Namibia Capacity Building programme: Training in Public Policy Development, Coordination, Implementation Review & Analysis, Monitoring and Evaluation

Ms. Evelina Julius

Department of Regional, Sectoral Planning & Policy Coordination

National Planning Commission

3 /9/20

Outline of the presentation

- ✓ Background Who are We?
- ✓ Policy Coordination in Namibia Where are we?

√ The Existing Gaps – Areas for capacity Building

✓ Looking Forward – *Strengthening Policy Making*

✓ Conclusion

Who We are?

Name

National Planning Commission

Establishment

An Institution
under the
Presidency
established inline
with Article 129 of
the Namibian
Constitution to
direct National
priorities

Core Mandate

**Spearhead the identification of Namibia's socioeconomic

Priorities

** Develop M&E mechanisms for effective implementation of NDPs

**Coordinate the development and evaluate socioeconomic Policies

Who are We? - Policy Coordination and Evaluation Mandate

NPC

- Provide expert advice in the development and revision of Government socio-economic policies.
- Provide expert advice in the Review of these policies.
- Monitor the progress on implementation of policies
- Evaluate Policies to establish their Effectiveness
- National experts on policy across sectors

Implication to OMAs

- Custodians in the development of Policies
- Rely on NPC for expert advice and direction/ guidance
- Implement Policies
- * Track progress on a specific Policy

Processes when developing a Policy In Namibia

Problem Identification

(stakeholders- cabinet, OMAs, community, etc)

Policy Evaluation / Assessment

(..., NPC evaluates for effectiveness)

Policy Implementation & Monitoring (..., NPC progress monitoring)

Agenda Setting

(Policy proposal, NPC for guidance)

Policy Formulation

(actual formulation, engagements, IAP..NPC for guidance & expertise)

Policy Adoption

(..., NPC for validation and Scrutiny)

What has been done so far?

- ✓ Guidelines to the structure of Public Policies to allow for a standard structure with specified components, allow for a compulsory IAP, reviewable every 5 years.
- ✓ Guidelines for the structure of Public Making Process Allows for step by step process in policy formulation, policy revision or policy termination
- ✓ Database for Public Policies Allows to keep stock of public policies in the country.
 - ✓ Also helps OMAs in identifying complementarities or conflicts when developing new Policies.

What has been done so far?

✓ TORs for Policy Focal Persons – Allows focal person in OMAs and RCs to know their roles and responsibilities.

✓ Annual Trainings – Allows for capacity Building to OMAs and interactions with both OMAs and regional councils at the same time.

- Reporting Template Enables progress check-ups on Policy implementation, annually.
 - ✓ Assists NPC to monitor progress on Policies, devise better implementation strategies.
 - ✓ Helps both OMAs and NPC in evaluate Policies for effectiveness.

The Existing Gaps – Areas for capacity Building

The Gaps

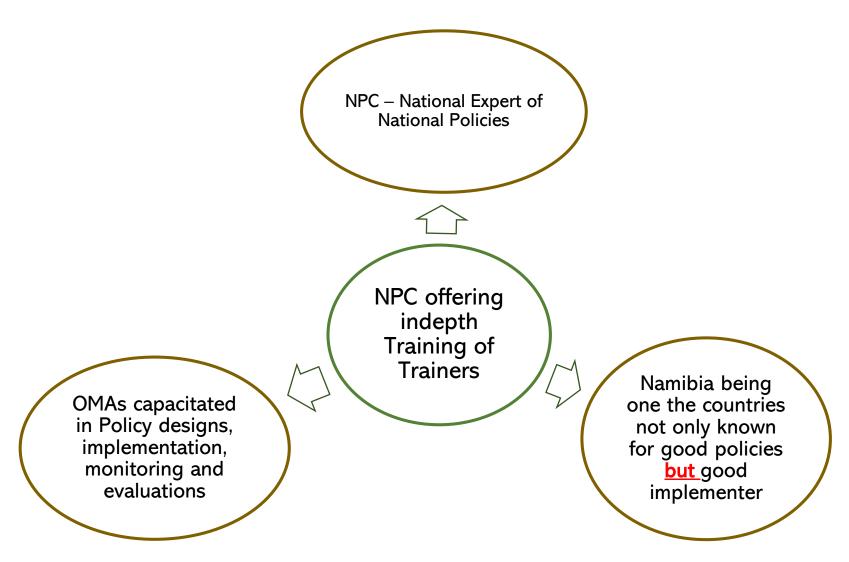
- ** Those dealing with Policies in OMAs not necessarily Policy Professionals or lack technical know how.
- ** After Putting structure in Place more capacity is needed to role out what we envisaged to do.
- ** The role requires us to be experts in what we do.
 Delivery of this role can not take place if we believe we lack something.



The Need

- ** Strengthen Capacity in Policy Development
- ** Strengthen Capacity in Policy analysis and Review
- ** Strengthen Capacity in Policy Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation
 - ** Learn from Best practices Study Tours
 - ** Secondment to Policy Institutions

Looking Forward – Strengthening Policy Making



THE END

