



The role of Regions in Fighting Climate Change for Development: a strategic partnership with the United Nations.



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The Expertise of Regions in NRG4SD

- Climate change mitigation will result in a paradigm shift in power generation, from a small number of large coal-fired power plants to a large number of small RET power plants;
- In addition to technology and finance, entrepreneurial skills at the local level could prove a key constraint towards a low-carbon development path;
- Regions have a unique expertise in three key NRG4SD areas: (i) decentralized governance; (ii) economic growth promotion and skills development at the sub-regional level; and (iii) cross-boundary cooperation.

UNDP- Regions Partnerships for NRD4SD

- North-South and South-South Partnerships between Regions in capacity development for adaptation, decentralized power generation and private sector development;
- Piloting carbon-neutral provincial and municipal development;
- Global advocacy for a low-carbon economic development.

Nine concrete strategic Actions to be undertaken between UN and Regions

- **Preparing Saint Malo's Summit:** provide information on UN-regions existing partnerships in the field of sustainable development, climate change, disaster reduction
Right now work under progress with UNEP, ISDR, UNDP GEF
- 2. Lobby UN agencies for their participation ...: **Regions to be acquainted as constituent for the negotiation of the Kyoto 2 protocol**
- Develop best practices Brochure
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- **Methodological research**

From existing methodologies design a specific territorial methodology on assessment of GHG emissions and identification of measures aiming at getting a **territorial climate change footprint and action plan**. (UNDP GEF and Hub are working on it. NRG4SD most welcome)

- 5. **Guidelines and Tool kit adapted for regional and local authorities**

5.1. why design a mitigation strategy for your territory (general issues on climate change, impact on territories and possible role of public authorities)

5.2. how to evaluate GHG sources on your territory (cf methodology above)

5.3. how to design and monitor a mitigation strategy and action plan

5.4. what types of actions can I implement as a public authority to reduce GHG emissions on my territory

5.5. how to find financing for mitigation policies (including GEF, SGP & carbon finance, CDM)

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6. Awareness and Training campaign for regions of the world

To be discussed, designed, financed and implemented

- **Gather Industrialized Regions of Europe to develop solidarity strategy on carbon market with developing Regions**

7.1. With the support (expertise and funds) from GEF and 6 to 8 voluntary industrialized Regions, identify 4 to 6 developing pilot regions ready to assess their Territorial Carbon Foot Print (TCFP) (see methodology above), and to develop their Regional Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan (RCC S&AP).

7.2. Identify specific projects to be implemented through their RCC S&AP thanks to various sources of fundings (GEF, SGP & carbon finance, CDM, decentralised cooperation ...)

7.3. Scale up through a new joined UN – national gvts – regional gvts and PPP Trust Funds Mechanism which would allow more developing regions to get their TCFP and RCC S&AP

Need to agree before Saint Malo in order to announce at Saint Malo and ready to implement right after SM Summit

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8. Develop joined sustainable development projects

Joined SGP +national and regional funds within the ART GOLD programmes now implemented in 50 regions through 15 countries.

- **Water and sanitation:**

Have several industrialized Regions getting through a 1 % regional water budget or a 1 ct € or \$US per cubic used water, sponsoring developing Regions in developing their water strategy (access to water and sanitation), and implementing specific water coherent programmes and projects