

Section 4 : Means of Implementation

Chapter 37

National Mechanisms and International Cooperation for Capacity-Building

The ability of a country to develop sustainably is determined to a large extent by the capacity of its people and institutions. Specifically, capacity building encompasses a country's human, scientific, technological, organisational, institutional and resource capabilities. A fundamental goal of capacity building is to enhance a country's ability to address policy choices. Thus, the need to strengthen capacity is shared by all countries.

Objectives

To:-

- improve national, regional and subregional capacity for sustainable development.
- review requirements for sustainable development and the implementation of Agenda 21.

Activities

All countries and relevant organisations, should:

- consult with all sectors of society on requirements for implementing Agenda 21
- formulate capacity building strategies for implementing Agenda 21
- strengthen the sustainability of projects by including environmental impacts, the costs of institutional building, human resource development and technological needs in the original project designs
- shift time horizons in programme planning and implementation to enhance response to long-term challenges
- cooperate in technology and knowledge transfer.