

Join us to meet the UN target on NSDS

The methodology was developed to be used (and developed further) by other countries through similar exercises.

Such an approach will be of help to countries as they seek to meet the UN target on NSDS set out in the WSSD Plan of Implementation (para 145).

Such a process will have common benefits for the countries being reviewed and the peer countries, and broader generic value.

Using the methodology to review your NSDS...

....through a non judgemental approach, based on sharing experience and learning lessons

....through a cost-effective exercise

....in a relatively short time

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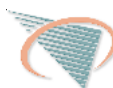
Information on CD Rom and websites

A CD Rom is available containing the report of the peer review process, the background report on the French NSDS, description of the methodology, and a range of strategies and related documents from France and peer countries.

These materials are also available on:

www.developpementdurable.gouv.fr

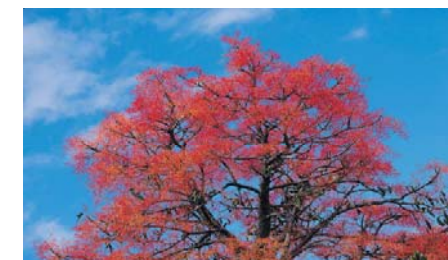
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**Peer review/
shared learning process
on National Sustainable
Development Strategies
and
the French pilot experience**



Toward action: a commitment of President Chirac

In his speech at **the World Summit on Sustainable Development in 2002**, President Jacques Chirac made a commitment that France would be prepared to submit its National Strategy for Sustainable Development (NSDS) to be 'peer reviewed' by other countries, following the proposal by the European Union to develop such a system in order to promote the sharing of experience.



As a follow up...

... a project was initiated in 2004 by the French Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Development and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with the help of the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED).

The project aimed to:

- develop a methodology for 'peer review' of, and shared learning about, NSDSs;
- test the methodology on the French NSDS.

It brought together:

- four partner countries: Belgium, Ghana, Mauritius and the United Kingdom (for each country: one representative from government and one from civil society)
- the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)
- the European Commission (Environment DG)
- The International Organisation of the Francophonie
- a range of actors who had been involved in developing and implementing the French NSDS (government, civil society).

CSD Side event agenda

Interpretation English / French

13.15 Introduction

By Mary Pat Silveira (Chief, National Information, Monitoring and Outreach Branch, UNDESA/DSD)

13.20 Results of the French pilot initiative

by Christian Brodhag (Inter-Ministerial Delegate for Sustainable Development, France)

13.35 Reflections of partners:

Belgium - Nadine Gouzée (coordinator of the task force SD, Federal Planning Bureau)

Ghana - Rudolph Kuuzegh (deputy director, Ministry of Environment and Science)

Mauritius - Ananda Rajoo (adviser to the minister, Ministry of Environment and NDU)

United Kingdom - Bronwen Jones (head of SDU, DEFRA)

European Commission

14.10 Proposed methodology for peer review/shared learning

by Barry Dalal-Clayton (International Institute for Environment and Development, United Kingdom)

14.20 Discussion

14.45 Closure

Bringing improvements into the French NSDS:

A technical workshop, held in Paris on 8-9 November 2004, agreed a methodology for the peer review/shared learning of NSDS. This was then tested using the French NSDS as an experimental case.

The Peer review/shared learning workshop, held in Paris on 7-11 February 2005, reviewed four components of the French NSDS: process, content, outcomes, and monitoring and indicators. For each component:

- French participants provided answers and commentary related to a set of key questions and
- the peer countries shared their own experiences.

The key questions addressed were set by the peers, based on a **background report** on the French NSDS prepared by IIED.

Then, peers agreed about **fifty concrete recommendations** and presented them to the Minister of Ecology and Sustainable Development, Mr Lepeltier.



Peer review/shared learning approach

As the purpose of a review exercise might well be different from one country to another, **an options-based approach is proposed**.

A preparatory phase defines the scope of and options for the exercise. Then a **workshop** involving 2-4 partner countries (a mix of developed and developing countries) reviews the NSDS. The focus country decides how the outcomes will benefit and improve the NSDS.