

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?

No, there are no sustainable development indicators

SA has sets socio, economic, development and national environmental indicators. These indicators are been reviewed in terms of applicability for the various spheres of government (local, provincial and national) and improvements for monitoring and evaluation towards sustainable development indicators. SD indicators will be developed in line with the priorities set in the emerging NSDS process.

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

If yes:

- (i) When was it established? _____
- (ii) What is the name of the programme or initiative? _____
- (iii) What are the specific areas of sustainable development for which your country is developing or monitoring indicators?
- (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 _____

- i) **Work on the actual development of indicator will be done in 2004**

- ii) **It is planned as the development of Sustainable Development Indicators and it is one of the main deliverables of the interim coordinating body**
- iii) **The indicators will be aligned to the emerging NSDS and the country's priorities as well as the existing globally set sectoral targets**
- iv) **NO, but Social, Economic, Developmental and Environmental indicators already exist**

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
- Inter-agency/Ministerial Working Group
- Other _____
- None

The National Sustainable development Task Team

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: _____

There is no participation on Sustainable Development Indicator at a regional or international level at the moment

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 _____

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Information Management System including equipment
Monitoring mechanisms**

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

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