

COUNTRY REPORT ON THE NATIONAL ASSESSMENT AND CONSULTATION PROCESS FOR WSSD

Country: SLOVENIA

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A. Background

1. Does your country have a National Agenda 21 or a similar strategy/policy document?
(If yes, please list the key focus areas addressed in that document)

There are two major document in Slovenia covering the issues of sustainable development and Agenda 21:

- **Strategy for the Economic Development of Slovenia**, which gives a comprehensive analysis of the economic situation in the Republic of Slovenia with the forecasts for the next five years (2001-2006).

The major objective of the Strategy for the Economic Development of Slovenia is to improve prosperity of the people living in Slovenia, which is defined as a balanced combination of economic, social and environmental aspects.

- **National Environmental Action Programme (NEAP, 1999)**, which contains the objectives, guidelines and strategy of environmental protection and the use of natural resources for a period of minimum ten years. NEAP is the most important strategic document in the field of environmental protection in Slovenia.

Priority goals: Improvement in the state of the aquatic environment, Enforcement of modern forms of waste management, Conservation and protection of biodiversity and genetic resources, Strengthening of environmental protection institutions at all levels.

Priority guidelines: Shift towards sustainable development, The consensual problem solving must be given priority and Shared responsibility.

2. Are there any Local Agenda 21 initiatives in your country?
(If yes, please list the key focus areas of the Local Agenda 21 initiatives)

Yes, some of the local authorities have already prepared or are in the process of the preparation of Local / Regional Agenda 21 or Local / Regional Environmental Action Programme (Ljubljana, Maribor region, Coastal region...)

Key focus areas are all major environmental issues, depending on the problems of the region and sectoral activities that affects the environment (industry and mining, the energy sector, agriculture and forestry, traffic and tourism).

3. How has your UNDP Country Office and/or National Capacity 21 Program been involved in the National Agenda 21/Local Agenda 21 process in your country?

In the process of the preparation of the National or Local agenda 21 just Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning is involved due to the fact that there is no UNDP

Country office or National Capacity 21 Program in the country. Ministry of Environment support the preparation of the Local Agenda 21 in the technical and financial way.

B. National WSSD Preparatory Process (ongoing/planned):

1. What are the key objectives of the preparatory process?

Planned National WSSD Preparatory Process:

- Review of the national, regional and local initiatives for sustainable development for the last ten years with the assessment of the existing strategies, policies and plans in the context of sustainable development concept; (ongoing)
- Definition of sustainable development priorities for the next years;
- Coordination of the participation of major groups in the planning and implementation of the initiatives for sustainable development and their impact on different stakeholders;
- Recommendations in order to achieve defined specific economic, social and environmental goals of the country.

2. When did it start?

The preparatory process started with the agreement at the meeting of the National Council for Sustainable Development which took place at the 20 June 2001. An expert group was established which consists of representatives of several ministries, NGOs and national experts. The group has the assignment to organize and carry out the national Rio+10 assessment with the preparation of the National Report on the implementation of the Agenda 21.

3. Who is financing the process? (Government, UNDP, Capacity 21, others...)

Government (Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning) is financing the process.

4. Which national agency is leading the process?

Governmental Council of Sustainable Development, formed in September 1997, is leading the process. It is a consultative body to the Government of the Republic of Slovenia with the following tasks: adoption of guidelines and recommendations for sustainable development in the Republic of Slovenia; assessment of documents related to sustainable development; and taking part in discussions and giving suggestions referring to National Environment Action Programme and other sectoral strategies based on the principles of sustainable development.

5. Who are the key stakeholders participating in the process? How are they participating?

Key stakeholder (representatives of science, universities, business and NGO's) are participating in the process as a full members of the special expert group which is working within the Governmental Council of Sustainable Development.

6. What are the cross-cutting themes of the national WSSD preparatory process (e.g., poverty and sustainable development, sustainable energy, sustainable communities, etc.)?

The process has started with the preparation of the National Report on the implementation of the sustainable development in the country, covering all the issues of Agenda 21.

7. What is the methodology/mechanism established for the preparatory process? (working groups, consultation processes, reports, etc.)

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8. How has your UNDP CO and/or National Capacity 21 Program (if one exists) been involved in the preparatory process?

There is no UNDP Country office or National Capacity 21 Program in the country.

9. What are the needs to ensure the continuation of the process (technical and/or financial)?

Technical consultation and financial support is needed to ensure the success of the process.

C. Workplan:

Please attach the workplan for the national preparatory process (if available).

The workplan is in the preparation.