

PEOPLE AND SCOTLAND'S ENVIRONMENT

An agenda for achieving
sustainable development

Outcome from Jo'burg 2002

Interdependent and mutually reinforcing integration of 3 SD elements **through**

(1) Poverty eradication

(2) Changing unsustainable production and consumption

(3) Protecting and managing natural resource base of economic and social development

Poverty eradication

- Environmentally sustainable systems of agriculture, and other production
- Developing skills for managing natural resources
- Working with nature on flood alleviation
- Development of renewable energy

Changing unsustainable production and consumption

- Science-based assessments
- Methodology for internalising costs and measuring outcomes
- Integrated approach to policy
- Awareness raising and capacity building

Protecting and managing natural resource base of development

- Integrated approach to resource management at appropriate scale
- Scientific understanding of resource management, including risks
- Reduction in loss of biodiversity
- Reduction in contribution to global warming

The Agenda in Scotland

1. Revised strategy, duties and money
2. Economic sectors working for society & environment
3. Education and health benefits from environment
4. Improving Scotland's special places

Strategies and structures for sustainable development

1. Comprehensive environmental strategy
2. Audit of sustainable development progress
3. Standing Orders for SD tests
4. New legislative SD duty
5. First Minister to retain SD lead
6. Separate environment and SD from rural affairs

Refocus public expenditure

1. Apply SD criteria to all public expenditure
2. Apply Strategic Environmental Appraisal to programmes
3. Auditor General to review expenditure for social and environmental benefits

Economic sector policy and action shifts: energy

1. Stimulate R&D on all types renewables
2. Modify grid connection charges to stimulate renewables
3. Develop spatial renewables strategy
4. Intensify energy savings campaigns

Economic sector policy and action shifts: agriculture

1. Shift cash support to environmental stewardship
2. Favour labour input over food output
3. Develop contracts between society and farmers
4. Formal audit of use and value of agriculture cash

Education and the environment

1. Environmental citizenship in curriculum
2. Twin rural and urban schools
3. Establish environmental best practice sites
4. More effort on public understanding of environment

Health and the environment

1. Implement responsible access provisions
2. More resources for path networks
3. Walking campaign for less healthy
4. Initiative on healthy diets

...And Scotland's special places

1. SSSI and NSA legislative change
2. New National Parks: sea and land
3. World Heritage status for Cairngorms and Flow Country
4. Positive cash to make them work
5. Place within wider bioregion
6. Promote benefits beyond boundaries