SPATIAL PLANNING AND GREEN GROWTH CHALLENGES

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INTRODUCTION

- Morocco has accumulated extensive experience in planning policy
- Taking into account the dimension "Environment" progressively becomes strong
- In terms of integrated territorial development, we are now beginning a long and tedious process ...

1- PLANNING POLICY IN MOROCCO: A FEW REMINDERS

social Equity

Economic efficiency Preservation of resources and environments
GROUNDS AND STANDARDS

Design based on the triptych
Debate on National Planning
National Charter for Spatial Planning
National Scheme for Spatial Planning

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anticipation and analysis of issues and territories
strategic thinking

Monitoring and production of strategic information
Observation tools and production of territorial information

The animation of territories and the pulse of territorial dynamics
Proximity Approaches

1- GREEN GROWTH AND TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT:
SOME ISSUES

1. MASTERING THE INFORMATION REGARDING GG

   o SCIENTIFIC MASTERING
   o TECHNICAL MASTERING
   o STATISTICAL MASTERING
   o ... etc.

2. STRENGTHENING THE TERRITORIAL APPROACH

STRATEGIC TERRITORIAL PLANNING APPROACH BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF:

- INTEGRATION
- PARTICIPATION
- CONTRACTING
NEED FOR SERIOUS REFORM TO INITIATE NATIONAL GOVERNANCE

- INTERMINISTERIALITY
- DECONCENTRATION
- DECENTRALISATION

○ SERIOUS OBSTACLES:
  - HEGEMONY OF THE SECTORIAL
  - THE DOMINANCE OF THE CENTRAL
  - THE LOW CAPACITY OF THE LOCAL

○ HOPE IS ALLOWED:
  - POLITICAL WILL
  - ACTIVATION OF BODIES AND TOOLS OF TERRITORIAL PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (CSAT, ICAA, FDR, SRAT, PROTER ...)
  - SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENTS WILL PERFORM THE REST ...

3. ANCHOR CULTURE GG AT DIFFERENT TERRITORIAL SCALES

- REGIONAL
  - SRAT
- INTERCOMMUNAL
  - PROTER
- COMMUNAL
  - AGENDA 21
  - PCD

2- FOCUS GROUP VCLT OECD / MENA

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FOCUS GROUP VCLT OECD / MENA HISTORY

- Since 2004, Morocco, thanks to the Ministry of HHUP (DAT) holds the observer status in the CPDT / OECD
• In 2010, this status was confirmed and extended for the period of 2010-2011
• The MENA-OECD Ministerial Conference on Governance and investment (November 2009) was held in Marrakech
• Create a focus group for green growth and territorial Development

FOCUS GROUP VCLT OECD / MENA OBJECTIVES

• Facilitate regional dialogue and share best practices in terms of green growth and territorial governance
• Build capacity for effective implementation of territorial development policies and green growth strategy
• Establish a political consensus for the development of regional and national strategies in terms of GG
• Ensure better public governance at the territorial scales to better negotiate the transition to a greener economy, preparing territories to be received or capturing green investments

FOCUS GROUP VCLT OECD / MENA IMPLEMENTATION

• Confirming the commitment of Morocco and its membership to the international process underway since Rio Summit in 1992,
• Showing its willingness to cooperate and benefit from the international expertise of setting up mechanisms to encourage policy makers to rethink in sustainable development without compromising national priorities for socio-economic development.

MEETING OF 17 DECEMBER 2010

• Implement the FG in collaboration with the OECD, and the MMSP MAEG
• Share some experiences on green growth
• Draw the FG roadmap

FOCUS GROUP VCLT OECD / MENA ROADMAP

Identifying the 4 principle themes :
1- Territorial governance and access to public services, main provisions for capacity building and for coherent national public action
2- Raising water challenges in the MENA countries, identifying good governance practices,
3- Making the most of renewable energy sources in rural areas,
4- Cities and green growth, opportunities for urban interventions and coordination of multi-level governance
FOCUS GROUP VCLT OECD / MENA ROADMAP

MEETING OF 03 MARS 2011

- Discuss the draft Roadmap and the suggested themes
- Build a common consensus on priorities
- Build a shared national vision for GG in common with the OECD / MENA

PERSPECTIVES

- Launch of an expertise on the state of GG in Morocco
- Creation of a network of GG and TD experts at the national scale
- Identifying training needs to develop skills in the field of GG at the national and local levels.
- ...

Conclusion

- **Integrated and sustainable territorial development undertaken by local actors and based on green economy ... it is possible**

- **There is no magic recipe, but it is obligatory to:**
  - Encourage innovation
  - Multiply experiments
  - Encourage partnerships and exchanges

Thank you for your Attention