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Public Institutions: Delivering Services and Building Trust Case of the Dominican Republic

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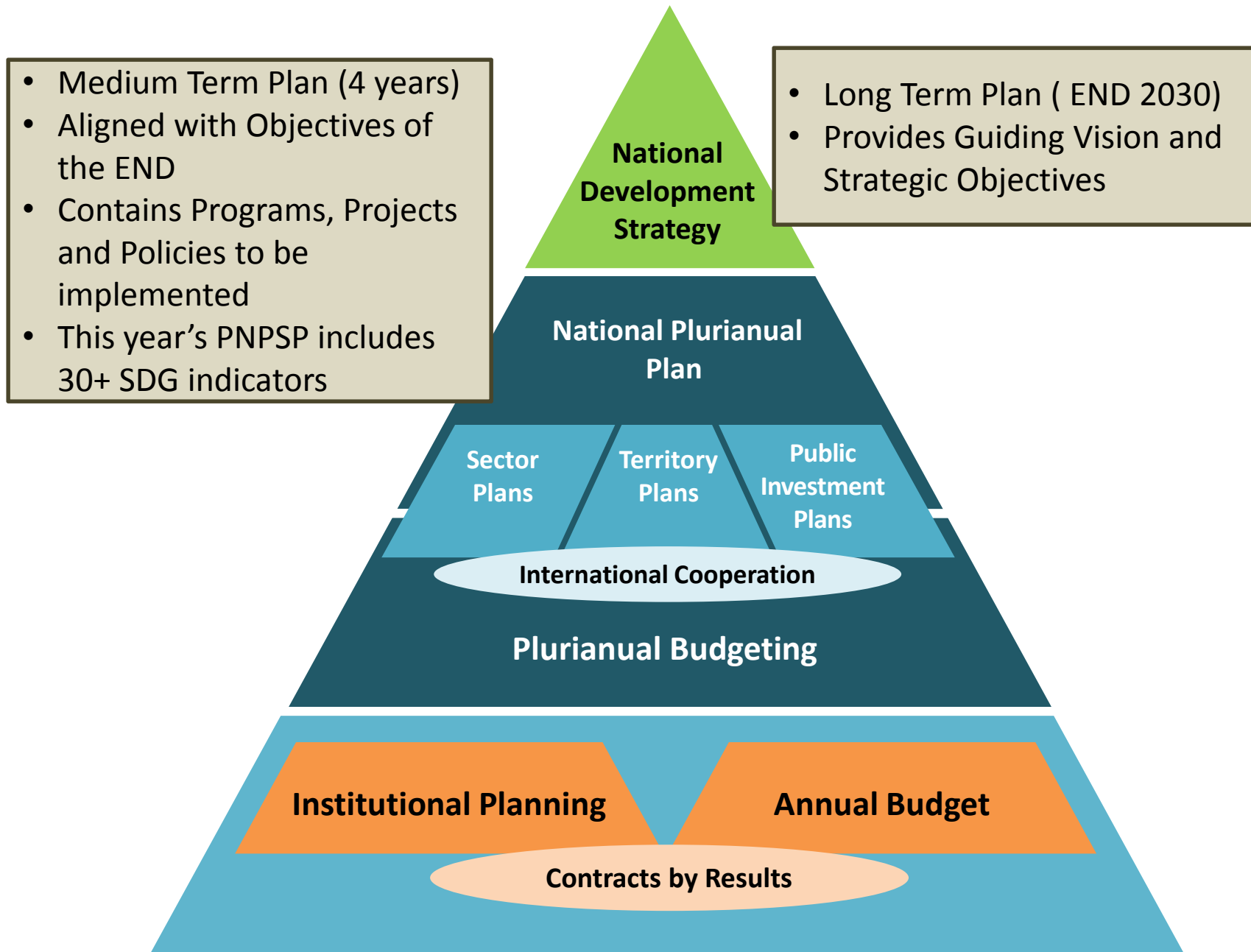
Dominican Republic

SIDS Symposium, Sustainable Development Goals

Nassau Bahamas

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Dominican Planning and Public Investment System



Experiences implementing SDGs

- **Creation of the High Level Commission for the Implementation of the SDGs (*Feb. 2016*)**
 - Presidential Decree (High Political Commitment)
 - Key Public institutions involved (23)
 - Private Sector institutions included
 - NGOs participate in working tables

Experiences implementing SDGs

- **Rapid Integrated Assessment (UNDP):** 72% Global Alignment Between SDGs and National Planning
- **Some challenges Identified in RIA:**
 - Data Measurement Capacity (*Particularly in Environmental Targets with 42% Alignment*)
 - Lack of inter-institutional Registry at Regional and local levels shortens service delivery capacities
 - Monitoring and Evaluation

Experiences implementing SDGs

Challenges :

- **Data Measurement Capacity**
- **Lack of inter-institutional Registry at Regional and local level**
- **Monitoring and Evaluation needed at a national level**

Solutions on the way :

- **Reinforcement of Statistics Office**
- **Law Projects (Unique Planning Units / Territory Development)**
- **National Monitoring and Evaluation System in Progress**

Public Information on SDGs

- **Inclusion of NGOs** in the High Level Commission helps diffusion of information and organized civil society participation.
- The SDG Commission has **formally signed an agreement** with various University Associations and the United Nations in Dominican Republic. Universities agree to:
 - Create **discussion panels** and Forums
 - Promote **citizen participation and innovation** (Students and Society in General)
 - Allow the **diffusion of SDG information**

Good Governance and Accountability Experiences

- **Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative**
- **National Education Pact (*Signed April 2014*)**
- **Participative Governance Initiative:**
 - World Bank / USAID / GPSA
 - Tri-fold interventions: Education, Citizen Security, and Justice
 - Transversal component: Capacity Building (Leadership School, with INTEC University)

Final Thoughts

- **Institutions can do more when synergies are created:**
 - ✓ No single institution can implement the SDGs alone
 - ✓ Having the High Level Commission provides a platform for more inter-institutional dialogue and shared responsibilities
 - ✓ Including Non-government actors helps society take co-ownership of the SDG implementation and builds trust
- **Providing an appropriate legal framework clarifies responsibilities, provides institutional reform guidelines and solidifies political commitment**