

GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING ON INDICATORS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

Background

The Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (JPOI) and the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD), at its 11th 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?

☐ **Ö**Yes

☐ No (Please describe your plans to develop such a programme or initiative).
Not Applicable

If yes:

(i) When was it established? 1998

(ii) What is the name of the programme or initiative? The National Indicators of Sustainable Development Programme

(iii) What are the specific areas of sustainable development for which your country is developing or monitoring indicators?

Major Areas	Themes	Sub-themes
Human Well-Being	Health	Nutrition Morbidity Mortality Health Care Delivery
	Education	Infrastructure Primary Education Secondary Education Tertiary Education Literacy
	Housing	Sanitation Housing Conditions Access to Housing
	Social Welfare	
	Security	Crime and Accidents

Major Areas	Themes	Sub-themes
Ecological Welfare	Air	Global climate change Ozone layer depletion Local air quality
	Land-use	Agriculture
		Land degradation
		Biodiversity
		Natural capital
		Coastal zone management
	Water	Freshwater Consumption and quality
Sustainable Interactions	Economic Development	Economic Structure Natural and man-made disasters Employment Information and communication
	Consumption and Production patterns	Energy Waste Generation and Management Science and Technology Mobility Policy and Legislation Gender empowerment Wealth

(iv) Have you developed a set of indicators of sustainable development in your country?

- ☐ **Ö**Yes
☐ No

If yes, please describe the status:

- ☐ **Ö**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?

- ☐ **Ö**National Commission/Council on Sustainable Development
☐ **Ö**Steering Committee (the National Steering Committee on Indicators of Sustainable Development, falls under the NCSD)
☐ Inter-agency/Ministerial Working Group
☐ Other

☐ None

Explanation: There is a National Steering Committee on Indicators of sustainable Development, which was originally formulated as one of eight sub-committees under the National Commission on Sustainable Development (NCSD). This Steering Committee now remains the only active sub-committee of the NCSD.

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:

- Barbados was one of 22 countries in UNDESA'S pilot testing programme to develop a set of international Indicators of Sustainable Development (1995-2000)
- Barbados also participate in the UNSD's Regional Capacity Building Programme for Environmental Statistics in the CARICOM Region
- More recently Barbados became involved in the OAS and UNDESA joint project entitled: " Capacity-building in Creating Information Management Systems to Improve Decision-making for Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (SIDS)

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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