

**Recommended format for 2 page summaries of innovative practices to be considered by the Ministerial Consultations of the eighth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum (GC/GMEF), Jeju, Republic of Korea, 29 – 31 March 2004**

The Ministerial Consultations of the eighth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum aims at identifying and recommending practical measures and workable approaches, based on concrete experience, that can enhance the implementation of a selected number of the MD and WSSD targets, commitments and goals, and can be replicated at a large scale.

The outcomes of the Jeju session/forum should reflect these practical, innovative and replicable approaches that will, if applied widely, expedite the implementation of the MD goals and WSSD targets, while ensuring environmental sustainability. Accordingly, Ministers are invited to submit by 12 March 2004 short written contributions (approximately 2 pages), detailing innovative approaches that are mainstreamed in national development strategies and have had an impact the national progress towards sustainable development. While pilot projects with innovative approaches are abundant, many of these pilots have not be mainstreamed and are not applied at a national or regional scale. Lessons can be drawn from the national experiences that have succeeded in transcending the pilot stage.

Ministers are invited to prepare their two page contributions using the following headings:

**Heading 1: Description of Initiative.**

- Please provide a succinct description of the innovative approach to be considered by the Ministerial Consultations. Include information on the location (e.g. national, Cities/Provinces of X, Y & Z), timeframe and economics of the initiative.
- Please identify any partners involved with the initiative. Please advise if and how the private sector or civil society has been engaged with the initiative
- Please describe how the initiative is innovative.
- Please explain how the initiative helps to address environmental issues surrounding the MD goals and WSSD targets as they relate to water (note the proposed focal areas for GMEF discussion are: (i) ecosystem approaches in Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM), (ii) water and sanitation, and (iii) water, health and poverty).

**Heading 2: Mainstreaming / Sustainability.**

- Please provide a summary of how the initiative has or will be mainstreamed into national sustainable development planning, poverty reduction strategy papers, etc.
- Please summarize activities to mainstream the initiative into national and where appropriate, local budgeting processes.
- Please comment on the financial viability of the initiative.

**Heading 3: Replicating the Initiative.**

- Please comment the applicability of the initiative to other countries and/or regions of the world.
- Please highlight any lessons learned during the development and/or implementation of the initiative.