

nrg4SD FROM JOHANNESBOURG (2002) TO SAINT MALO (2008): a long walk

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INTRODUCTION

- Nrg4SD is an international organization and network of “regional governments” and “associations of regional governments” for Sustainable Development.
- Formed by regional governments in the Johannesburg World Summit on Sustainable Development (2002) to share information and experience about sustainable development policy-making and implementation at the sub-national level of governance.
- It has the Gauteng Declaration as its founding document

OBJECTIVES

- To represent Regional Governments at a global level.
- To promote Sustainable Development at the regional government level throughout the world.
- To share information and experience concerning Sustainable Development policies with Regional Governments throughout the world.
- To facilitate bilateral and multilateral partnership agreements.
- To seek international recognition of the contribution to Sustainable Development made by Regional Governments.
- To obtain representation at International Organisations and National Governments.

IMPORTANCE OF REGIONAL GOV ' S

- Regional Governments are often the main implementing bodies for global agreements on sustainable development because of their range of responsibilities.
- Regions are close enough to people to tailor their action to the people's needs but strategic enough to make links between areas of policy.
- Regional Governments are essential partners with other spheres of government and civil society to ensure effective policy-development and implementation.

MEMBERS

In 2002 we were 27 members, we're 36 members now and 3 are in process to be members.

Regional Governments_(30)	Associations of Regional Governments (6)
Aragon (Spain) Azores (Portugal) Basque Country (Spain) Brittany (France) Bourgogne (France) Callao (Peru) Canarias (Spain) Cantabria (Spain) Catalonia (Spain) Chaco (Argentina) Flanders (Belgium) Galicia (Spain) Goiás (Brasil) Intendencia de Canelones (Uruguay) Kaunas (Lithuania) Mbale (Uganda) North Sumatera (Indonesia) Prodipan (Bangladesh) Reunion (France) Riau (Indonesia) Santa Fe (Argentina) Sao Paulo (Brasil) Sofala (Mozambique) Tulcea (Romania) Tuscany (Italy) Wales (UK) Wallonia (Belgium) West Java (Indonesia) Western Australia (Australia) Western Cape (South Africa)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associação Brasileira de Entidades Estaduais de Meio Ambiente, ABEMA • Asociación Nacional de Autoridades Ambientales Estatales de Mexico, ANAAE • Conférence des Régions Périphériques Maritimes d'Europe (CRPM), CPMR • Congreso de Intendentes de Uruguay • Northern Forum • Organización Latinoamericana de Gobiernos Intermedios, OLAGI

WHAT nrg4SD DOES

Since 2002:

- nrg4SD holds regular Summits, GA, Conferences and Seminars
- nrg4SD has adopted 9 Policy Papers in main thematic areas (Policy Paper on Climate Change approved yesterday)
- nrg4SD has just concluded the process of approving its
 - Strategic Plan 2008-2014 &
 - Work Programme 2008-2011 (approved yesterday)

PARTNERSHIPS

- August 2004: Protocol of Intention between nrg4SD and the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean of the UNEP
- 2005: Promotion of a Reconstruction Project following the Tsunami Catastrophe
- November 2006: MOU between nrg4SD and the Hub for Innovative Partnerships of UNDP
- October 2008: Letter of Intent between nrg4SD & other Associations of Regions
- Partnerships between nrg4SD members

ACCREDITATION PROCESS UN

- UNFCCC Observer status since 2005
- UNEP GC/GMEF observer status since 2007
- ECOSOC consultant status in process



PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- nrg4SD has actively participated in all CSDs since 2003
- nrg4SD has actively participated in all CoPs since 2003
- nrg4SD's Co-chair, Esther Larrañaga, spoke before the CoP-13 Plenary

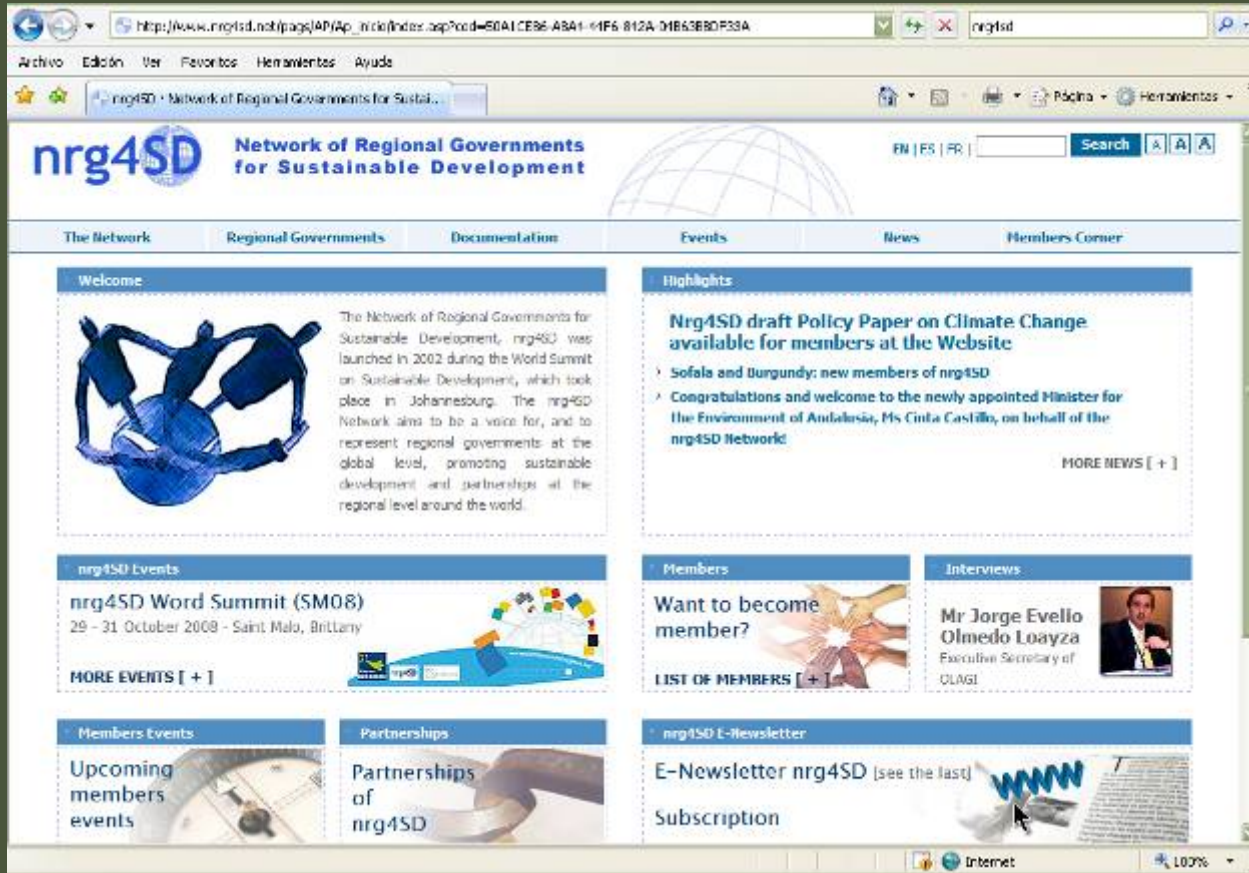
MAIN DIFFICULTIES AND KEYS TO SUCCESS

DIFFICULTIES

- Unknown in International Fora.
- Lack of strong structure.
- Limited financial and human resources.
- Pulling together with partners from different countries and cultures.

KEY FACTORS FOR SUCCESS

- Strong believe in the importance of the network.
- Hard working and committed Steering Committee, Co-Chairs, Secretary and Treasury.
- Willingness to succeed.



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development (nrg4SD). The browser address bar displays the URL: <http://www.nrg4sd.net/page/AP/Inicio/index.asp?cod=5041CE86-ABA1-41F6-812A-D1B53B8DF33A>. The website features a navigation menu with categories: The Network, Regional Governments, Documentation, Events, News, and Members Corner. The main content area includes a 'Welcome' section with a globe graphic and text describing the network's mission. A 'Highlights' section lists recent news items, such as the availability of a draft Policy Paper on Climate Change and the appointment of a new Minister for the Environment of Andalusia. Other sections include 'nrg4SD Events' (nrg4SD World Summit (SM08)), 'Members' (Want to become member?), 'Interviews' (Mr Jorge Evello Olmedo Loayza), 'Members Events' (Upcoming members events), 'Partnerships' (Partnerships of nrg4SD), and 'nrg4SD E-Newsletter' (E-Newsletter nrg4SD).

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