

COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

STRATEGY SUB-COMMITTEE

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Stakeholder Forum on new Priority Areas for the Sustainable Development Strategy

Purpose

This paper invites Members' views on the proposed arrangements for a stakeholder forum to commence the next round of engagement process.

Background

2. When the Council for Sustainable Development (SD) began the first engagement process in late 2003, the Principal Officials who sit on the Council were invited to propose Pilot Areas for consideration. The Council then selected three Pilot Areas for the first engagement process - solid waste management, renewable energy and urban living space.

3. During the engagement process, there were calls for more participation in the selection of priority areas, in order to enhance stakeholder participation in the early stage of the process. In its Report on the Engagement Process, the Council for SD acknowledged these views, and noted that it would consider: "A process for selecting new areas for engagement...that would allow stakeholders to have a greater say in the choice of topic and the parameters of discussion" (paragraph 45).

Stakeholder Forum

4. As part of a new process for selecting priority areas, we propose that the Council convene a public stakeholder forum in July 2005 with the aim of identifying topics for final consideration by the full Council.

5. The proposed forum would involve members of the public who participated in the last engagement process, as well as representatives of partner and other business and non-government organisations. To achieve a broader reach into the community, with a particular focus on young people and citizens at the district level, we would aim to have a significant proportion of participants from educational institutions, student and youth groups and district-based organisations (including District Councils).

6. To prepare participants for an informed discussion of appropriate new topics for the SD Strategy, we would provide background information on the principles of sustainable development and guidance on the type of topics that have previously been suggested as priority issues for Hong Kong's sustainability.

7. To promote active participation to facilitate consensus building, we propose to engage independent facilitators for the stakeholder forum, with a lead facilitator responsible for the overall planning and conduct of the event. We would also consider inviting one or more partner organizations to assist in briefing participants before and during the event and advising on detailed arrangements. An initial proposal for the format of the stakeholder forum is at the **Annex**.

Advice Sought

8. Members are invited to comment on the proposed arrangements for the stakeholder forum and advise on how we might plan the event to maximise public participation and achieve an appropriate outcome in terms of recommendations for new priority areas for the Council's consideration.

Council Secretariat

May 2005

**Second Round of the Engagement Process
Proposed Rundown for the Stakeholder Forum**

Date: July 2005
Duration: Around 3 hours (a morning or an afternoon session)
Venue: A convenient venue with a 200-seat Auditorium, and 2-3 breakout rooms

Proposed rundown

00:00	Registration of participants
00:30	Opening remarks and introduction by the Vice-Chairman, Council for Sustainable Development (or Chairman, Strategy Sub-committee)
00:35	Background Briefing by the Lead Facilitator/partner organisation
00:45	Break-out discussions (moderated by individual group facilitators)
02:00	Short break
02:10	Plenary Session: Break-out Groups to report back
02:40	Summary by Lead Facilitator
02:50	Conclusions by the Chairman, Strategy Sub-committee
03:00	Forum close