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2nd International Forum on Partnerships for Sustainable Development: Advancing Implementation on Water and Energy

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The Moroccan Ministry of Territory Planning, Water and Environment (MATEE)

In cooperation with

The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN/DESA)

The Forum's Goals

The purpose of the Forum is to advance sustainable development implementation by strengthening and fostering **water and energy related partnerships**. The 2nd Forum will build upon outcomes from other international partnership discussions, including the 1st International Forum on Partnerships for Sustainable Development (March 2004 in Rome, Italy) and the 12th Session of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-12, April 2004 in UNHQ, New York). Forum outcomes will be presented during CSD-13 in New York, April 11-22, 2005.

The Forum will:

I. Highlight key elements of sustainable development partnerships related to water and energy, including:

- Using innovative partnership approaches to overcome constraints in implementing water and energy related goals;
- Establishing new and strengthening existing partnerships, particularly in developing countries;
- Sharing lessons learned and best practices in the partnering process (e.g. building, managing, and resourcing partnerships, etc.)

II. Provide networking opportunities and showcase partnerships that work, including through an exposition.

Who Should Attend

Partnership practitioners from government, civil society, private sector and international organizations, particularly those who are involved in the day-to-day operations of existing water or energy related partnerships as well as those who seek to strengthen, launch or join water or energy related partnerships.

More information

Visit www.minenv.gov.ma/forum-part.2005 for information about the Forum.

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Partnerships for sustainable development are voluntary, multi-stakeholder initiatives contributing to the implementation of Agenda 21, Rio+5, the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation and the internationally agreed development goals in the Millennium Declaration.

For more information on these partnerships, visit DESA's website: www.un.org/esa/sustdev/partnerships/