Localization of the SAMOA Pathway and the 2030 agenda for sustainable development and SDGs: Lessons from the VNRs

SAINT LUCIA
BACKGROUND

SAMOA Pathway

- Vulnerability Resilience Country Profile(vr cp.govt.lc/)
  - Energy, Water and Sanitation, Health, Infrastructure, Education and Innovation, Food Security

What the VRCP did for us?
- Assisted with the prioritization of the SAMOA Pathway
- Provided experience and evidence that development planning cannot be done by one agency. Experts in the field who implement the day to day work is required.
- Picked up our vulnerable areas
Established the
- Sustainable Development Goals National Coordinating Committee
- SDG Ministerial Sub-Committee
- Public Awareness and Sensitization
  - Private Sector Seminar
  - CSO SDG review
  - Public Sector sensitization
- Reduce or Completely eliminate Silo Effect where possible
Mapping SDGs into the National Development Plan

Pillar 1: Restructuring for Competitiveness - Building Productive Capacity & Expanding Growth
Opportunities: Focuses on the real economic growth sectors and effective export development including manufacturing, tourism, culture and heritage, non-financial services

Pillar 2: Restructuring for Competitiveness – Building Strong Institutions that are a Platform for Growth and Development: Focuses on the institutional and regulatory environment in which growth and development takes place.

Pillar 3: Infrastructure, Connectivity and Energy – Key for Growth and Competitiveness: Focuses on enhancing the efficiency of production, transportation, and communication in which growth development takes place since the accessibility and quality of infrastructure help decisions. This needs to be complemented with access to efficient and affordable energy.

Pillar 4: Adaptation for Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change: Focuses on pathways towards the development of a Green Economy, and a focus on economic and social vulnerability management with environmental risks, disaster and climate change risk management.

Pillar 5: Social transformation, building social resilience and social capital: Building social resilience and social capital, including integrated approaches to poverty reduction - re-discovering and redefining the St. Lucia identity, building community and social capital.

Pillar 6: Enhancing the Labour Force through – Education, Training and Workforce Development: Examines the quality relevance of education, education infrastructure, inequality and gender inequality and competence among youth development of a technically qualified trained workforce to meet national, regional and international needs of the industry, businesses and institutions.

Pillar 7: Promoting physical Health and Wellness - Focuses on strengthening health systems to help treat both communicable and non-communicable diseases.

Pillar 1: 2, 4, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17

Pillar 2: 5, 14, 16, 17

Pillar 3: 6, 7, 9, 11, 17

Pillar 4: 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17

Pillar 5: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 16, 17

Pillar 6: 4, 9, 17

Pillar 7: 2, 3, 11
Medium-Term Development Strategies

**ACCELERATORS**
- Integrated Land & Coastal Zone Management
- Entrepreneurship development for inclusive growth
- Adaptive Social Protection

**ENABLERS**
- Data for evidence-based policy decision making
- Financing for sustainable and inclusive development

**National Development Plan**
- Tourism
- Education
- Infrastructure
- Healthcare
- Agriculture
- Citizen Security
Challenges

- DATA GATHERING AND STORAGE
- RESOURCE MOBILIZATION
- MASS PUBLIC AWARENESS
- FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS
PARTNERSHIPS and PARTICIPATION

Private Sector Organizations

Coalition of Civil Society Organizations

Regional and International assistance for long term benefits

Mainstreaming, Acceleration, Policy Support (MAPS)

Rapid Integrated Assessment (RIA)

International Audit process
Lessons Learnt

– Implementation of the SDGs cannot be done alone
– VNR videos were prepared by the Coalition of CSOs
– Incorporate SDG reporting in budget
– Data collection on a regular basis
MOVING FORWARD

- Strengthen data sharing and data gathering processes
- Encourage citizen inclusion
- Increase audience friendly public awareness
- Identify and implement avenues for data collection
- Finalize out Medium Term Development Strategy
- MICS to assist in collecting data for women and children
- Census 2020
THANK YOU