

## **40 Countries Gather in Dakar to Identify their Post-Rio Priorities**

More than 40 countries that have undertaken national preparatory processes for the Rio+20 Conference were meeting in Dakar (Senegal) this week (15-17 May) at an inter-regional learning workshop to share experiences and define implementation approaches post-Rio. A joint UN DESA/UNDP effort has supported some 80 countries to undertake nationally-led consultative processes to review progress, challenges and gaps in the implementation of sustainable development over the last two decades.

Some 100 participants are taking part in the Dakar meeting, sharing good practices and learning from each other with a view to identifying key areas of support for implementing the Rio+20 outcome. This meeting is also a platform for advocacy on the themes and issues of the Rio+20 conference. These include a high level panel to address the themes of the conference and the key priorities identified in the national preparatory processes. A one-day civil society forum is also convened jointly with the United Nations Millennium Campaign to explore ways of enhancing civil society engagement in national and regional consultations both for Rio and the Post 2015 processes. Brice Lalonde, Executive Coordinator for Rio+20 addressed the Interregional Learning Meeting.

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For more details, [visit the National Preparations webpage](#)

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