



INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON PARTNERSHIPS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

**4-6 March 2004
FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy**

Organized by The Italian Ministry for the Environment and Territory
In cooperation with
The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)

The Forum's Goals

There is growing interest in the contribution that voluntary, multi-stakeholder partnership initiatives can make to implementing sustainable development. Such initiatives were part of the action-oriented outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD).

The purpose of this Forum is to enhance the contribution of partnerships towards:

- the implementation of sustainable development goals and objectives, particularly those related to the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation and other agreements related to sustainable development;
- the development of models of technology transfer and use of innovative financial mechanism.

The Forum will be composed of both political and technical parts. It will provide an important opportunity to identify, during a series of panels and inter-active discussion sessions, the essential elements of partnerships for sustainable development and the lessons learned from experience to date. To facilitate contact between partners, meeting rooms will be available for informal discussions on the final day of the meeting. In addition, an exhibition space (known as the Partnerships Expo) will be available for display of posters, videos and other informational materials relating to partnerships. Exhibitor booths will be staffed outside formal meeting hours.

Attendance at the Forum is open to all stakeholders involved or interested in partnership initiatives.

The outcome of the Forum will be presented during the 12th Session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-12) in New York, 19-30 April 2004.

More information: Registration forms, and other information about the Forum, are available on:
http://www.minambiente.it/Sito/settori_azione/pia/att/PIA_accordi_internazionali_menu.asp
(click on "Forum Internazionale sulle Iniziative in Partnership per lo Sviluppo Sostenibile")

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Provisional Programme (19/01/04)

(Note: not all speakers have yet confirmed their participation)

Thursday 4 March

10:00am-11:00am: Opening session

- Chairperson, **H.E. Minister Altero Matteoli**, Italian Minister for the Environment and Territory
- Welcome by **Mr. Walter Veltroni**, Mayor of Rome
- Opening of Forum by **H.E. Minister Franco Frattini**, Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs
- Statement by **H.E. Minister Borge Brende**, Chair of CSD-12, Norwegian Environment Minister
- Presentation by **Ms. JoAnne DiSano**, Director, UN Division for Sustainable Development:
The contribution of partnerships towards the implementation of sustainable development goals and objectives, particularly those related to the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation and other international agreements related to sustainable development.

11:00pm-1:00pm: Plenary session

Partnerships for sustainable development as model of technology transfer and use of innovative financial mechanisms: Panel followed by interactive discussion

Facilitator:

- **Mr. Corrado Clini**, Director General, Ministry for the Environment and Territory, Italy

Speakers (invited):

- **H.E. Cherif Rahamani**, Minister for the Environment , Algeria
- **Mr. Klaus Toepfer**, Director, UNEP
- **Mr. James D. Wolfensohn**, President, World Bank
- **Mr. Bjorn Stigson**, Chairman, World Business Council for Sustainable Development
- **Mr. Jonathan Lash**, President, World Resources Institute

1:00pm: Launch of Partnerships Expo

Partnership exhibits to be staffed throughout the lunch break

1:00pm- 3:00pm: Lunch break

(Thursday 4 March continued)

3:00pm–5:00pm: Making sustainable development partnerships work

Two parallel breakout groups:

Breakout Group 1:	Breakout Group 2:
The added value of partnerships in the global strategy of sustainable development: equal opportunities, equal responsibilities	Improving the credibility of partnerships: transparency and accountability
<p><i>Facilitator: (invited)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Paula Dobriansky, Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs, U.S. Department of State <p><i>Speakers: (invited)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rt. Hon. Margaret Beckett MP, Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, United Kingdom• H.E. Minister Martin Cullen, Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Ireland• H.E. Minister Thalikottai Rajuvar Baalu, Ministry of Environment and Forests, India• H.E. Minister Marina Silva Vaz de Lima, Ministry for the Environment, Brazil• Ms. Yolanda Kakabadse President IUCN• Toyota (name tbc)• Mr. Giuseppe d’Ercole CISL Italian Trade Union	<p><i>Facilitator: (invited)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Minister Valli Moosa, Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, South Africa <p><i>Speakers: (invited)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Minister Jurgen Trittin, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany• H.E. Minister Xie Zhenhua, State Environmental Protection Agency, China• H.E. Margot Wallstrom, European Commissioner for the Environment• Government Representative from Nigeria (name tbc)• Mr. John Browne, Chief Executive, BP• President Emeka Anyaoku, WWF International• Asian Development Bank (name tbc)

5:15-6:00pm: Plenary session

Report back by breakout group facilitators followed by inter-active discussion

Friday 5 March

Partnership Expo to be open all day with staffed booths during the lunch period (12:30- 2:00 pm).

9:30am-5:00pm: Parallel thematic breakout groups

Suggested issues to frame the discussion during these sessions:

- How to establish and build partnerships. Issues to include: networking; communication; and measures to promote exchange of information.
- Resource issues. Issues to address: how to identify and secure resources for partnerships?; what do those who fund partnerships look for?; raising awareness of international sustainable development goals amongst funders and recipients.
- Characteristics of successful partnerships for sustainable development. To include identification and discussion of issues such as: accountability and transparency; clearly defined roles of partners, etc.
- Sharing experiences. Issues to include: lessons learned; how to facilitate matchmaking; strategies for success; and pitfalls.
- Enhancing the contribution of partnerships towards implementation of international sustainable development goals.
- Can partnerships be more effective in some thematic areas compared to others?

9:30am–12:30pm: Breakout groups (A-B-C)

Breakout group A:	Breakout group B:	Breakout group C:
Water and sanitation, human settlements	Agriculture, rural development, desertification	Air quality, climate change and transport
<i>Facilitator:</i> TBD	<i>Facilitator:</i> TBD	<i>Facilitator:</i> TBD
<i>Speakers (invited):</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Supply and Sanitation Council, Geneva • European Commission, Water initiative, • Euro – Mediterranean water and Poverty Facility (EuroMed WFP) • Building Partnerships for Development in Water and Sanitation, Global Water Partnership, Executive Secretary • Environmental and Health Risk Assessment in Secondary Rivers of the Mean and Lower Danube Basin • WRI, The Access Initiative and PP10 Institutions and Governance Program 	<i>Speakers (invited):</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Alliance for National Development (LAND) IFAD, • Landcare – Sustainable land Management • Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development (SARD) Partnership Initiative, FAO • Youth and the Environment Forest Projects in Argentina, China and Mozambique 	<i>Speakers (invited):</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASIA CDM Capacity Building Initiative, Japan, • Clean Fuels and Vehicle Partnership, EPA, UNEP and UNDESA • Clean Indoor Air, EPA • Transport, Health and Environment, UNECE • WB Community Development Carbon Fund

12.30pm- 2.00 pm: Lunch break

Partnerships Expo booths to be staffed throughout the lunch break

2.00 pm – 5.00 pm: Breakout groups (D-E-F)

Breakout group D: Energy efficiency and renewable energy	Breakout group E: Forests, biodiversity, mountains	Breakout group F: Oceans and seas, marine resources, small islands developing states, disaster management
<i>Facilitator:</i> TBD: <i>Speakers (invited):</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEEP)• Global Village Energy Partnership, World Bank/UNDP• Mediterranean Renewable Energy Programme (MEDREP)• Pacific Islands Energy for Sustainable Development	<i>Facilitator:</i> TBD: <i>Speakers (invited):</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• International Partnership for Sustainable Development in Mountain Regions• Asia Forest Partnership• Global Conservation Trust, IPGRI• The Equator Initiative, UNDP• World Institute for a Sustainable Humanity (A W.I.S.H)	<i>Facilitator:</i> TBD: <i>Speakers (invited):</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Center for the Study of Marine policy, University of Delaware• UNEP/Global Plan of Action, The Hague• ADRICOSM , Italy, Croatia, Slovenia• White Water to Blue Water, U.S. Department of State• Capacity Building for Pacific Island Countries in Oceans Policy Implementation, National Oceans Office, Australia

5:00pm–6:00pm: Report back to the Plenary by the facilitators of the six thematic breakout groups

6:00pm–6:30pm: Chair’s summary of the Forum outcomes Formal closure of the Forum

Saturday 6 March

10:00am–12:00pm: Meetings and networking

A number of rooms are available at FAO Headquarters for partnership meetings and networking.

Please submit your booking requests to the Italian Ministry for the Environment by 28 February 2004

The Partnerships Expo will continue until noon