

POLICY -MAKERS ENGAGING CIVIL SOCIETY

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Civil Society engaging Policy- makers

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Key Points of Presentation

- Definition of Public Policy
- Public Policy as an Academic Discipline
- The roadmap for developing a public policy
- Government Action
- The role of Civil Society
- Existing Public Policies related to the Prevention and Control of NCDs
- Policies to be developed
- Giving consideration to a National Social Observatory

Public Policy

- **Public policy** as government action is generally the principled guide to action taken by the administrative or executive branches of the state with regard to a class of issues in a manner consistent with law and institutional customs

Public Policy

Created in response to:

- A new or amendment of legislation
- A decision required to enter into fresh obligations in respect of new or existing international membership or treaties
- Matters which have a significant impact on either public or private sector employment, fiscal, monetary, inflation, and foreign exchange targets; welfare, public safety, industrial or agricultural activities; new programmes or projects or substantial modification to existing projects

Public policy

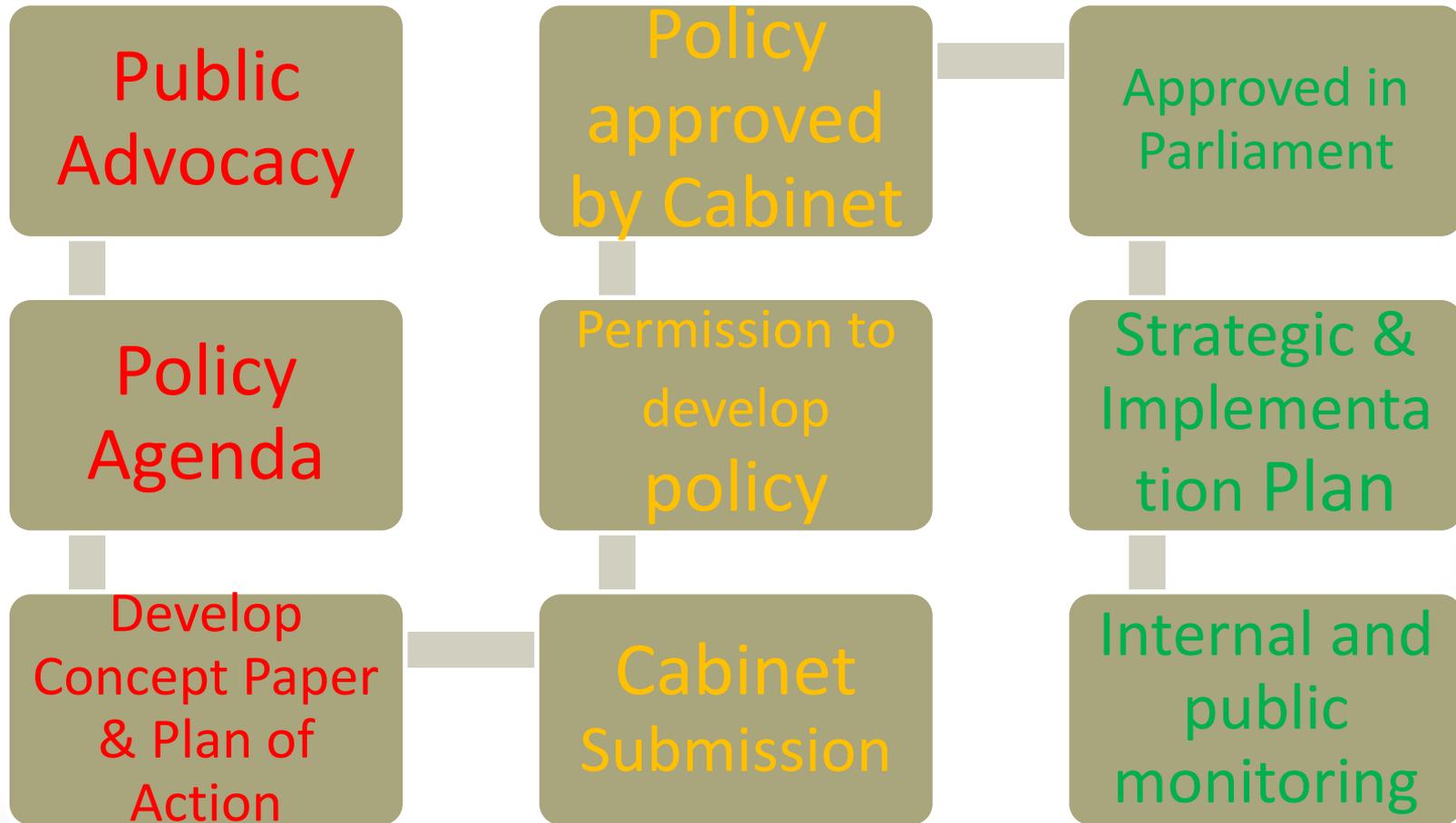
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- Issues likely to have a significant impact on various groups such as the labour movement, employers, major NGOs, gender, the disabled, youth and the aged
- Any issues of public importance or concern in accordance with the principles of collective responsibility, or matters of public interest as the Prime Minister may direct

Public Policy as an Academic Discipline

As an academic discipline, public policy brings in elements of many social science fields and concepts, including economics, sociology, political economy, program evaluation, policy analysis, and public management, all as applied to problems of governmental administration, management, and operations

Roadmap for Developing Public Policy



Government Action

Shaping public policy is a complex and multifaceted process that involves the interplay of numerous individuals and interest groups competing and collaborating to influence policymakers to act in a particular way. These individuals and groups use a variety of tactics and tools to advance their aims, including advocating their positions publicly, attempting to educate supporters and opponents, and mobilizing allies on a particular issue.

Role of Civil Society

To facilitate dialogue and disseminate information on social issues in order to encourage stakeholders to engage in a broadened search for solutions and policy coherence

“Mission of the Global Observatory”

National Commission on NCDs

- Mandate from the Port of Spain Declaration
- Establishment of a commission or analogous body
- Engages Civil Society
- Has representation from across the state agencies
- One of the Terms of Reference is to advise government on policies

Existing Policies/legislation related to the NCDs

- National Health Policies Jamaica 2006-2015
- National Policy for the Promotion of Healthy Lifestyle 2004
- National Infant and Young Child Feeding Policy 1995
- Abolition of user fee policy 2008
- Jamaica Drugs for the Elderly
- National Health Fund Act 2004

Existing Government Policies related to NCDs

- Spirits and License Act
- Child Care and Protection Act
- Sexual Offences Act
- Policy for the Management of Substance Abuse in the Education System
- Television and Sound Broadcasting regulations 1996
- Urban Development and Cooperation Act
- National Sports Policy
- National Policy Statement on Women
- National Security Policy
- National Road Safety Policy
- National Transport Policy
- Consumer Protection Policy

Policies in Draft

- Health and Family Life and Education Policy
- Tobacco Act - Legislation
- National Food and Nutrition Security Policy
- National Infant and Young Child Feeding Policy
- Safe Schools Policy
- National Parenting Policy
- National Sports Policy (Revision)
- National Gender Policy

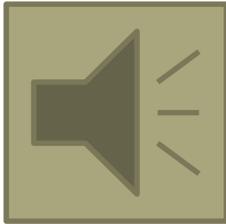
Policy Gaps.....

- Promotion of Physical Activity
- Harmful Use of Alcohol
- Surveillance and Management of NCDs
- Prevention of Unintentional injuries
- Workplace Wellness
- Marketing of Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages to Children

Giving Consideration to a National Social Observatory on NCDs

- Unity is strength
- A powerful forum to facilitate a better understanding among the many stakeholders and sectors involved in the campaign to address NCDs
- Recommending policies to government
- Public awareness and education
- Providing support to global, regional and national bodies in the implementation process of laws, regulations and policies
- Pooling of scarce resources

A call to action



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WE NEED ALL HANDS ON DECK

THANK YOU