Germany:

State Secretaries´ Committee for Sustainable Development

Workshop
„New Drive for Sustainable Development Strategies – The Power of Smart Linkages“
German Strategy

2002 National Strategy
2004 Progress Report
2006 Indicator-Report
2008 Progress Report

Coalition agreement of 27 October 2009
Sustainability-Indicators and Goals

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1. Provide and demonstrate strong high-level political commitment
   - Committee chaired by the Head of the Chancellery
   - Chancellery as “secretariat” of the Committee

2. Have a standing high-level structure in place that comprises all ministries
   - Power to decide on conflicts
   - Sustainable development as cross-cutting issue
3. Regular meetings of the high-level-body
   - Monthly meetings since 2008
   - Part of the government’s day-to-day work

4. Create standing inter-departmental structures on working-level
   - All ministries are represented in this group
   - Discusses and develops the national strategy
   - Prepares the meetings of the State Secretarie’s Committee.

5. Define a work programme in advance
   - Programme from October 2008
Issues on the work programme

• Prospects for further cooperation between the Federal Government and federal states (Länder) on sustainable development
• Sustainable resource policy
• Land use/activities and expectations at the local level
• Prospects for research on sustainable development
• Consequences of demographic change (sustainable finances/health infrastructure in rural areas)
• Sustainable consumption/sustainable buildings
• European Sustainable Development Strategy
• Global food crisis
6. Ensure that you have the right government participants
   - Don’t allow substitution or delegation of participation in high-level meetings
   - Organization of the meetings

7. Secure added value
   - Committee serves as a strategic forum
   - Discussion with selected external experts

8. Preparation of meetings
   - Report for each meeting with draft conclusions, results-oriented
   - Draft press release
Examples of reports
9. Encourage broad ownership
   - Scope of the meetings
   - Reports by different ministries on sustainable development

10. Ensure that the strategy is backed by a working structure
More information about the work of the State Secretaries’ Committee:

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