

## **COUNTRY REPORTING ON THE NATIONAL ASSESSMENT AND CONSULTATION PROCESS FOR WSSD**

**(max 2 pages)**

For the National Assessments of the Implementation of Agenda 21 for WSSD, we would kindly ask you to provide us with a simple country reporting on the national assessment and consultation process for WSSD following the below outline:

**Country: Poland**

**Prepared by: Ministry of Environment and UNDP**

### **A. Background**

1. Does your country have a National Agenda 21 or a similar strategy/policy document?  
(If yes, please list the key focus areas addressed in that document)

- “Poland 2025 – Long-term Sustainable Development Strategy”
- key focus areas: three aspects – political, economical, methodological
- Strategy has “open” character – it constitutes a frame guide for all sectors to develop its own strategy.

2. Are there any Local Agenda 21 initiatives in your country?  
(If yes, please list the key focus areas of the Local Agenda 21 initiatives)

Activities at a local level aiming at preparation of sustainable development plans for urban and rural municipalities in agreement with LA21 methodology, benchmarking, monitoring and evaluation of the plans being implemented, establishment of the sustainable cities network which promote the LA21 in Poland and international cooperation within the LA21 with the neighbouring countries (Ukraine, Lithuania)

3. How has your UNDP Country Office and/or National Capacity 21 Program been involved in the National Agenda 21/Local Agenda 21 process in your country?

All activities in pt. 2 were undertaken within the framework of UNDP financed project “Support to local governments and local administration” POL/01/001. There were some activities aiming at promoting LA21 financed by the Dutch and Danish NGOs. These activities covered very limited areas mainly in the north of Poland.

### **B. National WSSD Preparatory Process (ongoing/planned):**

1. What are the key objectives of the preparatory process?

- assessment of implementation of Agenda 21 in Poland
- preparation of the report for Johannesburg 2002
- raising of the public awareness concerning sustainable development.

2. When did it start?

- The process started 12.01.2001 when the first preparatory meeting organized by Ministry of Foreign Affairs took place. During this meeting it was decided that National Preparatory Committee will be appointed. Following this decision three Ministers: of the Foreign Affairs, the Environment, and the Economy, responsible for

coordination of the preparatory process, submitted to the Prime Minister a document concerning National Preparatory Committee. Due to political situation the Preparatory Committee has not been yet appointed and it is likely that Preparatory Committee would be replaced by the group of experts who prepare annually report concerning Agenda 21 in Poland.

3. Who is financing the process? (Government, UNDP, Capacity 21, others...)
  - Government, UNDP plus Capacity 21, National Fund of Environmental Protection and Water Management.
  
4. Which national agency is leading the process?
  - Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Economy and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
  
5. Who are the key stakeholders participating in the process? How are they participating?
  - Government representatives, UNDP/Capacity 21, NGOs, Financial Institutions.
  
6. What are the cross-cutting themes of the national WSSD preparatory process (e.g., poverty and sustainable development, sustainable energy, sustainable communities, etc.)?
  - Science and sustainable development
  - Tourism and biodiversity.
  
7. What is the methodology/mechanism established for the preparatory process? (working groups, consultation processes, reports, etc.)
  - Consultations, seminars, conferences, media.
  
8. How has your UNDP CO and/or National Capacity 21 Program (if one exists) been involved in the preparatory process?

UNDP provides assistance to preparation of the national report in two ways. Firstly, UNDP given its vast experience in LA 21 (over 65 LAs prepared throughout Poland) would draft a chapter of the report devoted to initiatives at the local levels, and secondly thanks to funding from Cap 21 (\$ 10,000) combined with the national resources UNDP would organize two conferences the result of which would constitute parts of the national report to be drafted by the national consultants
9. What are the needs to ensure the continuation of the process (technical and/or financial)?
  - Financial.

**C. Workplan:**

Please attach the workplan for the national preparatory process (if available).

- No available.

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