Reports, prepared for the WSSD in 2002, urges states to "take immediate steps to make progress in the formulation and elaboration of national strategies for sustainable development (NSDS) and begin implementation of national sustainable development strategies by 2005."

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The map tracks progress towards the WSSD (2002) target for countries to formulate and begin implementation of national sustainable development strategies by 2005. The map is updated on a regular basis.

The map categorizes progress into a series of 4 stages in an acknowledgment that the NSDS process is a continuing one consisting of multiple steps. The purpose of the map is not to indicate what is or is not yet completed the process to proceed in their efforts to meet the goal of 2005. The UN national sustainable development strategy, but rather to encourage those countries that have not yet completed the process to proceed in their efforts to meet the goal of 2005.

The global picture

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*a dotted line represents approximately the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir agreed upon by India and Pakistan.

The final status has not yet been agreed upon by the parties.

Cross-match with the colours used for Jammu & Kashmir (neutral colour) and China.

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