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Preparing Horizon 2030 – A Development Framework for Belize

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BACKGROUND TO HORIZON 2030



The Terms of Reference:

- National Development Framework: Horizon 2030 will establish long-term development goals and objectives, intended to strategically guide Belize's development over the next 20 years.
- The Horizon 2030 framework will capture the development dreams and aspirations of the people of Belize.
 - ▶ Horizon 2030 is to be a visionary statement of where Belize and its people want to be in the year 2030.



The Objective:

- Clearly establish a set of long-term development goals, targets, and indicators that will guide
 - concerted action by all stakeholders involved in the development, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation of both long term and intermediate sector programs; and
 - Government's long- and medium-term development strategies.



A National Vision should reflect as much as possible the views and development goals of the entire nation.

- Therefore it is critical that the process of creating the Vision is transparent and enjoys the participation of all national stakeholders including the private sector, non-governmental organizations, civil society, academia, development partners, and most importantly, the people of Belize.



APPROACH TO PREPARING HORIZON 2030



Approach is highly participatory

- ▶ High levels of inputs are actively being sought from all sectors of the society and economy
- ▶ We have an open ended list of individuals, organisations and groups with whom we will engage in this process. These include:
 - Participants in and representatives of economic and social sectors,
 - Advocacy groups working in a variety of areas including but not limited to the areas of environment, children, women, youth, HIV/AIDS,
 - Young people,
 - Rural communities,
 - Social partners including private sector, labour, and NGO groupings and organizations, and
 - Political parties.
- ▶ We welcome suggestions for inclusion on this list.



Participatory methods will include:

- interviews,
- workshops,
- focus groups,
- town hall meetings
- media presentations.



Approach is cross-sectoral

- ▶ We will take into account policies, plans and programmes which have been completed or are under preparation including:
 - Medium Term Economic Strategy Paper;
 - National Poverty Elimination Strategy and Action Plan;
 - National Plan of Action for Children;
 - National Protected Areas Policy and Systems Plan;
 - National Youth Policy;
 - National Policy on Local Government
 - Country reports and strategies from international development agencies
 - Etc. so far we have identified and sourced almost 40 of these document.
- ▶ All aspects of Belizean Society will be covered.



Approach takes account of international and regional obligations

- ▶ The Millennium Development Goals [MDGs]
- ▶ The Convention on the Rights of the Child
- ▶ Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women [CEDAW]
- ▶ CSME obligations and processes
- ▶ International Environmental Protocols
- ▶ Etc.



Approach builds in validation processes at several stages

- Increase accuracy in reporting of findings,
- Maintain relevance of the process to the stakeholders, and
- Promote broad support and participation throughout the process



Management of the Process

- ▶ Ministry of Economic Development is the Executing Agency and the Secretariat for the Horizon 2030 process
- ▶ IDB – Funding Agency
- ▶ Horizon 2030 Committee: broad-based membership
 - Co-chaired by MED and private sector
 - Responsibilities:
 - Provide insight and providing guidance to the Horizon 2030 process;
 - Monitoring implementation
 - Provide feedback to the Ministry of Economic Development;
 - Discuss and examine major issues that may arise
 - Provide advice on how to move forward to implementation
 - Ensure that all relevant matters are included in the Horizon 2030 document.



PHASES OF THE PROJECT



Phase 1 – Up to end December 2009

- Preparatory
 - Detailed logistical planning
 - Preparation of the stakeholder engagement plan
 - Preparation of communication strategy
 - Detailed Work Planning
 - Commencement of document review of existing major sector policies
 - Completion of Project Inception report for submission to the Horizon 2030 Committee



Phase 2 – to March 2010

- Roll out of Communication Strategy and Stakeholder Engagement Plan
- Conduct up to 6 weeks of stakeholder consultations
 - We will move around the country
 - The format of the consultations will be tailored to the particular stakeholders
- Prepare a First Progress Report
- Edit First Progress Report into a Draft Framework for Horizon 2030



Phase 3 – to June 2010

- ▶ Undertaking of Sector Studies
 - Focus on key issues and priorities in the social and economic sectors.
 - Informed by existing sector studies, policy documents.
 - We will meet with sector leaders and conduct additional research as necessary.
- ▶ Preparation of Second Progress Report
 - This report will identify priority sectors for consideration
 - It will suggest priorities within sectors
 - It will define a process for converting the long term vision, goals and objectives into medium term strategies to be implemented.
 - It will address:
 - definition of performance targets
 - and the design of a monitoring and evaluation framework as integral parts of the implementation strategy.



Phase 4 – to July 2010

- National Development Framework - Horizon 2030 will be drafted on the basis of the work done in Phase 1 and Phase 2,
- It will be considered by the Horizon 2030 Committee
- It will be revised and presented to Cabinet for consideration and approval
- It will be launched at a major media event.



KEY QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED



What is your vision for Belize in the year 2030?

- What do you want Belize to look like in the year 2030?
- What will the key economic sectors be?
- What will the key social issues be?
- How will the environment have changed?
- What about gender – will women be represented in politics and governance?



How do you and/or your organisation relate to or fit into this vision?

▶ I will be:

- Still involved in advocacy
- Retired and needing a pension or some kind of retirement income
- Running my own business
- In government

▶ My organisation will be:

- Stronger than ever
- No longer needed
- Monitoring policy and programme implementation
- A commercial entity



What are the key steps to be taken to place Belize on track to attain this vision

- ▶ Legal changes
- ▶ Social changes
- ▶ Political changes – governance and reform issues
- ▶ Economic policy changes
- ▶ Environmental policy changes
- ▶ etc



How do we transcend the politics?

- Are there mechanisms to ensure that this vision transcends political parties and changes of government
 - Legal
 - Political
 - Governance



YOUR ROLE IN THE PROCESS



How can you help?

- By ensuring that the voice of your sector is heard
 - Meet with your membership and stakeholders to discuss their long term vision for Belize.
 - Provide written inputs to the Horizon 2030 team.
 - Encourage your members to make direct inputs to the team.
 - Share copies of studies, reports, policy analyses and recommendations
 - Provide responses to draft documents



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