

**Name of the Partnership/Initiative**

**Bicycle Refurbishing Initiative**

**Expected date of initiation:** 30 September 2002

**Expected date of completion:** 31 December 2012

**Partners Involved: (to be confirmed)**

*Governments:* South Africa, The Netherlands, Ireland, England, USA

*Local Governments:* International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI), City of Delft, City of Leiden, City of Amsterdam, City of Eindhoven, City of Tswane, Buffalo City

*Intergovernmental organizations:* European Commission, UNEP

Major groups: Shimano Inc., Master Plan BV

Other: ITDP, Velo Mondial, I-ce, Afribike Nederland, BEN South Africa, Bike Link Ireland, Re-Cycle England

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**Main objectives of the Partnership/Initiative**

*Please provide a brief description:*

The Partnership/Initiative will develop a working model in South Africa and in Europe / USA. to establish a Bicycle Refurbishing Industry target of realizing more cycling, contributing to:

- CO2 emission reduction / climate change control /improving air quality
- Road safety & overall traffic management
- Poverty relief
- Sustainable economical development
- Accessibility and Emancipation
- Health promotion

The key action objectives of the Partnership/Initiative are to enhance sustainable development and improve the quality of life in urban rural communities. The Partnership/Initiative contributes to these objectives, by facilitating the implementation of a more sustainable transport system with a significant share of cycling.

The bicycle is a clean, non-polluting mode of transport that consumes no fossil fuels and little space, but still, as an alternative to the private automobile, ensures mobility and accessibility.

Facilitating cycling is essential in combating poverty, since it saves time and increases income generation opportunities. The Partnership/Initiative presents a broad practical framework for the facilitation of cycling.

Cycling policy directly relates to the Agenda 21 objectives. Its cross sectoral benefits for the World Summit on Sustainable development relate to the quality of life, economic growth and social equity in urban and rural areas. It promotes economic independence.

It is foreseen that a successful program, once working in Africa, could be replicated in other regions if interest is forthcoming.

*Please also provide a brief description of the relationship of the Partnership/Initiative with the objectives of Agenda 21 as well as relevant goals and objectives of the United Nation Millennium Declaration.*

Relationship of the Partnership with objectives of Agenda 21 exist towards the following chapters of Agenda 21:

Chapter 3 - Combating Poverty

Chapter 6 - Protection And Promotion Of Human Health

Chapter 7 - Promoting Sustainable Human Settlement Development

Chapter 8 - Integrating Environment And Development In Decision-making

Chapter 9 - Protection Of The Atmosphere

Chapter 10 - Integrated Approach To The Planning And Management Of Land Resources

Chapter 24 - Global Action For Women Towards Sustainable And Equitable Development

Chapter 25 - Children And Youth In Sustainable Development

Chapter 34 - Transfer Of Environmentally Sound Technology, Cooperation And Capacity-building

Chapter 35 - Science For Sustainable Development

Chapter 36 - Promoting Education, Public Awareness And Training

Chapter 37 - National Mechanisms And International Cooperation For Capacity-building

*Relationship of the Partnership with United Nation Millennium Declaration:*

- By 2020, to have achieved a significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers as proposed in the “Cities Without Slums” initiative.
- To promote gender equality and the empowerment of women, as effective ways to combat poverty, hunger and disease and to stimulate development that is truly sustainable.
- To develop and implement strategies that give young people everywhere a real chance to find decent and productive work.
- To develop strong partnerships with the private sector, and with civil society organizations, in pursuit of development and poverty eradication.

### **Expected results:**

Work package 1.

- Setting up a collection system in Europe, more specifically in The Netherlands, Ireland and England and in the USA, aiming at 100,000 bicycles per year in 5 years time

Work package 2.

- Setting up a franchise system for cycle refurbishing in plants in South Africa

Work package 3.

- Setting up a franchise system for cycle container shops in South Africa

Work package 4.

- Realizing cycle training courses

Work package 5.

- Executing the refurbishing and shop systems in 10 plants and 100 shops, aiming at 100,000 bicycles per year in 5 years time

Work package 6.

- Execution of Thematic network; Mid Term Review; Evaluation; Planning Forward

### **Specific targets of the Partnership/Initiative and timeframe for their achievement:**

**2002:** Setting up a collection system in Europe, more specifically in The Netherlands, Ireland and England

**2002** Setting up a franchise system for plants and shops in South Africa / legal system development

**2003 - 2007** Setting up of plants and shops

**2003** Start of setting up of Cycling Training

**2003 – 2007** Execution of Thematic network

**2004** Mid term review at Velo Mondial 2006 in Cape Town or New Delhi

**2006** Evaluation and planning the way forward

### **Coordination and Implementation mechanism**

*Please provide a brief description of expected coordination/implementation mechanism of the Partnership/Initiative.*

Velo Mondial / Afribike Nederland as leading partner will carry out the overall project management. The project management will provide administrative co-ordination.

Partnership/Initiative and work package meetings will be organized to secure the co-ordination of necessary input. The schedule of meetings and deliverables will provide the guiding principles.

The project coordinator internally reports to a Steering Committee in which work package leaders and executive representatives of Partnership/Initiative members are assembled. The Steering Committee provides strategic guidance to the project, while the project coordinator is responsible for the day-to-day contacts with the work package leaders.

The project management will co-ordinate the co-operation between the work package leaders and the other Partnership/Initiative members. The work package leaders remain responsible for the overall work package load and will liaise with the relevant consortium partners. The project manager will assess reports of the conferences, Partnership/Initiative - and work package meetings on quality, consistency and on timeliness of deliverables. The project management will secure an appropriate future structure for the continuation of the Partnership/Initiative involving the relevant parties.

### **Arrangements for funding**

*Please describe available and/or expected sources of funding for the implementation of the Partnership/Initiative (e.g. donor government(s); international organization(s)/financial institution(s); foundation(s); private sector; other major groups, etc.)*

The Partnership/Initiative members are asked to commit themselves to generating adequate support in kind as well as contribute to finding funds to make the Partnership/Initiative feasible. In general € 10 is needed to collect and ship 1 bicycle to South Africa. A container holds 425 bicycles if well stacked. Once in South Africa every bicycle will create employment for hundreds and ongoing economic activity for the franchise holders both in plants and shops. For every work package a budget will be developed and adequate funding will be found. The central organization expects to find funding for the central coordination with the city of Amsterdam. The Dutch Ministry of Transport is expected to initially fund the project. The European Commission Environmental programs as well as national environment programs can fund the continuation. The industry will be asked to develop a system supporting the collection in Europe. The South African government can be asked to provide small loans.

### **Arrangements for capacity building and technology transfer**

*Please include information if the Partnership/Initiative provides for training, informational support, institutional strengthening and/or other capacity building measures:*

- Technical assistance to develop and implement investment plans
- (Interactive) training programs for cycle repair professionals
- Capacity building in the fields of management, logistics, financial management.

### **Links of Partnership/Initiative with on-going sustainable development activities at the international and/or regional level (if any)**

*Please provide a brief description:*

Velo Mondial is founder of Afribike Nederland, a foundation that aims at supporting cycling in (South) Africa by collecting, transporting and refurbishing second hand bicycles. The project improves local transport, employment and poverty relief capacity.

Velo Mondial organizes conferences, benchmark programs, VeloInfo and The Global Master Plan for Cycling.

Velo Mondial is founding member of PABIN, the Pan African Bicycle Network.

### **Monitoring Arrangements**

*Please describe expected arrangements for monitoring of progress in the implementation of Partnerships/Initiative after it will be launched at the WSSD:*

*(e.g. frequency/modalities of preparation of progress reports; electronic updates, news-letters, etc)*

The project will be monitored through the Thematic Network that will be set up. The Velo Mondial / Afribike Nederland website will be set up for monitoring purposes. Velo Mondial /

Afrbike Nederland website will publish the results achieved in the project. Afrbike Nederland will publicize the governance of the project and the planning ahead. The partners will link their websites to the website of Velo Mondial / Afrbike Nederland and vice versa.

**Other relevant information:**

Velo Mondial / Afrbike Nederland are non for profit foundations to Dutch law. Afrbike Nederland is an initiative taken by Velo Mondial.

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