

# DELIVERING THE WSSD COMMITTMENTS

The contribution of the Ecosystem  
Approach

# WSSD KEY ELEMENTS

Interdependent and mutually reinforcing  
integration of 3 SD elements **through**

**(1) Poverty eradication**

**(2) Changing unsustainable production and  
consumption**

**(3) Protecting and managing natural  
resource base of economic and social  
development**

# Poverty eradication

- Environmentally sustainable systems of agriculture, and other production
- Developing skills for managing natural resources
- Working with nature on flood alleviation
- Development of renewable energy

# Changing unsustainable production and consumption

- Science-based assessments
- Methodology for internalising costs and measuring outcomes
- Integrated approach to policy
- Awareness raising and capacity building

# Protecting and managing natural resource base of development

- Integrated approach to resource management at appropriate scale
- Scientific understanding of resource management, including risks
- Reduction in loss of biodiversity
- Reduction in contribution to global warming

# How the Ecosystem Approach can help (1)

- Produce integrated strategies and actions for ecosystems, eg basins, mountains, coasts
- Focus on functional relationships
- Assess natural resource capacity
- Use scientific knowledge
- Develop monitoring and review mechanisms
- Raise awareness and build capacity

# How the Ecosystem Approach can help (2)

- ‘Promote the wide implementation and further development of the Ecosystem Approach’
- Promote sustainable use of resources
  - Identify biodiversity hot spots
  - Develop ecological networks and corridors
  - Biodiversity objectives in all relevant plans
  - Promote participation in society