MID or Myth?

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Overview

- Origins and the Manifeste
- MID Fund
- UoM contribution
- National Consultation and Working Groups
- Challenges ahead
- Conclusion
Origins

- Sustainability: lost legacy
- Manifeste pour une ile durable
  - December 2007
  - MID acronym
- Specific references
  - Sustainability vs SD
  - Common Engagement
  - Fighting poverty and CLIMATE CHANGE
  - Holistic/Integrated/Systemic
  - Energy- focus
  - Grenelle- type + action plan : MATS
  - World Ecological Forum
MID Fund

- Record oil prices
- Budget June 2008
- Ministry of Renewable Energy and PU
- CFL and SWH projects
- 2010: Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development
UoM contribution

- October 2008: UoM/Universite de Technologie de Compiègne (France)
- 30 staff + 7 multidisciplinary teams
  - Concept definition
  - Institutional Framework
  - Participative Democracy
  - Sustainable Energy
  - Ecotourism
  - Transport and Land Use
  - Health and Environment
  - Sustainable Agriculture
  - Culture
  - Standards, Indicators and Dashboard
Achievements

- Framing a definition of the MID concept
- Defining a methodology for measuring the sustainability of projects related to MID
- Establishing criteria and indicators for monitoring MID
Maurice Ile Durable: Concept Definition

- Economic
- Environmental
- Social

Holistic Systémique Integrated

- Food security
- Agriculture
- Quality of life
- Energy
- Innovation
- Cooperation
- Seafood/fisheries
- Participative democracy
- Cane industry
- Education
- Tourism

- Ethics
- Health
- Transport
- Solid-waste management
- ICT/media
- Welfare
- Culture
- Land use planning
- Water
- Outer islands
- Biodiversity

Programme

Standards

Indicators

Dashboard
Key recommendations

- Concept/ targets/ resources/ stakeholders / priorities/ timeframe/ dashboard
- The action-plan must be finalised by participative democracy
- Need of a national Grenelle-type forum
National Consultation and Working Groups

- National Consultation 2010
- Working Groups (WGs)
  - Energy
  - Environment
  - Employment
  - Education
  - Equity
- Aim of WGs
  - **Concrete Coherent Common** recommendations
  - **Inputs** into MID Policy, Strategy and Action- Plan (2012)
Example of Energy WG

- INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT of Energy issues
  - Generation, Renewable Energy, Distribution, Demand-Side, Efficiency and Conservation as well as Climate Change Mitigation

- Topics
  - Energy Sources (including Power Generation and Renewable Energy)
  - Buildings (ie Commercial, Industrial and End Uses of Energy)
  - Transport
  - Housing (including End-Uses of Energy)
  - Land Use (including Agriculture-Energy issues)
Linkages

- **Climate Change**
  - Democratization of the energy sector/ equity
  - Employment / Green economy
  - Institutional and regulatory aspects
  - Technological dimensions
  - Sensitization, capacity-building and research
  - International/ regional dimension
  - Rodrigues, Agalega and outer-islands will be cross-cutting issues.
- Other Es and related issues
Working Group

- WG is a **bottom-up participative** approach, **systemic/holistic** in perspective and based on a shared **vision of MID** instead of a business-as-usual scenario.

- **Economic, social and environmental** dimensions must necessarily be reconciled and **cross-sectoral** implications are considered holistically at the root of their occurrence.

- It will result in **CONCRETE COHERENT COMMON RECOMMENDATIONS** to be integrated in future policies, strategies, frameworks and programmes as appropriate, **including beyond the energy sector**.
Challenges Ahead

- Responding to immediate concerns: energy, transport, new buildings and cane industry in order to ensure that MID-compliance is not overlooked.
- Responding to the needs of the population, particularly vulnerable groups as a condition to participative democracy.
- Sustaining MID in its initial stage through education, training, sensitization and communication campaigns.
- Combating consumerism and debt through the promotion of a sustainable living.
- Introduction of standards, indicators and dashboard for MID as part of the MID action plan.
A new mi(n)d set, a new paradigm

- Remember a bottom-up approach is not forbidden
- Remember we are not in the Northern hemisphere, but in a SIDS
- Remember we are not devoid of renewable energy potential
- Remember that decentralised units are possible
- Remember we are in a new millennium
- Remember that we can plan for the long-term
- Remember we can break-away from BAU
Conclusion

- Mark Twain’s Paradise: 1 % left
- A new development paradigm
- From the foundation of modern environmentalism to MID

THANK YOU
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