

Section 3 : Strengthening the Role of Major Groups

Chapter 27 : Strengthening the role of non-governmental organisations: partners for sustainable development

One of the major challenges facing the world is to implement environmentally sound and sustainable development. This will require an active sense of purpose from all sectors of society.

Objectives

- To review the role of non-governmental organisations in implementing environmentally sound and sustainable development.
- To promote the involvement of non-governmental organisations in the implementation and monitoring of Agenda 21.
- To establish dialogue between Governments and non-governmental organisations.

Activities

Governments in consultation with non-governmental organisations should:

- design open and effective means for non-governmental organisations to participate in the review ,evaluation and implementation of Agenda 21
- develop efficient ways to involve non-governmental organisations in developing and implementing national policy
- encourage partnership between local non-governmental organisations and local authorities in sustainable development activities
- involve non-governmental organisations in formal and informal education and public awareness
- make available to non-governmental organisations any data and information required for the design, implementation and evaluation of their programmes.