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Good Governance and Sustainability

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OVERVIEW

Context – setting : The Changing World and the Need for Good Governance
Scenario of rapid urban expansion and development: New challenges of the 21\textsuperscript{st} century

- Increasing population awareness
- Urbanization process
- Globalization and its implications and influences
What is meant by Good Governance?

- Definition of Governance
- Definition of Good Governance
- Concept and Elements of Good Governance
- Characteristics of Good Governance
Key development issues within the information/knowledge-based development paradigm:

- “Governance” - how power is shared and distributed to generate a better quality of life
- People Development
- Equitable Access
- Indigenous Content Development
What does a good Government should be?

- Not just representative but fully participatory affording opportunities for people to express their voice, opinion and make choices;
- Must be dynamic and changing but the core values do not get diminished;
- Must not be a separate entity but a continuum of the civil society;
• Allows full participation, uphold visions and values of its peoples, translate them into policies and allocate resources to convert policy into reality;

• Should be open and not closed;

• Must be people friendly and human;

• Uphold public interest
ANY GOVERNMENT WHICH HAS THE ABOVE CHARACTERISTICS CAN BE CONSIDERED AS PRACTICING GOOD GOVERNANCE.
What is Good Governance?

Good Governance is among other things, participatory, transparent and accountable. It is also effective and equitable and it promotes the Rule of Law. Good governance ensures that political, social and economic priorities are based on broad consensus in society and that the voice of the poorest and the most vulnerable are heard in decision making over the allocation of development processes.
Conclusion

• Local governance must change to keep pace with development and time

• Local authority must be at par with others with the advancement of technology, local bureaucrats could not longer hide behind red tapes for the inefficiency and inability to deliver a certain standard of services to the people.
Reference:

Thank You