

The Sustainable Development Network (SDN)
Presents a one-day workshop on
Developing a Decision-Making Framework for Mega-Projects in Small Island Contexts

Saturday 23rd September, 2006
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sir Arthur Lewis Institute for Social and Economic Studies (Salises) Conference Room,
The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine

Agenda

Workshop goal:

To facilitate the participatory development of a national decision-making framework to guide sustainable development planning in Trinidad and Tobago (T&T) that takes into account economic, environmental and social considerations in an integrated approach that ensures equity, transparency and accountability.

Workshop objectives:

1. To engage selected individuals from government and civil society (academia, the private sector, NGOs, and CBOs and individuals working in all sectors with relevant skills and knowledge in formulating and applying sustainable development approaches to the conceptualisation of:
 - a. Desired national approach to sustainable development in T&T
 - b. Key components, principles and processes in a decision-making framework for sustainable development planning in T&T
2. To begin testing the decision-making framework in the context of the proposed development of aluminium smelters in T&T.

9.00 – 9.30	Registration
9:30 – 10:00	Welcome and Introduction (Angela Cropper): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the Sustainable Development Network • Setting the context: overview of the current decision-making process in T&T for sustainable development • Review of workshop objectives and process
10:00 – 11:00	Introduction to decision-making frameworks (John Agard): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development perspectives • Defining elements of a decision-making framework • Process and principles of decision-making • Weighting systems and negotiating trade-offs • Implementation challenges
11:00 – 11:15	Refreshment break
11:15 – 12:15	Small group work on elements of the model: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group 1: Social Considerations • Group 2: Environmental Considerations • Group 3: Economic Considerations • Group 4: Governance principles and processes
12:15 – 1:00	Lunch (on your own)
1:00 – 2:30	Plenary discussion of group outputs and putting the framework together (Dennis Pantin): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrating the elements and processes for negotiating tradeoffs • Challenges and gaps • Implementation
2:30 – 3:00	Wrap-up, next steps and workshop close (Nicole Leotaud)