

OUTCOME DOCUMENT

UNDP NATIONAL STRATEGIC CONSULTATIONS

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PRIORITY AREA	THEMATIC AREA	ACTIVITIES	POTENTIAL NATIONAL PARTNERS
National priorities according to the concept of NSDS 2035: CREATION OF DECENT WORKPLACES, ENSURING EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AT ANY AGE; CREATION OF A SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE, A COMFORTABLE AND COMPETITIVE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT.			
Social inclusion of people with disabilities	Social protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for interagency cooperation in provision of all types of rehabilitation for people with disabilities (medical, social, professional): Exchange of experience and best practices A pilot project aimed at creating an institution (center) of comprehensive rehabilitation 	Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, Ministry of Health, local executive and regulatory authorities
Adaptation to an aging population, including the formation of conditions for a decent old age	Social service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of a mechanism for determining individual need in social services and increasing targeted support Teaching family members nursing skills Studying the best practices of foreign experience Expert support Staff training Pilot projects 	Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, local executive and regulatory authorities
Development of competitive environmentally friendly agriculture in the regions	Greening production and the widespread introduction of information technology in agricultural production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of organic farming, Digital transformation of agriculture 	Ministry of Agriculture and Food NAIP

Improving the system of government in the economic sphere	Improving the quality and accessibility of public services in the economic sphere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Creation of a <i>one-stop shop</i> platform for the provision of public services in the field of entrepreneurship ▪ Analysis of the need to undergo a particular procedure (for example, during the registration of a commercial legal entity) and their optimization 	Ministry of Communications and Informatization
Creation of an integrated educational, research and business environment	Commercialization of scientific developments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Training of academic researchers in commercial promotion of their developments ▪ Piloting projects for financial support of scientific research at universities ▪ Support for universities to obtain research patents ▪ Exchange of scientific developments and the development of expert cooperation in the territories affected by the Chernobyl catastrophe - the creation of an international laboratory in the Polesky State Radiation and Ecological Reserve 	National Academy of Sciences of Belarus, State Committee for Science and Technology, Belarusian Investment Fund
Supporting an education meeting the needs of innovation economy	Access to education and vocational trainings, incl. for vulnerable populations, encouraging continuous lifelong learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provision of retraining combined with employment; ▪ Training of staff, attraction of expertise from successful initiatives in the private sector ▪ Development of flexible training programs 	Ministry of Communications and Informatization, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, local executive and administrative bodies, Entrepreneurship Development Council, High-Tech Park
Women's economic empowerment	Improving the mechanisms of reintegration of women in the labor market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting and strengthening the professional skills of women on maternity leave; • Support for alternative pre-school education systems: establishing them in the form of private initiatives with the same benefits that similar public institutions have (benefits for paying utility bills, etc.) 	Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, Ministry of Education, NGOs (e.g. Gender Perspectives)

Financial market development	Increasing transparency and accessibility of financial services for the population and business entities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing of financial literacy - creating a single free window on financial instruments, raising public awareness of financial instruments 	Ministry of Finance National Bank
Improving the quality of life of the population in large and small cities	The use of information technology to improve the quality of life of the population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development and piloting of replicated designs <i>Smart Small City</i> and <i>Smart Big City</i> 	Ministry of Communications and Informatization, National Academy of Sciences of Belarus, local executive and regulatory authorities
Creating favorable conditions for the implementation of effective investment activities	Improving the investment attractiveness of the country and creating a favorable business climate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNDP takes on part of the development of the investment project (for example, only design); Increasing the competence of employees of district executive committees and regional executive committees; Improving the competencies of employees of the FEZ administrations; Centralization and simplification of procedures for investors (on the example of the <i>Great Stone Administration</i>); Support NAIP as a professional player in the investment market. 	NAIP, local executive and regulatory bodies
Implementation of the regional sustainable development policy	Improving local governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening the capacity of civil servants in the regions - training project managers in writing project applications from among deputies of district councils Formation of financial resources of local self-government - the creation of territorial development funds (funds can be distributed on a parity basis) Improving inter-budgetary relations - developing the financial potential of local territories and increasing the share of own revenues in total revenues of local budgets Modernization of statistical reporting: collection of gender-disaggregated data on the 	Ministry of Economics, local executive and regulatory authorities

		role of women in governance and self-government in the territories	
Creating a sustainable enterprise infrastructure and a competitive business environment	Entrepreneurship training; Support for entrepreneurship in areas affected by the Chernobyl accident; Enterprise Support Infrastructure Development; Increased use of PPP tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization of courses for schoolchildren, youth, the elderly, including with the involvement of role models from among successful entrepreneurs in the regions; • Raising awareness of entrepreneurs in the legal framework for doing business • Creation of business incubators in small towns, providing free access to legal bases, holding seminars, attracting accredited tax consultants; • Creation of a republican virtual business incubator; • Creation of centers of competence, development of standard packages of free services. • Development of a financial model according to the PPP scheme; • Further education and raising the level of expert cooperation among employees of the Central PPP; • Development of standard tender documentation for PPP projects; • Strengthening the material and technical base of the PPP Center; • Creation of a single PPP portal 	Ministry of Economics, Ministry of Education, local executive and administrative bodies, PPP Center

National priorities according to the concept of NSDS 2035:

DIGITALIZATION OF THE COUNTRY, WIDESPREAD INTRODUCTION OF INNOVATIONS;
QUALITY EDUCATION

Regional informatization	Smart city	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piloting the smart city concept; 	Ministry of Communications and Informatization,
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational programs in the digital economy; • Preparation of technical solutions for building smart cities; • Development of a <i>smart</i> base for urban infrastructure; • Creation of centers of competence in the regions 	The House of Representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus, RUE Belpochta, NATIONAL CENTER OF ELECTRONIC SERVICES
Digitalization of education	Training and retraining for the digital economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing the capacity of civil servants in the digital economy; • Modernization of the training and retraining system, taking into account digital development; • Expansion of continuing education programs in the IT sector; • Improving the legal environment in the field of education, taking into account new trends and approaches to education; • Development of distance learning system for people with disabilities 	Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Communications and Informatization, Ministry of Education, BSUIR, BGAS
Digitalization Financing	Resource mobilization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing partnerships between the private and public sectors in addressing digitalization issues; • Creating an ecosystem of alternative financing; • Formation of favorable conditions for the development of venture financing; • Creating an environment for the growth of social impact investments (impact investing), including in IT projects 	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Communications and Informatization, State Committee for Science and Technology, National Bank, NATIONAL CENTER OF ELECTRONIC SERVICES
E-government development	Creating a unified system of public services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of standard databases for the provision of public services, development of infrastructure for the provision of electronic services, the creation of a database of "smart specialization" 	Ministry of Communications and Informatization, State Committee for Science and Technology, NATIONAL CENTER OF ELECTRONIC SERVICES

	Inclusive local government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electronic participation of citizens in decision-making and territories development planning through a single platform of tools for electronic participation, creation and maintenance of websites of republican government bodies and other state organizations subordinate to the Government, regional executive committees and Minsk city executive committee 	Ministry of Communications and Informatization, Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Justice, House of Representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus, NATIONAL CENTER OF ELECTRONIC SERVICES
	The provision of electronic services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creation of a <i>Single Window</i> within the framework of the OAIS for the provision of administrative procedures to the population online and offline through post offices using an example of a set of administrative procedures 	Ministry of Communications and Informatization, Ministry of Justice, House of Representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus, NATIONAL CENTER OF ELECTRONIC SERVICES, BSUIR
	Digital taxation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creating a favorable tax environment for businesses through the digitalization of the tax system; Creation of interactive platforms for interaction with taxpayers; Development of machine learning systems, the introduction of a tax monitoring system as a tool for growing trust between taxpayers and the tax administration 	Ministry of Taxes
	Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of a unified system of digital transport corridors and a digital trust environment 	Ministry of Transport and Communications, Ministry of Communications and Informatization, State Customs Committee, State Border Committee, RUE NATIONAL CENTER OF ELECTRONIC SERVICES

Healthcare digitalization	Telemedicine and e-Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of a network of “healthy” cities; raising the awareness of residents of settlements about “healthy” cities; • Creation of a platform to assess the level of "health" of cities and the construction of appropriate ratings; • Promoting the development of digital skills and the use of digital tools among medical personnel in the provision of health services; • The development of the Internet of things in healthcare, including through partnerships with the private sector 	Ministry of Health
Digitalization of Ecology	Renewable energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smart renewable energy inventories 	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection
National priority according to the concept of NSDS 2035: ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY BASED ON THE TRANSITION TO THE GREEN ECONOMY, RATIONAL PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION MODELS			
Climate change (adaptation)	Ozone layer protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of new types of refrigerants not previously used on the territory of the Republic of Belarus; • Implementation of standards for the use of natural refrigerants; • Orientation of industry to the use of natural refrigerants (for example, carbon dioxide, propane, ammonia); • Production of natural refrigerants in the Republic of Belarus 	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, Ministry of Industry
Climate change (emission reductions)	Economic market / non-market climate change mechanisms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building capacity to develop a legislative framework for the arrival of green investments 	The House of Representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus, APIMH, Interagency Climate Group
	Energy efficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of low potential renewable energy sources; 	Department of Energy Efficiency of the State

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of sources of wood fuel and other types of biomass; • Development of methodology, technology and determination of the potential for burning solid municipal waste; • Increasing the share of electricity consumption by the end user; • Development of electric transport (development of a network of charges for electric transport, development of electric traction on the railway); • Housing construction using electricity for heating, hot water and cooking; • Construction of electric boiler rooms and conversion of solid fuel boiler houses to electric boiler rooms; • Use of electricity in industry. 	Committee for Standardization, Department of Energy
Biodiversity conservation	Operation of roads, pipelines, power lines, railways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landing of native species of wild plants in right-of-way and roadside lanes of highways, • Arrangement of transitions for animals; • A set of measures against soil erosion; • Development of a regulatory framework. 	National Academy of Sciences of Belarus, local executive and regulatory authorities
	Fight against invasive alien species of wild plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fight against invasive alien species of wild plants using herbicides 	National Academy of Sciences of Belarus, local executive and regulatory authorities
	Economic mechanisms for the conservation of biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formation of the <i>Habitat Banking</i> mechanism (a market mechanism where loans from actions with positive results can be acquired in order to offset the debit from environmental damage), the formation of a market for ecosystem services 	National Academy of Sciences of Belarus, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, The House of Representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breeding and use in farms and private farmsteads of local genetically and economically valuable breeds of agricultural animals that are on the verge of extinction (for example, black motley breed of pigs, red breed of cattle). 	National Academy of Sciences of Belarus, local executive and regulatory authorities
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breeding of socially significant local breeds of animals that are on the verge of extinction (for example, Polissja horses, Belarusian harness). 	National Academy of Sciences of Belarus, local executive and regulatory authorities
Rational land use and land degradation	Restoration of agricultural (agricultural) lands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of an action plan to combat land degradation until 2025; Cleansing floodplain meadows; Restoration of meat direction cattle grazing; Waterlogging and development of new waterlogging technologies 	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, State Property Committee Ministry of Agriculture and Food National Academy of Sciences of Belarus, local executive and regulatory authorities
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Optimization of land use (reduction of environmental intensity); Development of land valuation methodology; Improving the tax rate for agricultural land 	State Property Committee Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, Ministry of Agriculture and Food National Academy of Sciences of Belarus, Ministry of Taxes Ministry of Economics, local executive and regulatory authorities
Water conservation	Restoration of water bodies (eutrophication)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coastal restoration and maintenance of spawning grounds; Prevention of the entry of contaminated water into a body of water (in particular, from agricultural lands) 	Local executive and regulatory authorities, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection,

			Ministry of Agriculture and Food National Academy of Sciences of Belarus
	Water management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement of legislation in the field of river basin management (including action plans to achieve environmental goals); • Development of incentives to attract private business; • Development of irrigated agriculture; • Water treatment 	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, Ministry of Agriculture and Food National Academy of Sciences of Belarus, Ministry of Economics, CRICUWR (Central Research Institute of complex use of water resources), local executive and administrative bodies
Chemicals Management Efficiency	Chemicals management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring and control of persistent organic pollutants in the environment 	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, Institution <i>Center for Environmental Solutions</i> , environmental public organizations
	Pharmaceutical substances in the environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring and control of pharmaceutical substances in the environment; 	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, Institution <i>Center for Environmental Solutions</i> , environmental public organizations
Environmental education	Environmental education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of environmental education and public awareness, • Environmental education of decision makers 	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection,

			Institution Center for Environmental Solutions, environmental public organizations
Rational consumption and production patterns	Use of non-recyclable disposable plastic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring the use of plastic; Research and analytical control of emissions of harmful substances into the environment; Development of a biodegradable plastic collection system; Improvement of the waste collection and sorting system; Creation of regional waste collection complexes with a disposal site. 	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, Ministry of Housing and Communal Services, Ministry of Antimonopoly Regulation and Trade, Ministry of Economy, local executive and administrative bodies, State institution Operator of secondary material resources, institution Center of environmental decisions, public organizations of an environmental orientation
Environmental management	Environmental protection measures and Environmental Programmes Financing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National financing mechanisms improving, a bank to finance environmental activities and a Water Fund creating; Development in the field of financing mechanisms, the circular economy, green procurement. 	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Finance
	Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of a territorial monitoring system; Implementation of the standard in the field of environmental management EMAS; Development of economic incentive measures to introduce a green economy in production 	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection
Public participation	Mechanisms, practices, enforcement practice of public participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raising awareness and timely provision of public with information; Creation of environmental discussion centers (clubs) in the regions; 	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, Ministry of Education,

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring public access to justice; • Improving mechanisms for public participation; • Conducting social surveys to determine public attitudes towards environmental issues; • Improving mechanisms for the dissemination of environmental information, including informing of enterprises and other organizations; • Involvement of religious organizations in environmental advocacy issues 	Ministry of Justice local executive and administrative bodies, higher educational institutions, public organizations
Regions affected by the Chernobyl accident	Polessky State Radiation and Ecological Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of a research laboratory in the Polessky State Radiation-Ecological Reserve 	Ministry of Emergency Situations
Genetic Resources	Use of genetic knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of genetic knowledge in a traditional nutritional system; • Preservation of traditional knowledge as an intangible cultural heritage 	Local executive and regulatory authorities National Academy of Sciences of Belarus, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Culture
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS IN THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS			
Legislation	<p>Improving of rulemaking</p> <p>Creation of new mechanisms for the participation of civil society in the implementation of rulemaking</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optimization of the legislative process 	Ministry of Justice
The international cooperation	A qualitatively new approach to understanding the importance of international cooperation (often seen as auxiliary)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raising public officials' awareness of the importance of international cooperation 	Ministry of Education, Academy of Public Administration under the aegis of the President of the Republic of Belarus
Education and exchange of experience with the participation of the	Formation of free business platforms for the exchange	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training activities (especially at the local level) related to the development of international 	Ministry of Economics, Academy of Public Administration under the

population in development programs and projects	of experience, discussion of key issues	technical assistance projects, participation in grant competitions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simplified support procedures 	aegis of the President of the Republic of Belarus
SDG financing	Budgeting for the implementation of the SDGs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attracting experts to develop SDG budgeting methodologies 	Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Finance
Comprehensive SDG implementation support	Consolidation of district activities to achieve the SDGs in thematic areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidation of 7 southeastern regions of the Mogilev and Gomel regions affected by the Chernobyl accident, and their comprehensive support 	Ministry of Emergency Situations, local executive and administrative bodies, republican government bodies
Integrated tourism development	Raising the awareness of tourists of the Polessky State Radiation and Ecological Reserve, specially protected natural areas about safe and environmentally friendly tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of a training center for safe life on the basis of the Polessky Reserve and other conservation areas • Creation of the necessary tourist infrastructure 	Ministry of Sport and Tourism, Ministry of Emergency Situations, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, local executive and regulatory authorities
Traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources	Preservation of traditional knowledge, ensuring access to it, creation of appropriate mechanisms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collection and transfer of traditional knowledge • Creation of thematic associations 	National Academy of Sciences of Belarus, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Education, local executive and administrative bodies, public organizations
Active longevity to ensure the country's economic growth	Improving the quality of life of the elderly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genetic, medical, social, educational components 	Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Economy, National Academy of Sciences of Belarus
Extension of integration processes	Strengthening national capacities while expanding integration processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving knowledge and skills for integration as part of joining international organizations (work with international documents, including in a foreign language) 	Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, other republican government bodies,

			Academy of Public Administration under the aegis of the President of the Republic of Belarus
Comprehensive SDG implementation support	Discussion platform, pilot financing; Improving expert support between countries through UNDP; Increasing business interest in participating in development programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of an SDG laboratory • Creation of resource centers for training the population on SDG implementation methodologies 	Partner Group for Sustainable Development, including the local Fund <i>Dobra</i> Ministry of Education, educational institutions, public organizations
SDG best practices	Exchange of successful experiences of Belarus with foreign countries to increase global awareness of Belarus, to adequately assess the situation in Belarus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection (by region, thematically) of best practices in the field of development and their presentation on international platform 	Sustainable Development Council Regional Sustainable Development Groups, Parliamentary Group on Sustainable Development, Partnership Group on Sustainable Development
Overcoming of organizational barriers to international technical assistance	Registration of international technical assistance projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the registration procedure for international technical assistance projects 	Ministry of Economics
Firefighting	Intercountry interaction, exchange of experience between voluntary fire societies, young rescue firefighters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of platforms for experience exchange 	Ministry of Emergency Situations
Volunteer movement	The development of the volunteer movement among all categories of the population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Popularization of the volunteer movement, training, improving the skills of volunteers • Creation of a volunteering platform • Legislative support • Corporate volunteering 	Ministry of Education, Ministry of Sport and Tourism, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection

Border Security	Combating drug trafficking at the state border	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening the capacity of national partners 	State Border Committee
Border security in the Chernobyl zone	Overcoming illegal entry of people into the territory of the Polesie State Radiation-Ecological Reserve, ensuring the security of the border between Belarus and Ukraine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of infrastructure and communications through the creation of the <i>Green Outpost</i> Development of a psychological service for border guards 	State Border Committee
Healthcare, health promotion and creativity, health education	Promotion of a healthy lifestyle among young people (physical activity, healthy eating, stress, overcoming alcohol and tobacco addiction)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study and implementation of international practices 	Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Sport and Tourism, Ministry of Labor, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Antimonopoly Regulation and Trade
SDG monitoring	Strengthening national statistical capacity to monitor the implementation of the SDGs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction of new technologies for monitoring the SDGs, development of a national platform for monitoring the SDGs to the regional level, improving methods for monitoring the SDGs 	National Statistical Committee, other republican government bodies, local executive and administrative bodies
Business involvement through the dissemination of international practices		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transfer of international practices and their implementation in the Republic of Belarus 	Sustainable Development Partner Group, including the Fund <i>Dobra</i>