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Introduction to Integrated Assessment

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What we want to achieve?

Ideally...

Design and implement trade-related policies in the agricultural sector that will maximise development goals and minimise impacts on biodiversity

What do we need for this...

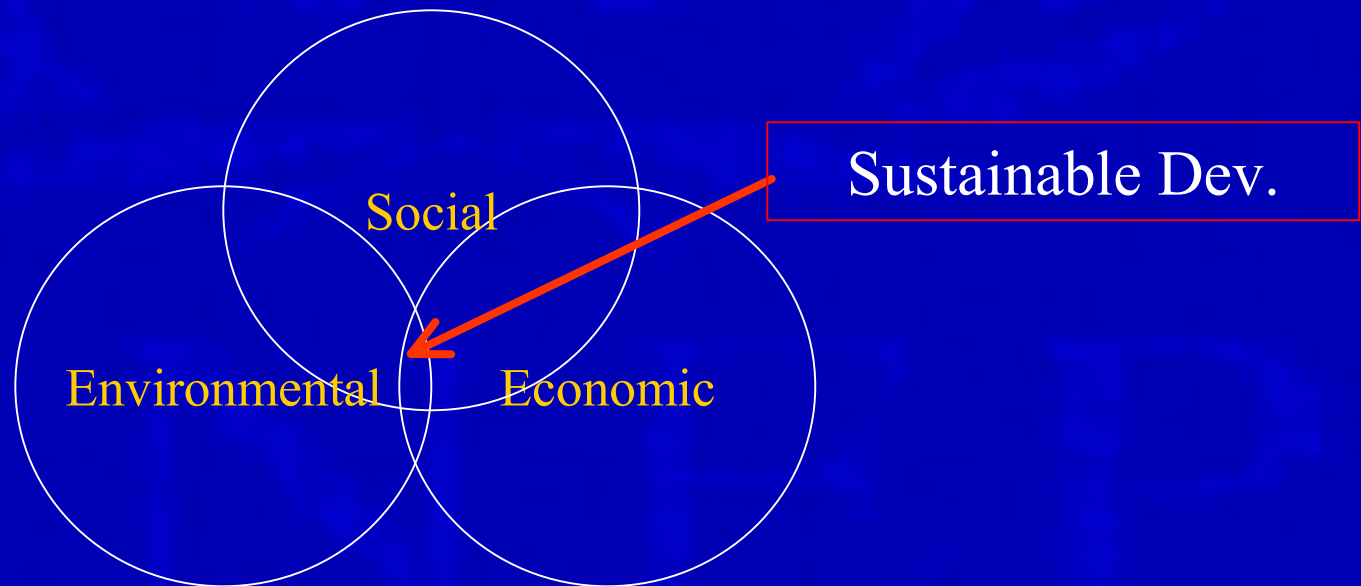
Information about the impacts of a policy:

- Socio-economic impacts => development goals
- Environmental impacts => conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity



What is Integrated Assessment?

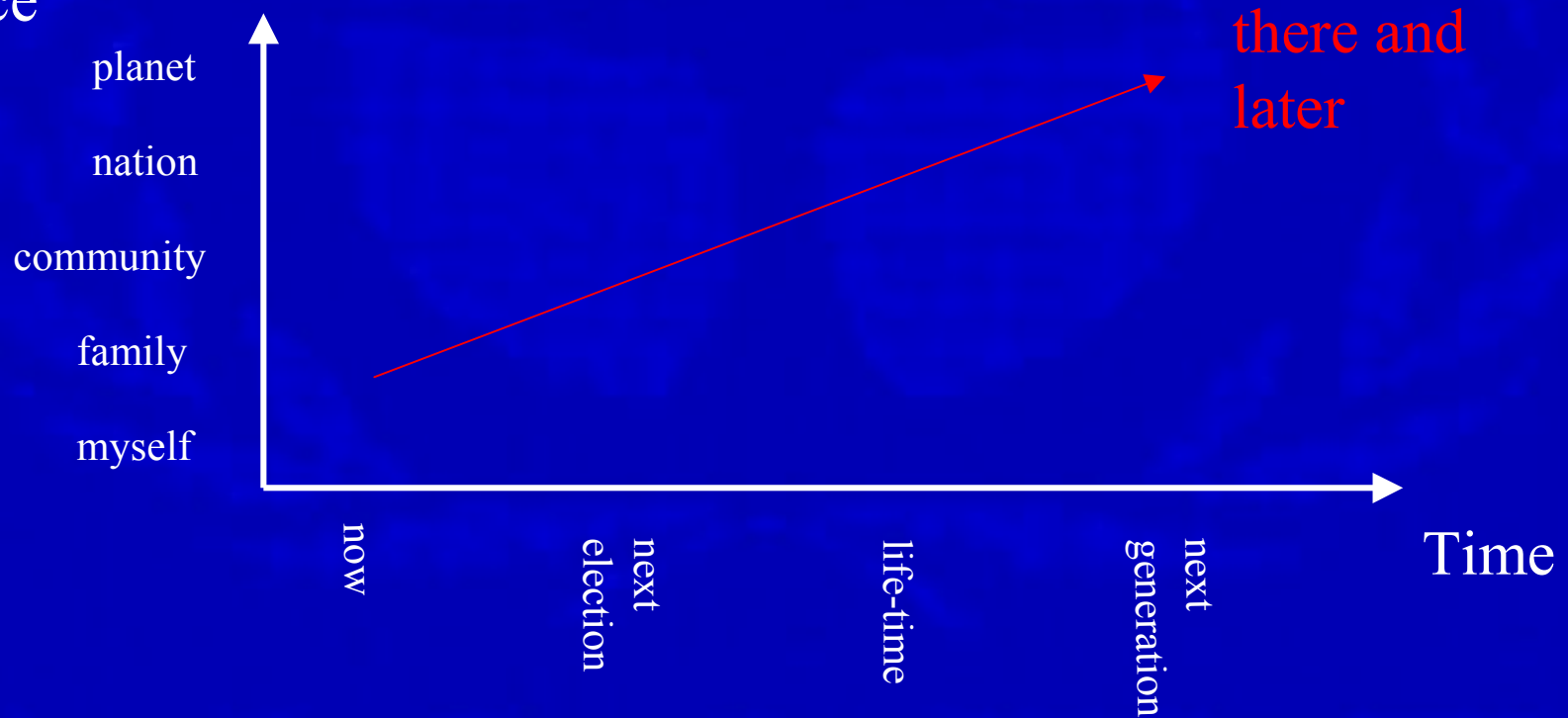
Systematic **process** for obtaining, processing and disseminating information on the **environmental, social** and **economic** impact of a specific policy or set of policies





Sustainability Perspective

Space





What does Integrated Assessment do?

Integrated assessment uses a range of impact assessment tools to evaluate the environmental social and economic impacts of trade – liberalisation and other trade-related policies at national level...

...with the aim to provide policy and decision makers with information necessary for informed decision-making.

Similar Approches: Sustainability Assessment (SA), Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), Strategic Impact Assessment (SIA),...



Objectives of Integrated Assessment

- **Explore linkages between trade, development and environment (focus on biodiversity)**
- **Inform decision-makers**
- **Inform negotiators**
- **Develop policy packages**
- **Increase transparency and good governance**



Focus of an Integrated Assessment

An integrated assessment needs to be focused to be manageable and generate targeted results.

- **What policy and policy measures are assessed?**
- **What time-frame in view of the stage of planning?**
- **What sectors or commodities of interest ?**
- **What geographical focus (e.g. poor regions)**
- **What critical issues (e.g. biodiversity, equity etc.)?**



What is to be assessed?

- Trade liberalization agreements
 - WTO AoA, EU-ACP EPA, RTA, bil.TA
- Trade measures
 - Market access: tariffs-related, non-tariff-related
 - Export subsidies
 - Intellectual property rights
 - Standards and conformity

When should Integrated Assessments be used?

Anytime in the Policy Cycle!



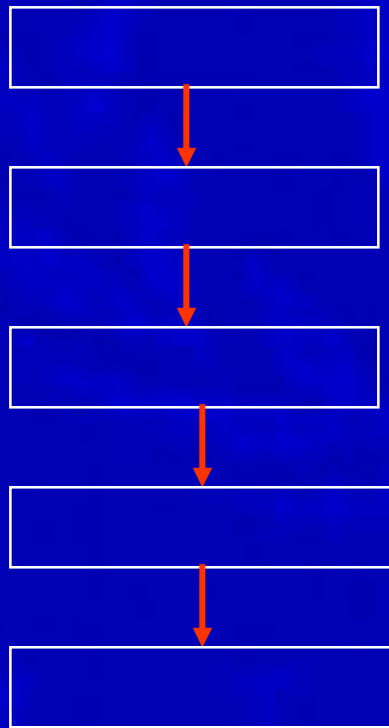


Timing Integrated Assessment of trade-related policies

- ◆ Prior to the implementation of a trade measure or the planning or negotiating of a trade agreement (*ex-ante*).
- ◆ During the process of planning or negotiating a trade agreement (*concurrent*).
- ◆ Following implementation of a trade-related policy or the final ratification of a trade liberalization agreement (*ex-post*).

Components of an Integrated Assessment

Organisational
process



Analytical
process

