

## **Panel 12**

### **National Sustainable Development Strategy**

The Ministry of Environment, with the assistance of the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) started the process to develop National Sustainable Development Strategy for achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), especially poverty alleviation and enhanced human development. The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) was given the task by the Ministry of Environment and UNEP to formulate the National Sustainable Development Strategy. NSDS is based on a coordinated, participatory, and continuous process of analysis, debate and consensus, which has integrated the economic, social and environmental objectives of Pakistani polity. Supported by suitable policies of socio-economic development, the government is confident that the National Sustainable Development Strategy would bring peace and social justice, leaving a better natural resource base and eco-system for the coming generations of Pakistanis. This panel is designed to share the findings of the NSDS.

NSDS has identified the following sectors and issues as a priority:

- Agriculture
- Water
- Energy
- Noise Pollution
- Air Pollution
- Forestry
- Waste Management
- Environmental Disaster and Emergency Management
- Climate Change
- Sustainable Production and Trade

The principal strategic aspects of the NSDS are as follows:

- Adoption of a shared vision of Sustainable Development by Government, industry and civil society
- Adding on to PRSP II and Vision 2030, creating more policy space for Environment and Climate Change Policies
- Development of effective strategies for sustainable production and consumption in conformity with climate change concerns
- Mainstreaming Environment and Climate Change Policies in national development planning and investment decisions
- Sufficient financing of Environment and Climate Change Policies
- Upholding national interest in Trade and Multilateral Environmental Agreements

- Prioritizing the options for mitigation, adaptation, financing and technology transfer for Pakistan
- Strengthening a Sustainable Governance Policy, giving due importance to strategy formulation, implementation and evaluation

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