

## Capacity Building for Mainstreaming Sustainable Development and Climate Change

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### Background Information

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Vietnam provides support to the Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI) through a technical assistance project called “Strengthening Sustainable Development and Climate Planning.” This project has been designed to support Vietnam in enhancing the country’s efforts in mainstreaming sustainable development and climate change plans.

MPI serves as a National Implementing Partner to the project and cooperates with many ministries such as the Ministry of Natural Resource and Environment (MONRE), and NGO’s in implementing various project activities. The “Strengthening Sustainable Development and Climate Planning” project, which began in 2009 and which finalized its first phase in 2011, has been extended until 2014 with a total budget of \$4,500,000 USD from UNDP and contributions from the Vietnamese government.

#### Quick facts

Zone	National Territory
Time Frame	2011 to 2015
Theme	Capacity Building, Climate Change
Implementing Agency	UNDP Vietnam Country Office
Website	<a href="http://www.vn.undp.org/">http://www.vn.undp.org/</a>

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### Policy Details

The “Strengthening Sustainable Development and Climate Planning” project aims to improve mechanisms, knowledge, tools, capacity, and coordination for sustainable development (SD), especially on climate change (CC) for policy development, planning, and investment in Vietnam. In order for Vietnam to develop low carbon economic development solutions while ensuring that the country’s resilience to climate is marginalized in the most vulnerable areas, SD and CC must be mainstreamed into the socio-economic development planning processes. Furthermore, the project supports climate financial options to aid Vietnam in mobilizing international support as well as domestic efforts in response to climate change.

The “Strengthening Sustainable Development and Climate Planning” project focuses on 4 outputs:

Output 1: Government agencies implementing agreed mechanism for integrating sustainable development and climate change into national social and economic plans and investment.

Output 2: Policy makers, as well as the public, being equipped with adequate knowledge and tools to alter the behavior of SD and CC.

Output 3: Strengthened capacity for sustainable development planning, including climate change.

Output 4: More effective coordinated institutional framework for sustainable development and climate change/energy.

This project has produced many achievements in terms of policy updates, strengthened capacity, and promotions. Provided below is a list of the projects’ achievements:

1. Assessment on the impacts of mainstreaming sustainable development in the Social Economic Development Plan (SEDP) 2006-2010 and inputs to SEDP 2011-2015 to promote SD and respond to CC

2. Policy dialogues with development partners on financial mechanisms to support Sustainable Development and Climate Change Responses
3. Policy updates for the senior staff of the government, national assembly, and provincial authorities on “Sustainable Development and Climate Change”
4. Organized a high level of multi stakeholder seminars on climate change mainstreaming into the SEDP 2011-2015 involving key donors, line ministries, international NGOs and National Centers of Science
5. Strengthened capacity and improvements in accessing information on climate change/climate change mainstreaming in sustainable development/development planning at various levels within Vietnam’s planning sector
6. Initiated a number of studies including i) climate change financing and applying the most efficient use of climate change financing; ii) a strategic environmental and climate change review for the five year socio-economic development plan; iii) increased study of the SEA plus tools to appraise the sustainability of the development planning project; iv) research and review of policies and regulations in the planning process; v) extensive research on the process and procedures to integrate CC into annual plans
7. Strengthened capacity to mainstream sustainable development and climate change into the development planning agenda
8. Support for the SD office in promoting the network of specialists/experts in the field. Also, facilitating the discussions and working sessions on related issues and the National Action Plan on SD. The Third national Conference on Sustainable Development

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reconfirmed the governments' commitment toward sustainable development.

In 2012, UNDP supported Vietnam in their development of a Green Growth Strategy (GGS), with the aim of restructuring Vietnam's economy to be more efficient with natural resources. The GGS also plans to reduce Green House Gas (GHG) emissions through the research and application of modern technology, and to develop an infrastructure system to increase the effectiveness of the economy in response to the climate change.

The GGS draft, which is being discussed by various stakeholders, proposes three main objectives. The first objective is to reduce GHG emissions and greening the economy in climate change adaptation and mitigation. The second objective is greening production by restructuring the economy toward reduced use of natural resources, increasing the eco-industry and environmental services, and technological innovations. The third and last objective is building green lifestyles and sustainable consumption.

Through this project, UNDP provided technical assistance to the government in preparation for the RIO+20 in June 2012.

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