

Germany

Sustainable Development Council

Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder announced, on 21 February 2001, the launch of a Sustainable Development Council to help the federal Government with its environmental policy.

The Assembly will have 16 members, representing the economic, scientific, environmental and consumer protection sectors. A government spokesman has said that the Commission of State Secretaries for Sustainable Development, whose creation was previously agreed upon,

will be up and running in March this year under the supervision of the State Minister, Hans-Martin Bury.

The Council will help to determine a long-term sustainable federal development strategy, which the Commission of State Secretaries will then use to prepare and table proposals to the Government. The authorities want to have a national strategy defined by 2002 in time to unveil it in Johannesburg, during the Earth Summit 2002.

