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NATIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Progress to date
Current status?
It is being planned, we are hoping that the Review of the Niue Integrated Strategic Plan (NISP) 2003 – 2008 and the impending appointment of a National Consultant will assess the situation on Niue.

Do you have another strategy that could be adapted to meet the criteria of an NSDS?

- Yes, the Niue Integrated Strategic Plan 2003 – 2008. This will undergo a mid term review at the end of May in a Summit-type consultation. The hope is to integrate all strategies which are currently available in various sectors and review Niue’s progress following the cyclone in 2004.

The NISP 2003-2005 has 4 strategic objectives (economic, social, governance, financial stability and environment). It also has Guiding Principles which enshrines sustainable development in a very broad sense.

What do we hope to achieve from the National Sustainable Development Strategy?
A strategy/Plan which:

- Is more beneficial and conducive to the level or pace of development in Niue.
- Is simple to implement and is able to be translated at local levels.
- Maximises benefits and minimise impacts.
- Not only strategic but also promotes development in a sustainable manner.
- Integrates priority issues from various sectors.
- Is conducive to the number of people

Stakeholder participation
Is there are mechanism for a broad participation of stakeholders (including civil society representatives) in the NSDS and other national development planning & decision making processes?

As mentioned earlier, a summit-type consultation will be conducted as part of the review of the Niue Integrated Strategic Plan 2003-2008. This has been a procedure in the compilation of previous Plans;

- Following the consultation, the first draft will be compiled, the draft will be sent back to stakeholders for comments;
- A second draft will then be developed which will be submitted to cabinet for endorsement and will be presented to the House of Assembly;
- Once passed in Assembly then the Plan becomes a public document and will also be used to sell to donors.

Achievements
Achievements/Best Practices

What do you consider is your country’s major achievements or best practices in planning, developing or implementing and NSDS?

Given the experience during the preparation of the Niue Integrated Strategic Plan and previous plans we are hoping that the achievements in that will be duplicated to the development or developing of the next Plan or an NSDS for Niue.

Challenges

The main challenge for Niue is the lack of capacity or constraints in terms of finance and labour to implement the NSDS or any Plans/strategies that we may come up with.
NEXT STEPS

• The priority is to review the NISP, only then we will be able to establish whether a NSDS is required.

Thank-you