

Newsletter Peer review Netherlands Sustainable Development Strategy

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This newsletter is intended to inform all those interested in this project and is updated regularly. For questions please contact the RMNO, +31 70 3155210 or jelle.blaauwbroek@rmno.nl.

What has happened since May 4 2007?

*Meeting prime minister: On May 21 Pancho Ndebele has visited the prime minister. He spoke with the Prime Minister, minister Cramer and minister Koenders. Balkenende said to Ndebele that sustainable development is one of the key areas of focus of this cabinet for the next four years.

* Berlin: At the SD conference in Berlin (ESB 2007) the method of peer review was discussed, as examples the review of The Netherlands and Norway were briefly presented and discussed with the public.

* Final Report: On June 21, the review team has presented its final review report to minister Cramer. In the report "A New Sustainable Development Strategy: An opportunity Not To Be Missed" the 46 recommendations for a new sustainable development framework are presented. "A New Sustainable Development Strategy: An Opportunity Not To Be Missed" can be downloaded on:

http://www.rmno.nl/files_content/A%20New%20Sustainable%20Development%20Strategy%20An%20Opportunity%20Not%20To%20Be%20Missed.pdf

* Presentation: After the presentation of the report to minister Cramer, Pancho Ndebele has presented the review rapport on the Midzomern8 festival, Amsterdam. On the festival Pancho Ndebele was interviewed by Beau van Erven Dorens. There was also a debate about the report on the Midzomern8 festival. More than 100 people, from government, business, NGO's and society have taken part in this debate. The main goal of the debate was to collect ideas about concrete steps, to be taken by all stakeholders: how to bridge recommendations to results. The outcome of the debate will be send to the Prime Minister. You can also find it on the RMNO website.

* Last newsletter: This will be the last newsletter about the peer review. Please check the RMNO website for information on sustainable development and the RMNO.

Coming up

How can SD work in the Netherlands. One of the issues is by what organisational system SD activities are initiated, supported, watched and commented in a way that government but also the stakeholders create an effective approach for managing SD in the Netherlands. The RMNO will actively advice government about the implementation of recommendations, especially 20a and 20b.