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PROGRESS UPDATE

SOUTH AFRICA'S NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

[People , Planet , Prosperity – A framework for Sustainable Development in South Africa]

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PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

1. Drafting Process

- **Content development**
- **Intergovernmental**
- **Multistakeholder**
- **International Review**

2. Current Draft(Revised)

- **Outline**
- **Executive Summary**

3. Process for completion of a National Strategy for Sustainable Development

- **Intergovernmental**
- **Stakeholder Engagements**



DRAFTING PROCESS

1. Content Development
 - Two years of discussion and engagement at various levels
 - More than 20 specialist sector review discussion documents
 - Background papers (governance, indicators, plan of action)
2. Multistakeholder Engagement
 - 4 Workshops and 3 NGO workshops (DEAT Funded)
 - 3 Business Roundtables
 - Written Comments
 - Academic Review panel
 - Presentation at various stakeholder platforms and NEDLAC
3. International review
 - BRICS + G
 - UN DESA Workshop
 - UNECA NSSD Review
4. Intergovernmental Engagement
5. Government Steering Committee Workshops
 - Bilaterals and Cluster update
 - Written Submissions and Comments



SUMMARY OF SUBMISSION

1. Provinces and Depts

- Bilaterals and Written Submissions
 - KZN, Gauteng, North West
 - Depts(Presidency, DME, DTI, DST, DWAF
 - CSIR , ESKOM , StatsSA

2. Content

- Overall
 - SA Development Context
 - Objectives
 - Principles
 - Application of NSSD
- Trends – Linkages with SA sustainable development Vision
 - Social (macros Social Report)
 - Economic (ASGISA)
 - Environment (GMO's, Minerals)
 - Governance
- Strategic Interventions
 - Government Programmes
 - Sector Programmes
- Making It happen
 - Phased Approach
 - Institutional arrangements



REVISED DRAFT OUTLINE

1. POLITICAL ENDORSEMENT

- Foreword by President and Introduction by Minister of Envir Aff& Tourism

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

3. A NATIONAL VISION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- South Africa's development context and challenges
- Vision , [Principles] , [Mission] and Objectives

4. TRENDS & IMPLICATIONS

- Builds a case for the adoption of a set of priority interventions to mitigate or take advantage of risk and opportunities informed by the vision and development context

5. NSSD PRIORITY AREAS FOR STRATEGIC INTERVENTION

- Background & strategic context
- Performance to date -Gaps, challenges & constraints on performance
- Five Areas of Strategic interventions to improve performance , achieve sustainable development goals and targets in priority areas
 - Sustaining ecosystems & using natural resources efficiently
 - Investing in sustainable economic development & Infrastructure
 - Creating sustainable communities
 - Enhancing systems for integrated planning & implementation
 - Building capacity for sustainable development

7. MAKING NSSD HAPPEN

- Institutional framework for implementation
- Process to be followed in implementing NSSD
- Communicating NSSD within government and to stakeholders
- Monitoring & evaluation of NSSD roll out & implementation



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A NATIONAL VISION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

1. South Africa's Development Context and Challenges

- Rationale and value of the NSSD

2. Vision

- South Africa aspires to be a sustainable, economically prosperous and self-reliant nation state that safeguards its democracy by meeting the fundamental human needs of its people, by managing its limited ecological resources responsibly for current and future generations, and by advancing efficient and effective integrated planning and governance through national, regional and global collaboration.

3. Principles

- [not sustainability principles but rather principles underpinning the context in which the NSSD is being developed and its parameters]
- Scope of implementation
 - The NSSD being “not everything to everyone
 - Relationship with other strategies
 - Consultation and shared roles

4. [Mission]

5. [Objectives]



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ENVIRONMENTAL TRENDS

1. A need for rapid and decisive action to change a number of natural resource trends that threaten to undermine investments in growth and poverty eradication.
2. Increasing effects of climate change and the rapidly rising energy costs to our current development path.
3. Constraints on economic growth and Social development by the following trends:
 - Climate Change
 - water quality and quantity
 - Soil Quality and Land
 - Material Consumption and Waste generation
 - Biodiversity.
 - Coastal and Marine resources
 - Mineral extraction and socio-ecological development
 - Air quality



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ECONOMIC TRENDS

1. Contextualisation of the SA Economy
 - Inherited problems of the Apartheid Economy
 - South Africa's Economy from 1994 and ,
 - 2014 Growth trajectory and ASGISA – Implications and opportunities for sustainable development
2. South Africa's two economies [risks and opportunities from the resource use dimension]
3. Current Macro-Economic Framework and 2nd Economy Intervention
 - Fiscal Trends , Public Expenditure and Debt
 - Economic Instruments to enhance sustainable development
4. Sector Trends (Transport , ICT, Energy
5. Trends and their potential impact on positive economic stability, resource availability, and poverty eradication
 - Skills
 - Household consumption levels
 - Rising fiscal expenditures caused by capacity limitations
 - Infrastructure expenditure to enhance fixed investment through sustainable resource use
 - Investment in (S&T) and research and development (R&D)



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SOCIAL TRENDS

1. Macro Social Report's implications for achieving sustainable Development
 - The quality of life of the majority of South African citizens has improved.
 - The persistent poverty trap of the second economy
 - Racial and Gender profiles in terms of ownership and control of wealth, access to social services and public opinion on public policy issues.
 - Crime and Security – sustainable development linkages (bio-piracy, poaching, corruption, safer communities)
2. South Africa's ability to meet the MDGs and national development targets (water, education, Health, Housing etc)
3. Significant threats and risks that contradict the positive trends and could, if not countered, could overwhelm them.
 - Dynamic change and an increasing sense of an over-arching identity and levels of social cohesion.
 - Local Economic Development
 - Impact on poverty , HIV/AIDS, Malaria and TB.
 - Reducing hunger and unacceptably high levels of child mortality.
 - Twin challenges of urbanisation and rural development.
 - Tackling youth unemployment .



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GOVERNANCE TRENDS

1. **The undisputed case for governance as the fourth and pillar of sustainable development and South Africa's constitutional mandate**
2. **Scoping of the current Governance Framework**
 - Performance of the state – integrated policy development and implementation
 - Integrated Planning Framework and Tools (NSDP, PGDS and IDPs)
 - Cooperative Governance and Relations between the state and society
 - Corporate Social and Environmental Accountability
3. **Monitoring and Evaluation**
4. **Key Trends, with risks and opportunities**
 - Capacity and resource constraints at the local municipal level.
 - cross-sectoral coordination and integration of Monitoring and evaluation systems
 - Social Dialogue, Communications and Awareness
 - Strengths and Weakness in civil society
 - Regulatory impact
 - Use of ICT
 - Partnerships



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PRIORITY AREAS FOR STRATEGIC INTERVENTION

1. **Enhancing systems for integrated planning**
 - Strengthening governance instruments , systems and institutions in both public and private sector
 - integrating sustainability into key programmes
 - Integrate Sustainability Objectives in key planning tools
2. **Sustaining our ecosystems and using natural resources efficiently**
 - Maintaining value of our ecosystems:
 - Improving aquatic ecosystems, water availability and water quality:
 - Dematerialising the economy:
 - Developing Economic and fiscal instruments
3. **Investing in sustainable infrastructure and [shared economic] development**
 - increasing investment to address poverty and unemployment
 - Interventions to promote sustainability and including criteria to engender sustainability in investment
 - Second economy interventions
 - Sustainable Building



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PRIORITY AREAS FOR STRATEGIC INTERVENTION

4. **Creating sustainable livelihoods**

- A common and shared approach to sustainable human settlements
- Accelerate interventions in health (HIV and AIDS , TB and Malaria) and social services (water, social grants, basic electricity)
- Develop and invest in integrated sustainable resource use, poverty eradication and Local economic development programmes (e.g. working for water)
- Transition to safe and efficient public transport
- Promoting urban sustainability through rural development

5. **Responding appropriately to emerging human development, economic and environmental challenges**

- Climate Change
- Natural Disasters and Epidemics
- Increasing Energy Costs and Instability



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MAKING THE NSSD HAPPEN

- 1. A phased approach to implementation**
 - Phase 1 – Framework Document – Current Draft – November
 - Phase 2 – Action Plans , Targets Deadline – March 2007
 - Phase 3 – Implementation Matrix and 1st Review
- 2. Institutional framework for implementation**
 - Stakeholder Coordination
 - Intergovernmental Engagement
 - Monitoring
- 3. Process to be followed in implementing NSSD**
 - Action Plan
 - Broader Policy Alignment
 - Participation mobilisation
- 4. Communicating NSSD within government and to stakeholders**
 - appropriate forums and knowledge networks to disseminate information
 - marketing campaigns and communications products
- 5. Monitoring & evaluation of NSSD roll out & implementation**
 - Government-wide Monitoring and Evaluation System (GWM&ES)
 - Sustainability Reports and Sector Reports
 - Statistical capacity and Indicators
 - Periodically reviewing the NSSD.



ANNEXURE

- **The Annexes are part of ongoing work and are the initial steps for the completion of an action plan and partnership mobilisation**
 - 1. Annex 1: Summary of strategic interventions**
 - Current Framework review
 - Required Action
 - Lead Agencies
 - 2. Annex 2: Selected potential sustainability indicators**
 - social sustainability indicators
 - Selected potential economic sustainability indicators
 - Selected potential environmental sustainability indicators
 - Selected potential institutional sustainability indicators



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