

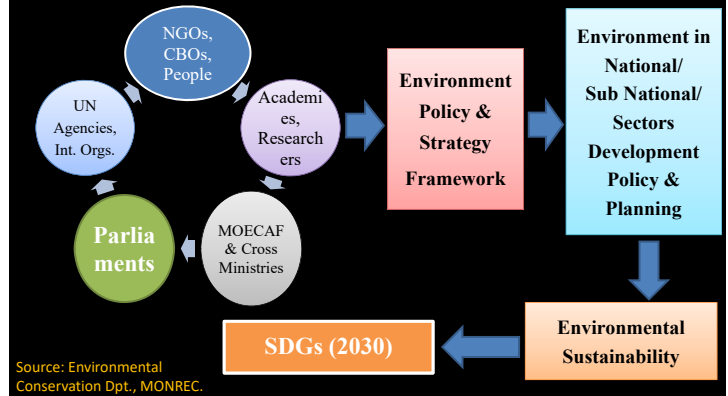
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Key Considerations for Localising the SDGs

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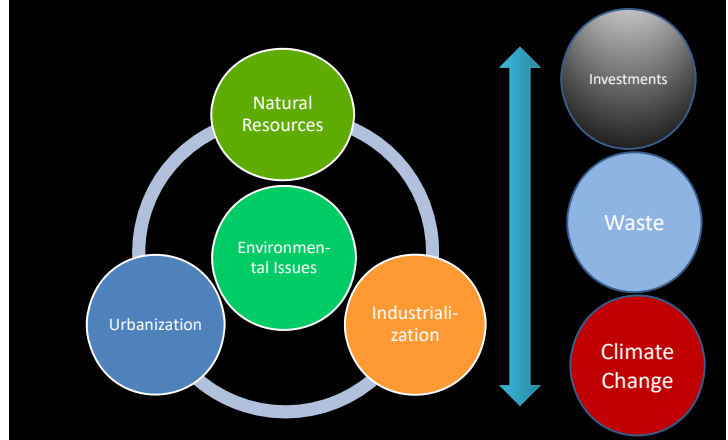
Integrated Approaches: Developing Policy and Strategic Framework



Policy & Laws and Rules

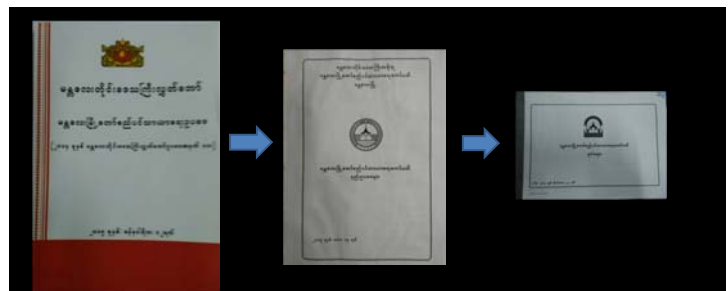
- Environmental Policy (1994)
- Constitution (2008)
- Environmental Conservation Law (2012)
- Environmental Conservation Rules (2014)
- Environmental Quality Guidelines (2015)
- EIA Procedures (2015)
- MIC Law & Rules & Notification (2013)
- SEZ law (2014)
- Relevant Sectoral Laws and Rules

Key priority areas of Environmental Policy Framework



Environmental Policy 1994

- To harmony and balance between these through the integration of environmental considerations into the development process to enhance the quality of the life of all its citizens.
- It is the responsibility of the State and every citizen to preserve its natural resources in the interest of present and future generation.
- Environmental protection should always be the primary objective in seeking development.



- Revised Mandalay City Development Law – 12 Jan 2015
Section 14 & 16 – environmental conservation
- Mandalay City Development Bylaw – 14 May 2015
- Operation Guidelines (30 Nov 2015) – in detail procedure

Localizing SDGs

- On ground - as policies, laws and regulations on environmental concerns went down farther & farther away from 'up', more and more of its essences of cross-national/ global effects were lost. It became localized in other ways. Local community hardly paid attention on it as cross-national/global concerns.
- At top - in align with global norms. At middle – faced with insufficiencies & could not translate it properly. At grass-root - not perceived as global concerns.
- The problem - not simply lied in single context. It is multifactorial/multidimensional & could not be addressed by single or a few agencies alone.

Localizing SDGs

- ❖ For MCDC - National Gov. of Myanmar had not yet promoted SDGs to Mdy City. But key stakeholders from Mandalay were made aware of SDGs by Environmental Conservation Department , MoNREC.
- ❖ Tradition of MCDC – focused on infrastructure development / practiced regulatory mechanism/ enjoyed tangible/visible outcomes.
- ❖ In case of localizing SDGs, the role of MCDC is 'contribution from common platform'.
- ❖ Working together with various stakeholders in various contexts in various ways of relationship is vital.
- ❖ Trade-offs will have to take place mainly at local/operational level.

Localizing SDGs

- ❖ Although environmental & sustainability had been properly prioritized in development context, hierarchical placement of different sectors on the basis of nation development will have to determine trade-offs.
- ❖ The corruption should be taken account as a factor whenever/wherever regulatory mechanism is to be applied, particularly in weak governance structure.
- ❖ Community should be alerted with three dimensions of sustainability. And then they should be put at centre in every cases of balancing and trade-offs.
- ❖ Community must be proactive. They should be in being-motivated state that they are responsible to global concerns, and so they are pleased with what they do.
- ❖ **"Raise level of motivation among community."**

Thank You