

## Appendix II

### **Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development**

#### **Recommendations and Proposals for action on the theme of: INDICATORS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE MEDITERRANEAN as adopted by the Contracting Parties (Malta, 27-30 October 1999)**

The Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention, with the support of actors from civil society, are invited to set up on a voluntary basis a Mediterranean system of indicators for sustainable development for use by:

Mediterranean riparian States;  
Actors in multilateral co-operation in the region ;  
Actors from civil society (local authorities, companies, associations, ...).

1. **Adoption of a common set of indicators:** A first set of 130 basic indicators (of which 55 are more easy to calculate in view of the relevance and availability of data for an adequate number of countries) was selected by the Contracting Parties. Each country would compile them, where possible and on a voluntary basis, for the purposes of work at the Mediterranean level. This list may be changed in accordance with tests carried out in the countries, and in accordance with guidance and requirements expressed by the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development.
2. **Complementary indicators:** The indicators selected in the common core set cannot alone make up an adequate framework for an in-depth examination of various subjects and for work on sustainable development policies on special fields or territories. MAP, the States and local authorities will endeavour to propose, test and record complementary pressure, state and response indicators.
3. **Harmonization and dissemination of indicators to facilitate work at the national level:** MAP will create a "glossary" which sets out definitions and the methods for drawing up indicators. MAP will also keep an up-to-date dossier illustrating all selected indicators, including a table of trends by country and at regional level from 1960 onwards with graphical illustrations, in addition to comments on difficulties in collection and possible interpretations. MAP will disseminate this work on the Internet.
4. **Mediterranean report:** The Contracting Parties are invited to contribute effectively to the production and publication by MAP of a report on sustainable development in the Mediterranean. The first report shall be drawn up in the year 2002.  
This report will be based in particular on indicators for sustainable development.

It will show the unity and diversity of situations in the region, current efforts towards sustainable development, difficulties encountered, good practices, etc.  
It will be submitted by the MAP to the Contracting Parties and the MCSD.

5. **National reports:** States are invited to supply MAP with the national reports prepared for the United Nations Commission for Sustainable Development, and to facilitate comparative studies on Mediterranean issues undertaken by Blue Plan (series of Mediterranean Country Profiles).  
These national summaries will indicate result-based goals in the medium and long term, which are clearly stated and adopted by States, as well as examples of good practice.

6. **Capacity Building:** The Contracting Parties are invited: to mobilize national statistical institutions and instruct environment and development observatories, or equivalent agencies, to monitor and enhance indicators at the national level; and to develop them into preferential links at the Mediterranean level.

They are invited to develop appropriate programmes, possibly with regional financial support, to build their capacities:

- to promote the use of indicators for sustainable development;
- to harmonize environmental and socio-economic statistics; and
- to ensure coordination with all the institutions concerned

7. **Follow up:** MAP will follow up this work through the activities centres. It will supplement the work with new activities to examine specific themes in greater depth in collaboration with other competent national and international organizations. The MCSD will follow the work and, where necessary, will call on the task managers, who may propose the holding of the appropriate meetings.