

Section 1 : Social and Economic Dimensions

Chapter 1 : Preamble

The world is faced with increasing disparity between and within nations. A worsening of poverty, hunger, ill health and illiteracy is combined with a deterioration of the ecosystems upon which we depend for our livelihood. All countries must join together to integrate environment and development concerns to achieve sustainable development.

Agenda 21 aims to address the problems of today as well as preparing the world for the next century. It reflects a global consensus and political commitment at the national Government level on development and environment. This should be carried through in national strategies, plans, policies and processes.