SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- Path to achieve the SDGs
- Report on progress
- Challenges and opportunities
BELIZE’S LONG TERM PLANNING

• Horizon 2030 (Long-term National Vision)
• Sets the vision for the Growth and Sustainable Development Strategy (GSDS)
• Goals and objectives in the GSDS are harmonized with Horizon 2030
• Was a continuous reference document in the drafting of the GSDS and 2017 Voluntary Nation Review.
1. Optimal National Income & Investment

2. Social Cohesion & Resilience

3. Governance & Citizen Security

4. National, Environmental, Historical & Cultural Assets

A better quality of life for all Belizean’s, now and in the future
COORDINATION FOR IMPLEMENTATION

OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

CEO CAUCUS

MED/MAFFESD

Optimal National Income & Investment Committee
Social Cohesion and Resilience Committee
Natural, Environmental, Historical, and Cultural Assets Committee
Governance and Citizen Security Committee

ECONOMIC AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

AUTHORIZATION OF THE GSDD

REVIEW OF THE GSDD; RESOLVE PRIORITIZATION ISSUES AND POLICY CONFLICTS

OVERALL COORDINATION

TECHNICAL COMMITTEES: POLICY REVIEW, PRIORITIZATION, M&E OVERSIGHT (REPORT TO CEO CAUCUS)

ADVISORY BODY: PROVIDE INPUT ON IMPLEMENTATION AND FUTURE PRIORITIES
PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTATION
GSDS PROCESS
REPLICATED

FOCUSED ON 4 GOALS
(1, 3, 5 AND 14)

INTER-MINISTERIAL REVIEW
COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED
AND ACTIVATED

DESK REVIEW OF NATIONAL
PLANS, POLICIES, STRATEGIES
AND SECTOR DOCUMENTS

BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS
WITH KEY STATE AND
NON-STATE ACTORS

VALIDATION WORKSHOP
1. **No Poverty**
Poverty – income poverty, lack of opportunities, vulnerability

**Causes:**
- Global economic recession 2008
- Natural disasters (hurricane and floods) in 2007 and 2008

**Initiatives:**
- Building Opportunities for Our Social Transformation (BOOST)
- Single Information System of Beneficiaries (SISB)
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**Change in poverty rate 2002 - 2009**

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3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING
Positive outcomes:
• Currently 100% of public sector hospitals certified as Mother and Baby Friendly Hospitals.
• Exclusive Breastfeeding Rate Up to 6 months of Age increased from 10.0% in 2011 to 33.0% in 2015.
• Belize met the Toronto Call to Action target of 39.7 health care professionals per 10,000 population.
• The adolescent birth rate (aged 10-14 years) over the last five years have been slowly declining, now averaging at 1.09 births per 1,000 women.

Challenges:
• Shortages in medical officers and specialist nurses.
• Tuberculosis and Dengue remains a concern.
• Lack of adequate treatment centers and programs for those requiring addiction rehabilitation.
Challenges:

• Women own less land, fewer business and less access to credit
• Some processes are expensive and tedious
• Some social and cultural barriers remain

- The National Gender Policy 2013 is aligned with the 2030 development agenda and other national and international commitments.
- A national gender information database was implemented to monitor the National Gender Policy.
- National Gender-Based Violence Plan of Action 2017-2020 was presented to Cabinet in January 2017.
Success Stories:

• In 2013, fisheries management shifted away from being an open access fishery to managed access, in which communities have a greater say in resource use.

• Currently 21.0% of Belize’s waters are under protection with 3% no take zone, exceeding the SDG minimum conservation threshold of 10.0%.

Voluntary Commitments:

• By 2018, enact and implement the new Fisheries Bill.

• By 2020, develop and implement the National Fisheries Policy.

• By 2020, develop and implement fisheries management plan/adaptive management plan for main commercial species such as conch, lobster, and fin fish.

• By 2020, implement the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan by Government agencies, developers and relevant stakeholders.
CHALLENGES

HUMAN AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

ALIGNMENT TO NATIONAL BUDGET

DATA

COORDINATION AND COLLABORATION
thank you!