

# **Institutionalizing sustainable development indicators for measuring progress of national strategies**

**Ministry of the Environment, Water Resources and Drainage, Government of  
Barbados  
and  
Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Division for Sustainable Development  
Expert Group Meeting  
Bridgetown, Barbados, 17-19 September 2009**

## **Programme**

### **Thursday, 17 September 2009**

#### **9:00-9:45 Opening Session**

##### Welcome remarks

Mr. Phillip Cross, Resident Coordinator a.i., United Nations Country Team, and Representative of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

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Mr. Keneti Faulalo, Interregional Advisor on Small Island Developing States, Division for Sustainable Development, United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)

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Mr. Lionel Weekes, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of the Environment, Water Resources and Drainage, Government of Barbados

9:45– 10:00 Break

#### **10:00-10:15 Objectives of the meeting and introduction of participants**

Mr. Matthias Bruckner, Sustainable Development Officer, Division for Sustainable Development, UN DESA

#### **10:15– 12:30 Session One: Sustainable development strategies**

Chair: Prof. Edgar Gutiérrez-Espeleta, Universidad de Costa Rica, Costa Rica

#### **10:15– 10:40 National sustainable development strategies: Overview**

Mr. Matthias Bruckner, Division for Sustainable Development, UN DESA  
*The presentation will briefly describe main elements and principles of national sustainable development strategies. It will also review*

*international and regional progress towards the commitments of countries to develop and implement national sustainable development strategies.*

10:40– 11:00 Integrating the Mauritius Strategy of Implementation into development planning

Mr. Keneti Faulalo, UN DESA

*The presentation will describe the Mauritius Strategy of Implementation (MSI) and the Barbados Plan of Action on sustainable development in small island developing States (SIDS). In particular, the presentation will describe how integrating the MSI into development planning can help countries to achieve their national sustainable development goals.*

11:00– 11:30 Questions and Answers/ Discussion

11:30– 12:00 Sustainable development strategies and goals in Barbados

Mr Derrick Gibbs, Senior Economist, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Empowerment, Innovation, Trade, Industry and Commerce, Government of Barbados

*The presentation will describe the National Strategic Plan of Barbados, the Barbados National Sustainable Development Policy and their linkages. Particular focus will be given to the challenges and experiences made in the strategy process.*

12:00– 12:30 Questions and Answers/ Discussion

12:30 – 2:00: Lunch

**2:00 –5:00 Session One (cont'd)**

National sustainable development strategies – country experiences

Mr. Sean Cenac, Senior Development Planner, Ministry of Finance, the Economy and Public Administration, Government of Antigua and Barbuda

Mr. Charles Brown, Director of Sustainable Development, Government of Bermuda

Mr. Navin Chandarpal, Presidential Adviser, Government of Guyana

Mr. Hopeton Peterson, Manager, Planning Institute of Jamaica

Ms. Decima Corea, Deputy Director, Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Ms. Vidiah Ramkhelawan, Director, Ministry of Planning, Housing & the Environment, Government of Trinidad and Tobago

*Country representatives will present their experiences made with the development of sustainable development strategies or other planning processes, highlighting challenges and good practices made in the development and implementation of strategies.*

Questions and Answers/ Discussion

5:00 – 5:15: Break

**5:15 –6:00 Session Two: Indicator selection**

Chair: Ms. Vidiah Ramkhelawan, Government of Trinidad and Tobago

5:15–6:00 Indicators of sustainable development and monitoring national sustainable development strategies

Mr. Matthias Bruckner, UN DESA

*The presentation will give an overview of the usefulness of indicators for monitoring of development strategies, taking the Indicators of Sustainable Development published by UN DESA as point of departure.*

5:45 –6:15 Questions and Answers/ Discussion

**Friday 18 September 2009**

**9:00 – 10:45 Session Two (cont'd)**

9:00 –9:30 Indicators for monitoring the goal of ‘Building a Green Economy’ in Barbados

Ms. Amrikha D. Singh, Environmental Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Water Resources and Drainage, Government of Barbados

*The presentation will present the indicators selected to monitor progress towards achieving the goal of ‘Building a Green Economy’. These indicators cover the areas of biodiversity, land, coastal zones, waste, water, energy, transport, and disaster. The presentation will also describe the process used in Barbados to select these indicators and will highlighted challenges faced in this process.*

9:30 –9:45 Questions and Answers/ Discussion

9:45 – 10:30 Indicators for monitoring sustainable development goals – country experiences

Prof. Edgar Gutiérrez-Espeleta, Universidad de Costa Rica, Costa Rica

*The presentation will describe the experiences made with indicators for monitoring sustainable development strategies and other planning processes in Costa Rica. The presentation will cover principles for indicators of sustainable development, the selection process for indicator sets, and highlight challenges and good practices made in the selection and implementation of indicators.*

10:30 – 10:45 Questions and Answers/ Discussion

10:45 – 11:00 Break

**11:00 – 12:30 Session Three: Integrating cross-cutting issues into sustainable development strategies and indicators**

Chair: Mr. Charles Brown, Government of Bermuda

11:00 – 11:15 Integrating cross-cutting issues into national sustainable development strategies and indicators– the case of climate change

Mr. Matthias Bruckner, UN DESA

*The presentation will discuss the integration of cross-cutting and interlinked issues into national sustainable development strategies and indicator processes, using climate change as example. The presentation will describe the advantages of an integrative approach and present some country experiences.*

11:15 – 11:30 Questions and Answers/ Discussion

11:30 – 12:00 Integrating cross-cutting issues into national sustainable development strategy and plans – Country experiences

Mr. Hopeton Peterson, Manager, Planning Institute of Jamaica

Ms Claire Corbin, Senior Economist (ag), Ministry of Finance, Investment, Telecommunications and Energy, Government of Barbados

*Country representatives will present experiences made with integrating cross-cutting issues into national sustainable development strategies and related strategy processes. The presentations may cover sustainable consumption and production as well as other cross-cutting issues.*

12:00 – 12:15 Questions and Answers/ Discussion

12:15 – 12:30 The Marrakech Process on a Ten-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production and the role of sustainable development strategies and indicators

Mr. Mark Griffith, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

*The presentation will describe the ten-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production, in particular progress made at the regional level. The presentation will discuss the implication of the framework for national indicator and strategy processes.*

12:30 – 12:45 Questions and Answers/ Discussion

12:45 – 2:00 Lunch

- 2:00– 5:00**    **Session Four: Institutionalizing sustainable development indicators**  
Chair: Mr. Hopeton Peterson, Planning Institute of Jamaica
- 2:00 – 2:30    Institutional arrangements for monitoring sustainable development strategies  
Mr. Keneti Faulalo, UN DESA  
*The presentation will describe institutional arrangements for national sustainable development strategies, in particular the monitoring process. The presentation will cover arrangements between strategy coordinating and implementing entities, the relation between data provider and coordinator, as well as the arrangement for indicator analysis and reporting, including the division of responsibilities among actors.*
- 2:30 – 3:00    Questions and Answers/ Discussion
- 3:00 – 3:45    Institutional aspects of indicators of sustainable development– country experiences  
Ms. Vidiah Ramkhelawan, Director, Ministry of Planning, Housing & the Environment, Government of Trinidad and Tobago  
Mrs. Angela Hunte, Director, Barbados Statistical Service  
*Country representatives will present their experiences made with institutional arrangements for indicators of sustainable development indicators in the context of national sustainable development strategies, highlighting challenges and good practices made in the selection and implementation of indicators.*
- 3:45 – 4:00    Break
- 4:00 – 5:00    Questions and Answers/ Discussion

**Saturday 19 September 2009**

- 9:00 – 11:30**    **Session Five: Policy options and recommendations**  
All participants  
*Participants will discuss various options that countries, in particular SIDS, may want to consider in the process of selecting and institutionalizing indicators for measuring progress of national sustainable development strategies and plans. The discussion is expected to result in a set of recommendations by the expert group meeting.*
- 11:30-12:00**    **Closing session**  
Summary of the meeting  
Mr. Matthias Bruckner, UN DESA
- Closing statement  
Ms. Amrikha Singh, Government of Barbados