Integrating the SDGs in the National Development Plan and Instruments

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Accelerated action and transformative pathway: realizing the decade of action and deliver for sustainable development
Past National Development Planning

- Theme “Growth Diversification and Redistribution”. This had a three year implementation target.
- The 6th plan focused on stimulating growth in three sectors - agriculture, manufacturing and tourism.
- The 7th NDP – the theme of this plan was “Balance Growth and Sustainable Development”.
- The 8th NESDP 2013-2025 - aims to improve the quality of life for all Vincentians.
Shortcomings of past development plans

- Failed to take into account the human, natural and financial capacity of the country.

- Objectives did not match the national sectoral priorities as such the cost of development was underestimated. Critical sectoral interventions were omitted in the planning process.

- Planners failed to recognize and incorporate policies that encourage private sector involvement.

- In the longrun, unemployment increased and tax revenues did not increase significantly.
There are 5 Strategic Goals

**Goal 1**
- Re-engineering Economic Growth

**Goal 2**
- Enabling Increased Human and Social Development

**Goal 3**
- Promoting Good Governance and Increasing the Effectiveness of Public Administration

**Goal 4**
- Improving Physical Infrastructure, Preserving the Environment and Building Resilience to Climate Change

**Goal 5**
- Building National Pride, Identity and Culture
SVG’s National Goals Alignment to the SDGs

1. **Re-engineering Economic Growth**

2. **Enabling Increased Human and Social Development**

3. **Promoting Good Governance, Citizen Security and increasing the Effectiveness of Public Administration**

4. **Improving Physical Infrastructure and Preserving the Environment**

5. **Building National Pride, Identity and Culture**

With Agenda 2030, national pride and culture is viewed as cross cutting themes and key ingredients to assist countries with achieving the goals.
## Rapid Integrated Assessment

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<th>SDG Goal</th>
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<td>2 – Zero Hunger</td>
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<td>3 – Good Health and Well Being</td>
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<td>4 – Quality Education</td>
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<td>5 – Gender Equality</td>
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<td>6 – Clean Water and Sanitation</td>
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<td>14 – Life Below Water</td>
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Risks and Challenges to achieving the SDGs in SVG

• Inadequate financing

• Insufficient ownership of the national development plan and unclear partnerships for advancement

• The establishment of the required governance framework and coordinating mechanism and committees within country to support the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the development plan and SDGs.

• Enhancing statistical capacity in country.

• The impact caused by COVID-19 both at the local level and in the global economy will negatively impact attainment of growth targets.

• Exogenous shocks such as those associated with the impact of natural hazards and climate change.

• Slow pace of implementation of programmes, projects and reforms.
NEXT STEPS

• Validate the RIA with key stakeholders
• Review of the NESDP- incorporate a medium term strategy
• SDG Road Map
• Establish an institutional Mechanism for the monitoring of the SDGs
• Complete an assessment of the SDG data availability