

# Sustainable Development Action Plan – Progress Report Summary 2008

**Organisation:** Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Department
  Non-Ministerial Department
  Executive Agency
  NDPB
  Other

**Report of progress against:** Sustainable Development Action Plan 2008/2009

## Progress Against Actions

Percentage of actions complete or on target: 58%

Average impact rating\* of all the actions which are complete or on target: 2.9

\*The Impact rating (1-4) is a self-assessment of the contribution to SD priority areas, and is not an indication of performance.

## Embedding Sustainability

Self assessment ratings against four themes: To what extent is sustainable development embedded?

Policies	People	Operations	Governance, Monitoring and Reporting
Some Progress	Some Progress	On Course	Some Progress

## Sustainable Procurement

Self assessment ratings against five themes of the Flexible Framework: What level has the organisation already reached? (Where an alternative sustainable procurement tool has been used, please provide an appropriate summary.)

People	Policy, Strategy & Communications	Procurement Process	Engaging Suppliers	Measurements and Results
Level 1 - Foundation	Level 2 - Embed	Level 1 - Foundation	Level 1 - Foundation	Level 1 - Foundation

## Taking Stock

What have been the **highlights** of your organisation's sustainable development progress over the past year?

- Working with Defra to develop Sustainable Development Dialogues
- Gaining EU agreement to finance CCS plants (Euro 9 billion committed)
- UN Millennium Development Goals meeting in Sep 08 achieved \$17.5bn of additional funding
- Adoption of Convention on Cluster Munitions on 30 May

What are the key **challenges** for the future?

- Economic Crisis
- FCO Resources
- Creating SMART actions
- Develop staff understanding of sustainable development in policy areas

What are the key things which have **helped and hindered** progress towards sustainable development?

Helps:

- Staff engagement
- Sustainable Operations in High level change plan

Hinders:

- Economic Crisis
- FCO Resources

What **lessons have been learnt** from the progress report? How will these be taken forward in the next SDAP?

- SMARTer actions for the next SDAP
- Structure and Governance – a Board level Sustainable Development Champion and network of Sustainable Development Champions
- SD integrated into business planning process
- SD e-learning, SD session built into induction training.

Please summarise how the SDAP is aligned with and has helped your organisation to deliver its high level strategic objectives, including any Public Service Agreements (PSAs) and Departmental Strategic Objectives (DSOs).

The principles and priorities of sustainable development underpin a lot of policy work in the FCO. Much of our work around DSOs on climate change and energy, development and conflict prevention has been closely aligned with the principles and priorities outlined in Securing the Future.

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