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IFEH Sustainability Indicators Initiative to monitor progress towards a sustainable development.

Abstract
The aim of this initiative is to build up a collection of initiatives and activities undertaken primarily by local and regional environment and health authorities, World-wide. The IFEH initative started in the year of 2000 at the World Congress on Environmental Health and is still moving on.

It is intended to demonstrate how indicators can be used as a tool for planning and monitoring.   The use of indicators will allow for a more accurate assessment, performed by the local authority, on whether progress has been made towards a sustainable development. The indicators are intended to cover many aspects on environment and health. A special IFEH project website has been established to cover the project: www.ifeh.org/indicators , where all received examples will be published.

As many international initiatives have been established on this issue the IFEH has went into a collaboration with the IISD – International Institute of Sustainable Development to gain the greatest momentum on this topic. The IISD has its headquarter in Canada.

All local and regional environment and health authorities which have undertaken or intend to undertake initiatives using indicators are invited to participate.

It takes no costs to participate - it only takes a little of your time to fill in the worksheet / questionnaire (which can be found on www.ifeh.org/indicators) and return it to the IFEH project manager. By doing so you can help a lot of interested local and regional authorities around the world to get started – and to inspire those that have started using indicators.

If you need further information - don't hesitate to contact the project manager Henning Hansen, FMK Denmark .

To read all about the project - study the examples received so far - who are participating by now by: Go to the project website: www.ifeh.org/indicators