



II Inter-American Meeting of Ministers
and High-Level Authorities on
Sustainable Development
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic



Organization of
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Hemispheric VIRTUAL CONSULTATION FORUM

**THE DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (DSD) OF THE
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES (OAS)
in cooperation with the
SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS SECRETARIAT (SAS)
ANNOUNCES A VIRTUAL CONSULTATION FORUM
in the framework of the**

Second Inter-American Meeting of Ministers and High-Level Authorities on Sustainable Development

In order to contribute to the strengthening of democratic governance and sustainable development in the region, and by taking advantage of the advances in information and communication technologies, the Department of Sustainable Development of the OAS, in cooperation with the Summit of the Americas Secretariat, is hosting a Virtual Forum from September 15 to October 15, 2010. The objective of this consultation is to strengthen and guarantee a wide participation of civil society input into the preparatory process for the Second Inter-American Meeting of Ministers and High-Level Authorities on Sustainable Development as well as to facilitate the discussion among civil society organizations and other social actors on five issues under the umbrella theme "Towards Sustainable Development in the Americas":

- (1) Follow up on the Santa Cruz + 10 Declaration;
- (2) Implementation of the Inter-American Program on Sustainable Development (PIDS);
- (3) Vulnerability in the Context of Sustainable Development;
- (4) Risk Management and Planning; and
- (5) Institutional and management aspects related to climate change.

The Ministerial Meeting will be held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, November 2010. This second Ministerial level meeting aims to identify priorities in the hemispheric agenda, address the emerging challenges in sustainable development and to assess the common opportunities for the countries of the region.

Comments and recommendations posted on the Virtual Forum will provide key input to Member States as they advance in the negotiation of the Draft Declaration of Santo Domingo and in preparations for the Second Ministerial Meeting. To this end, recommendations will be compiled in a report that will be presented to Member States Representatives, including Permanent Missions to the OAS.

The Draft Declaration of Santo Domingo will be presented for consideration and approval by Ministers during the Second Inter- American Meeting of Ministers and High-Level Authorities on Sustainable Development, to be held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, November 2010.

Who: Civil Society Organizations and other social actors

What: Virtual Consultation Forum

Where: Virtual – Visit the [Summits Virtual Community](#) or the website the [Department of Sustainable Development \(DSD\)](#) for more information

When: September 15 to October 15, 2010

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