ECA PERSPECTIVES ON NATIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES (NSDS) IN AFRICA

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Introduction

- UNCED / RIO – 1995, RIO+ 5, WSSD
- Many Initiatives – Agenda 21, NSDS
- NCSD- Africa, 2003-4
- Nexus Study, 2004
SD Policies, Plans and Strategies

- National Visions, NDP, RDP
- Poverty, environment, natural resources, agriculture, social issues, economic development and SD- broad sense
- Few - Visions, PRSPs - SD Strategies
- NSDS Developed / Process
- Mostly – EANR – E Dominant
Some Key Principles

- Integrative, building on existing processes and rationalisation
- Monitoring and evaluation, continuous learning and improvement, clear goals and targets
- Effective and efficient institutions
Key Principles ...

- Broad based and effective participation
- Decentralization to appropriate levels
Capacity Issues

- Capacity building, strengthening and prioritisation, rationalizing and synergistic implementation
- Capacity retention
- Resource availability and predictability
- Well-targeted support
- Innovative financing ...
Prospects

- Developed & Implementing
- Increasingly engaging a wide range of stakeholders
- Mechanisms for inter-agency coordination and collaboration & to certain extents, functional
- Support from development partners
- Opportunities abound
Prospects...

- People’s perception of NSDS
- Streamlining and rationalising
- Greater sensitisation and capacity building and strengthening
- Demonstrated and sustained political will
- Commitment to genuine partnerships