

Side event on peer review in French speaking countries

During the high-level political forum on sustainable development, the Francophone Institute for Sustainable Development (<http://ifdd.francophonie.org/>) organised on June 30th 2015, a side event on peer review in French speaking countries. This meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr Paul Robert Tiendrébéogo, Permanent Representative of the International Organization of La Francophonie to the United Nations (<http://www.francophonie.org/>), and conducted by Christian Brodhag (Ecole des Mines de Saint-Etienne - France), who introduced peer review as a tool for self-evaluation within a strategic framework to plan sustainable development. Indeed, peer review enables the voluntary pooling of experiences and lessons learned from a variety of categories both nationally and internationally. Participants exchanged views on challenges to establish a strategy of cooperation, in order to ensure a resulting measure of change based on analysis and identification of necessary skills, so that a database can be created for follow-up and evaluation of sustainable development goals. Case studies on Mali and Senegal have been presented to support the peer review exchange.