MCDA - SEYCHELLES

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Capacity Evaluation

- OIE-PVS
- SPS related legislative review and gap analysis by WTO
- Biosecurity Project economic evaluation, institutional analysis, threats of IAS, IAS baseline study, etc..
- Sector based capacity evaluations numerous
- Gaps identified were used to develop sector specific interventions
- And were used in this exercise (MCDA)

MCDA framework

- MCDA workshop and analysis was done in the standard format – intro workshop followed by 3 days of analysis then a validation workshop
- Both workshops were attended by representatives from all sectors – Govt, private and civil and core group consisted of SAA, Public Health, Stats Office, Trade, SBS, COMESA technical advisers.
- MCDA was facilitated and lead by COMESA technical experts and a MCDA consultant
- Work on the Dossiers were done collectively as a group and Info card were compiled and written up by the consultants

Reflections on the MCDA - benefits

- Seychelles just had its workshop (10-14 June) – early days
- A flexible and robust system
- A useful tool and great potential for national use in planning

Reflections on the MCDA - challenges

- Decision criteria and weights (probably needs to reflect the development priorities of the State than the learned opinions of the participants)
- Indentifying gaps refer to above
- Understanding the MCDA (process)
- These challenges can be easily overcome by better preparations and can improve with subsequent analysis

Message to other countries

- Try it
- Don't drop it after the first attempt as it is not a good judgment of its usefulness
- Useful

Message to the STDF (and other facilitators of the MCDA)

- Ensure adequate background information is distributed to the recipients/target of the MCDA and its process well in advance of the workshop (factsheet, users guide, etc)
- Communicate with the country on the type of information (statistics, policy documents, etc) that are required to undertake the MCDA
- Being adequately prepared yields outcomes which are concise and could be well received by the decision-markers.

THANK YOU!