National Sustainable Development Boards

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Mandate

- PIDF Charter Chapter 5, Article 9:
  - “The PIDF shall comprise:
    1. The Conference;
    2. The Leaders’ Summit;
    3. The Members’ Representative Council;
    4. National/Local Sustainable Development Boards; and
    5. The Secretariat”
Establishment

The PIDF Charter, Article (13) (1) provides that the NSDB may be created in two ways:

- Through existing committees and structures; or
- Through purpose built structures aiming for a multi-stakeholder and multi-sectoral scope.
Purpose

- PIDF Charter, Article 13 (1)
  - To implement the PIDF Purposes and
  - To ensure that national and local priorities influence the agenda.
Functions

- Under Art 13(2)(a) to (g)
  - Serve as the national/local focal point and repository of information on all PIDF matters at the national/local level;
  - Promote the establishment of multi-stakeholder and inclusive processes at the national/local level;
  - Coordinate the implementation of the decisions of the PIDF at national/local level;
  - Advocate and lead the vision and purposes of the PIDF at the national/local level;
  - Report to the Council;
  - Manage its affairs; and,
  - Develop rules and procedures necessary to efficiently exercise its responsibilities.
Linkages

► **PIDF Governance Structure**
  - Three members of the NSDB will represent the member country or territory to
    - the Members Representative Council which meets twice a year and
    - the PIDF Conference which is held every two years.

► **Linkage to Global Processes**
  - Localise global frameworks such as the SDGs and link national activities and programmes to the global policy level which will create broader support, and enhance impact.
  - Provide a harmonized national reporting system to reduce the burden to countries reporting on international agendas such as the UNFCCC, the SDG global indicator framework, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.
Under Article (6) of the Charter, NSDB members need to share a commitment to the following principles:

- A common commitment to Pacific ways of life recognizing history, culture, identity and the impacts of climate change. The Pacific should be governed by and for Pacific Islanders;
- A shared and enduring commitment to Green-Blue Pacific economies, sustainable development and especially poverty eradication;
- Inclusivity, belonging and ownership by the Pacific;
- Broad representation, participation and engagement;
- Multi-stakeholder governance at all levels such as public sector, civil society and private sector;
- Affirming Pacific spirituality as a foundation of nurturing and building resilience in Pacific communities;
- Durable partnerships with development partners driven by Pacific interests.
Membership (cont)

- May be drawn from representatives of critical sectors such as finance, planning, energy, water, transport, industry, environment, and agriculture.
- Include both public sector, private sector, civil society.
- Between 10 and 15 members.
- Serve ad honorem.
Meetings

- Under Article 13 (4):
  - Quarterly and
  - In such special sessions as occasion may require.
Secretariat

- May be located in a government ministry (e.g. planning or finance).
  - One with broad, transversal powers and authority, such as planning and finance,
  - Rather than an environmental ministry or climate change entity which might lead to the sort of thematic and strategic compartmentalization that the PIDF is aiming to overcome.

- Activities:
  - Undertake necessary technical research and analysis;
  - Coordinate closely with other sector agencies and help find synergies and common grounds among them; and
  - Recommend, based on solid review of alternatives, the most appropriate and feasible means to address issues.
Secretariat (cont)

- The size of the Secretariat naturally depends on budgetary and other institutional constraints.
  - Several staff may contribute part of their time to the NSDB, according to need and competency.

- The members expertise:
  - governance and partnership building,
  - public policy, finance, climate science, sustainable development, and communications.

- Coordinator abilities:
  - Promote and implement sustainable development concepts, policies and programs.
Finance & PIDF Support

- Funding national responsibility
- PIDF Support
  - The PIDF Charter, Article 13(3) requires that NSDB supported by the Secretariat.
  - Institutional and stakeholder mapping, national stakeholder workshop, multi-stakeholder dialogue.
  - Team Leader Member Capacity (Ms Arpana Pratap) and Team Leader Member Services (Ms Anaias Rouveyrol).
  - Technical assistance from third party
Timelines

- NSDB established by April 2017
- First meeting of Members Representative Council early 2017
Key Deliverables

- Consensus on the local multi-stakeholder committee that can assume the role of the NSDB
- Consensus on three nominees (one each from government, private sector and civil society) that will serve as interim representatives to the PIDF MRC
Further Information

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Group Exercise Objective

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GROUP EXERCISE

NSDB QUESTIONNAIRE
Thank you

Questions