



**SUPPORT FOR SOUND LAND USE
PLANNING IN SURINAME**

**The Proposed Road Map for SLUP
in Suriname**

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Goal & Structure

- The overall goal is to support RGB in close collaboration with other Ministries & agencies in SLUP using a participatory multi-stakeholder approach
- The steps along the road are shown as the activities that are needed to attain sub-goals and objectives in 5 policy areas:-
 1. Legal Framework
 2. Institutional Framework
 3. Data, Information & Research
 4. Sound LUP Practice & Procedures
 5. Public Information, Education & Awareness
- The status and priority of each step, potential partners & donors are also identified and a start-up budget estimated

Legal Framework

- The goal in this policy area is to have in place an improved and integrated legal framework for LUP in Suriname
- Objective 1 – is to undertake a comprehensive evaluation of existing LUP laws
 - ❖ The two activities to achieve this objective have already been started and the first (analysis of the existing LUP laws) has been substantially completed under this project
- Objective 2 is to have improved/up-to-date LUP legislation in force
 - ❖ Drafting new law to support coordination of the SLUP process by RGB is a high priority – but it is not expected that the draft law can be enacted in the short term

Institutional Framework

- The goal in this policy area is to strengthen the institutional capacity of RGB and other relevant GOS agencies for SLUP
- There are 5 objectives to be attained to reach this goal:-
 1. Evaluation of the capabilities of existing LUP institutions
 2. Identification of the skill-sets need by RGB to perform LUP tasks
 3. Procurement of personnel required for LUP unit in RGB
 4. Securing adequate financial & material resources for LUP
 5. Developing a strategy to grow and maintain the capacity of the LUP Unit

Institutional Framework (2)

- The activities needed to attain the first two objectives have either been done or nearly done already
- Start-up can be achieved with only a few new staff
- Hiring expert LUP consultants (medium term) and qualified Surinamese to staff RGB's LUP Unit is a high priority
- It is critical to ensure that an adequate budget is allocated by GOS for LUP, as well obtaining short and long term financial support from other sources
- The development of a succession strategy to retain and increase LUP staff is key to growing the LUP Unit
- Expanding LUP and related training opportunities within Suriname is as important as the identification of relevant training opportunities abroad

Data, Information & Research

- There are 3 objectives in this policy area:-
 1. To have all existing information available for LUP
 2. To identify data & information gaps
 3. To carry out new LUP surveys and research to fill the gaps
- All the activities in this policy area are considered to be of high priority
- The first objective has partly been achieved – data sources have been identified and some existing data collected & analyzed
- A start has been made on the activities to attain the second objective
- The design and implementation of surveys and research projects for the third objective is still to be started

Sound LUP Practice & Procedures

- There are 4 objectives to be attained in this policy area:-
 1. Identification of LUP goals & objectives
 2. Systematic assessment of potential LU options
 3. Preparation and approval of national, regional and local level LUPs
 4. Utilization of a participatory multi-stakeholder LUP process
- Most of the necessary activities – including all the activities need to attain objectives 1, 2 and 4 – are assigned a high priority
- Activities such as detailing the general LUP through a hierarchy of district and local level plans and publishing approved plans are seen as medium priority
- Although a low priority is assigned to formal approval of and periodic revision of LUPs these are also important

Public Information, Education & Awareness

- There are 2 broad objectives in this policy area:-
 1. To mobilize public support for LUP
 2. To enhance support for LUP within GOS
- To achieve the 1st objective two high priority activities must be carried out, namely:-
 - ❖ Developing & implementing a general multi-media public information, education and awareness campaign
 - ❖ Identification of catalysts for attitudinal changes & implementing strategies for reaching target groups
- To achieve the 2nd objective it will be necessary to involve other GOS organizations in those activities and also to lobby policy makers & GOS leaders to support SLUP in Suriname

Potential Partners & Budget

- Various Ministries and agencies of GOS (including OW, NPO, RO & LVV) are identified as important partners of RGB with respect to most steps in the Road Map
- In addition, various donors and lending institutions with a history of supporting LUP projects (including projects in the region) have been identified as potential funders for implementation of the Road Map
- Based on the quantum of funding previously allocated by donors for projects of this type – including the Guyana DLUP project – it is estimated that the core cost of a start-up project would be about US\$4 million
- This does not include the contribution in cash or kind to be made to the project by GOS

Questions for Discussion

1. Should revision of the LUP laws administered by agencies other than RGB be included in the Road Map?
2. Are there objectives/activities that are needed for strengthening other relevant agencies of GOS to build capacity for LUP?
3. What can be done to improve harmonization of & access to existing LUP information collected by GOS agencies?
4. What roles should RGB and other LUP agencies play in preparing a hierarchy of national, district and local LUPs?
5. Are there any other activities/approaches that could contribute to achieving the objectives of the Road Map with respect to public participation in and political support for SLUP?