

INVT EFFECTS ON NATIONAL POLICY-MAKING AND REVIEW PROCESSES; THE NIGERIAN PERSPECTIVES

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NVP Process in Nigeria

- Nigeria for the first time joined other countries to present its NVP in 2013
- The theme - Science, Technology and Innovation and the potential of culture for promoting sustainable development and achieving the MDGs
- The NVP in 2013 used existing NDS framework – Vision 20:2020
- The process was too short and lasted only two months (April to May)
- It was prepared through consultants due to: (i) short duration and (ii) limited capacity in the public sector

NVP Process in Nigeria



- The multi-stakeholders approach makes it quite participatory (wide consultations and validation forums)
- Availability of data was a great challenge – Specific questionnaires designed to extract information and records of government agencies were consulted

Overview of Nigeria's NVP

- Nigeria's 2013 NVP was prepared to answer the following questions:
 - Where are we on the MDGs?
 - What are the innovations driving MDGs progress in Nigeria?
 - How can we harness the potential of science and technology for socio-economic transformation?
 - What can Nigeria do to further maximize the benefits of culture and creative sector and minimize threats to development?
 - How have we mainstreamed sustainable development into national development strategies?

Emerging lessons from the process (1/4)

- Raising **advocacy** on NPV thematic issues among national actors
- Providing **opportunities for dialogues** across various stakeholders, especially between public sector, CSOs and private sector officials on pertinent development issues.
 - ▣ One of the lessons from the national discussions on the 2013 theme is the realization between the federal and state government to **strengthen national coordination process** based on the

Emerging lessons from the process (2/4)

- The presentation of the 2013 NPV theme to the Cabinet ***initiated the process of integrating science, technology and innovations into sustainable development agenda*** in Nigeria. This sets the basis for national consultations on the post 2015 development agenda.
- The setting up of Governors forum with special focus on peer review mechanism aimed at ensuring that states move along with federal government in achieving the MDGs
- Experienced with data difficulty informed the consultant to advise the country statistical agency

Emerging lessons from the process (3/4)

- The multi-dimensional aspect of the themes.....makes coordination quite challenging. Every relevant aspect of government wanted to lead the process BUT for the intervention of the Presidency.
- The theme was quite extensive (focusing on MDGs, ICT, conflicts and climate change).
 - ▣ It did not allow for depth and intensive analysis
 - ▣ The need to make the theme focused is vital for targeted policymaking
- Timing needs to be more elastic: at least 6 months

Emerging lessons from the process (4/4)

- Presentations should go beyond national averages – knowing disparity across the various regions is vital
- Involving national statistical institutions is vital to mainstreaming such IADGs into national survey instruments

What are the Implications of the NVP Process?

- ❑ Member states to be fully involved in the choice of themes and such themes to be passed across to their capitals
- ❑ Consultation processes are not homogenous in Africa. Most federating countries like Nigeria require more time for consultations because of constitutional provisions.
 - Time allocation for national consultation for the NPV seem short in the Nigerian context. At least six months for notification and preparation process will be ideal
- ❑ Feedback process needs to be looked into. Need for more follow up on NPV presentations by ECOSOC.

Conclusions

- NVP is a good mechanism for the international community to assess and advance progress towards the internationally agreed development goals (IADGs) at the national level.
- Addressing disparities across the various regions and groups at the country level is vital
- Multi-stakeholders' consultation including the use of such tools as questionnaires and stakeholder dialogues is essential.
- Emphasize experience sharing and development exchanges.

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