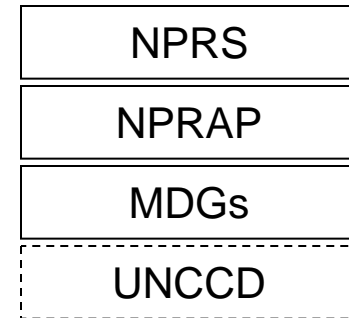# Mainstreaming Biodiversity into Development Planning –
A Few Thoughts and Experiences from Namibia

Overview of Namibia's development – environment policy framework
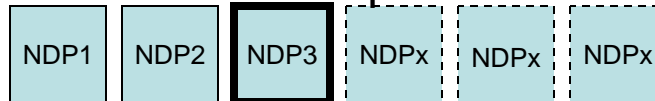
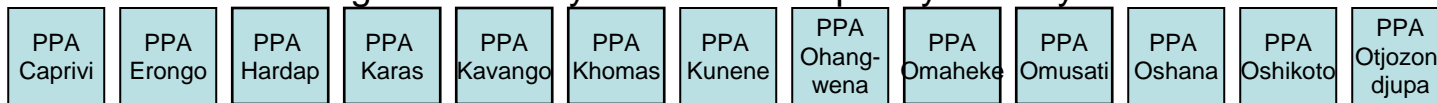*International Environment*
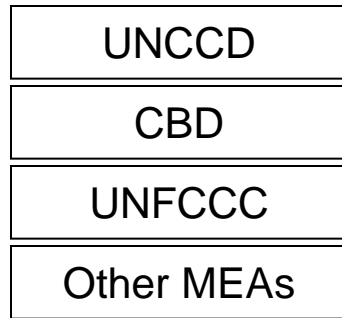
International Development

Constitution

Namibia's Vision 2030

International Environment		International Development
UNCCD	Constitution	NPRS
CBD	**Namibia's Vision 2030**	NPRAP
UNFCCC		MDGs
Other MEAs		UNCCD

National Development Plans

NDP1	NDP2	NDP3	NDPx	NDPx	NDPx

Regional Development Plans
Regional Poverty Profiles/Participatory Poverty Assessments

PPA Caprivi	PPA Erongo	PPA Hardap	PPA Karas	PPA Kavango	PPA Khomas	PPA Kunene	PPA Ohang-wena	PPA Omaheke	PPA Omusati	PPA Oshana	PPA Oshikoto	PPA Otjozon-djupa

21 Line Ministries & 13 Regional Councils Strategic Plans
→ e.g. MET

Sectoral & Cross-cutting Policies
→ e.g. Water Act; Land policies; EMA; **NBSAP;** Decentralisation Policy; National Drought Policy

Implementation instruments
Programmes, projects, sector-wide approaches
→ e.g. CBNRM, SPAN, BCLME, ICEMA, NACOMA, NAPCOD, CPP for ISLM, GEF/NCSA; EU RPR SWAp

CBNRM key delivery mechanism
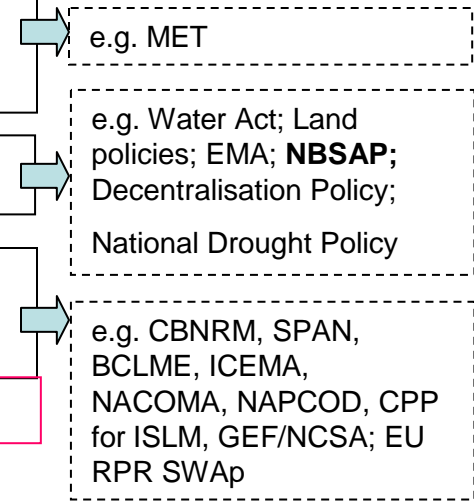
Environmental Sustainability

Prominent:

- Dedicated Key Results Area (KRA) IN NDP 3

- Additionally: Cross-cutting issue (also linked to MDGs)

- GEF projects and other are integrated

- Environment high on poor's agenda (PPA), feeding into NDP

NAMIBIA: Environment – Development Nexus/Issues

Environment Top Topics

Water:
- Demand vs sustainable use; valuation
- Availability, esp. climate change impacts
- Access, infrastructure & maintenance
- Capacity support

Land, natural resource & ecosystem management:
- Land degradation, desertification, loss of productivity
- Ecosystem services & natural limits of dryland productivity; valuation
- Sustainable use and management practices; land/resource use choices; incentives
- Land reform
- Appropriate technology & development
- Capacity support

Biodiversity and ecosystem services:
- Natural variability of ecosystems
- Conservation and protection; valuation
- Parks & CBNRM; incentive measures
- Sustainable use; valuation

Drought, extreme events & climate change:
- Natural variability of climate
- Preparedness & adaptation
- Early warning & response measures

Waste management & pollution; cleaner production; environmentally sound/sustainable industries

Development Linkages

Sustainable energies:
- Fuel wood dependency & shortages; defosterstation
- Energy crises: availability & access
- Research and technology development

Sustainable tourism:
- Conservation
- Benefit sharing; incentives
- Infrastructure & services
- Political stability

Sustainable production systems:
- Agriculture & rangelands
- Fisheries
- Forestry

Sustainable industries:
- Environmental Impacts
- Opportunity costs

Underpinning elements

- *Infrastructure*
- *Trade & Markets*
- *Education*
- *Health*
- *Industrial/business development*
- *Financing*
- *Decentralisation*
- *Gender*
- *Participation*
- *Poverty reduction*
- *Devolution of rights & responsibilities*
- *Governance*
- *Enabling policy environment*

Development planning & budget delivery

Vision 2030 (medium-term development vision)

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National Development Plans (NDPs; 5-yrs)

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NBSAP

MET SP (Ministerial strategic planning; 5 yrs)

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MTEF (budget planning; RBM based; 5 yrs)

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Performance review process

Some critical steps and ingredients for successful mainstreaming

1. Need to make a compelling case for biodiversity and development linkages in country; may integrate BD in an context of other environmental priorities

2. Analyse and understand how the national (and international) development contexts actually work!

3. Strong institutions and individuals who keep up the biodiversity/environmental flag throughout planning

4. NB: successful delivery mechanisms (incl. CBNRM)

What can we improve?

a. Policy
- – Dual system:
    - Mainstreaming; BD as part of environmental context
    - Dedicated support to individual MEA implementation (i.e. CBD/NBSAP)

b. Implementation
- – Up-scaling:
    - Continued investments into CBNRM as a key service delivery mechanism
    - Broad-scale education
    - Combat HIV/Aids and other
    - Test pilots, up-scale
    - Continue improving policy framework

Long-term and sustainable support!

Cheers!