

PART III: 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?

Yes

If yes:

(i) When was it established? 2002

(ii) What is the name of the programme or initiative? *It is an integral part of Norway's National Plan of Action (NA21)*

(iii) What are the specific areas of sustainable development for which your country is developing or monitoring indicators? *Economic, environmental and social*

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

Yes

If yes, please describe the status:

Draft set of indicators

The draft set published in the National Budget in autumn 2003

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

Inter-agency/Ministerial Working Group

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

Yes

If yes, please provide the names of these programmes:

The work in OECD and in the Nordic Strategy for Sustainable Development

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.

The selection of a limited and meaningful set of indicators

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

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