

NATIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES:

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TARGETS

- **Agenda 21 – recognized the importance of sound sustainable development policy and called for strategies for sustainable development**
- **Rio+5 (urged formulation and elaboration of NSDS by 2002)**
- **Millennium Declaration Goal 7, target 9: addressed the integration of sustainable development principles into country policies & programmes**
- **WSSD – requested countries to begin implementation of NSDS by 2005)**

2001-2004 INITIATIVES

- * **UN International Forum on NSDSs,
(November 2001, Ghana)**
- * **UN Guidance Document (2002) - outlined
definition and key principles**
- * **Regional/national observations**
- * **Global map and assessment report to CSD
(2002-2006)**

NSDS DEFINITION

A coordinated, participatory and iterative process of Consensus-building and actions to achieve economic, environmental and social objectives in a balanced and integrated manner



The formulation and implementation process is a cyclical and interactive process of planning, participation and action, in which the emphasis is on managing progress towards sustainability goals, rather than producing a “plan” as an end product.

Principles & Characteristics (1/2)

- ***Integration*** of economic, social and environmental objectives in policy design and implementation
- ***Coordination*** and balance between:
 - sector and thematic strategies
 - levels of government (central, sub-regional and local)
 - across generations
- ***Broad participation***, effective partnerships, transparency and accountability
- ***Developing capacity*** and an enabling environment, building on existing knowledge and processes

Principles & Characteristics (2/2)

- Country *ownership*, shared *vision with* a clear *timeframe* on which stakeholders agree, *commitment* and *continuous improvement*
- Focus on *priorities, outcomes* and coherent *means of implementation*
- Linkage with *budget* and *investment* processes
- Continuous *monitoring and evaluation*

Country Observations

- * Peace and stability**
- * Political commitment**
- * Harmonization of strategies and plans**
- * Cooperation at all levels**

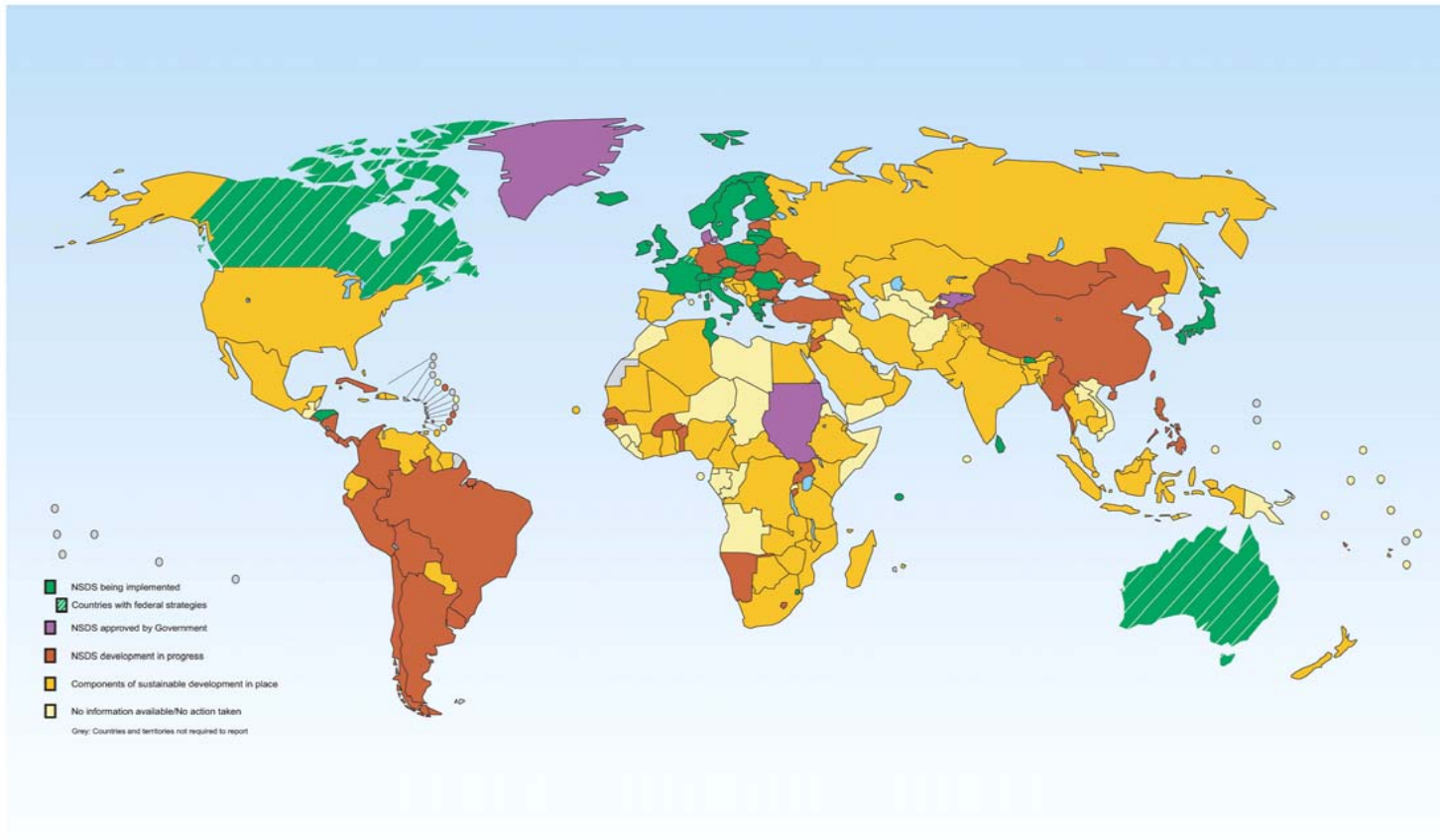
Country Observations

- * **Shared vision and ownership**
- * **Monitoring**

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