SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

BARBADOS NATIONAL PROGRAMME
SD is broad and cross cutting and countries can face issues unique to them – we assume countries are not all homogenous.

However, we could define SD as the use of resource that aims to meet present human needs while preserving the environment so that needs of future generations can also be met - the so called inter-generation equity criteria – welfare economics concept.

The challenge to this is that resources are finite and current human needs and wants are increasing.
Government’s overarching economic goal should be to grow an inclusive and innovative economy for the benefit of all.

This should be closely related to social and environmental goals.

Sustainable development should see policies and programmes designed to meet these goals.
Major Sustainable Development Challenges

- Slow formulation or inadequate legislation to combat challenges to SD.
- Climate change and its impact on the environment and economic and social progress.
- High energy cost and dependency on fossil fuels.
- Limited fiscal and human resources to help implement SD programmes and projects.
Major Sustainable Development Challenges

- Challenge of communicating sustainable development concepts to the general public.
- Lack of institutional capacity to implementation and enforce SD policies.
- Lack of proper research and critical SD indicators to help monitor and implement SD strategic programmes.
- Lack of timely reviews and evaluation of SD Plans.
Yes, Barbados has one

- SDP was commissioned in 1997 and developed through facilitation by a National Commission on Sustainable Development.
- SDP and was completed in 2004.
- The Policy benefited from wide stakeholder buy-in and consultations with the government, NGOs and the private sector.
- The aim was to secure consensus among stakeholder and secure the best strategies for SD.
GOAL AND OBJECTIVES:

Goal:
- To ensure the optimization of the quality of life for every person and ensure that economic growth and development does not occur to the detriment of our ecological capital.

Objectives:
- To provide a national framework for decision making based on principles of SD.
- To encourage persons to adopt and apply the principles of SD.
- To sensitize and educate all persons about key issues and conflicts between development and the environment.
At the Broad National Level the Barbados National Strategic Plan (NSP) 2006-2025 is the guiding document.

- The NSP would have benefited from national discussion via – town hall meetings, a national consultation, one-on-one discussions, submissions via mail etc.

- The SD Policy act as a major supporting document for the NSP.
NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN
2005-2025

Theme:
- Global Excellence, Barbadian

Vision:
- A fully developed society that is prosperous, socially just and globally competitive”.
- Part of this vision speaks to:
  A sustainable society that co-exists in harmony with a beautiful, clean and healthy physical environment and physical infrastructure, ...
NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN (NSP):
STRATEGIC GOALS

Goal 1:  “Inspired, exulting, free”: Unleashing the Spirit of the Nation.


Goal 5:  “Upward and onward”: Enhancing Barbados’ Prosperity and Competitiveness.

Building the Green Economy will call for:

- Strong policies to tackle environmental threats – use of fertilizers, poor waste disposal etc.;
- Use of more renewable forms of energy – solar, biomass, wind etc. and more recycling;
- Greater public education and enforcement;
- Highlighting concerns with global environment developments – climate change;
- All persons working together to ensure we achieve our goals and objectives for a greener society.
NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN (NSP):
LISTED OBJECTIVES OF GOAL FOUR

Objectives:

✓ To Foster Effective Environmental Management.
✓ To Maintain a Safe and Reliable Water Supply.
✓ To Ensure an Efficient and Reliable Energy Sector.
✓ To Develop a Modern Transport Infrastructure.
✓ To Improve Disaster Management.
✓ To Maintain an Efficient Land-use Policy.
OTHER SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- **Barbados Physical Development Plan** – Updates every three years this speaks to environmental management and land use planning.
- **Medium Term Strategic Framework 2010-2012** (To be completed)
- **Political Directive** – Government’s Manifesto etc.
WAY FORWARD

- The need for an implementation plan to guide the SD Policy.
- Continue sensitization of Government to fully embrace the Policy
- Establishment of a Green Fund to finance sustainable projects.
- Further integration of sectoral plans and policies.
- Pursue regional solution to SD within the context of the CSME.
Enhance public education and awareness programmes.

Encourage research and development of environmental management practices.

Compile and maintain a comprehensive database on information relating to SD.

Complete the development of the indicators of SD to better inform on policy.

As the focal point ministry for small states issues, continue to work with relevant agencies on SD matters.
Thank You