Government of Bermuda
Ministry of Environment, Planning and Infrastructure Strategy

Sustainable Development Department

Caribbean Conference on Sustainable Tourism Development
Keeping the Right Balance – Rising Above the Numbers

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Purpose

Share the mandate and function of the Sustainable Development Department

- Emphasise the need for holistic and integrated planning that reflects a vision for the future implications of today’s decisions.

- Look beyond the numbers and through the lens of SD so that the development of Bermuda’s Tourism product is socially, economically and socially sensitive.

The choices we make today influence the quality of our product and the quality of life in Bermuda.
MISSION

To promote and facilitate Public and Private Sector policy making that is compatible with Bermuda’s SD Plan.

The SDD also seeks to raise awareness and understanding of sustainable development and facilitate compliance with the social, economic and environmental themes contained in our SD Plan.
Mission and Mandate

MANDATE

1. Establish SD as a foundation for individual and national decision making.

2. Embed the concept and practice of sustainability into the vision, development and implementation of our national policies.

3. Facilitate and monitor the delivery of our SD Plan.
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Bermuda’s SD Plan - 5 Themes

Housing, the vulnerable and health-care

Sustaining Communities

Protect open space and land development.

BDA’s SD Plan

Protect Envmt. & Resources

Living Within Limits

Strong & Inclusive Economy

Participation of all Bermudians in the economy.

Transform Governance

Population, waste and traffic.

Responsibilities of the Civil Service

Protect Envmt. & Resources
Structure and Fit of the SDD

✓ One of ten Departments within the newly established Ministry of Environment, Planning and Infrastructure Strategy

✓ Staffing compliment of one Director and two SD Officers

✓ Provide technical support to the SD Roundtable
Seeking the Right Balance – Rising Above the Numbers

Some Important Considerations

1. Bermuda’s population density and geography
2. Quality of Life
3. Comparison to major competitors
4. Compatibility of Bermuda’s two economic pillars
5. Sustainable product model
6. Labour Market Issues
7. Infrastructure considerations
Despite full employment...the number of jobs has grown from about 33K to about 40K over the last 20 years.
Bermudians have been generally fully employed;

Representation has dropped from about 80% to almost 65%.
% of Non-Bermudians in the Labour Market 1995-2009

Since 1991 the % of non-Bermudians has grown from about 17% to 25%
Number of Dwellings in Bermuda 1980-2009

Despite declining birth rate and an ageing population the # dwellings has increased by about 50% since 1980.
There are 124 miles of road space in Bermuda with almost 52K vehicles.

Quality of life, environmental and infrastructure considerations.
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Bermuda Population Projections 2000 - 2030

Up to 2024, projected to experience steady increases in the population.
The local working population is projected to decrease over the next 20 years.
Residents’ Overseas Purchases 1986-2008

In millions of dollars

Our overseas purchases have increased over 5 times since 1986
Going Forward

✓ Policy and programme initiatives be considered through the lens of SD

✓ Need a holistic and integrated approach

✓ Several factors should be considered, all will impact the quality of life.

✓ Need right balance between International Business and Tourism

✓ Look beyond the numbers and consider the social economic and environmental implications of choices and decisions.
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