

VIETNAM AND DESD

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Some Vietnam's SD/ESD Snap

Vietnam's legal instruments on SD/ESD :

- National Plan on Environment and Sustainable Development 1991-2000 (Government's Decision No 187-CT dated June 12th, 1991).
- Law on Environment Protection passed on November 19th,2005 and came into effect on July 1st, 2006.
- Decree No 36-CT/TW by Party's Polit Bureau dated June 25th, 1998 : Position Paper on sustainable development and protection of environment .
- Ordinance No 41 dated November 2004 on “ Environmental Protection in the period of promoting Industrialization and Modernization of Viet Nam “

Snap (Cont.d)

- Prime Minister's Decision No 153/2004/QD-TTg August 17th, 2004 on Strategic Guideline for Sustainable Development in Vietnam or Vietnam's Agenda 21 .
- National Education for All (EFA) Action Plan (2003-2015) approved by the Government in June , 2003 .
- 5 year Strategic Education Development Plan 2005-2010 now is under preparation as implementation of Action Plan and in the spirit of Decree No 05/2005/NQ-CP issued by the Government dated 18th April 2005 and Decision No 112/2005/QD-TTg issued by the Prime Minister dated 18th May 2005 on socialization of education and the scheme of the development of learning society (2005-2010).

VIETNAM NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON DESD

- *Official inauguration* : February 15th, 2006 .
- *Statutes* : Nationwide and inter-institutional body at ministerial level of administration and at State level of management and can be part of regional or international organization .
- *Composition* :
 - President : Vice Prime Minister rank.
 - Vice Presidents : Vice Minister rank (4)
 - Members : Rank of vice ministers, government officials and scholars (14)

Committee (Cont.d)

Mandate as Vietnam's DESD caretaker :

- Advisory role to the Prime Minister on DESD.
- Plan strategy , macro policy, management and program activities on DESD.
- Raise awareness & disseminate DESD information and activities in Vietnam and the world over .
- Coordinate activities & program inside and outside the country & mobilize resources and cooperation for DESD activities.
- Monitoring and evaluation .

MAIN CONTENTS OF NATIONAL ACTION PLAN ON DESD (Provisional)

-Objectives :

- To advocate and raise awareness on DESD
- To integrate elements of sustainability into educational and institutional strategy , policy, planning and program of activities , with suitable methods and means at all levels , across all fields and sectors , so as to achieve economic, social development and environmental protection and preservation .
- To provide all the people with opportunities to access quality education so that sustainable development and national EFA Action Plan , MDGs, UNLD can be achieved .

Action Plan (Con.d)

Main Thrust :

- Boost and improve basic education.
- Reorient current curricula in the service of sustainable development .
- Raise awareness on DESD.
- Train teachers , instructors , educators , especially at university level for DESD.

Action Plan (Cont.d)

Priorities of Activities :

- Reform curricula, contents, methods of education and training .
- Train human resource , especially at university level and for remote and disadvantaged areas.
- Develop education methodologies, suitable for various beneficiaries.
- Mobilize all the society and citizens to contribute to the establishment of a sound education system.

Action Plan (Cont.d)

- Incorporate ESD into curricula of both , formal and non-formal education .
- Implement National EFA Action Plan , UNLD, MDGs...and other related strategies in order to achieve the objective of establishing a learning society.
- Improve the quality of education , infrastructure of education , quality of teaching and learning , opportunities and access of all people to quality education,

Major Lines of Programme

- ***Advocacy and awareness raising*** to all stakeholders , including private sectors and individuals by: Workshops , seminars on ESD ; dissemination of DESD on mass media, publication of DESD documents ; advocacy on DESD.
- ***Capacity building*** on the following fields : Research and develop ESD strategy , plan , program and activities ; develop ESD teaching and learning resource materials; research the reform of curricula centering on quality of education and implementation of NEAAP, UNLD, MDGs, ..; develop DESD monitoring and evaluation capacity and indicators .
- ***Networking and Partnership for DESD*** : Establishment of network among all stakeholders; participation in DESD activities inside and outside the country; sharing experiences; exchange of human resource ...

Immediate future activities :

- Development and approval of National Action Plan on DESD (2006-2014) and mandate of DESD National Committee.
- Advocacy and awareness raising through workshops, publication and mass media.
- Development of partnership relationship between formal and non formal education by compiling a set of teaching and learning resource materials for shared use by ASPnet schools and CLCs in Vietnam (Phase I and Phase II)
- Participation in ACCU-UNESCO DESD programs on IP and COE.
- Draw some initial experiences on DESD and exchange with other partners and countries.

ADVANTAGES AND CONSTRAINTS

- *Advantages* :

- Legal basis and mechanism for implementation of SD/ESD in Viet Nam have been established .
- Improvement of education quality are strongly supported by government and general public .
- Awareness on importance and role of education on SD have been recognized .
- Strong support for DESD from national, regional and international organizations and institutions .

- *Constraints* :

- Limited and inadequate awareness and understanding on SD/ESD.
- Limited capacity for implementation (materials , infrastructure , mechanism, human resource, budget ..
- Limited coordination among institutions, stakeholders.. .

Conclusion

- DESD in Viet Nam is new but in a good mood and a lot of challenges are ahead .
- A strong will for DESD from government and public prevailed in Viet Nam.
- A mechanism for DESD implementation is in place .
- There are still some constraints as budget, human resource , capacity , materials and infrastructure...
- Strong expectation of cooperation , information and experiences sharing on DESD with other partners and countries .

Thank you for your kind attention