Revision of National Sustainable Development Strategy of Pakistan in the light of SDGs & SCP

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Critical issues in Pakistan needing SCP

- **Production:** Urgent need to scale up production for current and future domestic demand, trade
- **Consumption:** Low but rapidly increasing on per capita basis
- **Environment:** Water, Energy, Pollution issues
- **Trade:** Need to increase export value

SCP is NOT about “less” it is about “better”: minimizing environmental impacts from consumption and production systems, while promoting quality of life for all.
Policy framework for SCP in Pakistan

- **International**: Sustainable Development Goals, 10 Year Framework of Programmes on SCP
- **National**: Vision 2025
- **Sustainable Development**: National Sustainable Development Strategy
- **Sector**: Environment, Climate Change, Industry, Education, Agriculture, Energy, Drinking Water, Sanitation etc

National Action Plan on SCP will aim to link and coordinate implementation of SCP relevant policies.
Need to revise NSDS

- The NSDS was based on measures to meet MDGs
- Now the World has adopted SDGs
- There is a need to revise the NSDS to align it with Vision 2025
- There is a need to sharpen the focus on climate change adaptation and mitigation actions
MDGs to SDGs

- MDG targets were set to get us halfway, while SDGs are designed to get us to statistical “zero”
- More comprehensive, compared to 8 MDGs, 17 SDGs & 169 targets
- SDGs have more focus on stronger gender goals, people’s participation & Government at all levels
- SDGs put environmentally sustainable, inclusive economic development at the core of the strategy
- SDGs has also included peace building as a target to end hunger & poverty
- SDGs have focused on quality education & role of education in achieving a more humane World
NSDS gaps

- NSDS lacked
  - time frame,
  - cost,
  - implementation, monitoring & evaluation mechanisms

- NSDS falls short on recognizing burgeoning urbanization challenges, Pakistan is going to be predominantly urbanized by 2030 & needs to prepare to meet emerging urbanization challenges & develop adequate policies & programs such as urban renewal, katchi-abadies regularization, improvement or replacement, development of small & medium towns.
NSDS gaps

- NSDS has less focus on:
  - sustainable industrial development
  - climate resilient infrastructure
  - Mass transit system
  - Biodiversity
  - Marine sources
  - Youth
  - Peace & justice
  - Partnerships
  - Knowledge economy
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<td>Direct links with living standards, shelter, equal rights to economic resources</td>
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<td>2: No Hunger</td>
<td>Direct links with food availability, nutrition, agricultural productivity, food production &amp; production patterns</td>
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<td>3: Good Health</td>
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<td>5: Gender Equality</td>
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<td>8: Good jobs &amp; Economic growth</td>
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<td>10: Reduced inequalities</td>
<td>Indirect links</td>
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<td>11: Sustainable Cities &amp; Communities</td>
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<td>Partnerships, strengthen capacity for statistics, sharing knowledge, trade</td>
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Revised NSDS

Revised NSDS will be aligned to

- SDGs
- Vision 2025
- Other sectoral policies

Revised NSDS will provide guidance for integration of relevant federal and provincial sectoral policies/strategies with the SDGs & SCP.

Revised NSDS will bridge the gaps created due to shift from MDGs to SDGs

Revised NSDS will also bridge the other gaps identified above
Thank you

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