

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

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- 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

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)

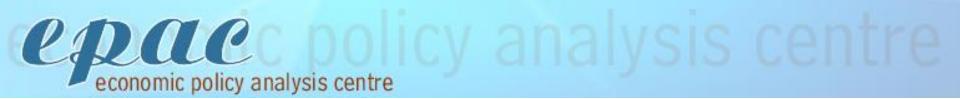
- Presentations should go beyond national averages – knowing disparity across the various regions is vital
- Involving national statistical institutions is vital to mainstreaming such IADGs into national survey instruments

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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