

The President's Council on Sustainable Development (PCSD), established by President Clinton in June 1993, held its first meeting outside of Washington, D.C. on Jan. 13-14, 1994 in Seattle, WA. The goal of the PCSD is to explore and develop policies that encourage economic development, job creation, and protection of natural resources. The Council is comprised of 25 high-ranking officials from industry, government, environmental groups, labor, and civil rights organizations, and is co-chaired by Jonathan Lash, President of the World Resources Institute, and David Buzzelli, Vice President of Dow Chemical Company.

The Council meets quarterly during the initial 2-year period and can be renewed by President Clinton for 2 more years. Its members serve on 6 task forces: (1) Defining principles of sustainable development; (2) Setting public dialogue and education activities in motion; (3) Redefining national energy policies; (4) Identifying models of sustainable manufacturing, pollution prevention, and other eco-efficient strategies; (5) Establishing guidelines to expand natural resource protection and management; and (6) Identifying examples and elements of sustainable communities.

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