

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 *yes*
- No (Please describe your plans to develop such a programme or initiative).
Sustainable Development Indicators are on integral part of our national action programmes to implement the Joburg outcomes. National Indicators for sustainable Development

If yes:

- (i) When was it established? April 2003
- (ii) What is the name of the programme or initiative?
Post WSSD follow-up workshops

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

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

- Yes/YES
- No

If yes, please describe the status:

- agreed set of indicators
- draft set of indicators (**answer**)
- 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 (**answer**)
- Steering Committee
- Inter-agency/Ministerial Working Group
- Other _____
- None

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

- Yes/YES
- No

If yes, please provide the names of these programmes:

OECD Programme on Sustainable Development Indicators CBD biodiversity indicators initiative

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 (**answer**)
- Human resources
- Financial resources (**answer**)
- Information management system, including equipment
- Monitoring mechanisms (**answer**)
- Other _____

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

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