

INVITATION TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMPENDIUM: A global directory of sustainability indicator initiatives

The International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) and The International Federation of Environmental Health (IFEH) have entered into collaboration with the aim of collecting, disseminating and promoting the use of indicators and measurement systems to monitor and assess progress towards sustainable development.

The IISD has housed the <u>Compendium of Sustainable Development Indicator Initiatives</u> since 1995 and the International Federation of Environmental Health has been running a project on sustainability indicator initiatives since 2000.

We would like to invite your organisation / institution to join the Compendium. Your organisation's / institution's indicator initiatives would be a valuable addition as other organisations and institutions such as yours and involved in similar activities would benefit from learning about your work. Any contribution from your organisation to the Compendium will be an added value to the success of the project which has been presented at the OECD World Summit in 2007 (Istanbul, Turkey) and 2009 (Busan, South Korea) - and coming up next in 2011 in India.

You can add information on your indicator initiative(s) with a broad focus on sustainability and environmental health and protection or just browse initiatives already included in the Compendium from both the IFEH and IISD websites:

IFEH: www.ifeh.org/indicators/compendium IISD: www.iisd.org/measure/compendium

By contributing, you can help to:

- ... Improve how to measure progress towards sustainability
- ... Share your experience with other institutions involved in similar indicator efforts throughout the World
- ... Track the organizations / institutions which are innovating in this field
- ... Facilitate the coordination of sustainability indicator initiatives worldwide
- ... Keep your organisation in touch and informed

With more than 940 entries, the Compendium is one of the most extensive sources of information on sustainable development indicator initiatives around the world. Entries in the Compendium are created by practitioners, for practitioners with the Compendium website receiving more than 1000 visits per month.

Access to the Compendium is free and it aims at reaching and motivating the widest audience possible. Practitioners save time and resources, enabling them to stay current and avoid duplication.

Over the years, the Compendium has benefited from the collaboration and support of organizations such as Environment Canada, UN Commission for Sustainable Development, World Bank, Redefining Progress and others.

As you are in the best position to provide information on your organisation / institution and its work, we urge you to take a few minutes to create an entry in the Compendium and join the growing network of sustainable development measurement practitioners. Just follow the link below to add your initiative: http://www.iisd.org/measure/compendium/addinitiative.aspx

The IFEH is willing to enter the above mentioned information on your behalf, if needed. To use this option please send an email to compendium@ifeh.org (maintained by Henning Hansen, Coordinator of the IFEH Working group)

Thank you for assistance in keeping the Compendium an up-to-date resource for today's sustainable development practitioners.