

MAINSTREAMING BIODIVERSITY

A Gambian Experience

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- **Draft Policy Review: Legal Requirement under the National Environment Management Act (1994) by relevant stakeholders under leadership of National Environment Agency (NEA)**
- **Sectoral Dialogue conducted within the Agriculture & Natural Resources (ANR) Working Group**

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF ANR WORKING GROUP

- Assist in the formulation and review of ANR sectoral policies;
- Assist in the development of strategies and action plans for agricultural and natural resource management (plans for human resource management, financial and technical resources requirements);
- To prioritize agriculture and natural resource management activities and the development of projects under the framework of the Gambia Environmental Action Plan (GEAP);
- To recommend the commissioning of studies and the development of appropriate technologies and projects under the framework of the Gambia Environmental Action Plan (GEAP);
- To provide quarterly progress reports on the institutional constraints of policy implementations and the Conventions;
- Mobilize resources for the funding of ANR Projects and Programmes;
- Resolve institutional conflicts with the ANR sector through dialogue

ANR WORKING GROUP MEMBERSHIP

- **Permanent Secretary (Chair), Department of State for Agriculture**
- **Permanent Secretary, Department of State for Forestry and the Environment**
- **Permanent Secretary, Department of State for Fisheries and Water Resources**
- **Permanent Secretary, Department of State for Finance and Economic Affairs**
- **Executive Director, National Environment Agency**
- **CONACILLS, Department of State for Agriculture (DOSA)**
- **Director General, National Agricultural Development Agency (NADA)**
- **Director General, National Agricultural Research Institute**
- **Statistician-General, Gambia Bureau of Statistics**
- **Director General, Gambia Tourism Authority**
- **Coordinator UN System in The Gambia/UNDP Resident Representative**
- **Director of Forestry**

ANR WORKING GROUP MEMBERSHIP CONTD.

- **Director of Agricultural Planning (DOP)**
- **Director of Fisheries**
- **Director of Water Resources**
- **Director off Community Development**
- **Director of Physical Planning and Housing**
- **Director of Lands and Surveys**
- **Coordinator UN System in The Gambia/UNDP Resident Representative**
- **TANGO/YAFSSE**
- **Director of Parks and Wildlife Management**
- **Director of Technical Services, National Agricultural Development Agency**

22 members

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POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY PAPER (PRSP)

OBJECTIVES

(1) To create an enabling policy environment to promote economic growth and poverty reduction

- ❑ price stability;
- ❑ improve macro-economic management (particularly fiscal and monetary management);
- ❑ implement private sector development programme;
- ❑ Reduce Government's asset portfolio through privatisation and divestiture



(2) **To Enhance the productive capacity and social protection of the poor and vulnerable**

- ❑ change narrow focus on agriculture for approximately 80% of the population;
- ❑ institute investment support for Informal Small and Micro-Enterprises (ISMEs);
- ❑ provide substantial economic infrastructure support to non-farm business ventures;
- ❑ diversify agriculture away from mono-crop agriculture (groundnuts)

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- **(3) To improve coverage of the basic social service needs of the poor and vulnerable**
 - increase access to education, health, and other social amenities (water supply, electricity, sewage disposal, sanitation and telecommunications)
- **(4) To build the capacity of local communities and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) to play an active role in the process of poverty reduction**
 - democratize processes and systems to ensure that empowerment results from decentralization
 - create Poverty Reduction Dialogue Forum

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- **(5) Mainstream poverty-related cross-cutting issues into PRSP**
 - ensure focus on poverty reduction outcomes at the community levels
 - ensure adequate funding of Environment, Nutrition, Population, and HIV-Aids interventions at community levels

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- **Setting biodiversity conservation as priority during development of GEAP (Gambia Environmental Action Plan), LEAPs (Local Environmental Action Plans) and CAPs (Community Action Plans);**
- **Promotion of ECOTOURISM at community level helping the diversify the tourism product from sea, sand and sun;**
- **Introduction of Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme (Jan. 2007)**

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GEF FUNDED PROJECT: Adoption of Ecosystems Approach for Integrated Implementation of MEAs at Regional and Local Level

- **Budget :** US\$661,000
- **Implementation Period:** 4 years starting October 2008
- **Project Goal:** **To enhance Gambia's capacity for integrated global environmental management**
- **Outcome 1: An institutional framework established at the national level for integrated management of global environmental issues**
- **Output 1.1:** The establishment of an MEA Coordinating Committee.
- **Output 1.2** The establishment of an MEA Unit
- **Output 1.3.** Improved collaboration between focal points

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- **Outcome 2: Global environmental management integrated into Divisional level management**
- Output 2.1: Understanding of functional relationships within ecosystems
- Output 2.2: Evaluation of ecosystem goods and services (DUVs & IUVs)
- Output 2.3: Adaptive Management within ecosystems

Thank you !