

RIO+10 PROJECT PROPOSAL

ALBANIA

In preparation for the Johannesburg World Summit on Sustainable Development Albania is starting the work to be able to have a country report ready in time for next year.

The first step to achieve this major task is to set-up a National Preparatory Committee that will coordinate the work on national level to develop a programme to undertake National Reviews and Assessment as soon as possible.

In such regard financial support will play an important role. The National Ministry of Environmental is leading this process. Our Country doesn't have the strategy of Sustainable Development, but have the initiatives regarding the sustainable developing as NEAP, LEAP for some cities etc.

The main objective will be the preparation of the country report for the World Summit of Johannesburg. Other objectives will be undertaking of National Reviews and Assessment and launching of three from the four initiatives proposed by the secretariat.

The National Preparatory Committee will undertake the National Review/Assessment after broad based consultations.

Activities to raise awareness and mobilize stockholders at the national and local levels will be organized. In this context national consultations will play an important role on getting stockholder contribution and interest for the preparation of the country report. In this context the following activities are planned to be organized in national level:

- Translation of the materials of Agenda 21 and sustainable development in Albania and to be broadly distributed;
- National workshop with representatives from Ministries, environmental NGO-s to discuss the present situation and to develop ideas for the future regarding a sustainable development strategy and action plan.

- Creation of a web page dedicated to sustainable development and national preparations. This web page to be updated regularly.

National workshop will be organized after consultations in order to get ready and to have inputs for the Country report.

Launching of the “four National Competitive Initiatives” proposed by the Summit Secretariat in order to develop national inputs for the Summit.

➤ Collecting the best case studies of sustainable development actions - **101 ways to sustainable development** – national stockholders will be invited to nominate local sustainable development activities that focus on specific objectives of Agenda 21 and outcomes in the three dimensions of sustainability – economic, social and environmental such as local projects community partnerships, media campaigns, school programs etc. The national finalist will be listed for notice at regional meetings and posted on the summit Website.

National activities planned in this context are:

- To produce leaflets and poster to be distributed in schools giving the concepts of sustainable development and Agenda 21;

- TV spots to give the message of Rio+10 and sustainable development;

- TV programmes with an audience of environmental experts, students and school age children about sustainable development where they will express their views of sustainable development and give their perspective on how to improve the present situation.

➤ Inspiring visions of citizens about sustainability – **sustainable development visions for the 21st century** – an initiative to be launched as a national level competition to prepare short essays outlining the vision of major groups of future challenges, concerns and opportunities regarding future sustainable development actions at the national, regional and international levels.

- Action oriented competition for posters among children - **children's Agenda 21 Poster competition** – a national level competition will be organized involving school children between the ages of 7 and 12. The national preparatory committee will invite through schools as well as teachers associations to submit drawings that capture their sustainable development aspirations, concerns and their understanding of Agenda 21 objectives.
- National commitments to specific actions to be taken in the near future – **national progression targets**. The national preparatory Committee through consultations will identify a number of specific national sustainable development targets or actions that can be achieved within a defined period of time. Actions from the National Environmental Action Plan will be implemented in this framework.

Time table/work plan

Set up of the National Preparatory Committee of Sustainable Development –October-November 2001(NEA)

National assessment through national consultations and national workshops – November 2001- March 2002 (Committee).

Launching of the initiatives proposed by the Secretariat - November 2001.

Drafting up of the outputs from consultations and reviews - March 2002.

Preparation of Country Report for the Johannesburg summit – April- May 2002.

Budget

National consultations (including 4 initiatives)– 3000 USD

National Workshops - 3000 USD

Preparation of the country report – 4000 USD