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The Cook Islands Experience

The NSDP Journey...

2003 National Development Forum

↓ Consultation.....

↓ Draft NSDP ↔ Where we are now

↓ Adopt NSDP

2006 NDF
NSDP STRUCTURE

- National Vision
- National Development Goals
- Medium Term Strategies & Targets
- Sector Plans
- Corporate Plans
- Budget Policy Statement
  - National Budget

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
Next Steps

Finalize & Adopt Plan  Promote  Implement  Monitor

National Development Forum
Official Endorsement and Launch

Promotion and Awareness  Implementation

THANK YOU