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Mediterranean Strategy for sustainable Development

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MSSD Development

- **12th CPs. Meeting decided to prepare the MSSD**
- **2nd Euro-Med Environment Ministers (Athens 2002) endorsed the initiative**
- **Announced at the WSSD Johannesburg 2002**
- **MCSD acknowledged as the appropriate framework to develop the MSSD**

MSSD

- **Strengthens solidarity between North and South of the Mediterranean**
- **Leads decision makers to implement NSSDs**
- **Reinforces partnerships between countries, communities, civil society**
- **Based on assumption of that it constitutes the expression of the CPs. determination towards SD**

Three challenges

- **The environmental challenge - environmental degradation**
- **Demographic economic and social challenge**
- **The challenge of globalization, regional cooperation and governance**

Strategy is based on three interdependent pillars:-

1. **Economic growth - job creation, poverty alleviation**
2. **Social equity - improved standard of living, access to essential services, availability of financial resources**
3. **Protection of the environment**

Four Major Objectives of the Strategy

- **Contribute to economic development by enhancing Mediterranean assets**
- **Reduce social disparities by implementing the MDGs**
- **Change unsustainable production and consumption patterns and ensure sustainable management of natural resources**
- **Improve governance at local, national and regional level**

Achieving Progress in Seven Essential Issues

To help meet the four objectives the strategy promotes progress in seven essential issues:-

- water resources and demands
- energy demand and climate change
- mobility and transport management
- tourism as leading economic sector
- quality agriculture and rural development
- urban development
- sea, coastal areas and marine resources

Why these fields of action?

- **Most threatened by unsustainable trends**
- **Important fields on the economic and social level with potential for improvement**
- **Manifest shortcomings in governance and integration that need to be corrected**

Improving integrated water management Objectives

- **Stabilize water demand**
- **Promote integrated management of watersheds**
- **Achieve MDGs**
- **Promote participation and partnership**

Improving integrated water management Actions

- **Regional cooperation:** MAP, EUWI
- **Sectoral water demand management**
- **Encourage investments in demand side water management and appropriate financial mechanisms**
- **Integrated water resource management:** legal, Institutional and technical

Improving integrated water management Actions

- **Access to water and sanitation:**MDGs and investments in WWTPs
- **Water management governance:**Participatory approach
- **Sustainable Agriculture :**reduction of consumption of water
- **Sustainable urban development:**treatment of wastewater according to SAP

Improving integrated water management Actions

- **Promote sustainable management of the sea:**
 - promoting ICZM
 - Preventing and reducing pollution from ships
 - Preventing and reducing pollution from LBS

Implementation strategy

- **Solidarity and commitments:**EMP,MAP, MEAs...
- **Sub regional approach:**Adriatic Initiative
- **Strengthening capacities , involve actors and financial resources:**
education, research, donors, restructuring of national spending, private sector, economic instruments
- **National strategies:** NSSDs
- **Monitoring through** indicators

NSSD

- **Build on MSSD**
- **Egypt , Montenegro , Morocco , Syria finalized their NSSDs in 2005**
- **Albania , Bosnia-Herzegovina , Lebanon , Tunisia launched the preparation process in 2006.**

Monitoring

- **34 priority indicators**
- **9 priority indicators related to water sectors**
- **3 additional indicators related to water sectors**



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