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Line and Phoenix Integrated Development
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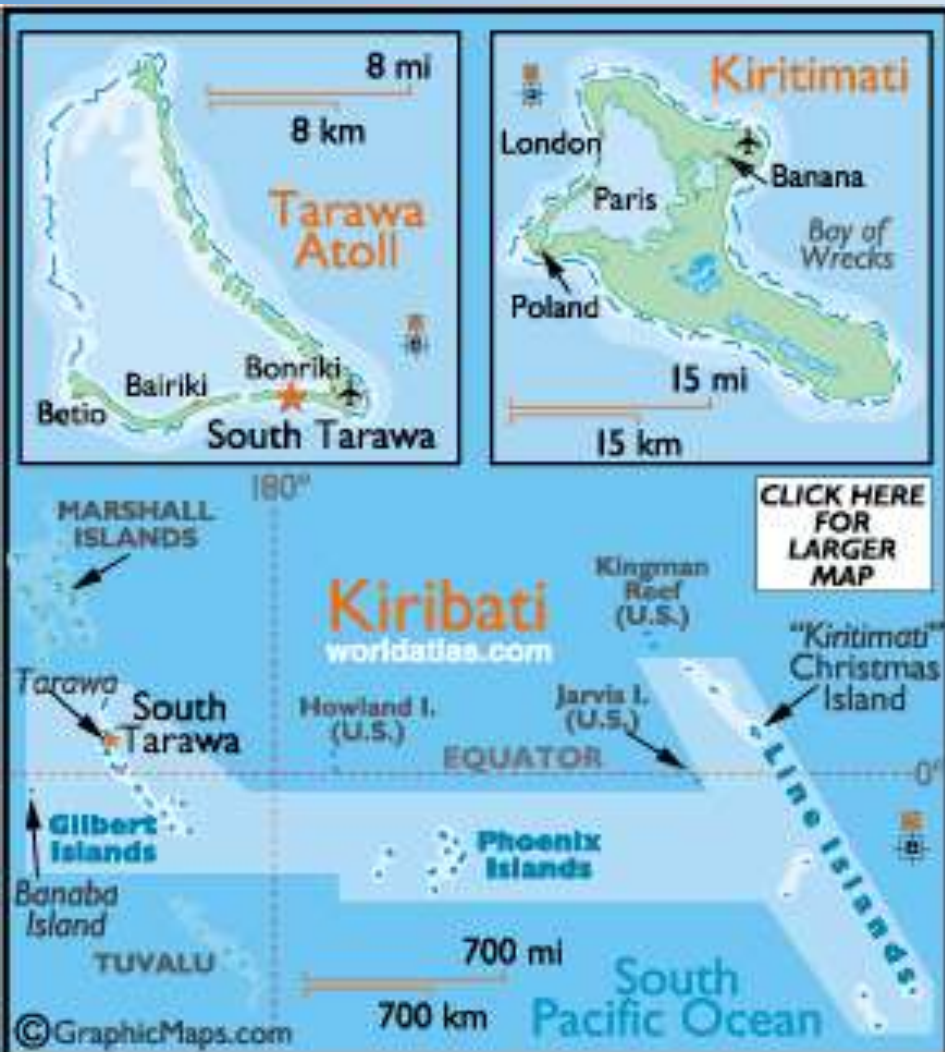
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Outline of Presentation

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Location of Line and Phoenix Island's (LPI's):



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Key Facts about the LPI's:

- Located in the eastern “tropical convergence zone” of the South Eastern Pacific,
- Administrative capital Kiritimati (second largest urban centre in Kiribati)
- KI is 2000 miles east of Tarawa, 1600 miles north of Raratonga and 1400 miles south of Honolulu
- 3 inhabited islands of the Line Group and one in the Phoenix Group.
- Total population 10,500 (2015 census)
- Teraina (Washington) pop. 1712, Tabuaeran (Fanning) pop. 2317, Kiritimati pop. 6356 and Kanton pop. 20.
- state land

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Six Guiding Principles of the LPIDS:

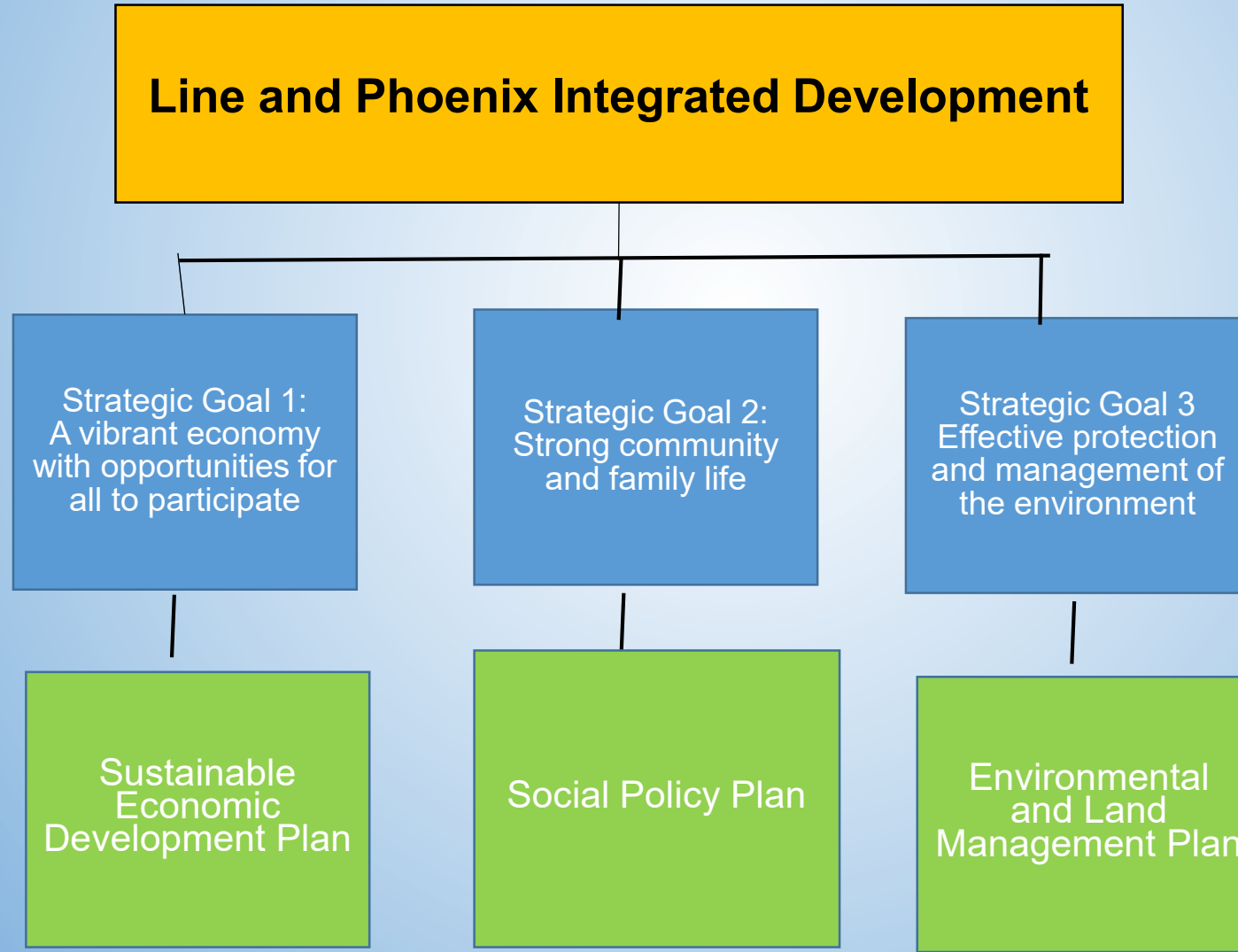
- i. Sustainable in the long term:**
- ii. Enterprise Led:**
- iii. Climate Change Aware and Responsive:**
- iv. Driven by community planning:**
- v. Adaptive to changing circumstances:**
- vi. Based on sound Governance and accountability.**

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The Long Term Vision for LPI's:

“The people of LPI's will enjoy a safe and healthy environment that is resilient to the impacts of Climate Change and that supports productive, enterprise based livelihoods, human health and sustainable development within a sound governance framework.”

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Long Term Goals:
20 years

Action Plans
3-5 years
revolving

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Key Cross Cutting Themes That Emerged:

- **Economic Development**
- **Governance**
- **Infrastructure**
- **Environment and Land Management**
- **Social Development**

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Link to National & International Commitments

- Gov't Policy Statement- 'identify the Line & Phoenix area as potential economic hub for Kiribati through development of tourism & fisheries.'
- KDP,
- Forum Framework on Regionalism
- UN Sustainable Dev't Goals

Link with On-going Programmes in LPIs

- Phoenix Islands Protected Area (PIPA),
- Water & Sanitation Projects on Kiritimati,
- Energy Project

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Thematic Development Issues & Drivers of Change



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Thematic Development Issues:

- **Economic Development**

- Public Sector dominated economy
- Little private sector consumption,
- Very high unemployment and a serious lack of vocational and technical skills,
- Tourism and fisheries



- **Environment & Land**

- Land Use Planning
- Natural and environmental resource planning
- Deterioration of Bio-diversity



Christmas Island - A Natural Wonder

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- **Governance**

- Legislative review
- Conflicting mandates
- Public Sector reform for effective & efficient delivery of public services

- **Infrastructure**

- Poor transportation & communication (Shipping, Roads, Aviation, port, Telecoms)
- Water & sanitation,
- Energy

- **Social Development**

- Significant population growth
- Unsustainable consumption of resources
- Health & Education

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Conclusion

- LPIDS crucial to guide & direct short and long-term development of the Line & Phoenix islands,
- Development of LPIs should start from Kiritimati as a growth centre with great potential for tourism and fisheries. Spin off to neighbouring islands,
- Development should commence with a sound **Economic Infrastructure** for transportation & communications to improve, road, wharf, telecommunication and airports in Kiritimati and in Kanton to complement PIPA,
- Upgrading of **Social Infrastructure** such as water & sanitation, and use of renewable energy on Kiritimati,
- Effective **Governance** framework to enhance decentralization and strengthen capacity of MLPID for efficient delivery of public services and create new legislations and review of outdated laws & policies,
- Effective Planning & Management of **Environment & Land** for conservation of marine resources and protection of pristine environment, and efficient allocation of land leases to attract local & foreign investors,
- Increased **Population** has pros & cons but should not exceed carrying capacity of island. Social issues on S.Tarawa should not be repeated in Kiritimati if the Gov't is serious to fulfil one of its priorities i.e., to develop the LPIs as a potential economic hub for whole country.
- Acknowledgement of EU financial support for development of strategy.

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