

PURSuing SCP IN BARBADOS



Framework Elements and Further Requirements
for Policy Execution

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GOVERNMENT OF BARBADOS

SUSTAINABILITY CHALLENGES

- Triple Bottom Line Issues- Conceptual/Practical
- Stakeholder Interests- Varied and Many- Implications for Ownership/Governance
- Limited Pool of Resources to Respond
- Multiple Messages and Sources... One Market (Climate Change to HIV to ICT to Food Security)

ILLUSTRATION OF SCP MULTIDEMENSIONAL CHALLENGE



- **AGRICULTURE:** Import vs Tradition of Food Production and SSCM; Water Scarcity and Affordability and Efficient Irrigation Systems; Sugar Cane vs Housing Needs; Chemical Use, Human Health and Waste Disposal

INTERNATIONAL LANDSCAPE

- UNCED, Agenda 21, BPOA, WSSD, MSI
- UNCSD, 2008 UNEP GC & the Green Economy
- MEAs (e.g. CBD promotes wise use)
- Marrakech Process- Meetings, Task Forces
- UNDAF- Country Capacity

REGIONAL LANDSCAPE

- Forum of Minister's of Environment
- Regional Council of Experts
- Caribbean SCP Subregional Action Plan
- CARICOM Organs
- CSME

NATIONAL POLICIES



- Barbados Sustainable Development Policy 2004
- National Strategic Plan 2006-2025
- Throne Speech
- Budget, Sector Action, Governance Mechanisms

Barbados Sustainable Development Policy

- Context for SCP
- Mechanism- Commission and Working Groups
- Articulation Timeframe and Stakeholders
- Legacy- Principles, Indicators, Broad Actions

National Strategic Plan

- Social and Economic Analysis
- Structured Approach for National Action- 6 Goals
- Goal 4 – Building a Green Economy
- Targets, Actors and Indicators
- Medium Term Strategy Framework- 3 Year

Annual Budget- Financial and Economic Statement

- Tackles Sustainability in the “now”
- National Involvement
- Addresses moving priorities
- Parliamentary Debate and Legislative Commitment – Crucial to Mainstreaming

The Throne Speech



- Social and economic base for sectoral policy
- Political Environment of SCP- Our reality
- Strong Relationship with Budget
- CSR, Sustainable Agriculture and National Park
- Constituency Councils

Economic Policies for SCP

- Resource Efficiency- Water, Energy, Waste
- Energy Efficiency and Conservation; RE
- Greening Government/Public Sector Energy Efficiency Programme
- Local Agriculture (Food) and Tourism- Rural Economic Development
- Built Resource Efficiency- Greening Suburban Centres- Eco-Efficiency Op.
- Promotion of Green Business Investment and Sustainable Products
- Green Economic Indicators

National Governance Mechanisms

- Sub-Committee on Trade and Environment
- Environmental Education Committee
- Tourism Advisory Council- Carrying Capacity
- MEA Committees
- Barbados Sustainable Finance Group

Next Steps in National Response

- Assessment of the effectiveness of Policies and Programmes Promoting SCP- Stakeholder views, Policy Impacts, Government's Delivery Capacity, Poverty
- Document our Achievements and Lessons
- National Roundtable in September 2010
- Design and Implementation Support Framework
- Informal and Formal Education... "Living Sustainably... is Living Responsibly"
- Business and Sustainability Agenda
- Rebuilding Advocacy- Role of Civil Society
- **Demonstration Projects at the Local Level for community engagement**

Next Steps- National and Regional

- Caribbean SCP Sub-Regional 10 Year Plan- Project and Partnership Portfolio
- Focussed Engagement of Development Agencies
- Consumer Engagement on Living Sustainably
- Business Engagement- Education
- Close Human Resource Coordination Gap for SCP- Caribbean SCP Support Desk
- SIDS-SIDS Technical Cooperation on SCP- Exporting the Mauritius Experience to Caribbean

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