

## PART III: GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING ON INDICATORS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

### Background

The Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (JPOY) and the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD), at its 11<sup>th</sup> session, re-affirmed the importance of indicators for sustainable development and encouraged further work on indicators for sustainable development by countries at the national level, including integration of gender aspects, on a voluntary basis, in line with national conditions and priorities.

### Questions

1. Do you have a national programme or initiative to develop and/or use indicators for sustainable *development*?

- **Yes**
- No (Please describe: your plans to develop such a programme or initiative).

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If yes:

- (i) When was it established? **August 2003**
- (ii) What is the name of the programme or initiative? **National Capacity Needs Self-Assessment for Environmental Management of the Bahamas (NCSA).**
- (iii) What are the specific areas of sustainable development for which your country is developing or monitoring indicators?  
**Biodiversity, Climate Change, Land Degradation, Wetlands and any other areas of Environmental concerns.**
- (iv) Have you developed a set of indicators of sustainable development in your country?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please describe the status:

- agreed set of indicators
- draft set of indicators
- other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Is there an established coordinating mechanism in the country at the national level for indicators for sustainable development?

- National Commission/Council on Sustainable Development
- Steering Committee
- Interagency/Ministerial Working Group
- Other
- ☐ None

3. Do you participate in any regional or international programmes on indicators of sustainable development?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, please provide the names of these programmes:

RAMSAR Convention, United Nations Framework for Combating Climate Change (UNFCCC), United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.

4. What are the 3 most difficult problem areas in the establishment of indicators of sustainable development in your country? Please indicate the order of priority.

- Training in methodologies relating to indicators of sustainable development
- Communication with other agencies responsible for indicators
- Basic data and/or statistics - quality and quantity
- Human resources
- Financial resources
- Information management system, including equipment
- Monitoring mechanisms
- Other

5. Please provide the name of a contact person responsible for indicators of sustainable development.

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