Alternative approaches to development economics

The case of Southern Highlands Province

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Forum provides opportunity

- To contribute ideas
- To review approaches to development
- Points way forward for Regional Development
**Search for alternative approaches**

- Factoring in on the dynamics of political economy and the liberal theory of dual economy
- In Southern Highlands Province, Adam Smith’s speculation has found traction - the fact that the SHP Government’s search for alternatives is part of the universal desire to remove constraints
5 Year Strategic Master Pan

- Transformation of our rural society underpinned by the SHP 5 year Strategic Master Plan
- Agenda is to make a difference
- Make inroads into governments’ restoration of services
- Full accountability on the use of funds and expenditure trends
- Sets the foundation for growth
Stability in Governance

- Stability in Governance is a pre-condition for achieving set targets and indicators for Rehabilitation and Restoration of vital sectors
  - Infrastructure
  - Law and Justice
  - Social Services
  - Health
  - Education
  - SMEs
  - Administration
Role of Development Planning

- Role of Development Planning in PNG;
  - Underpins the assumptions of rural development and rural industrialization contained in Southern Highlands Master plan
  - Helps in the understanding of development economics and development planning in the country
Rural exodus & change management

- Rural exodus is a never ending phenomena
- Change management is required to allow development strategy and rural industrialization to converge as the development challenges of nation building
- Role of SHP Master plan is to deliver the province and its people from doldrums of underdevelopment
- It is taken for granted that the application of development economics provides theoretical basis for contributions to defining perspectives and approaches to development in the country
Marxist development approach

- Approaches to development embed in Marxist approach
- Focus on tension between property relations and productive potential
- Importance of collective action and power thwarting processes of institutional change to resolve that tension
- Its insistence on bringing to the forefront of public policy debates an analysis of the nature of the state and the constellation of power in civil society
- Its commitment to certain normative ideas on questions of exploitation and injustice
UN Millennium Development Goals & PNG Vision 2050

- The SHP Master plan sets the stage for the government to achieve;
  - The UN Millennium Development Goals
  - PNG Vision 2050
  - Place the experience of massive government interventions of the last 2 decades on notice
  - Testament of literature and gory neoclassical accounts of “public failures” of regulatory, interventionist states on people’s notice board
  - SHP Master plan is testament to poverty of state’s economic policy
The dynamics of political economy and the role of the PNG state as a growing sector of international economy reached the next level:

- Moving from plantation economy to an LNG driven economy
- Which provided new landscape for development planning
- In the next two days there could perhaps be conclusions pointing the way forward to define development path way for our people
Great questions of economics & history

- Hard yards put in by SHP government, one of last frontier provinces
- Attract questions of economics and history
Yes we can

- Successful implementation has been a formidable challenge
- But outcomes in ensuring adequate delivery of government goods and services so far show that it can be done
- The participation of everyone in this forum will help search for answers to the great questions
- Assist us handle challenges of achieving sustainable development strategy that works for the country and our people today
Thankyou one and all for being present during this presentation