

## **Part II. GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING ON NATIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES**

The 1997 Special Session of the UN General Assembly set a target date of 2002 for the formulation and elaboration of national strategies for sustainable development (NSDS). It also reaffirmed that all sectors of society should be involved in their development and implementation. The Johannesburg Plan of Implementation urges States to take immediate steps to make progress in the formulation and elaboration of NSDS and begin their implementation by 2005.

The NSDS global map, distributed at the eleventh session of the CSD, attempts to capture the status of development and implementation of NSDSs at the global level, based on information contained in the 2002 Country Profiles and in the National Assessment Reports, prepared for the WSSD. The purpose of the map is to encourage those countries that have not yet completed the process, to proceed in their efforts to meet the goal of 2005, while at the same time serving as a tool for the CSD to monitor progress in this area.

In order to properly track broad progress in the area of NSDS development and implementation, the CSD Secretariat intends to issue an updated version of the map for distribution at the CSD sessions on an annual basis until 2006.

Please indicate the stages of NSDS development/implementation in your country, by responding to the questions below:

1. Does your country have a NSDS approved by the government:  
If **yes**, please give name and year of approval: **NO**  
If **no**, please go straight to questions 5-7.
2. How is your NSDS being implemented? Give specific actions/activities undertaken for this purpose: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Has your NSDS been evaluated and if so, when and how? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Do you have, and if so, what are the other relevant strategies in place supporting the NSDS? Please choose from the following:  
Water (name and year of being implemented): \_\_\_\_\_  
Sanitation (name and year of being implemented): \_\_\_\_\_  
Human settlements (name and year of being implemented): \_\_\_\_\_  
Other strategies: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Have multi-stakeholder consultations, training or workshops for NSDS development been undertaken?  
If yes please give the nature and type of consultations/training/workshops held:

**A community outreach and stakeholder participation process will take place in 2004 towards the development of South Africa's Sustainable Development Strategy.**

6. Do you have a national coordination body for NSDS development established?  
If so, please give the name and nature of such body (eg. composition):

**A Sustainable Development Task Team has been established under the International Relations Peace and Security (IRPS) Cabinet Cluster, consisting of relevant national departments, provincial and local government representatives. The Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT) as well as the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) provide an interim secretariat support until a permanent body is established. Presently stakeholders engage directly with sectoral government departments. A long-term and proactive stakeholder participation strategy will be consultatively developed in early 2004. The South African government prioritizes improved stakeholder participation in planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of government policies in its various areas of responsibility.**

**Furthermore, a Sustainable Development Institute has been proposed to support and strengthen sustainable development implementation in South Africa and the region.**

7. Where a NSDS does not exist, do you have other relevant strategies, plans and activities in place? :

**South Africa has a suite of cross-cutting programmes and strategies. Some include the Reconstruction and Development Programme, Urban Renewal Programme, integrated Sustainable Rural Development Strategy, etc.**

**South Africa has developed a Response Strategy to the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation as the first phase and basis for an NSDS. It is our intention to integrate the NSDS into the government planning cycle (Medium – Long Term Strategic Framework), so that sustainable development principles and objectives are mainstreamed with government planning so that the NSDS is not a separate strategy but a framework for delivery to the country's sustainable development needs.**