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Presentation outline

- 1. National Development Strategy
- 2. Sri Lanka's Commitment to the 2030 Agenda
- 3. Mapping the SDGs to the National Development Plan

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4. Challenges

National Development Strategy: Vision



National Development Strategy: Five Development Goals

1. Generating one million employment opportunities

2. Enhancing income levels

3. Development of rural economies

4. Ensuring land ownership to rural/estate sector/middle class/ govt. employees

5. Creating a wide and strong middle class

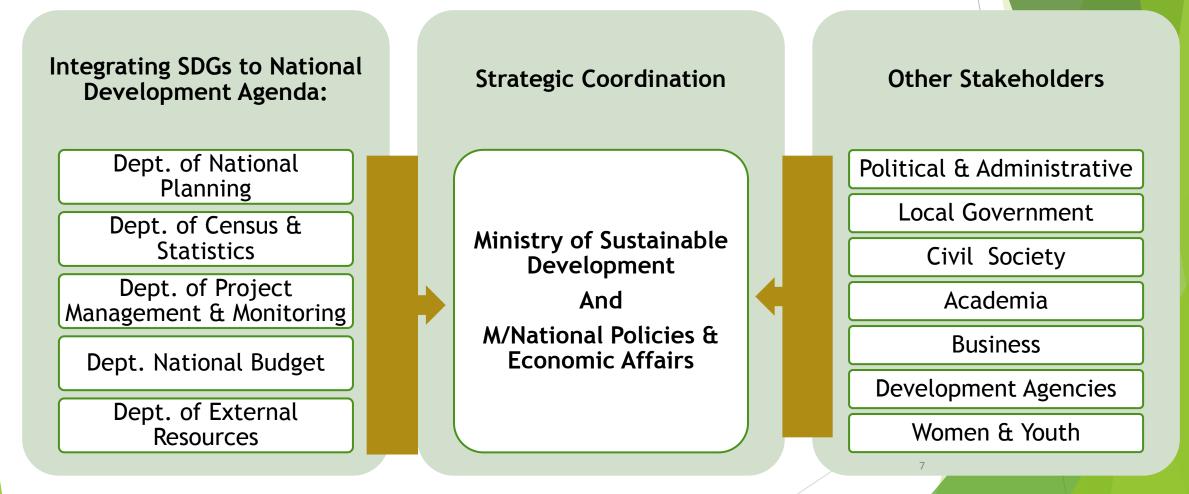
Sri Lanka's Commitment to 2030 Agenda

- HE the President Maithripala Sirisena pledged to achieve SDGs by 2030 at UNGA in 2015 with a focus on SDG 1 (No Poverty), 4 (Quality Education), 7 (Renewable Energy), 10 (Reduced Inequalities) & 11 (Sustainable Cities & Communities)
- Established a Ministry of Sustainable Development & Wildlife to ensure successful localization of the SDGs
- Completed an initial mapping exercise to align the SDGs with local contexts
- Initiated a detailed mapping exercise to prioritize SDGs for implementation over three phases

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Sri Lanka's Commitment to 2030 Agenda - Institutional Arrangements



Mapping SDGs to the National Development Pla

1. Initial Mapping Exercise - Completed

Objective: To understand Sri Lanka's readiness for SDG integration i.e. level of integration of the SDGs into the national development agenda

2. Detailed Mapping Exercise - Ongoing Objective: To prioritize SDGs for implementation over three phases

Initial mapping: level of integration of the SDGs into the national development agenda

SDG	TARGETS Fully aligned with existing	
1 2 3	Image: Second state of the second s	36%
4 5 6 7 8 9	Moderately aligned with existing national development policies/plans and programmes	38%
10 11 12 13 14	Slightly aligned with existing national development policies/plans and programmes	15%
15 16 17	Not relevant to the local context	11%

Detailed mapping: prioritize SDGs for implementation

- 1. Stocktaking: Assess all available development policies, programmes, projects, data and indicators
- 2. Integration: Map SDGs as a network of related targets and identify cross sectoral linkages
- 3. Filter: Match local indicators to SDG indicators/ identify proxy indicators/ identify cross cutting indicators
- 4. Target setting: Set periodic targets (short-term/ medium-term/ long-term)
- 5. **Prioritization:** Phase out SDGs for implementation (short-term/ medium-term/ long-term) considering the Government development priorities and results of the above filtering process
- 6. Investment: Prioritize development programmes/ projects for implementation (short-term/ medium-term/ long-term)
- 7. **Financing:** Analyze budgetary provisions for programmes and projects align with SDGs and identify suitable sources of financing for the implementation of prioritized projects
- 8. **Implementation:** Implement the prioritized projects

Integrating environment dimensions of the SDGs into national policies, plans and programs

Through the Sustainable Development Act

Objectives of the act

(*a*) ensure that the National Policy and Strategy on Sustainable Development is prepared in accordance with section 11 of this Act and provide the legal framework for developing and implementing the National Policy and Strategy on Sustainable Development;

(b) ensure an ecologically efficient use of natural, social and economic resources;

(c) promote the integration and maintain the equitable treatment of environmental, economic and social dimensions in all policy decisions; and

- Goals 12,14 and 15 are being aligned with policies and action plans prepared under different international commitments and national programmes
- Reworking existing sectoral policies and plans and international commitments, including
 - Solid waste management policy (being reviewed)
 - Comprehensive solid waste sector programme (being prepared)
 - A National Policy on Sustainable Consumption & Production (NPSCP)

SCP is an overarching policy goal that is captured in SDG 12 and contributes to other SDGs

National Biodiversity Strategic Action Plan (NBSAP) 2016-2022 has been approved by the Cabinet

The NBSAP is aligned with targets under SDG 14 &15 and the 20 Aichi targets

National REDD+ Investment Framework and Action Plan (NRIFAP)

The NRFIAP consists of 13 policy & measures related to SDG 15

Implementation of SDGs 12,14 & 15

- The above mentioned policies, strategic and action plans clearly identify the institution responsible for their implementation
- The Department of National Planning can use the Handbook Institutional Architecture for Implementing the SDGs in Sri Lanka" (draft) to identify which agency is responsible for particular SDGs and targets

Planning and Budgeting

- All actions identified under different policies and strategies will be translated into projects and programme under relevant line agencies
- The Department of National Planning (NPD) will evaluate the project and recommend needed finance to the Department of National Budget or Department of External Resources
- The NPD is in the process of revising its project submission format to support the mainstreaming of the SDGs, National Determine Contributions (NDCs) & disaster risk reduction strategies
- Preparation of Public Investment Programme
- Budgetary provision for identified activities
- Guideline and Direction for preparing the Annual Budget Estimate (Budget Call 2018)

Sri Lanka's Commitment to 2030 Agenda - Key Activities and Responsible Agencies

Activity	Key Responsible Agency
Strategic coordination and supervision	M/Sustainable Development & Wildlife
Aligning SDGs to National Development Framework	Dept. of National Planning
Increasing awareness on SDGs at all levels	M/Sustainable Development & Wildlife
(National/ Sub-national/ civil society etc.)	
Mapping SDGs to the National Development Framework	Dept. of National Planning
Development of indicators and data collection	Dept. of Census & Statistics
	Other Relevant Agencies
Identification and prioritization of projects for implementation	Dept. of National Planning & All line Ministries
Financing the priority projects	Dept. of National Budget
	Dept. of External Resources
Monitoring and evaluation (Progress review)	M/Sustainable Development & Wildlife &
	Department of Project Monitoring
Reporting	M/Sustainable Development & Wildlife,
	M/National Policies & Economic Affairs

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