Key Considerations for Localising the SDGs

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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

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.
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- 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.

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- 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.

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- 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