

ECA PERSPECTIVES ON NATIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES (NSDS) IN AFRICA

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Introduction

- ★ **UNCED / RIO – 1995, RIO+ 5, WSSD**
- ★ **Many Initiatives – Agenda 21, NSDS**
- ★ **NCSD- Africa, 2003-4**
- ★ **Nexus Study, 2004**



SD Policies, Plans and Strategies

- ★ **National Visions, NDP, RDP**
- ★ **Poverty, environment, natural resources, agriculture, social issues, economic development and SD- broad sense**
- ★ **Few - Visions, PRSPs - SD Strategies**
- ★ **NSDS Developed / Process**
- ★ **Mostly – EANR – E Dominant**



Some Key Principles

- ★ **Integrative, building on existing processes and rationalisation**
- ★ **Monitoring and evaluation, continuous learning and improvement, clear goals and targets**
- ★ **Effective and efficient institutions**



Key Principles ...

- ★ **Broad based and effective participation**
- ★ **Decentralization to appropriate levels**



Capacity Issues

- ★ **Capacity building, strengthening and prioritisation, rationalizing and synergistic implementation**
- ★ **Capacity retention**
- ★ **Resource availability and predictability**
- ★ **Well-targeted support**
- ★ **Innovative financing ...**



Prospects

- ★ **Developed & Implementing**
- ★ **Increasingly engaging a wide range of stakeholders**
- ★ **Mechanisms for inter-agency coordination and collaboration & to certain extents, functional**
- ★ **Support from development partners**
- ★ **Opportunities abound**



Prospects...

- ★ **People's perception of NSDS**
- ★ **Streamlining and rationalising**
- ★ **Greater sensitisation and capacity building and strengthening**
- ★ **Demonstrated and sustained political will**
- ★ **Commitment to genuine partnerships**

