



GOVERNMENT OF THE COOK ISLANDS
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Press Release: National Sustainable Development Plan (NSDP) 2016-2020 Launch

On Thursday the 16th of June the Office of the Prime Minister will launch the new National Sustainable Development Plan (NSDP) 2016-2020. This marks the third iteration of the National Sustainable Development Plan which looks to encapsulate the aspirations and ambitions of our entire country over a 5 year period into a single document. The document builds upon the successes of the previous plans and represents an evolution in how we plan for our future.

The document defines sixteen 'national development goals' that represent dimensions of the Cook Islands development.

- Welfare and Inequity
- Economy and Employment
- Solid Waste Management
- Water and Sanitation
- Infrastructure and ICT
- Transport and Energy
- Health and Lifestyles
- Education
- Gender and Social Inclusion
- Agriculture
- Land use & Biodiversity
- Ocean, Lagoon & Marine Resources
- Resilience and Climate Change
- Cook Islands Maori Culture
- Population
- Governance, Law & Order

The national development goals are underpinned by key indicators which will serve as a holistic scorecard for the country's development. OPM will work with partners to monitor these indicators and produce annual report measuring our progress to the public.

As mentioned in last week's budget speech, the NSDP is the centre piece of the reinvigorated budgeting and planning framework.

The NSDP was compiled by the Central Policy and Planning Office of the Office of the Prime Minister with the assistance of other government agencies, non-government organisations and private sector representatives. The OPM would like to acknowledge the collective efforts of all the people involved in the development of this document, including government officials, non-government organisations, and the Religious Advisory Council, all who provided valuable input during the consultation process.

Further information on the NSDP can be found on the Office of the Prime Minister's facebook page (www.facebook.com/pmoffice.gov.ck) and copies will be available to download online from www.mfem.gov.ck and other government websites.

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