



GOVERNMENT OF BARBADOS

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

BARBADOS NATIONAL PROGRAMME

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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.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- **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.**

NATIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT POLICY

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.**

NATIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT POLICY

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.

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

- **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 2:** *“Firm craftsmen of our fate”*: New Governance for New Times.
- Goal 3:** *“Strength and unity”*: Building Social Capital.
- Goal 4:** *“These fields and hills”*: Building A Green Economy - Strengthening Physical Infrastructure and Preserving the Environment.
- Goal 5:** *“Upward and onward”*: Enhancing Barbados’ Prosperity and Competitiveness.
- Goal 6:** *“Strict guardians of our heritage”*: Branding Barbados Globally.

NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN (NSP)

Goal Four – Building A Green Economy

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

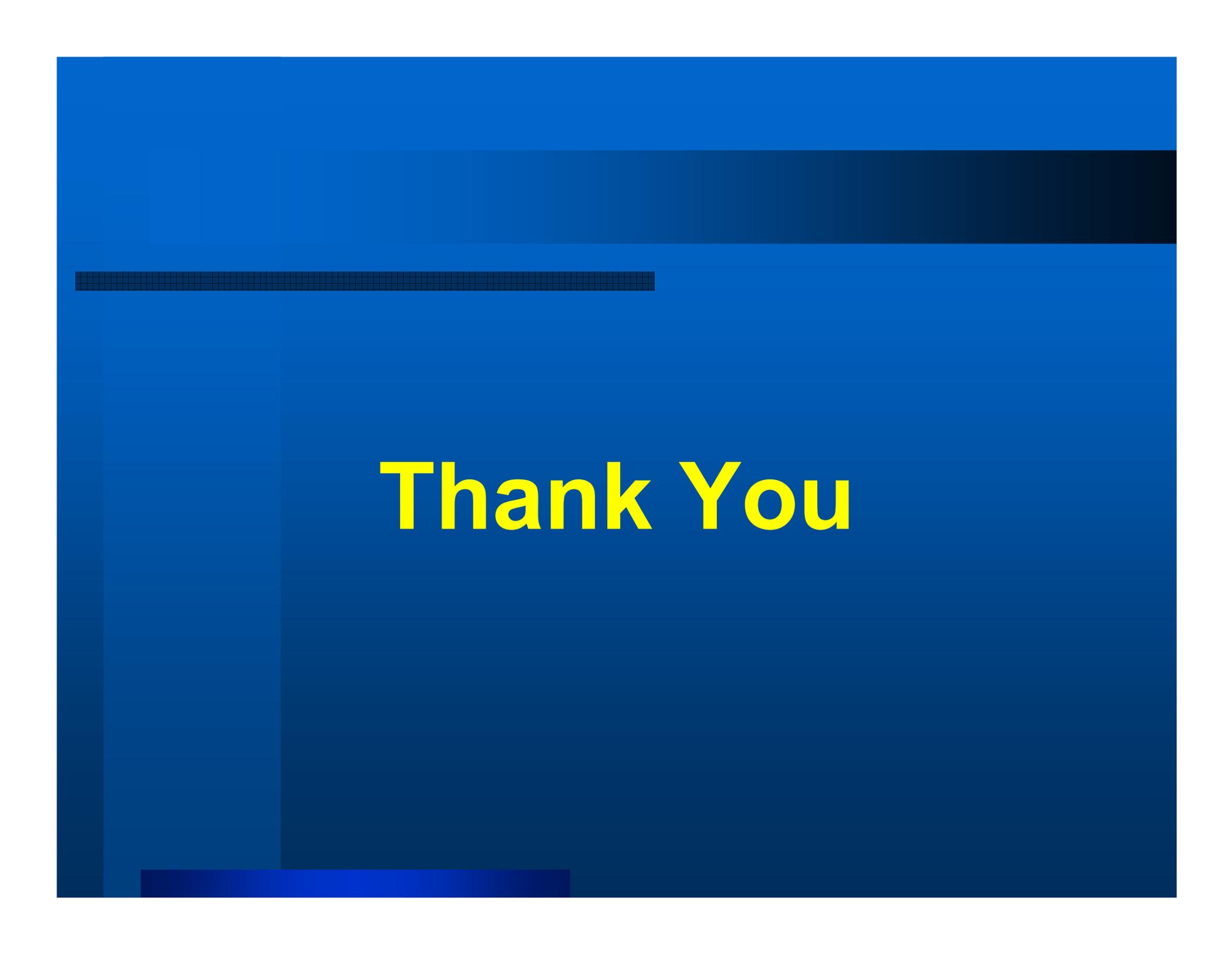
- ***Barbados Physical Development Plan*** – Updates every three years this speaks to environmental management and land use planning.
- **Medium Term Strategic Framework 2010-2012 (To be completed)**
- ***Political Directive*** – Government's Manifesto etc.

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.**

WAY FORWARD

- ❖ **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.**



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