

## **PROPOSALS FOR PARTNERSHIPS/INITIATIVES TO STRENGTHEN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AGENDA 21**

### **Introduction**

*The Second type of outcomes of the Johannesburg Summit would include a whole range of partnerships focused on concrete and specific initiatives to strengthen the implementation of Agenda 21. Such initiatives will be announced at the partnership events scheduled to take place during the official meetings of the Summit.*

*During the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee (28 January-8February2002), a number of proposals for partnerships were presented. An indicative list has been prepared to identify broad areas in which a large number of stakeholders expressed their interest. This list is neither exhaustive nor final and can be improved further.*

*The purpose of the list is to encourage interested parties to initiate action. They are expected to identify partners and to specify clear targets, timetables, monitoring arrangements, coordination and implementation mechanisms, arrangements for systematic and predictable funding, and for technology transfer that may be required to launch these initiatives. Progress reports may be provided to the Fourth Session of the Preparatory Committee to be held in Jakarta, 27May-7June 2002. To become part of the second type of outcomes, such partnerships should be launched at the Summit.*

### **Proposals**

Global initiative to provide incentives to the private sector and to foundations to increase the flow of foreign capital and grants to developing countries, particularly those that have not been able to attract such flows.

Public/Private Partnerships to provide financial assistance for the development of needed infrastructure in developing countries.

Global net-work of related institutional support structures, including information systems, technology centres, and research and development institutions to promote greater transfer of environmentally sound technologies to developing countries.

Partnerships to develop cleaner production technologies and accelerate the commercialisation and diffusion of these technologies.

Global private/public partnership to develop and disseminate safe and affordable technologies for productivity enhancement and ecological management.

Public/private partnership to provide incentives to larger companies and transnational corporations to facilitate access of SMEs to environmentally sound technologies, for example by including and supporting them in production and supply chains.

Partnership to establish a technology and scientific network.

Partnerships to link countries that have hardware capabilities, software competence, and the need to use ICT technologies, the world over.

Partnerships to link regional centers of excellence that would contribute to the development of the knowledge capacity of developing countries.

Global initiative for lead-free fuels through technical, technological and financial assistance to developing countries.

Global initiative for the provision of financial and technical assistance for the phasing out of lead in gasoline and the reduction of sulphur and benzene in fuels and particulates in vehicle exhaust to reduce health impacts.

Regional partnerships to provide assistance to replace traditional biomass fuels and coal with affordable clean fuels.

Global public/private partnership for the development and dissemination of technologies for sanitation and waste management for rural and urban areas in developing countries.

Global partnership to improve human settlements including through capacity building support to local authorities.

Global initiative to promote investment in the development of mass public transport systems.

Global initiative to reverse the declining trend in public sector finance for agricultural research and for sustainable agriculture and rural development.

Partnership to enhance access to affordable and efficient irrigation systems

Global partnership to promote development and dissemination of affordable and safe biotechnologies, particularly for agricultural production.

Public-private partnership to improve outreach in basic agricultural techniques and knowledge to farmers with small-holdings and to the rural poor.

Partnerships to realize the Millennium Declaration target of reducing by half the number of people who are unable to reach or afford safe drinking water by 2015.

Public-private partnerships for improving efficient and equitable delivery of water resource to users.

Global alliance on renewable energy and efficient clean conventional energy technologies to provide by 2015 energy services to half of the two billion people, mostly in rural and remote areas in developing countries, who currently have no access to modern energy services.

Global partnership for financing energy for sustainable development, including renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies, and for sharing clean energy technologies at the global level.

Global partnership to encourage the use of natural gas.

Partnerships for capacity building, technology transfer and financing sustainable development, especially in the areas of poverty, hunger, health, environmental protection and resource management under the Africa initiative.

Global initiative to achieve access to affordable and diversified energy sources for Africa, especially in rural areas, by 2005.

Global initiative to close the digital divide and reverse the marginalization of Africa by 2005.

Partnerships to double agricultural productivity in Africa within a reasonable time frame.

Global initiative to assist vulnerable countries in mobilizing all resources for adaptation to climate change including rehabilitation of communities following natural disasters related to extreme weather events.

Global partnership for the implementation of the global programme of action for the protection of the marine environment from land-based activities at the national and regional levels..