

**Partnerships/Initiatives to strengthen the implementation of Agenda 21
(To be elaborated by interested parties in preparation for the World Summit on
Sustainable Development for launching at the Summit)**

Explanatory note by the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee

Partnerships and initiatives to implement Agenda 21 are expected to become one of the major outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development. These “second type” of outcomes would consist of a series of commitments and action-oriented coalitions focused on deliverables and would contribute in translating political commitments into action. Specific modalities of such partnerships (including targets, timetables, monitoring arrangements, coordination and implementation mechanisms, arrangements for predictable funding and technology transfer, etc.) need to be elaborated in the lead up to the Summit by potential partners from governments, international organizations and major groups.

On the basis of the various proposals made by governments and major groups during the second session of the Preparatory Committee for the Summit (New York, 28 January-8 February), an indicative list (attached) of areas for launching partnerships has been prepared. Partnerships and initiatives in these areas or in any other related field can be finalized before the Summit, as the modalities of such partnerships and initiatives will not be negotiated within the Preparatory Committee for the Summit. It is, however, anticipated that the Committee and the Summit will lend support to these partnerships and initiatives.

The Committee should therefore be kept informed about the work in progress. This will also help in ensuring that the negotiated and non-negotiated outcomes are mutually supportive. The first opportunity to provide such information would be at the third session of the Preparatory Committee to take place in New York on March 25-April 5 2002. Further progress reports are encouraged for the fourth session of the Preparatory Committee (Jakarta, Indonesia, 27 May-7 June 2002) which would, *inter alia*, decide on organizational details of partnership events involving stakeholders and other activities to be held during the two weeks of the Johannesburg Summit.

Interested parties are advised that only those partnerships/initiatives that are international in scope and reach (i.e. global, regional and/or sub-regional) and those that are aimed at supporting practical implementation of Agenda 21 and sustainable development activities in developing countries, in particular LDCs and small island developing States as well as in countries with economies in transition) would be announced during the official partnership events to take place at the Summit. Only those partnerships and initiatives that are new and are developed specifically in the context of the WSSD and its goals will feature at the official partnership events during the Summit. Domestic partnerships, projects as well as initiatives within one single entity (company, organization, etc.) could be announced as part of national/individual statements or circulated as written contributions to the Summit.

Organizers/initiators of partnerships and initiatives are invited to use the Table below to provide the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee and the Secretariat of the WSSD with information on their on-going and/or planned work. Considering the short time left before the Summit, the information even if it is of preliminary nature should be provided as soon

<p>Expected results: Please provide a brief description:</p>
<p>Specific targets of the Partnership/Initiative and timeframe for their achievement:</p>
<p>Coordination and Implementation mechanism Please provide a brief description of expected coordination/implementation mechanism of the Partnership/Initiative.</p>
<p>Arrangements for funding Please describe available and/or expected sources of funding for the implementation of the Partnership/Initiative (e.g. donor government(s); international organization(s)/financial institution(s); foundation(s); private sector; other major groups, etc.)</p>
<p>Arrangements for capacity building and technology transfer Please include information if the Partnership/Initiative provides for training, informational support, institutional strengthening and/or other capacity building measures:</p> <p>Please also provide here a brief description of expected arrangements for technology transfer (if applicable).</p>
<p>Links of Partnership/Initiative with on-going sustainable development activities at the international and/or regional level (if any) Please provide a brief description:</p>
<p>Monitoring Arrangements Please describe expected arrangements for monitoring of progress in the implementation of Partnerships/Initiative after it will be launched at the WSSD: (e.g. frequency/modalities of preparation of progress reports; electronic updates, news-letters, etc)</p>

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