

# Road Map to a National Sustainable Development Strategy for Botswana

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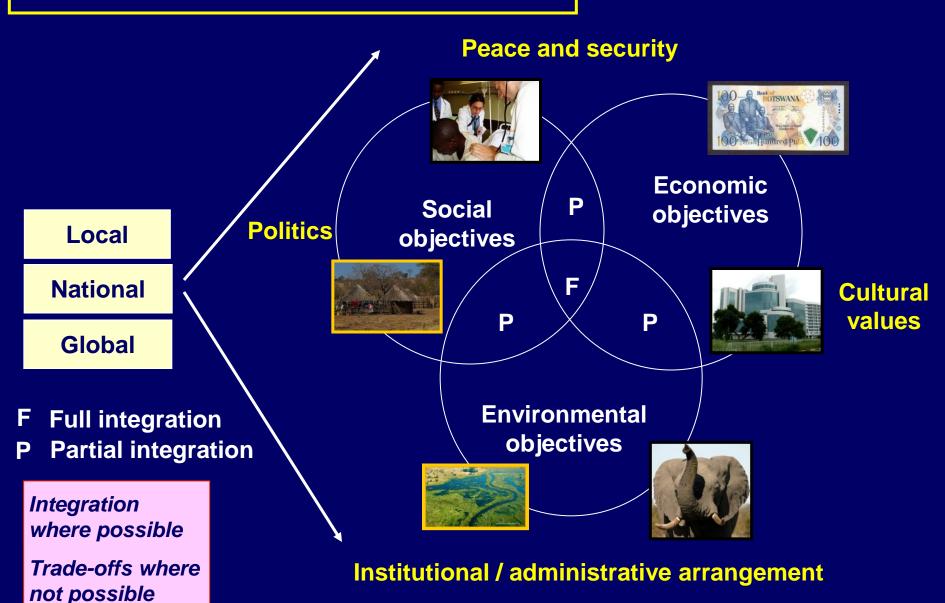








## What is sustainable development?



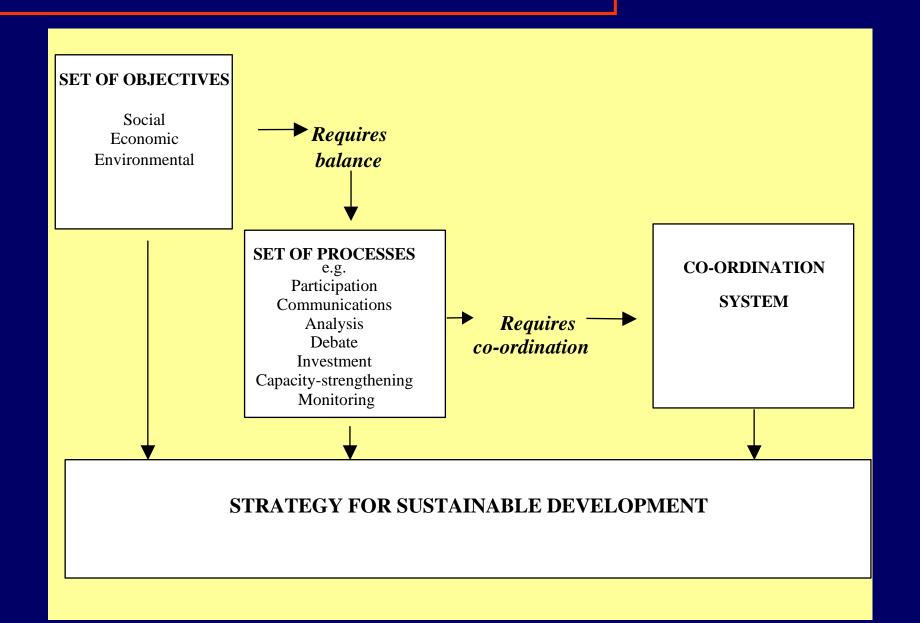
# EM to balance the 3 Pillars where possible



# **Beware upsetting the fine balance**



## **Systematic rationale for NSDS**





# Changing approaches to strategies

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Master plan for SD (gets increasingly out of date)	Builds a system of <i>coordinated mechanisms &amp; processes</i> dealing with SD priorities step-by-step
One-off initiative	Continuous process + monitoring, leaning & improvement
Fixed ideas and solutions	An <i>adaptive</i> , <i>learning</i> system offering coherence between activities



Management based on precedent or evidence only

Also experimentation and managing uncertainty

*State* alone is responsible

**Society** as a whole is responsible

Narrow participation

Multi-stakeholder approach

Focus on *outputs* (projects, laws, etc.)

Focus on *outcomes* (impacts) and the quality of participation and management *processes* 



Sector-based research and planning

**Partnerships** and **integrated** research and planning

**Externally-driven** (in developing countries)

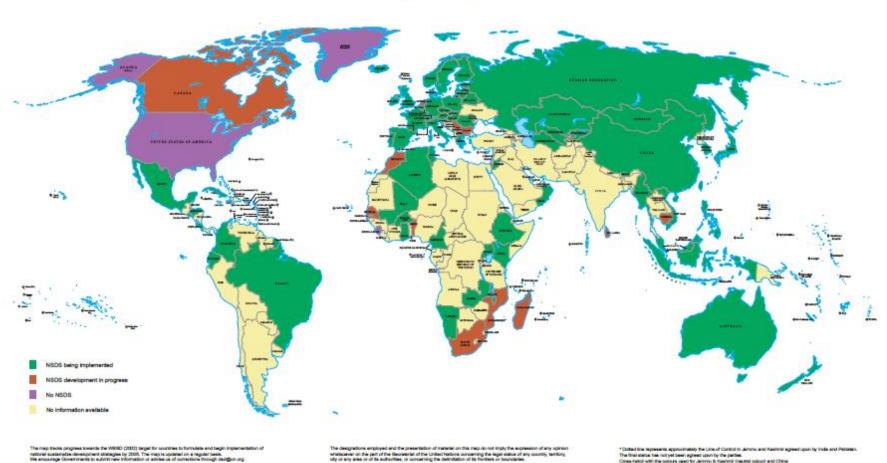
Country-driven, locally-owned

Focus on *costly 'projects'* (and a consequent dependence on external assistance)

Focus on *cost savings* and *domestically-driven* and financed investment and development

# NSDS - The 2008 world position

#### National sustainable development strategies: The global picture



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#### So what is an NSDS – 1?



#### Put simply

 Agreeing vision of sustainable Botswana for the country and its people want [what kind of place/future you want].



- Agreeing how to get there with safeguards (eg environmental & social)
- Understanding the issues, opportunities and the challenges
- Planning the necessary actions
- Securing the capacity to coordinate, manage, invest and deliver (institutional requirements & fitness)
- Not just a document (process + docs + actions)



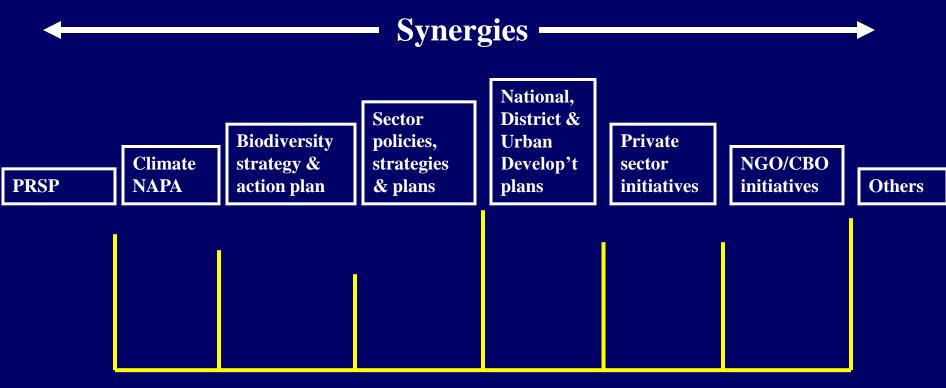
- Process not a document
- Coordinated set of participatory and continuously improving (learning) processes of



- Analysis, debate, capacity strengthening, planning and investment
- Multidisciplinary / multisectoral
- Seeks to integrate the short and long term economic, social and environmental objectives of society
- Through mutually supportive approaches wherever possible
  - and manages trade offs where this is not possible

# Building blocks – mapping the playing field, synergies, conflicts, and gaps





Gaps, disconnects, conflicts

#### **Strategy Principles & Characteristics 1**

Integration of economic, social and environmental objectives



Coordination and balance between sector and thematic strategies and decentralised levels, and across generations



Broad participation, effective partnerships, transparency and accountability



Country ownership, shared vision with a clear timeframe on which stakeholders agree, commitment and continuous improvement



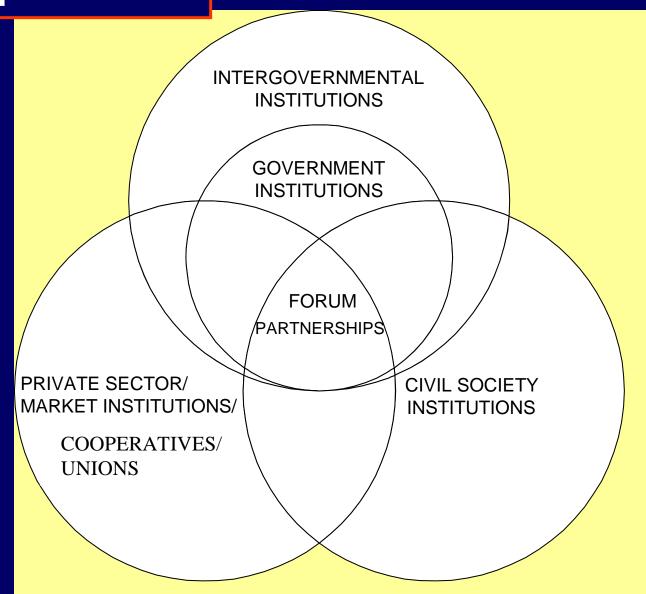
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groups



	Government	Academia	Sectors	Private sector	Communities in specific regions
Regional, eg, SADC					
National					
Provinces, regions			T.	Gap	
Local					
Household					

# Sustainable development triad



#### **Strategy Principles & Characteristics 2**

- Developing capacity and an enabling environment, building on existing knowledge and processes
- Focus on priorities, outcomes and coherent means of implementation
  - out processes





**Capacity**check

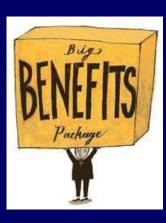
Continuous monitoring and evaluation



#### **Benefits of NSDS approach**

#### Most likely if follow principles of good practice

- Integration
  - Politics, administration, investment
  - Pillars, institutions, sectors
  - Levels regional, national, local
- Vision for country
- Good analysis basis for sound decisions
- Stakeholder buy-in (ownership & commitment) & consensus
  - eg, on vision, key issues, priorities, solutions (how to get there), etc.
- Institutional coordination and change
- Focusing capacity-building where most needed
- Framework for sustainable growth and tackling key issues (eg climate, poverty, water, Linking development and



#### **Getting Going - Key steps 1**

# Scoping exercise



- Identify stakeholders' views on priority issues that need to be addressed
- Estimate benefits
- Preliminary examination of the opportunities for, and challenges

#### Key steps 2 – not a rigid sequence

- Establish/strengthen a Secretariat or coordinating body
  - Acceptable to stakeholders, with sufficient authority and resources to co-ordinate the steps and the continuing strategy mechanisms
- Establish or strengthen a Steering Committee or equivalent multi-stakeholder forum



- (e.g. NCSD) with a broad balance of representation from government,
   the private sector and civil society acceptable to stakeholders
- Seek/improve Political commitment



Secure or confirm a mandate



#### **Key steps 3**

- Identify the stakeholders that will own the preparation and implementation of the NSDS
  - Define and seek agreement on (potential) roles (i.e. their rights, responsibilities, rewards, and relations)
- Ensure broad-based ownership by key ministries and agencies, civil society and the private sector
- Mobilise the required resources identify, secure, and allocate in a timely and accountable manner the required:
  - Skills, and sources of knowledge and learning;
  - Management, legal and institutional support;
  - Financial resources

#### **Key steps - 4**

Map out the strategy process - taking stock of existing processes and mechanisms:



- Catalogue the range of existing strategies related to SD
- Identify the issues covered, vision, goals, and responsibilities
- Identify mechanisms and processes used by existing strategies
- Review achievements of these mechanisms in terms of synergies, clashes and gaps, and their outcomes
- Determine the existence/extent of sectoral policy conflicts and inconsistencies, and the work necessary to resolve them
- Identify what is required to improve synergies and plug gaps

#### **Key steps 5**

Develop or improve coherence and coordination between strategy frameworks at all levels from international to local; and between and within sectors.

- Establish or improve the ground rules governing the strategy process
  - How decisions will be made and agreed, and uncertainty dealt with
  - How to co-ordinate means for negotiation of trade-offs and conflict manag't
- Establish and promote a schedule or broad calendar for the strategy process
  - Determine activities, responsibilities, capabilities and resources needed, and their timing





# Key steps 6 [heart of strategy]





- Establish or improve provisions for regular analysis, debate, communication, planning, implementation, monitoring and review so all stakeholders can best play their part:
  - Means for analysing sustainability, stakeholders, mechanisms and processes, and scenarios
  - Regular stakeholder fora and other means for participation (thematic, national, decentralised and local) to reach and improve consensus on basic vision, goals, principles, system components, pilot activities, targets and responsibilities, and to review progress
  - Communication and information systems to ensure regular flows of information concerning both the strategy and sustainable development between stakeholders and between fora. This will include development of key information products to improve awareness and stimulate action, and the establishment of knowledge management systems

## Key steps 7 [heart of strategy]





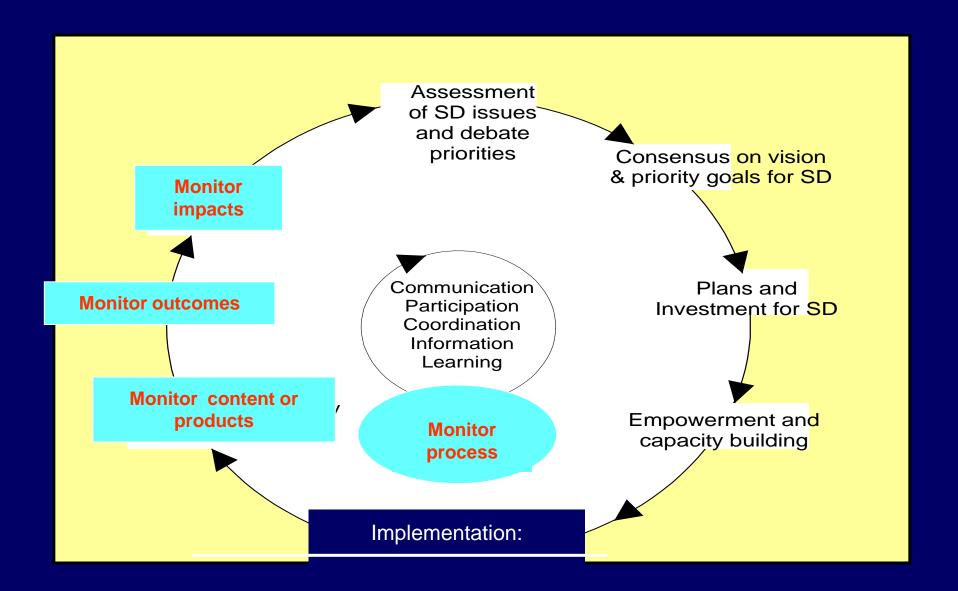
- Major decision-making arrangements, notably: structures and roles; handling global and local values and risk; means of delivering consensus and handling negotiations; and ways of linking those involved
- Implementation services and control mechanisms means for selecting policy implementation instruments (regulations, incentives and voluntary mechanisms) and applying them



- Means for planning investments tasks involved in making the case to different investment sources, and the criteria that should be used
- Monitoring and accountability mechanisms to assess both strategy processes and their results. These will include: developing and reviewing sustainability indicators, baselines, standards and codes of practice; identifying and encouraging innovative processes to promote the culture of action-learning; independent monitoring; and feedback to decision-making

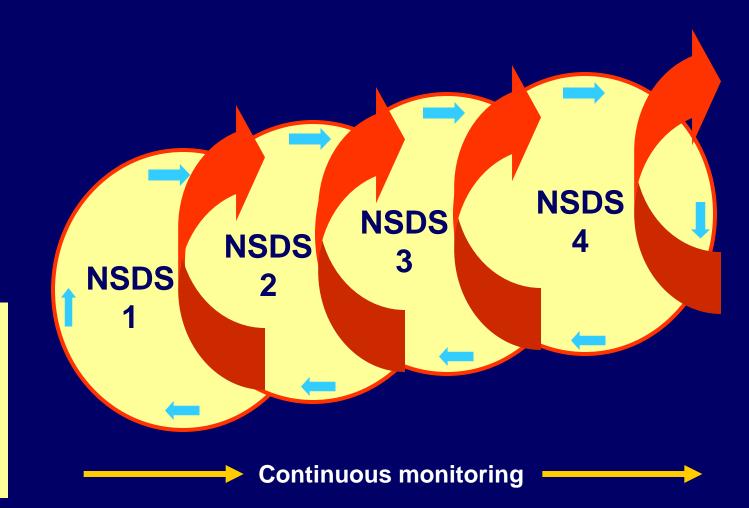
### Four key elements in monitoring the NSDS cycle







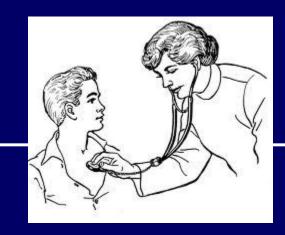
# **Continuing strategy & monitoring cycles**



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**NSDS** 

## **Approaches to NSDS monitoring**



- National peer reviews
- Internal reviews
- External auditing
- Parliamentary reviews
- Budgetary reviews
- Indicator-based monitoring
- Public, local monitoring
- International monitoring
  - Reports to CSD, UN conferences, national progress reports

#### **NSDS Challenges 1**

- Think and behave in new, open, participatory ways that provide for dialogue and consensus-building
- Agree what is needed and how to get there
- Identify motivations to encourage bureaucrats to work differently
- Work in support of each other to achieve crosssectoral integration and synchronisation

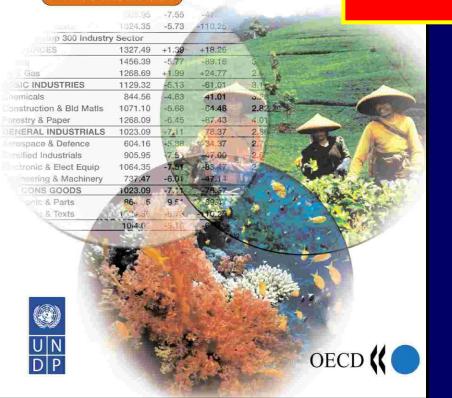
#### **NSDS Challenges 2**

- Identify and support existing constructive institutional relationships and experiments
- Secure genuine political support
- Use NSDS principles and system to continuously improve such political will
- Secure bold leadership to kick off the whole NSDS process

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# Sustainable Development Strategies

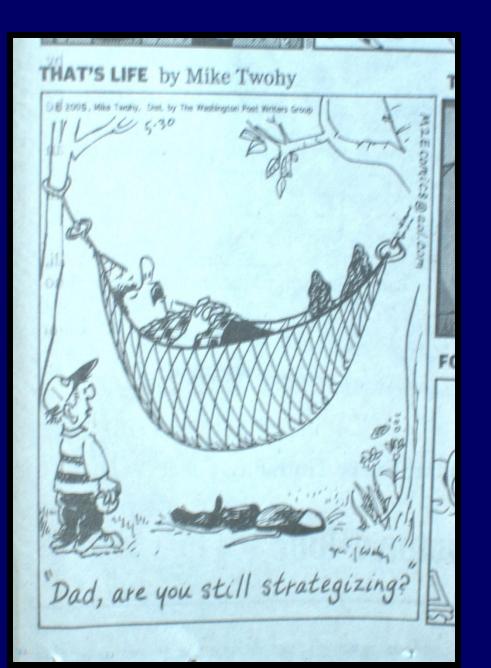
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