



The National Sustainable Development Plan (NSDP) for the Virgin Islands

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INTRODUCTION

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Background

1. Built on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
2. Consultations – more than 70 sets of consultations and 600 plus responses to the survey
3. The Use of Foundational Documents
4. The challenges and solutions identified during the consultations

Outline of the NSDP

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The Vision



National Vision Statement

The Virgin Islands embracing beauty and serenity, balanced development, and abundance with us and for us all

Overall Vision

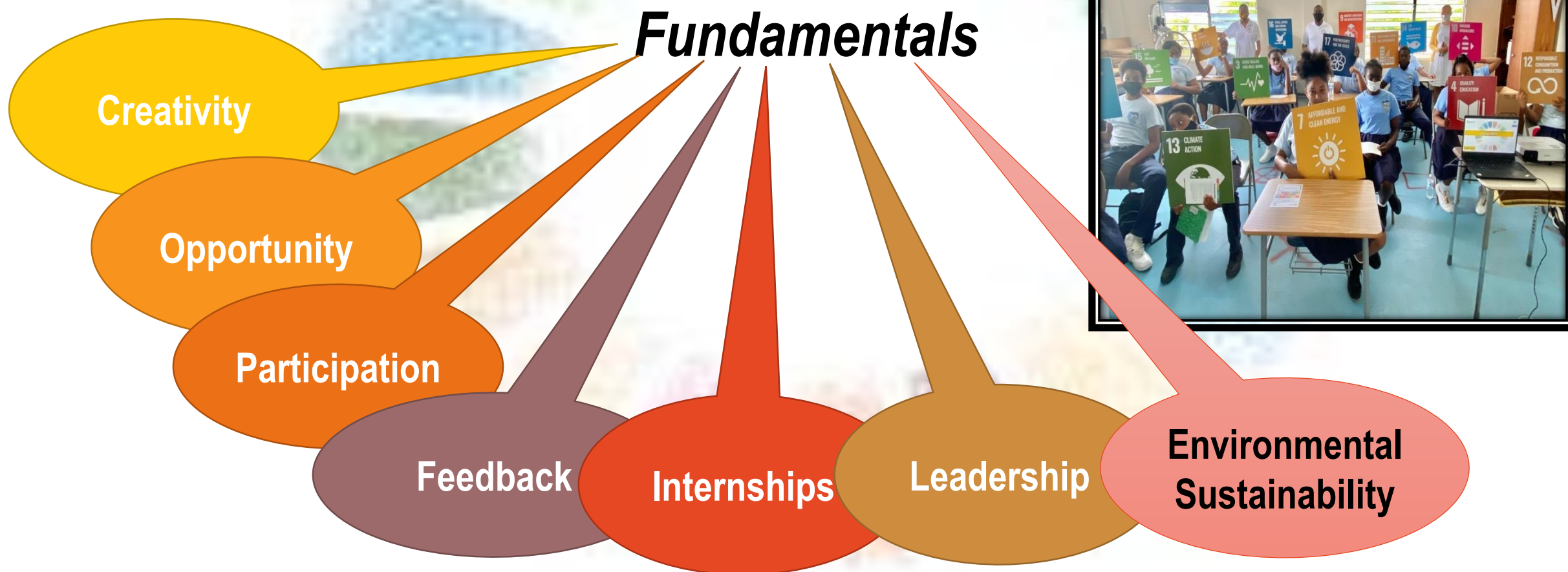
- A well-balanced, people-centred Virgin Islands built on spirituality, social justice and equality; nurtured by trust, cultural knowledge and participatory governance; strengthened by economic, environmental, and social sustainability.

Fundamentals

- Moral, spiritual and democratic values
- Dignity, the freedom of the individual and respect for fundamental rights and freedoms and the rule of law.
- Pristine environments; preservation, regeneration, restoration and the building of resilience.
- Strong , efficient, effective institutions.

The Youth Vision- They will live the 15 year Plan

- *Empowered Youth encouraged by the opportunity to fully participate in all aspects of a balanced life.*



The Priorities

- National identity, cultural integration and heritage – The entire country must focus on nation building that includes spirituality, the teaching of our history and the celebration of our culture and heritage.
- Preservation of the environment and move towards clean energy sources.
- Protection from COVID 19 – There is a need for better health services in all islands.
- Economic participation - All islands and all citizens must be given the opportunity to participate in the prosperity of the country. We do not just want to be workers; we want to be owners and investors.
- Private Sector engagement- The Government and the Private Sector must dialogue on the prosperity of the country to ensure fair wages and working conditions.
- Public Sector inefficiencies. Upgrade the customer service of the Public Servants and improve systems so that the same questions and forms are in an accessible form to all Government Ministries.

The Priorities

- Public infrastructure - The roads should be better maintained and improve those in non-tourist areas. The other islands needs to have more access via airports.
- Youth engagement and empowerment- Create more opportunities for young people especially young men who need skills training.
- Food security- We need to feed ourselves. Give more access to land and facilitate farmers and fishermen in trying to feed the country.
- Human resources – education and skills gaps – We are losing trained people so we must find ways to retain them or make contact after they leave. Also, we need to upgrade the technology and innovations skills.
- Data – We need to make decisions based on sound data

The Four National Goals

**Islanders are Empowered
for a Sustainable Future in
an Inclusive Vibrant
Society, Living Fulfilling
Lives**

**The Virgin Islands has a
Prosperous, Vibrant,
Thriving and
Internationally -
Competitive Economy**

**The Virgin Islands has
Good Governance, An
Accountable Government,
Citizen Participation and a
Safe and Secure Society**









**The Virgin Islands
Embraces Environmental
Sustainability for
Sustainable Islands'
Development**

National Goal 1 and its National Outcomes

National Goal 1: Islanders are empowered for a Sustainable Future in an Inclusive Vibrant Society, Living Fulfilling Lives has five (5) National Outcomes:

- National Outcome #1 - A Healthy Population with Happy Families
- National Outcome #2- An Educated and Highly Skilled Population, Creating a Dynamic 21st Century Labour Market
- National Outcome #3 - Adaptive and Shock Responsive Social Protection Systems, Leaving no one Behind
- National Outcome #4 - Equality of Opportunity and Gender Equality
- National Outcome #5 – Uniquely Us - Our Culture, Our Identity and Our Heritage

Alignment of National Goal 1 and 5 Outcomes to SDGs

National Goals	National Outcomes			
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		<p>4 QUALITY EDUCATION</p> 	<p>5 GENDER EQUALITY</p> 	<p>8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH</p> 
		<p>10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES</p> 	<p>11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES</p> 	

Strategies: National Outcome #1

National Outcome #1 - A Healthy Population with Happy Families

By 2036 BVI will have a fully inclusive health system working for all Islanders and in which we all take collective responsibility for improving our health and happiness

Ensure adequate financing and investment in inclusive health

Create world-class health infrastructure

Make healthy lifestyles a priority

Reduce the disease burden especially for non-communicable, emerging communicable and mental health diseases

Ensure equal access to high-quality healthcare, and overall improvements in the quality of health care and services by all including persons with disabilities

Enhance existing investments in health information systems to better monitor and evaluate the performance of the health sector

Strengthen the linkages between human health and the environment

Strengthen BVI's Health Systems to become Climate Resilient

Capitalize on the Silver Economy

Strengthen parenting skills to create the next generation of supportive and happy families

Strategies: National Outcome #2

National Outcome #2- An Educated and Highly Skilled Population, Creating a Dynamic 21st Century Labour Market

- By 2036 the VI will have an educated and highly skilled population, able to effectively participate in the dynamic 21st century labour market towards advancing the country's sustainable development prospects*

Advance a knowledge-based economy to drive competitiveness

Provide educational opportunities for all with a focus on lifelong learning and inclusiveness

Focus on early childhood education

Invest in world-class education infrastructure and facilities, to meet the needs of 21st century learners

Advance STEAM education from early childhood to secondary education

Increase investments in science, technology and innovation

Align the education and training with the needs of the labour market

Foster entrepreneurship

Strengthen the labour market integration pathway

Provide world-class training opportunities

Strategies: National Outcome #3

National Outcome #3 - Adaptive and Shock Responsive Social Protection Systems, Leaving no one Behind

By 2036 BVI will have a modern and dynamic social protection system – including legislation, policy and a digital social registry

Eliminate poverty and
vulnerability

Foster inclusive social
development

Design and develop the policy and
legislative framework for social
protection, including the development of
a shock-responsive social protection
policy

Create vibrant and
economically viable rural
communities across the
Islands

Ensure adequate shelter,
housing and social
infrastructure for all

Advance Sustainable
Livelihoods

Strategies: National Outcome #4

National Outcome #4 - Equality of Opportunity and Gender Equality

By 2036, we will be providing equality of opportunity for our citizens so that our current youth will be living in a society where participation in all dimensions of our sustainable development will not be hindered by gender, race and class

Review existing legislation to ensure that there is no gender discrimination

Partner with the Private Sector to create internship programmes for young women and men

Invest in the creation of mentorship programmes for young men and women

Increase the number of women in STEAM subjects

Invest in a statistical system that will capture data related to both men and women

Increase mechanisms to reduce the high school drop rate for young men

Increase the number of women involved in highest level of politics in the country

Increase safe spaces for women and girls who have suffered violence and abuse

Strategies: National Outcome #5

National Outcome #5 – Uniquely Us - Our Culture, Our Identity and Our Heritage

By 2036, we will celebrate our culture, uniqueness and spirituality as the foundation of our sustainable development. We understand that these values underpin the attainment of many of the SDGs. It will ensure a future that is safe, peaceful, inclusive, green, sustainable cities, and focused on preserving the land and marine environment

Engage in the teaching of history through cultural activities

Engaging people in neighbourhood revitalization and innovations through the Tourist Industry

Preservation of Culture and Heritage

Making strategic monetary investments in cultural activities and institutions

Integrate culture with the economic development of the country

Promote the talent of Islanders by facilitating engagement between younger and more experienced artists








Showcasing our literary, performance, visual and culinary arts at CARIFESTA festivals

National Goal 2 and its National Outcomes

National Goal 2: A prosperous, vibrant, thriving and internationally competitive economy has seven (7) National Outcomes:

- National Outcome #6 - Fiscal Strength And Sustainability
- National Outcome #7- An Enabling Business Environment
- National Outcome #8- Strong and Resilient Economic Infrastructure
- National Outcome #9 - Sustainable Energy and Water
- National Outcome #10 – Science, Technology and Innovation
- National Outcome #11 – Globally Competitive Industries
- National Outcome #12 – A Resilient and Sustainable Economy that is Diversified and Supports New Pillars.

Alignment of National Goal 2 and 7 Outcomes to SDGs

National Goals	National Outcomes			
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		<p>8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH</p> 	<p>9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE</p> 	<p>12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION</p> 
		<p>14 LIFE BELOW WATER</p> 		

Strategies: National Outcome #6

National Outcome #6 - Fiscal Strength And Sustainability

By 2036 the VI achieves balanced economic growth and development while maintaining fiscal sustainability

Public Financial Management
Transformation

Assessment of Fiscal Rules

Strengthen Domestic
Resource Allocation.

Implement Sustainable
Financing for Development

Strategies: National Outcome #7

National Outcome #7- An Enabling Business Environment

By 2036 the VI will have an enabling business environment will be conducive to investors, entrepreneurs and workers. Allowing for acceleration in investment, innovation and increasing formalised business and decreasing the informal business sector

Promote and enhance the use of information and communications technologies

Support national, regional and international initiatives that develop and increase the capacity and development impact of the financial services industry

Enhance international cooperation, exchanges and investments in formal and non-formal education and training

Promoting and enhancing gender equality and women's equal participation in policies and programmes in the public and private sectors

Enhance the enabling environment at the national and regional level to attract more public and private investment

Setting national regulatory and policy frameworks

Strategies: National Outcome #8

National Outcome #8- Strong and Resilient Economic Infrastructure

By 2036 BVI will have a thriving Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector that is innovative and contributes significantly to job creation, economic growth and a better standard of living

Incentivising New Start-Ups
and Innovative Industries.

Improving MSME and
Entrepreneurship Training

Expanding Financing Access
and Options

Streamlining and Simplifying
Business Licensing and
Regulatory Processes

Bridging the Skills Gap in the
Labour Market

Formalising the Informal Sector

Understanding the MSME
Sector

Strategies: National Outcome #9

National Outcome #9 - Sustainable Energy and Water

By 2030, the Virgin Islands will less reliant on imported energy, will focus on renewable energy and energy efficiency and will have a reliable water distribution and treatment system.

Develop a strategy and targeted measures to promote energy efficiency and foster sustainable energy systems .

Facilitate access to existing mechanisms to increase capital flows for the implementation of sustainable energy projects on renewable energy and energy efficiency

Establishment of user friendly, accurate and comprehensive data repositories as online databases on energy

Support investment in initiatives of renewable energy and energy efficiency and conservation projects,

Establish, integrate and strengthen innovative energy roadmaps with detailed resource planning,

Facilitate the expansion of wastewater treatment,

Improve water-use efficiency and work towards eliminating over-extraction, .

Develop institutional and human capacities

Provide and operate appropriate facilities and infrastructure for safe drinking water, sanitation, hygiene and waste management systems.

Strategies: National Outcome #10

National Outcome #10 – Science, Technology and Innovation

By 2036, our use of STI will help us to achieve the future we want and it would have enabled us to unleash our dynamism and enhance our international competitiveness within and across our social and economic structures generating higher levels of employment and income

Enhance strategic
public/private partnerships

Enhance public engagement
in STI

Develop system innovation
for competitiveness and
inclusive development

Encourage public sector
innovation

Strategies: National Outcome #11

National Outcome #11 – Globally Competitive Industries

By 2036 BVI main industries will be competing successfully nationally, regionally and internationally and new industries will be established and thriving.

Develop a resilient and sustainable tourism industry

Navigate the complexities of the Financial Services industry and capitalise on the opportunities

Create an enabling environment to support the fintech industry.

Develop a vibrant and growing music and literary arts culture and translate into economic opportunities both domestically, regionally and internationally for some artists.

Diversifying the economy by creating new industries

Improve the efficiency and competitiveness of traditional industries.

Expand the agriculture industry so that it can contribute to food security and reduce the level of food imports

Enhance capacity in the construction sector

Focus on building new business opportunities in ICT

Strategies: National Outcome #12

3. National Outcome #12 – A Resilient and Sustainable Economy that is Diversified and Supports New Pillars.

By 2036 the BVI's reliance on fossil fuels has been reduced, industries use more sustainable sources of energy, and less waste is generated.

Ensure that tourism becomes a prime industry for incorporating green initiatives.

Increase investment in public infrastructure that will facilitate the capturing and storing of rainwater

Develop and promote A “green” fishery sector

Review and update the 2016 Energy Policy

Increase investment in “greening” the economy to transition from fossil fuels to more sustainable energy sources.

Adapt a Circular Economy Model with more sustainable resource use and waste disposal. .

Invest in and develop the aquaculture industry

National Goal 3 and its National Outputs

National Goal 3: Good Governance, accountable government, citizen participation and a safe and secure society has six (6) National Outcomes as follows:

- National Outcome #13 -Peace, Justice for All, Safety and Security
- National Outcome #14 - Efficiency and effectiveness of government
- National Outcome #15 - Constitutional Advancement
- National Outcome #16 - Transparency and Accountability
- National Outcome #17 - Voice, Feedback and Social Dialogue
- National Outcome #18 - Strengthened Foreign Relations

Alignment of National Goal 3 and 6 Outcomes to SDGs

National Goals	National Outcomes
<p>The Virgin Islands has Good Governance, An Accountable Government, Citizen Participation and a Safe and Secure Society</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Outcome #13 -Peace, Justice for All, Safety and Security • National Outcome #14 -Efficiency and effectiveness of government • National Outcome #15- Constitutional Advancement • National Outcome #16 -Transparency Accountability, and Fiscal Responsibility • National Outcome #17 -Voice, Feedback and Social Dialogue • National Outcome #18 – Strengthened Foreign Relations



Strategies: National Outcome #13

National Outcome #13 -Peace, Justice for All, Safety and Security

By 2036, our use of STI will help us to achieve the future we want and it would have enabled us to unleash our dynamism and enhance our international competitiveness within and across our social and economic structures generating higher levels of employment, income and good governance

Strengthen the capacities of public policy and rule-of law institutions and civil society organizations

Reform and modernize the law enforcement infrastructure

Reinforce equitable access to justice, protection, citizen security and safety

Improve national capacity for evidence-based policymaking

Strategies: National Outcome #14

National Outcome #14 - Efficiency and effectiveness of government

By 2036 high levels of effectiveness and efficiency will be the hallmark of government, which will further increase support and partnership locally, regionally and internationally

Strengthen the availability and
accessibility of data and statistical
systems

Strengthen the use of domestic policies
and financing

Enhance global partnership for
development

Work with the Diaspora and
International partners on effective
remittance systems

Enhance the legal capacity within
the public service

Strategies: National Outcome #15

National Outcome #15 - Constitutional Advancement

By 2036, the vision of a more equitable society must be matched by Constitutional Advancement that is reflective of the “free and independent spirit, ... based on qualities of honesty, integrity, mutual respect, self-reliance and the ownership of the land engendering a strong sense of belonging to and kinship with those Islands;” of our People.

Establish the Constitutional Review Commission to commence the engagement on Constitutional Review

Establish a feedback mechanism so that there can be constant and sustained engagement with the various publics

Develop a Communication Strategy to ensure that the citizens are fully involved in the discussion on Constitutional Review

Strategies: National Outcome #16

National Outcome #16 - Transparency and Accountability

By 2036, we will have accountable, transparent, effective governance and inclusive societies

Strengthen partnerships with relevant stakeholders including civil society actors to ensure accountability and review of the Voluntary National Review (VNR) Reports

Ensure security and human rights to individuals whose lives and basic freedoms are under threat either due to direct violence or through institutional restrictions to justice

Continue to promote the rule of law at the national and international levels.

Significantly reduce illicit financial and arms flows strengthen the recovery and return of stolen assets and combat all forms of organised crime

Ensure public access to information in accordance with national legislation and international agreements.

Increase the transparency of monitoring and evaluation by ensuring the availability of high-quality, timely, and reliable data disaggregated by income, age, gender, ethnicity and migratory status, geographic location, disability and other characteristics relevant in national context.

Strengthen relevant national institutions, including through international co-operation, for building capacity at all levels, to prevent violence and combat crime.

Actively combat human trafficking

Strategies: National Outcome #17

National Outcome #17 - Voice, Feedback and Social Dialogue

By 2036, we will be providing equality of opportunity for our citizens so that all are able to dialogue freely and with knowledge on the issues that affect their lives and their livelihoods

Strengthen dialogue systems with citizens

Work with the HLSCC to increase public engagement on relevant and contemporary issues

Work with international community on cyber criminal activity

Foster the development of community groups and associations that support the development of public speaking

Encourage the private sector to increase dialogue within businesses to ensure a focus on decent work

Strategies: National Outcome #18

National Outcome #18 - Strengthened Foreign Relations

By 2036, we will have a well-resourced External Relations Plan and Institutional Structure that promotes the National Sustainable Development Plan [NSDP] and continue to effectively safeguard the well-established reputation, while managing and coordinating the Country's representation in the international arena.

Strengthen partnerships with relevant stakeholders to ensure effective Virgin Island representation in the international arena

Revisit agreements signed with the OECS, the ACS, CARICOM and ECLAC to ensure that the Country receives maximum benefits from engagement

Increase the number and presence of representatives living in countries considered important for the sustainable development of the Country

Develop a Diaspora Policy and engagement systems to deepen the involvement of Islanders living in other countries in the development of their homeland

Focus on capacity building to ensure the development of negotiations, accessing development financing

Reform the functions of International Relations to accommodate constitutional advancement of the Country

Increase the capacity to ensure effective implementation and coordination of international agreements across departments and with overseas representatives

Increase visibility in international fora on Small Island Development States', Development Financing, Climate Financing, Building Resilience

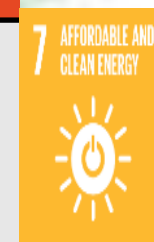
National Goal 4 and its National Outputs

National Goal 4: Environmental Sustainability has three (3) National Outcomes as follows:

- National Outcome #19 -Environmental Sustainability – Sustainable Management and Use of Environmental and Natural Resources
- National Outcome #20 – Developing the Blue Economy
- National Outcome #21 - Hazard risk reduction and adaptation to climate change

Alignment of National Goal 4 and 3 Outcomes to SDGs

National Goals	National Outcomes
<p>The Virgin Islands Embraces Environmental Sustainability for Sustainable Islands' Development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Outcome #19 -Environmental Sustainability – Sustainable Management and Use of Environmental and Natural Resources • National Outcome 20- Developing the Blue Economy • National Outcome #21 - Hazard Risk Reduction and Sustainable Adaptation to Climate Change



Strategies: National Outcome #19

National Outcome #19 -Environmental Sustainability – Sustainable Management and Use of Environmental and Natural Resources

By 2036 every citizen and resident of BVI will have access to a clean and healthy environment

Create strategies to capitalize on the blue and green economies within the context of sustainable development

Rehabilitate Degraded Ecosystems

Support greening the economy and the introduction of innovative financial instruments for environmental sustainability and ecosystem rehabilitation

Foster sustainable consumption and production, including turning trash to cash

Enhance the governance framework of institutions, laws and policy to support environmental sustainability

Support natural resource valuation and accounting

Advance environmental education and awareness and reduce our individual and collective carbon footprints

Strategies: National Outcome #20

National Outcome #20 – Developing the Blue Economy

By 2036 the BVI has reaped benefits from the blue economy while simultaneously preserving ocean resources for future generations

Strengthen the legislation and regulation in areas of environmental protection

Increase the contribution of the fisheries sector to the economy

Increase local participation in the blue economy.

Develop new opportunities within the marine space.

Strategies: National Outcome #21

National Outcome #21 - Hazard risk reduction and adaptation to climate change

By 2036 the VI has ensured that resilience building is a key developmental priority thereby reducing current and future vulnerabilities of the population and infrastructure

Building a stronger, more resilient BVI

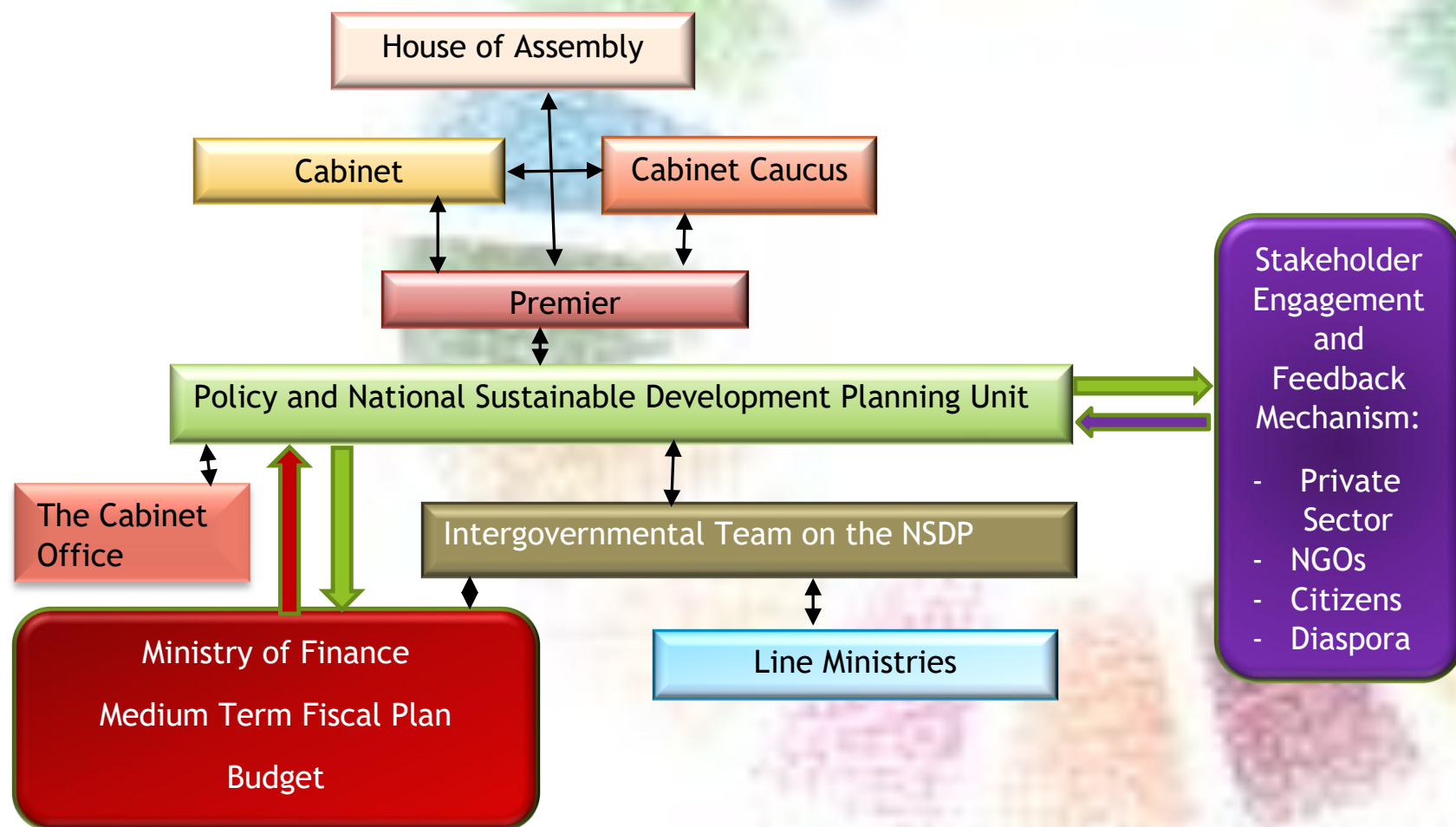
Adopt the Sendai Framework for disaster risk reduction

Mainstream climate change in all national policies

Approach adaptation finance with both short- and long-term goals

The Implementation Framework





The Implementation Framework

The Policy and National Sustainable Development Plan Unit will be responsible for the overall implementation and review of the National Sustainable Development Plan. It will also be responsible for coordinating the resources need for the effective functioning of the Unit. Its will be authorised to undertake the following activities:

1. Translate the broad objectives into actionable deliverables.
2. Co-ordinate the Monitoring and Evaluation of the NSDP with the Ministry of Finance
3. Create and coordinate statistical requirements with the CSO
4. Work with the Ministries in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance to ensure that both SDG alignment and monitoring are incorporated into the deliverables of their work programme and plans.
5. Prepare the Terms of Reference the Intergovernmental Team (IGT) on the NSDP
6. Make recommendations on the composition of the Intergovernmental Team on the NSDP

The Implementation Framework

7. Create a Communication and Marketing Plan
 - a. Create a website.
 - b. Create social media accounts
 - c. Create dialogue mechanisms with civil society and the Private Sector
 - d. Create and coordinate dialogue with the citizens of the country on the progress of the NSDP,
8. Coordinate the National Voluntary Report to the United Nations.
9. Preparation of the Resource Mobilisation Strategy
10. Preparation of a Diaspora Engagement Plan

The M&E Framework

1. The monitoring and evaluation of the National Outcomes will be undertaken primarily through the use of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) indicators.
2. As not all goals will be particularly relevant to the Virgin Islands, the initial point for selecting relevant indicator came from what is referred to as the CARICOM Core Set of SDG indicators

There are 247 Global Indicators.

There are 117 Indicators in the CARICOM Set

There are 130 National Indicators

The M&E Framework

Integration of the Sustainable Development Goals into the BVI National Agenda



Next Steps: Time Line

Undertake Review Meetings and Presentations	Jan 15 – Feb 15, 2022
Complete NSDP Review with the Public Sector	February 19, 2022
Complete NSDP Review with the Private Sector	February 19, 2022
Update the NSDP and the Appendices	Feb 19 - March 18, 2022
Present final Draft to the PS and Premier	March 21, 2022
Submission of the Final Draft to the HOA	March 28, 2022
Undertake Public Launch/Presentation of the SDG Colouring Book and Prize Giving Ceremony	April 4, 2022



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