

Preparing for SDG Implementation



## Capacity Building Requirements in Asia Pacific Countries


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### Determining the Capacity Building Requirements in Asia Pacific



- ☞ Regional SD Transition Workshop (April 7-8, 2014) organized by SDplanNet-AP; and Global SD Transition Forum (April 9-11, 2014) in Incheon, ROK, organized by the UN Office for SD
- ☞ 12 Asia Pacific countries were represented
- ☞ Used normative scenario building (backcasting) exercise to explore preferred future, which produced the “Ecotopia”
- ☞ Compared preferred future with current situation
- ☞ Determine capacity building requirements to facilitate the realization of preferred set-up.



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**Achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Through Transformative Governance Practices and Vertical Collaboration at the National and Subnational Levels in Asia Pacific**

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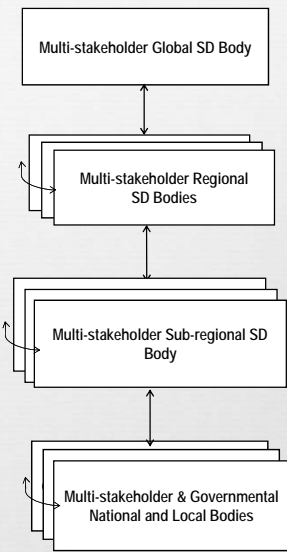
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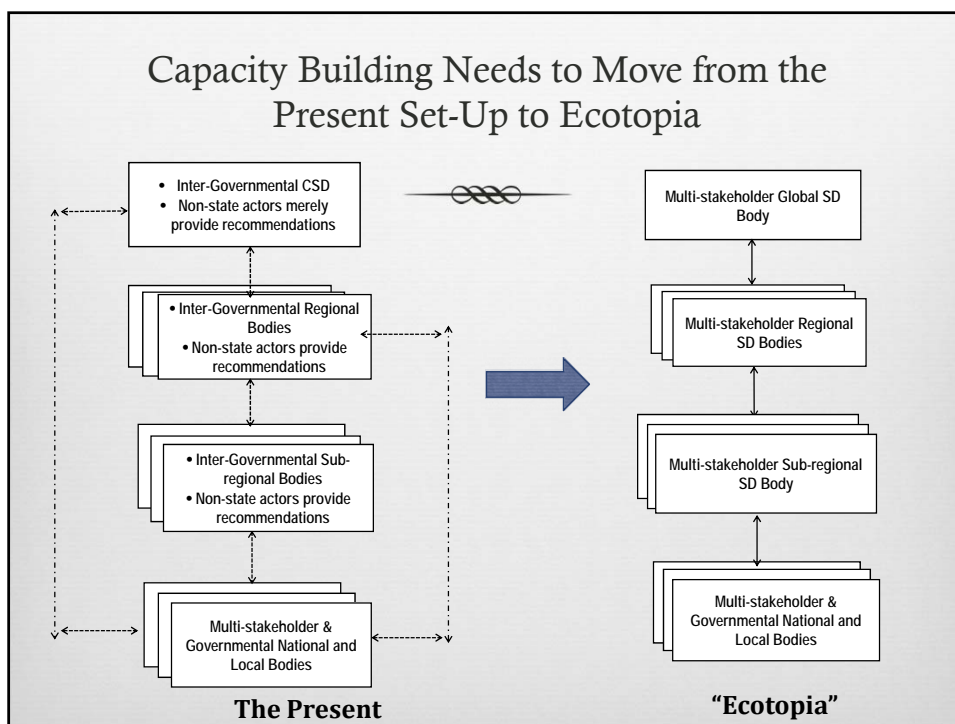
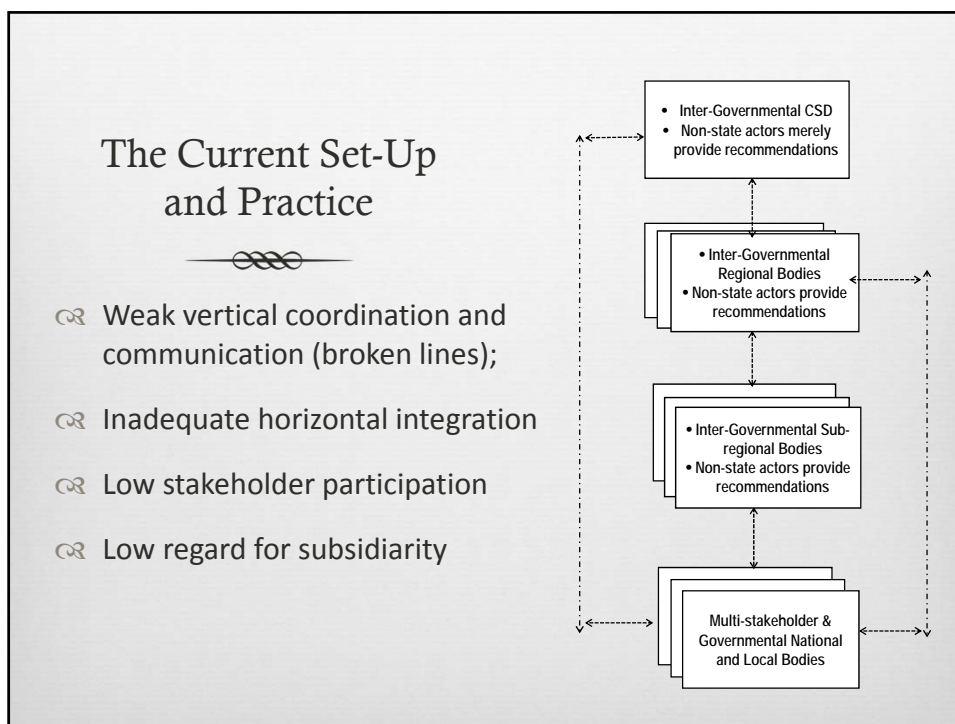
### Preferred Set-Up and Practice

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- 🔗 Strong vertical and horizontal linkages and integration (solid connections)
- 🔗 Strong coordination, integration and synergy among bodies
- 🔗 Meaningful participation and contributions of stakeholders
- 🔗 Optimized use of existing institutions, i.e. no extraneous processes/institutions



**“Ecotopia”**



## Country Priority Areas



- Planning based on eco-regions
- Long term planning (include resilience and scenarios)
- Sector analysis and inter-sectoral linking (integration)
- Connecting strategies and budget
- Building capacities for developing sub-national plans
- Local government capacity to implement policies
- Interactive top-bottom/bottom-top process tools
- Capacity to collect and use quality and relevant data  
Improving transparency and accountability

### CB for Enhancing Integrated Development Planning

#### Skills Upgrading

##### Planning methods/tools

- Long-term strategic planning; scenario planning
- Ecosystem/Eco-region/Sub-national planning

##### Undertaking planning:

- Setting the Vision, Mission, Goals and Objectives
- Sector analysis; inter-sectoral integration; setting/harmonizing sector targets
  - Integration/Connection of strategies and budget
  - Contextualizing local conditions and knowledge

##### Initiating/Managing the planning process:

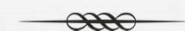
- Promoting interactive top-down/bottom-up process and coordination
  - Understanding and delineating or integrating different plans

#### Institution/Governance Strengthening

Data quality and timeliness; statistical validity

Inter-sectoral and multi-stakeholder planning structure

## CB for Strengthening Policy-Making and Programming for Co-Benefits



### Skills Upgrading

#### Policy-making for co-benefits tools

- Sector policy integration to enhance co-benefits of SD policies
  - Screening and prioritization
  - Avoiding or settling policy/program conflicts

### Institution/Governance Strengthening

Capacity to collect and use relevant data

Local government capacity to formulate and implement policies

## CB for Maximizing Benefits from Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting

### Skills Upgrading

#### Establishing an M&E system

- Indicators development and selection
- Data quality and statistical validity

#### Monitoring, evaluation and reporting

- Effectively monitoring progress and performance
- Analyzing monitoring data and assessing outcomes and impacts
- Strengthening the feedback loop and spurring needed action

### Institution/Governance Strengthening

Establishing M&E institutional arrangements

Improving transparency and accountability

## Capacity Building for Strengthening Multi-stakeholder Processes and Institution



### Skills Upgrading

Participation tools

Engagement capacities of stakeholders

Adopting community-driven development

### Institution/Governance Strengthening

#### **Strengthening multi-stakeholder institutions at all levels:**

- Establishing multi-stakeholder bodies/National Councils for SD (NCSD)
  - Strengthening usefulness and value of NCSDs

Coordination among national and sub-national institutions

## Imperatives



- ❧ Refine and further prioritize CB requirements
- ❧ Turn identified CB areas into specific training modules or institutional upgrading programs
- ❧ Mobilize resources for the CB Agenda
- ❧ Implement the CB Agenda in the region



Thank You!