnership/Initiative :**

**STRATEGIC ALLIANCE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT,  
(A SOUTH – SOUTH CO-OPERATION)  
BETWEEN BENIN, BHUTAN & COSTA RICA  
(THE PARTNER COUNTRIES OF THE BILATERAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT)**

**Expected date of initiation:** 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2002

**Expected date of completion:** Long-term

**Partners Involved:**

Governments: Benin, Bhutan and Costa Rica.

Intergovernmental organizations:

Major groups:

Other: Royal Tropical Institute (KIT), the Dutch National Mechanism

*Leading Partner:*

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**Main objectives of the Partnership/Initiative**

Please provide a brief description:

As a concrete follow-up to the Rio declaration on Environment and Development of 1992, the Government of Netherlands signed the Sustainable Development Agreements (SDA) with Governments of Benin, Bhutan and Costa Rica in 1994. The underlying principles of the SDAs are equality, participation and reciprocity. To re-affirm the commitment to pursue sustainable development and to reinstate the existing partnership, the Government of Benin, Bhutan and Costa Rica has decided to form a strategic alliance for sustainable development and sign a Partnership Agreement in Johannesburg in line with the Type II outcome of the WSSD. The partnership agreement provides the broad framework for approaching sustainable development from a south-south co-operation perspective.

**Expected results:**

Please provide a brief description:

Sharing of knowledge and experiences to pursue sustainable development among the partner countries; Exchange programmes to learn and appreciate each others approaches towards sustainable development; Enhanced participation of civil society organisation in the decision making process for sustainable development.

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

The Partnership is for a long-term basis and the specific target is to promote and pursue sustainable development.

**Coordination and Implementation mechanism**

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

The Partner initiatives will be implemented by National mechanisms, which are already in place. CBDD of Benin, SDS from Bhutan and Fundecoperacion in Costa Rica are the responsible agencies, which are autonomous and fully supported by the respective Governments. The National Mechanisms will co-ordinate the identification and formulation of innovative projects to promote sustainable development with various agencies and mobilize funds to implement.

The Royal Tropical Institute as the Dutch National mechanism will play the co-ordinating role among the partner countries.

**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.)

The funds for implementing the partnership initiatives will be provide by the Government of the Netherlands under the auspices of the existing Sustainable Development Agreement (SDA). In addition, the national mechanisms will also make concerted efforts to tap additional resources from potential development 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:

The Partnership will focus on exchange of idea and experience sharing with respect to various approaches to sustainable development among the partner countries. Interested new partners will be invited to joint the framework. Capacity building, Information support and training will be part and parcel of the partnership initiative.

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

Establishing institutional linkages among the leading Institutes from the partner countries will be used for sharing know-how and transfer technology.

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

Please provide a brief description:

The Propose Partnership Agreement is a result of the existing Sustainable Development Agreement (SDA) signed bilaterally by Government of the Netherlands with the Government of Benin, Bhutan and Costa Rica. The SDA was signed in 1994 as concrete follow-up to the Rio

declaration to pursue sustainable development. Under the SDA, the Netherlands provides the financial resources to promote sustainable development based on the principles of equality, participation and reciprocity in all the partner countries.

**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 Initiative will be monitored by the respective National Mechanisms at the country level base don the project and activities implemented. At the bilateral or quadrilateral, a team with representatives from partner countries will be formed to assess and review the progress made in implementing the partnership initiatives.

**Other relevant information:**

Web-site (if available):

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