



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 (23/2/04)

Wednesday 3 March

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Registration at FAO Headquarters

Thursday 4 March

8.30 am – 10.00 am

Registration

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

- Chairperson, **H.E. Minister Altero Matteoli**, Italian Minister for the Environment and Territory
- Opening of Forum by **H.E. Minister Franco Frattini**, Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs (invited)
- Statement by **Mr. Jacques Diouf**, Director General, FAO (invited)
- Statement by **H.E. Minister Borge Brende**, Chair of CSD-12, Norwegian Environment Minister
- Statement by **Mr. Patrizio Civili**, Assistant Secretary General, **United Nation Department of Economic and Social Affairs** :

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:

- **H.E. Paula Dobriansky**, Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Speakers:

- **H.E. Cherif Rahamani**, Minister for the Environment, Algeria
- **Klaus Toepfer**, Executive Director, UNEP
- **Haleh Z. Bridi**, World Bank Special Representative to the European Union
- **Bjorn Stigson**, President, World Business Council for Sustainable Development
- **Frances Seymour**, Director, Institutions and Governance Program, World Resources Institute
- **Marcel Boisard**, Executive Director of UNITAR

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:</i> H.E. Minister Elliot Morley, Ministry for Environment, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, United Kingdom</p> <p><i>Speaker</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Yvo de Boer, Deputy Director General for Environmental Affairs, The Netherlands• H.E. Minister Alberto Cardenas Jimenez, Ministry for Environment and Natural Resources, Mexico (invited)• H.E. Vice Minister Alberto Zarruch Gomez, Ministry for Trade, Industry and Tourism, Colombia• Miguel Araujo, Director Corporate Strategies, IUCN• Giuseppe d’Ercole CISL Italian Trade Union• George Carpenter, Director Procter & Gamble• Marta Szigeti Bonifert, Executive Director REC• Kerstin Leitner, Assistant Director-General Sustainable development and Healthy Environments Cluster WHO, Geneva	<p><i>Facilitator:</i> H.E. Minister Valli Moosa, Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, South Africa</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Minister Krzysztof Szamalek, , Ministry of the Environment, Poland• Wen Wurui, Deputy Director General of the Foreign Economic Cooperation Office SEPA, China• Claus Sorensen, Director, International Affairs, Trade and Environment, DG Environment, European Commission• H.E. Minister Balaam Mande, Federal Ministry of Environment, Nigeria (invited)• Georg Schwede, Director Western Europe. WWF International• Walter Erdelen, Assistant Director-General, UNESCO• Mohamed Berdai, Director General CDER- Centre de Développement Des Energies Renouvelables, Morocco

5:15-6:00pm: Plenary session

Chair: **Corrado Clini**, Director General Ministry for Environment and Territory

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
<p>• <i>Facilitator:</i> Ken Caplan, Director Building Partnership for Development in Water and Sanitation</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council, Darren Saywell, Programme Manager • European Commission, Water initiative, Julio Garcia Burgues, Head of Unit, International Affairs, Trade and Environment • Euro – Mediterranean water and Poverty Facility (EuroMed WFP) –Michael J. Scoullos, Chairman • Environmental and Health Risk Assessment in Secondary Rivers of the Mean and Lower Danube Basin, Carmen Toader, Director of Department Ministry of 	<p><i>Facilitator:</i> Eve Crowley, Task Manager FAO - Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development Initiative (SARD)</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Alliance for National Development (LAND), Bruce H. Moore Coordinator, Maria Sumardjono National Land Agency of Indonesia • The Education for Rural People flagship initiative: a global partnership, Lavinia Gasperini Senior Education Officer, Extension, Education and Communication Service (SDRE). FAO; Sergio Marelli, President Italian NGO Association UNQOUTE • The Seed Initiative, Miguel Araujo, Director Corporate Strategies, IUCN 	<p><i>Facilitator:</i> Fabrizio D’Adda, Director HSE, Eni s.p.a</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASIA CDM Capacity Building Initiative, Shigetaka Seki, Director Ministry Environment, Trade and Industry • Partnership for Clean Fuels and Vehicles, EPA, UNEP and UNDESA, Rob de Jong, UNEP • Partnership for Clean Indoor Air, Jeff Holmstead US EPA Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation • Transport, Health and Environment, UNECE – WHO, Francesca Racioppi, Technical Officer WHO Regional Office for Europe • MeditAiraneo Domenico

<p>Agriculture, Forests, Waters and Environment - Romania</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Access Initiative and PP10 Institutions and Governance Programme, Karin M. Krchnak Director • Innovative financing mechanisms in the water sector, John Wasielewski, Director of USAID's Development Credit Authority 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Partnerships Central - Making partnerships happen: a systematic approach to delivering motivation, practical means and real opportunity', Darian Stibbe Coordinator 	<p>Gaudioso, APAT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Italian-Russian JI infrastructure partnership", Sergei Roginko, Russian Government Climate Change Commission member, Chairman of JI Committee.
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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)

<p>Breakout group D:</p> <p>Energy efficiency and renewable energy</p>	<p>Breakout group E:</p> <p>Forests, biodiversity, mountains</p>	<p>Breakout group F:</p> <p>Oceans and seas, marine resources, small islands developing states, disaster management</p>
<p><i>Facilitator:</i> Corrado Clini, Director General, Italian Ministry for the Environment and Territory</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEEP), Amal Lee Amin Energy Advisor Foreign Office • The Global Renewable Energy Education and Training (GREET) Programme, UNESCO, Osman Benchikh • Mediterranean Renewable Energy Programme (MEDREP) Giuseppe Maria Sfligiotti, Observatoire Mediterranee de l'energie (OME) • Pacific Islands Energy for Sustainable Development, Paul L. Fairbairn, Manager Community Lifelines SOPAC South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission • Global Network on Energy for Sustainable Development, or GNESD, Mark Radka 	<p><i>Facilitator:</i> Frits Schlingemann, Director and Regional Representative UNEP Regional Office for Europe</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Partnership for Sustainable Development in Mountain Regions, Douglas McGuire, Head of the Mountain Group FAO • Asia Forest Partnership, Takeshi TOMA Task Manager of CIFOR/Japan Project • Global Crop Diversity Trust, Ruth Raymond, IPGRI • The Equator Initiative, Sean Southey Manager, Equator Initiative UNDP • Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), Hosny El - Lakany, Chairperson; • Soil Biodiversity and Globally important ingenious agricultural heritages systems • Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade, European Commission, Marjo 	<p><i>Facilitator:</i> Jagdish Koonjul, Ambassador Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mauritius to the UN</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Center for the Study of Marine policy, University of Delaware, Biliana Cin Cin, Director, Center for Marine Policy, University of Delaware, Co-Chair, Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands. • UNEP/Global Plan of Action, The Hague, Veerle Vandeweerd • ADRICOSM Nadia Pinardi INGV • White Water to Blue Water, Adela Backiel, Director, Sustainable Development US Department of Agriculture • Regional Sustainable Development Strategy for the Mediterranean, Arab Hoballah, Deputy Coordinator of UNEP/MAP

<p>Energy Programme Coordinator, UNEP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Institute for a Sustainable Humanity (A W.I.S.H), Michael Karp, President • Clean Energy Initiative (CEI), Griffin Thompson U.S. Department of State • Energy Initiative, European Commission, Enrico Strimpelli 	<p>Numellin</p>	
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5:00pm–6:00pm:

Chair: Corrado Clini Director General Ministry for Environment and Territory

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