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Presentation Overview

- Defining Governance
- Who's Who? Governance Actors and Their Interface
- Functions of Governance Actors
- POPIS Framework
- Features of Good Governance
- Challenges for All Actors
Governance - A Broader concept than government

- Governance is concerned with steering. It is defined as the institutions, processes and traditions related to issues of public concern which determine:
  - how power is exercised
  - how decisions are taken
  - how citizens have their say

- The responsible and responsive exercise of power on matters of public concern

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THE ACTORS

STATE
Executive
Judiciary
Legislature
--Public service
--Military
--Police

CIVIL SOCIETY
citizens organized into:
Community-based organizations
Non-governmental organizations
Professional Associations
Religious groups
Women’s groups

BUSINESS
Small / medium / large enterprises
Multinational Corporations
Financial institutions
Stock exchange
THE FUNCTIONS

STATE
- Law and order
- Security
- Public policies and programs
- Regulatory and incentive structures for investment
- Collection and redistribution of tax revenue

CIVIL SOCIETY
- Collective representation/action
- Delivery of community services
- Civic duties & responsibilities

BUSINESS
- Production of commodities/services
- Job creation
- Creation of wealth
**POPIS**

**Physical Capital**
Financial, technological, material resources

**Organizational Capital**
Core team, membership, structure, process, leadership, training, management skills

**Political Capital**
Power, authority, influence, legitimacy

**Intellectual Capital**
Knowledge or know-how

**Socio-cultural Capital**
Feeling/spirit of trust, friendship and willingness to collaborate, community ideals, values, bonds
FEATURES OF SOUND GOVERNANCE:

- Information
- Accountability
- Participation
- Legitimacy
- Legal frameworks
- Transparency
- Efficiency
- Security
- Cooperation

CIVIL SOCIETY

STATE

BUSINESS
Challenges for all Actors

- strategic thinking/action (understand change and context)
- redefine roles and functions
- capacity to carry out functions effectively
- working in partnership with other sectors in society
- achieve ‘sound’ governance
Challenges for Governments

- come to grips with global/regional economic, political, environmental context and challenges
- balance tensions between forces of globalization and people's quest for identity and voice (challenge of leadership)
- move from control and "doing" to decentralization and creating an enabling environment for social well-being and economic growth
- define/find new ways of dealing with social elements of development, under pressures for reduction of government spending
Challenges for Civil Society

- moving beyond emphasis on advocacy, to increased program and policy activity
- learning how to articulate demand -- design and formulate alternative approaches to service delivery
- garnering resources to take on responsibilities shed by governments
- learning to understand and work with government and private sector in addressing development challenges -- finding common ground
- changing roles of academics: expanding on research to also engage in action-research which feeds into policy dialogue, and program design and implementation
Challenges for Business

- business institutions to apply "sound" governance to their own operations
- assess context and make strategic investments
- work effectively with governments and NGOs to develop the human and social capital needed for global competition
- develop intermediate institutions to facilitate evolution of micro-enterprise, create tax base, etc.
Challenges for Media

- Identify issues of most concern to audience
- Report accurate and balanced information from all sides
- Facilitate problem solving
- Create awareness
- Hold people and government accountable