

## **Bolivia: Summary of the Draft Work Plan (updated 26<sup>th</sup> July)**

### **Focus and approach**

In Bolivia, there is an existing process of National Dialogues (NDs). A first ND was conducted in 1997 to develop Bolivia's Poverty Reduction Programme and another will be held in July 2000 to develop a Poverty Reduction Strategy. The latter aims to secure the full participation of the main political and social actors, starting at municipal level and then engaging with civil society, with an ND 'event' in July.

The DAC nssd dialogue will focus on Bolivia's experience with the NDs for the PRP and the PRSP, and key environment-related strategies (e.g. Agenda 21 and Biodiversity Strategy). It will also examine how to strengthen the integration of environmental concerns into the PRSP. Preliminary discussions have been held with those responsible for Bolivia's PRSP and CDF.

### **Government commitment and lead team**

Following meetings between a contact group of donors in La Paz and the Ministry of Sustainable Development to discuss Bolivia's possible involvement in the DAC initiative, the Minister for Sustainable Development has written expressing the government's support for the project and committing it to engage fully in the process.

Bolhispania (a consultancy company) has been appointed as the lead organisation (team leader: Anibal Aguilar Gómez). Key officials from the Ministry of SD (including the departments for Development Planning and the Environment) will be part of the lead team. The lead team comprises a specialists in economics (from UDAPE), environment (from MSD), economics & external finance (Vice-Ministry of Public Investment and External Finance), strategies and SD (MSD), and strategies for economic development (MSD).

The Steering Committee will include representatives from government, private sector, civil society, an NGO and donors (GTZ, DFID and COSUDE).

### **Aims**

To draw lessons on how to develop and implement nssds effectively (eg. the processes and conditions required), and on how donors can best support this. The analysis will focus on Bolivia's experience with developing and implementing key strategies related to sustainable development (Poverty Reduction, Agenda 21, Biodiversity, macroeconomics, market integration, human development, urban development and modernisation). It will also examine how to strengthen the integration of sustainable development<sup>1</sup> into the PRSP and key sectoral development strategies, and how to improve coordination between the different environment and development strategies. An important objective is to motivate economic actors, with an influence on development, to consider SD as the framework for a shared strategic vision.

The analysis will draw on consultations with a range of stakeholders, particularly those who have been involved in strategy processes, both as experts and as civil society participants, including the private sector and poor and marginalised groups.

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<sup>1</sup> 'sustainable development' includes the economic, social and environmental dimensions of development.

## **Phases**

The status review and dialogue phases will be conducted in parallel. The work will involve 3 phases:

1<sup>st</sup> Phase: March-April 2000: Preparatory activities

2<sup>nd</sup> Phase: May-December 2000: Status review and dialogues

3<sup>rd</sup> Phase: December 2000-February 2001: final consultations, revision of draft reports, and final workshop in Bolivia.

The status review will focus on sustainable development related plans, laws, strategies, sectoral and regional plans, and donor initiatives. It will involve a literature review of key documents and studies, interviews with experts and consultations with social actors. It will also identify key lessons, experiences and issues for further analysis through the dialogue process, which will enable the formulation of general guidance for donor agencies.

There will be two main dialogue processes:

- A National Workshop on September 18-19 in Santa Cruz involving a range of stakeholders, to review experience with the PRP, the PRSP and key SD/Environment strategies (Agenda 21 and Biodiversity), discuss the draft status review, and identify key issues for further analysis. Participants will include government representatives, companies, indigenous peoples, farmers, 'juntas vecinales' (village committees), municipalities, NGOs, academics, IIED and GTZ (on behalf of the DAC).
- Six small Thematic Workshops: SD/Environment, macroeconomics, market integration, human development, urban development and modernisation. For each of the themes/sectors, the workshops will analyse the development and implementation of key strategies, and the integration of environment and development objectives. They also aim to identify priorities for improving the sector's contribution to SD, the integration of SD in the PRSP and coordination between different strategies.

The ongoing National Dialogue process and events for the PRS will be closely observed and relevant lessons will be drawn and included in regular bulletins ('Boletin').

Throughout the process, emphasis will be placed on three key concerns:

1. Securing political viability and commitment for the dialogue process – by ensuring the government is 'on board' (e.g. support of Ministry of Finance).
2. Building social 'buy-in' – by facilitating the participation of civil society.
3. Achieving technical viability – by involving relevant experts.

Consultations with stakeholders will be facilitated through the Council for Sustainable Development, which includes representatives from government, NGOs, trade unions, farmers' associations and grass-roots organisations. A web-page will be established to facilitate communication on the outcomes, and consultations will include video conferences on the internet.

## **Workplan**

### ***March-April 2000***

- Preparatory meetings
- Consolidate government commitment
- Define civil society actors & representatives
- Establish committees
- Consult National Council for Sustainable Development

### ***May 2000***

- Planning meeting with Ministry of Sustainable Development (to provide feedback on Arusha workshop) (1<sup>st</sup> week May)
- Initial meeting to present the initiative to key actors and discuss the status of sustainable development in Bolivia, involving government, donors (including Erick Zeballos, DFID), civil society and key experts (May 17<sup>th</sup>)

### ***June 2000***

- Preparation of draft Status Review report
- Thematic Workshop on Macroeconomics and Sustainable Development in La Paz, convened by the Unit for Economic Policy (UDAPE) (28-29 June)

### ***August 2000***

- Thematic workshop on Market Integration and SD
- 15 August: the initiative will be presented to the Environmental NGO Network (Liga de Medio Ambiente, LIDEMA)

### ***September 2000***

- 18-19 September: National Workshop in Santa Cruz (round table event involving a of stakeholders), to review experience with the PRSP, Agenda 21 and Bolivia's Biodiversity strategy, discuss the status review, identify key issues for further analysis and prepare for Thailand meeting in October 2000.
- Revision of status review report to incorporate the results of the national workshop
- Thematic Workshop on Human Development and SD
- Preparation of mid-term review report

### ***October 2000***

- Mid-term review workshop in Thailand
- Thematic Workshop on SD/Environment Strategies (Agenda 21 and Biodiversity)

### ***November 2000***

- Prepare a final report on the status review and experiences with sustainable development in Bolivia
- Thematic Workshop on Urban development and localisation

### ***December 2000***

- Thematic Workshop on Modernisation & Institutional Implementation (early December)
- Prepare final draft of the report
- Consult all participants, including the National Council for Sustainable Development, and hold a video conference, to refine the report

### ***January 2001***

- Send the final draft to DAC and IIED
- Prepare the 3<sup>rd</sup> project workshop, in consultation with the DAC and IIED

### ***February 2001***

- 3<sup>rd</sup> project workshop in Bolivia