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 MULTIDIMENSIONAL 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
• 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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