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## Timeline

### A Brief History

**1972** – With the convening of the UN Conference on the Human Environment, held in Stockholm, the environment became an international issue.

**June 1992** – At the UN Conference on Environment and Development (the Earth Summit) in Rio de Janeiro, governments adopted Agenda 21 — a global action plan for sustainable development — the Rio Declaration and a Statement of Forest Principles. The Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Convention on Biological Diversity were opened for signature. Over 100 heads of State or Government attend.

**June 1997** – At the “Earth Summit+5” special session of the UN General Assembly, governments agreed on a programme of action for further implementation of Agenda 21.

**December 2000** – The UN General Assembly decided to hold a World Summit on Sustainable Development in 2002, to reinvigorate at the highest political levels the global commitment to sustainable development agreed ten years ago at the Earth Summit.

### What’s Happening in 2001

**April 2001** – At the first session of the preparatory committee (PrepCom) for the Summit — held as the tenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development — governments focused on procedural matters.

**July-August 2001** – A series of five regional roundtables were organized by the United Nations, to seek input and innovative ideas from eminent persons with expertise in the field of sustainable development.

**September-November 2001** – Five regional PrepCom meetings are being held to examine issues of concern to each region and identify future priorities.

**Mid-December 2001** – A major assessment report by UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan will be released, evaluating progress and obstacles in achieving sustainable development over the past ten years.

### Coming Up in 2002

**28 January-8 February 2002** – The second global PrepCom meeting will be held in New York, to focus on the Secretary-General’s assessment report and input from regional meetings.

**25 March-5 April 2002** – The third global PrepCom meeting will be held in New York, to advance options for further action.

**27 May-7 June 2002** – The fourth global PrepCom meeting will be held in Indonesia, at the Ministerial level, to agree on the final matters to be considered by world leaders at the Summit.

**2-11 September 2002** – Johannesburg Summit 2002: The World Summit on Sustainable Development