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### **INTRODUCTION - 2002 COUNTRY PROFILES SERIES**

Agenda 21, adopted at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) in Rio de Janeiro in 1992, underscored the important role that States play in the implementation of the Agenda at the national level. It recommended that States consider preparing national reports and communicating the information therein to the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) including, activities they undertake to implement Agenda 21, the obstacles and challenges they confront, and other environment and development issues they find relevant.

As a result, in 1993 governments began preparing national reports for submission to the CSD. After two years of following this practice, the CSD decided that a summarized version of national reports submitted thus far would be useful. Subsequently, the CSD Secretariat published the first Country Profiles series in 1997 on the occasion of the five-year review of the Earth Summit (Rio + 5). The series summarized, on a country-by-country basis, all the national reports submitted between 1994 and 1996. Each Profile covered the status of all Agenda 21 chapters.

The purpose of Country Profiles is to:

- Help countries monitor their own progress;
- Share experiences and information with others; and,
- Serve as institutional memory to track and record national actions undertaken to implement Agenda 21.

A second series of Country Profiles is being published on the occasion of the World Summit on Sustainable Development being held in Johannesburg from August 26 to September 4, 2002. Each profile covers all 40 chapters of Agenda 21, as well as those issues that have been separately addressed by the CSD since 1997, including trade, energy, transport, sustainable tourism and industry.

The 2002 Country Profiles series provides the most comprehensive overview to date of the status of implementation of Agenda 21 at the national level. Each Country Profile is based on information updated from that contained in the national reports submitted annually by governments.

Preparing national reports is often a challenging exercise. It can also be a productive and rewarding one in terms of taking stock of what has been achieved and by increasing communication, coordination and cooperation among a range of national agencies, institutions and groups. Hopefully, the information contained in this series of Country Profiles will serve as a useful tool for learning from the experience and knowledge gained by each country in its pursuit of sustainable development.

#### NOTE TO READERS

The 2002 Country Profiles Series provides information on the implementation of Agenda 21 on a country-bycountry and chapter-by-chapter basis (with the exception of. chapters 1 and 23, which are preambles). Since Rio 1992, the Commission on Sustainable Development has specifically addressed other topics not included as separate chapters in Agenda 21. These issues of trade, industry, energy, transport and sustainable tourism are, therefore, treated as distinct sections in the Country Profiles. In instances where several Agenda 21 chapters are closely related, for example, chapters 20 to 22 which cover environmentally sound management of hazardous, solid and radioactive wastes, and chapters 24 to 32 which refer to strengthening of major groups, the information appears under a single heading in the Country Profile Series. Lastly, chapters 16 and 34, which deal with environmentally sound management of biotechnology, and transfer of environmentally sound technology, cooperation, capacitybuilding respectively, are presented together under one heading in those Country Profiles where information is relatively scarce.

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## LIST OF COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

ACS	Association of Caribbean States		
AMCEN	Africa Ministerial Conference on the Environment		
AMU	Arab Maghreb Union		
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation		
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations		
CARICOM	The Caribbean Community and Common Market		
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity		
CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States		
CGIAR	Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research		
CILSS	Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel		
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora		
COMESA	Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa		
CSD	Commission on Sustainable Development of the United Nations		
DESA	Department for Economic and Social Affairs		
ECA	Economic Commission for Africa		
ECCAS	Economic Community for Central African States		
ECE	Economic Commission for Europe		
ECLAC	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean		
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States		
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone		
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment		
ESCAP	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific		
ESCWA	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia		
EU	European Union		
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations		
FIDA	Foundation for International Development Assistance		
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade		
GAW	Global Atmosphere Watch (WMO)		
GEF	Global Environment Facility		
GEMS	Global Environmental Monitoring System (UNEP)		
GESAMP	Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection		
GHG	Greenhouse Gas		
GIS	Geographical Information Systems		
GLOBE	Global Legislators Organisation for a Balanced Environment		
GOS	Global Observing System (WMO/WWW)		
GRID	Global Resource Information Database		
HIV/AIDS	Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome		
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency		
ICSC	International Civil Service Commission		
ICSU	International Council of Scientific Unions		
ICT	Information and Communication Technology		
ICTSD	International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development		
IEEA	Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounting		

IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
IFCS	Intergovernmental Forum on Chemical Safety
IGADD	Intergovernmental Authority on Drought and Development
ILO	International Labour Organisation
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IMO	International Maritime Organization
IOC	Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
IPCS	International Programme on Chemical Safety
IPM	Integrated Pest Management
IRPTC	International Register of Potentially Toxic Chemicals
ISDR	International Strategy for Disaster Reduction
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
ITTO	International Tropical Timber Organization
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources
LA21	Local Agenda 21
LDCs	Least Developed Countries
MARPOL	International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships
MEAs	Multilateral Environmental Agreements
NEAP	National Environmental Action Plan
NEPAD	New Partnership for Africa's Development
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organizations
NSDS	National Sustainable Development Strategies
OAS	Organization of American States
OAU	Organization for African Unity
ODA	Official Development Assistance/Overseas Development Assistance
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PPP	Public -Private Partnership
PRSP	Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers
SACEP	South Asian Cooperative Environment Programme
SADC	Southern African Development Community
SARD	Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development
SIDS	Small Island Developing States
SPREP	South Pacific Regional Environment Programme
UN	United Nations
UNAIDS	United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNCED	United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
UNCCD	United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
UNCHS	United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)
UNCLOS	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	L L
UNDRO	United Nations Development Programme Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNESCO	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNITEE	United Ivations Framework Convention on Chinate Change

UNFF	United Nations Forum on Forests
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UNIFEM	United Nations Development Fund for Women
UNU	United Nations University
WFC	World Food Council
WHO	World Health Organization
WMO	World Meteorological Organization
WSSD	World Summit on Sustainable Development
WTO	World Trade Organization
WWF	World Wildlife Fund
WWW	World Weather Watch (WMO)





