




**Cook Islands National Sustainable
Development Plan (NSDP) 2006-2010**



**The Cook Islands
Experience**



The NSDP Journey...

2003 National Development Forum

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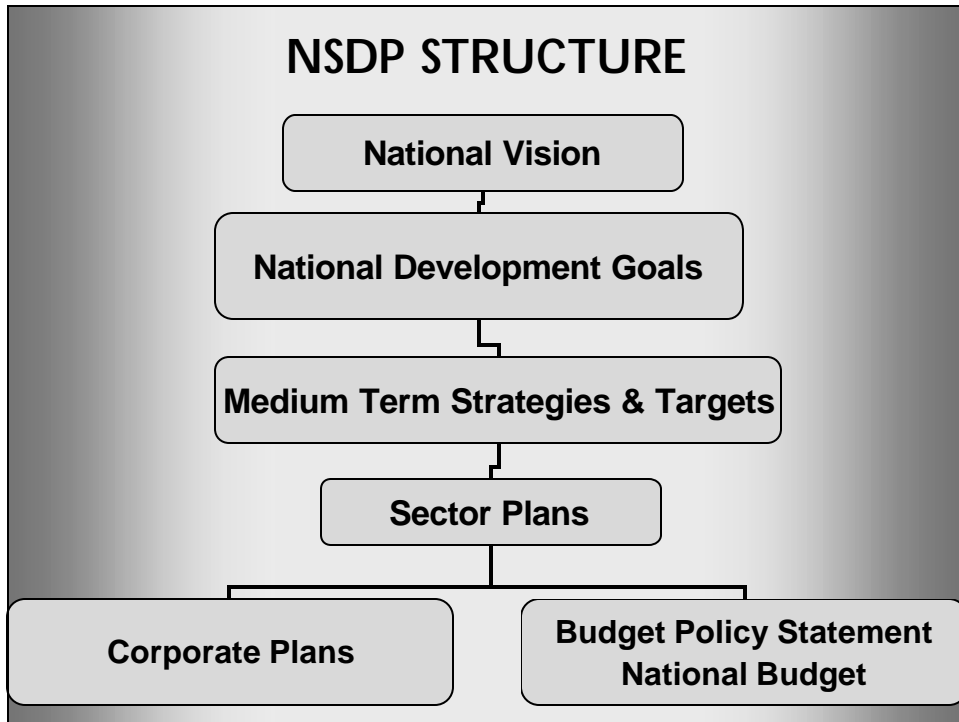
Consultation.....

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Draft NSDP ← **Where we are now**

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**Adopt NSDP
2006 NDF**



National Development Goals...

- **Private Sector Led Economic Development**
- **Educated, Healthy & Productive People**
- **Infrastructure, Utilities & Transport**
- **Law & Order and Good Governance,**
- **Information Systems**
- **Cultural Heritage and Values**
- **Natural Resource & Environment Management**
- **Hazard Risk Management**
- **International Relations**



Why a Sustainable Development Plan?

➤ Short Term

- **Stability in Decision-Making**
 - Most optimum options pursued
- **Guidance in Resource Allocation**
 - Targeted development
 - Less costly mistakes
 - Capture opportunities

➤ Medium/Long Term

- **Development that is consistent, coherent and better coordinated, irrespective of political factors.**



Community Participation

- ◆ **NSDP Committees**
 - National Planning Task Force & Executive Committee
 - NSDP Process Management Unit
 - National Policy Coordination Unit - OPM
 - Working Groups (sectors focus groups)
 - NSDP Advisory Committee
- ◆ **Community Consultations**
 - National Development Forum
 - MDGs Community Meetings
 - Sectoral Reviews Village Meetings
 - Sectoral and Industry Forums



Major Achievements

- **Draft NSDP**
- **Sector Reviews** – Health, Environment, Tourism and Education
- **New Sector Plans** - NESAF, Tourism Master Plan, Education Sector Strategy, Infrastructure Master Plan, Marine Resources, etc
- **Revised** legislation, regulations and policies
- **Cooperation** with community, NGOs, Private Sector
- **Greater Awareness**



Major Challenges...

- × **Loss of momentum and enthusiasm**
- × **Political interference (politicizing of process)**
- × **Changes of governments**
- × **Changes of leadership (OPM)**
- × **Limited Budgetary commitment**
- × **High costs of consultations especially in the Outer Islands communities**
- × **Lack of planning office/personnel**
- × **High turnover of OPM staff**
- × **Inconsistent and uncoordinated TA support**

