Strategic Planning For Transformative Development

Fidelis O. Ogwumike Department of Economics University of Ibadan

OUTLINE

- Change
- Transformation
- Transformative Development
- Institutionalizing policies, programs and projects
- Strategic Planning and Stakeholders
- Poverty, Inequality and Unemployment- Way forward
- Conclusion

Change

- Change can be traditional, transitional and transformational. The outcomes of the three types of changes are different:
- Traditional (improvements, limited)
- Transitional (changes, limited)
- Transformational (sustainable change with complete overhaul of mindset, paradigms, culture, strategy, structure, actions, systems and processes, use of data, cycles of Plan)

Transformation

- What is transformation?
 - Transformation is a popular word with different dimensions- individual, organization, industry, society, nation and world.
 - It is the creation and change of a whole new form, function or structure. It is a change in mindset, a radical revision, a paradigm shift.

Transformation

- In classical structural economics transformation implies a move from predominantly agricultural based-economy to one based on manufacturing and service.
- This transformation can be discontinuous and as such cannot be deemed development. For example, some countries (including Nigeria)have experienced transformation which were reversed.

Transformation

- Transformation happens when people managing a system focus on creating a new future that has never existed before.
- This is based on continual learning and a new mindset, take different actions than they would have taken in the past (Daszko and Sheinberg, 2005).

- What is Transformative Development?
 - A process whereby positive development results are achieved and sustained *overtime* by institutionalizing policies, programs and projects within national strategies.
- Institutionalizing policies, programs and projects
 - Needs *Awakening* motivated by profound dissatisfaction with the current state and/or the vision of the future state. (High GDP growth rate with rising poverty and unemployment; large informal sector).

- What is the relationship between inclusive growth and transformative development?
- The need for inclusive and sustainable economic growth should form the core of transformative development.
- So that poverty, inequality, unemployment and resource entitlements as well as secure employment can be addressed in a strategic manner.

- In Nigeria, the vast majority of the poor work in the informal sector with limited secured access to land and other resources.
- Vision The vision must be related to the positive development results;
- it is an ever-evolving picture of the future;
- it must be collaborative because one stakeholder will not be able to articulate everything.

- Why do we want to be among the 20 largest economy in the world by year 2020?
- How will that affect the poverty, inequality, unemployment and well-being of the people?
- *Method* Strategic planning (strategic thinking, mindset, 'strategic plan')
- Need to *strengthen institutional capacity* in planning, management, implementation and monitoring

- Integration Transformation may proceed in phases.
- Even in an organization, it is not required of the entire organization instantaneously and simultaneously.
- **Prioritize** based on your awakening and strategies and sector specific actions.
- Coordination of policies, programs, projects

Strategic Planning and Stakeholders

• Stakeholders

- The government (national state and local) , planning and implementing agencies
- Private sector
- Academia
- Civil society organizations
- Communities; etc.

• Build consensus among stakeholders

 About the purpose, core values, processes, structures, strategies, and outcomes of the transformative development could be systematically addressed through the strategic planning framework.

Poverty, Inequality and Unemployment- Way Forward

- Transform resource entitlements (including land reform)
- Transform/enhance access to farm inputs
- Increase agriculture productivity/income
- Plan to match supply and demand for labour (focus should be on education system, private sector, informal sector, entrepreneurship education, access to finance for business, formalizing informal business; etc.)

Way Forward

- Data requirement for strategic planning
- Transform the institutional framework for data generation and dissemination.
- Coordination of data generation and dissemination
- Funding of data generation and dissemination for transformative development

Conclusion

 Need for a changed institutional framework for national planning, implementation and monitoring to ensure that objectives of transformative development are achieved within a reasonable period of time.

THANK YOU