

**-Nos Aruba 2025 –
Sustainable Development Symposium,
26 April 2008**



Abo dicidi awe, Nos Aruba di mañan

(Full Report)

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A STORY OF THE DAY

140 of us gathered on a beautiful sunny day in De Palm Island being asked to “share our ideas freely and opening”, as we took the boat across. The reason for our gathering was “as dedicated and dynamic citizens of Aruba, to explore together how action on sustainable development can help to create the Aruba we dream of”



By the end of the day, we were looking to achieve the following outcomes:

- be clear on the meaning of “sustainable development”
- have a first understanding of the implications of SD planning for Aruba
- appreciate the SD knowledge, thinking and planning already in Aruba
- feel that our thoughts on Aruba’s strengths and our dreams for 2025 & beyond have been shared
- be inspired to dream, willing to explore new options to improve our quality of life, and commit ourselves to taking actions for the sustainable development of Aruba
- understand the *Nos Aruba 2025* process and how our individual and group power can build a better community. Be committed to taking part and helping to involve all the people of Aruba

and we succeeded !

“Alive & Inspired”

We began by introducing ourselves to each other in groups of 8, sharing stories of times when we have felt most alive & inspired in Aruba. For instance, someone spoke of “*that special “home” feeling when you come back to Aruba after a vacation or when you return to Aruba after a few years abroad*”

“The Nos Aruba 2025 Project”

Ryan Peterson, a member of the Think Thank then gave us a motivational overview of the whole *Nos Aruba 2025* project.

He described the 4 main phases of the project:

- Discovery: what is the best of where we’ve come from and what we are now; what makes us feel alive & inspired in Aruba; what are our strengths
- Dream: what ‘might be’; what future do we want to see; what can we dream that will be even better than now
- Design: what do we need to put in place to create the dreams we want e.g. projects, activities & plans, in addition to processes, systems and collaborations
- Destiny: what actions are we committing ourselves to, individually and collectively

Ryan emphasised the importance of focusing on what’s working well rather than complaining about our problems and of valuing each individual in the community, having them be part of the project, to reach our goals together. Finally he spoke of the need to commit to action - as many others spoke of throughout the Symposium.

“Vision without execution is hallucination”

“So what is Sustainable Development” & what might it mean for Aruba?

As Sustainable Development (SD) is what we’re aiming for in the project, it is important that we have an understanding of what the concept means and what it might mean for Aruba. So we first had a go at describing it in our own words.

We spoke of:

- the balance between present & future
- integrated development between the 3 pillars of economy, environment & social
- Quality of Life issues, including culture, education & spiritual life

We then reminded ourselves of what some others have said:

“Development which meets the needs of the present, without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs” The Brundtland Commission Report, 1987.

“only when the last fish is caught, the last buffalo killed, the last river polluted, only then will mankind realize that money cannot be eaten” - Cree Native American saying.

We also remembered that SD is a *process*. So the aim of the project is to create a *process* through which we can all be engaged on an on-going basis in creating what’s needed for a sustainable future. Our first plan, from 2009 – 2025, will start us off on the road.

In Aruba there are quite a number of us who already have been thinking about & working on SD issues, so we heard from a few of them. To start us off we had an absolutely inspirational presentation from the **Youth Parliament (Jean-Dihno Trappenberg & Jai’rus)** who were asking us to think about diversifying the economy beyond tourism, to give something for young people to come back to Aruba for, and taking radical action such as *“no harmful materials allowed on Aruba”*.

We also heard from **Speakers:**

Gisbert Boekhoudt, Robbie Croes (WEB), Edwin Rose (Chamber of Commerce), Herbert Diaz, Byron Boekhoudt (Coastal Zone Management), Stephanie Croes (Aruba Marine Mammal Foundation).

Some of the points that were particularly well received were:

- we’re making progress on SD in various ways eg. monitoring waste, sewage, water, air
- we need to balance development & conservation – what might we want to see preserved if we imagine a photo album of Aruba in 2025?
- We need to help our decision makers stop judging the nation’s welfare by its economic figures alone: they tell us *nothing* about the social wellbeing of the people
- in our highly populated beautiful island, we need to be aware of how we manage our resources & capabilities – taking care of our landscapes as we urbanise, and our social fabric as our numbers grow. Some of the fine lines we walk may need big decisions
- We need to learn about SD because “you can only understand what you know; you can only love what you understand; you can only protect what you love”

With this food for thought we had conversations in our groups about what we had heard, what our reactions were, whether we had any questions and what other examples we had of what’s happening in Aruba on SD

“Some points people made were”:

- Aruba Prome, Despues & Bishitante (Aruba first, then the visitors)
- E bos tey pa mehoracion, pero falta e orea cu ta scucha (The voices are there for a better Aruba but we need the air to listen)
- E balanza entre loke nos ta desea y loke nos por (We need a balance in what we wish and what we can)

Examples of other sustainable things going on in Aruba included:

- Our Aruba Aloe is a great success
- We’re introducing more sustainable tourism
- Our volunteer clean-ups happen regularly

“Bringing SD alive in Aruba”

We spent the rest of the day beginning to see for ourselves what might be needed to create SD in Aruba in practice. This began with sharing what we see as Aruba’s strengths in the **economy, environment, socially**, and other ways - what creates our quality of life now. This will allow us to build our future on the firm ground of our existing potential. We discovered that we see our particular strengths as being:

- Our people: courage, resilience, adaptability, resourcefulness, creativity
- Human capital: multicultural, multilingual, creative, adaptable
- Beautiful, unique, exotic and diverse nature

after an absolutely **delicious lunch**....

We imagined ourselves moving from our current potential into our dream future in 2025 – the one where we each see Aruba as we most want it to be. With this in mind we moved into conversations on **what’s needed in Aruba for our quality of life to get even better** – how to arrive at the future we want. To decide our conversation topics we used a way of working called Open Space, where each of us had the opportunity to suggest the topics we saw as most important, and to post them on a Bulletin Board. We then all chose which topic session to go to as you see, the conversations were very lively

Some powerful thinking & ideas for ways forward was shared in these conversations.

More of the details of these will be available in the reports of the **“OPEN SPACE CONVERSATIONS”** .

Making some choices

Of course as we move through the project and begin making decisions on how best we are going to create a sustainable future for ourselves, we’ll need to be making some choices. To give us a first experience of this each of us made some choices on which topics so far were a priority for us - and which we might be interested in having a further conversation on as the project grows.

The priority topics that came up on this particular day were:

- Good governance/ servant leadership
- Cultural emancipation
- Improving education
- Renewable non-polluting energy
- Diversify economy
- Aruba as paradise – a spiritual retreat sanctuary

Making commitments

So..... as many people said during the day, for something to change, each of us has to be willing to take action. So each of us was then invited to complete a Commitment Card saying “one step I will personally take to help create our sustainable future in Aruba”, and to post the card in the “Abo dicidi Awe, e Futuro di Aruba” box. Some of the pledges people made were:

- Change myself
- Be an active participant in Nos Aruba 2025
- Talk! Spread the word, make people understand how important our future is and the future of our kids and grandkids



So how do we take all this forward?

Maria Dijkhoff-Pita, Director of DEHZI, told us of a number of activities already planned to help us all take our thinking, our passions, our dreams and our determination forward:

- the www.nosaruba2025 website is the key place to find information, to follow when events are coming up, and crucially to engage in sharing ideas in the forums
- two reports of the SD Symposium will be posted on the website – a full one and a summary newsletter
- in the second week of June there will be another major public event. The Discovery Integration Event, which will help us make sense of all that we have discovered about our strengths, from our past & present. We'll share stories & identify key themes together

Chantal Balkenstein-Ecury, then outlined a range of opportunities for participation in the project:

- Think Tank member – to advise & challenge & help make things happen
- People of Aruba Champions (PAC) members – who have a number of potential roles:
 - following their passions & discovering & dreaming into various aspects of our sustainable future
 - becoming members of mixed-stakeholder Commissions which will look into & develop thinking & plans on specific topics identified by us all by the end of the Dream phase – including engaging the people of Aruba in the thinking
- Acting as facilitators of the process of engagement
- Gathering people together for conversations and inviting a facilitator to help run the session(s)
- Design Team member – to help design the large events of the project – including thinking through & taking action on participants, venue, sponsorship, detailed programme, logistics
- Everyone was again enthusiastically invited to join us at the www.nosaruba2025.aw website for news and conversation

Who else needs to be here next time? Ministers & Heads of & Government Departments

Graffiti wall: let your hearts fly towards Aruba's future. It's now or never. If you don't start, no-one will follow.

“Closing words”

Our day closed with each of us having an opportunity to say a word or two to the whole group. A flavour of our speaking included:

- An inspirational day
- We need a lot of different ingredients for one sustainable future
- Today we made one step in the direction of a bright future
- I decided today to stay on Aruba!

From the evaluation forms we learned that 92% of the people said they were really committed to taking the messages of the day out to others & engaging them in *Nos Aruba 2025*; 89% felt clear about what the kinds of things we'll need to consider for the SD of Aruba.



Many spoke their appreciation of a sense of community, respect, open dialogue & listening. 45% specifically talked of taking action, & keeping up the momentum.

“everyone has his/her responsibility. I take mine”
“I'm committed to this cause and would love to be involved”

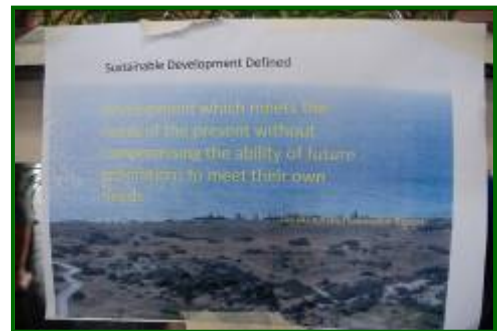
And finally.....many of us took the opportunity to have a complementary drink & reflection with each other at De Palm Island's Blue Parrott bar before peacefully travelling back across the water on our way home.

Acknowledgements

This SD Symposium day was made possible by the incredible generosity, creativity & hard work of a huge number of people. We are grateful to you all.

Agenda of the day:





The following pages tell you more of what we shared during the symposium

ALIVE AND INSPIRED

We began by introducing ourselves to each other in groups of 8, sharing stories of times when we have felt most alive & inspired in Aruba.



Some of the high points of the stories and special experiences are:

- Children’s rights, because the future is theirs
- The unity between the social structures of the people and nature, because people cannot live without nature
- Respect for nature, otherwise nature won’t have a future and therefore Aruba won’t have a future
- Love for Aruba: that special “home” feeling when I come back to Aruba after a vacation or after the college years
- Union and Teamwork: people working together to help each other
- Community voluntarism with involvement of the youth and culture awareness
- Commitment and Involvement
- Completion of my life goal for a better human race
- Connection and unity with family
- Change and growth
- Integration
- Freedom
- Positive growth
- Youth/experience
- Unity in diversity: Harmony
- We adapt
- Economy entrepreneurship
- Solution-oriented
- Great minds create vision

Key themes/surprises/ Questions:

- Balanced & integrated growth and development
- Pillars: economical, social, environmental, spiritual
- Long-term planning (vision: today-tomorrow)
- Quality of Life
- Unity, respect and integrity: connection of all people and events
- Conservation/respect for nature
- Responsibility: using your head while growing/learn from the past
- All players of the community involved/ starts with the individual
- Refleho di esencia di Aruba (maintaining our cultural values and norms)
- Interrelation
- Well-being/Good Health
- Education and awareness of sustainable development
- Harmony
- Continuity
- Improvement

NOS ARUBA 2025 – An Overview of the Project

To put the work of the Symposium in context, Ryan Peterson, a member of the Think Thank gave us a motivational overview of the whole *Nos Aruba 2025* project and approach.



He described the 4 main phases of the project – using an approach called “Appreciative Inquiry”:

Discovery: what is the best of where we’ve come from and what we are now; what makes us feel alive & inspired in Aruba; what are our strengths, talents, assets, resources etc

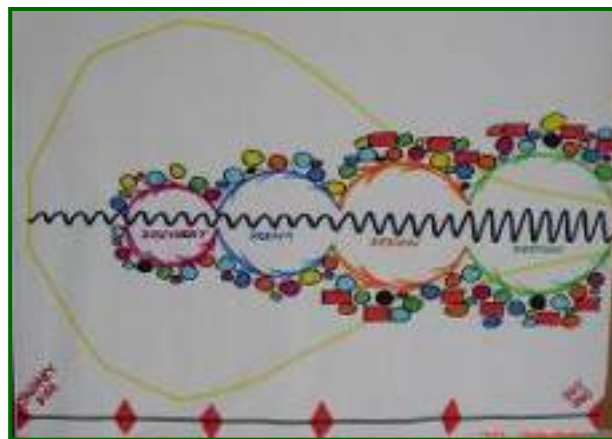
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Destiny: what actions are we committing ourselves to, individually and collectively.

As we become engaged in the *Nos Aruba 2025* project each of us will find we move around what’s called the “**Participation Cycle**”. From **awareness** of the project, we begin to get really **involved** (as the people in the SD Symposium have). As we believe in what’s happening, we then **commit** to the project, which might mean actively taking on some form of role or activity, including taking part in more events. What’s critical then is **recognising** a good job done, and celebrating as we go along – it is this that helps create the **motivation** to move on round the “Participation Cycle” – becoming even more aware, more involved etc.

Ryan emphasised the importance of focusing on what’s working well rather than complaining about our problems. Our problems will simply weigh us down, whereas through discovering what’s already working well, we can build a strong foundation for creating the future we want. This is the value of using “Appreciative Inquiry”



He reminded us of how Martin Luther King used his powerful “I have a dream” speech to paint images of the future – images that would motivate people to move forward to the future they really seek. Our dreaming will give us the pictures and the energy to create the sustainable future we need and want.

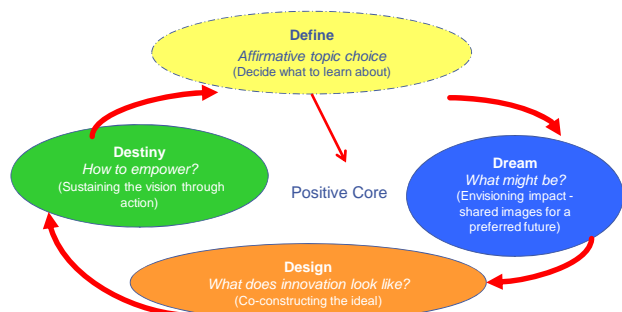
Ryan also spoke of valuing each individual in the community, having them be part of the project, so we reach our dreams & sustainable future together. Quoting Martin Luther King again, he said ““You can talk with the kings but you’ve got to walk with the community”

Finally he spoke of the need to commit to action - as many others spoke of throughout the Symposium. What are we going to *do* to realise the potential in our community, for instance providing space for our youth to grow and ensuring the sustainable future of Aruba?

“Vision without execution is hallucination”

In closing, Ryan called our attention to another need. In a project of this size and significance “it’s really important to keep a sense of humour too!”

AI Approach




SO WHAT IS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT?

In groups people answered the questions: "What do you understand by "sustainable development?". We then shared some existing definitions.



So what is Sustainable Development?
Some definitions



Today's choices for tomorrow's voices

A common thread through most definitions is that the actions and decisions of today, impact both present and future generations.

In Aruba, the choices we make today have consequences for our children and our children's children.



Sustainable Development Defined

Development which meets the needs of the present, without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

The Brundtland Commission Report



Sustainable Development is a process.....
.....rather than a fixed goal.

We cannot know every decision and situation which we will have to face in the future. What we can do is identify unsustainable trends as they arise and together continue to make choices based on some core principles to become the ARUBA we hope to see.

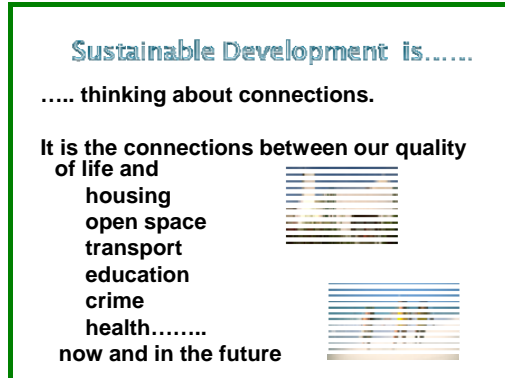


What is Sustainable Development ?

Its about sustaining our economy and ensuring that every one can benefit.....
.....at the same time

.....It is about our society.....
our culture.....

.....and our environment



Sustainable Development is.....

..... thinking about connections.

It is the connections between our quality of life and

- housing
- open space
- transport
- education
- crime
- health.....

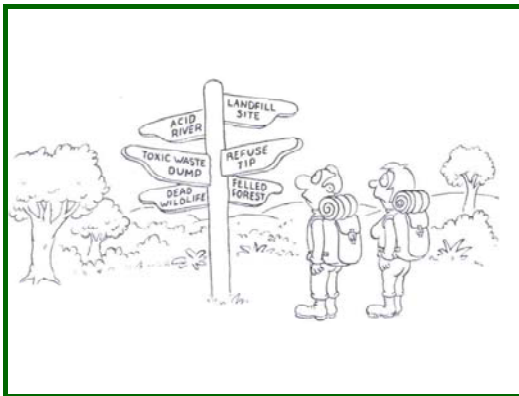
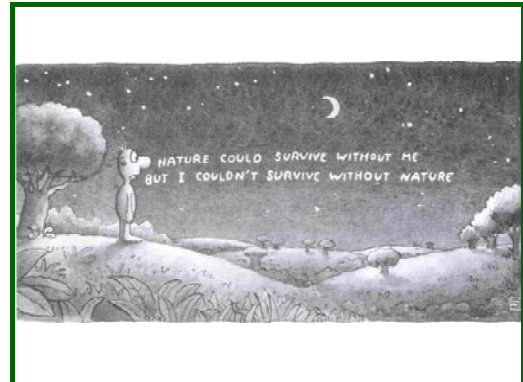
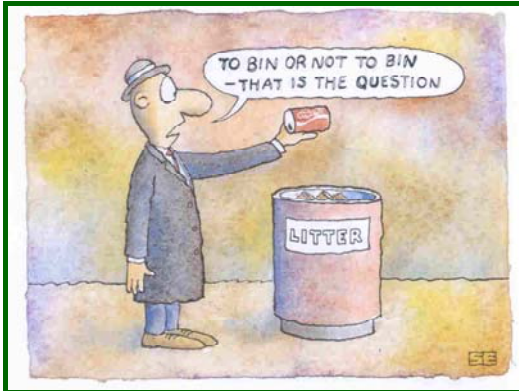
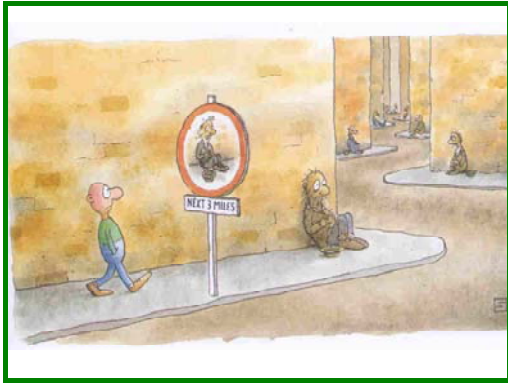
now and in the future



Sustainable Development recognizes the need for integrated decision-making.

Social, economic, and environmental factors all impact any given decision and in turn every decision has social, economic and environmental impacts. Awareness of these linkages is vital to responsible decision-making.

Some Humour !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



SPEAKERS

“Views on Sustainable development Youth Parliament of Aruba” - by Jai’rus Barry & Dihno Trappenberg

What is happening in Aruba on Sustainable Development – by Gisbert Boekhoudt

Energia Sostenibel - by L.R. (Robby) Croes, W.E.B. Aruba N.V.

Speech Mr. Roos KvK 26 april 2008

“Harmonizing Social & Economic Interests”- by Herbert Diaz

Coastal Zone Management in 2025 - by Byron Boekhoudt CZM

Within a dolphins reach-project - by: AMMF

Views on Sustainable development, Youth Parliament of Aruba

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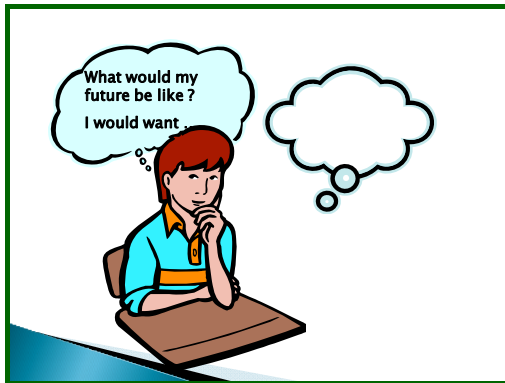
Youth Parliament of Aruba

Views on Sustainable Development

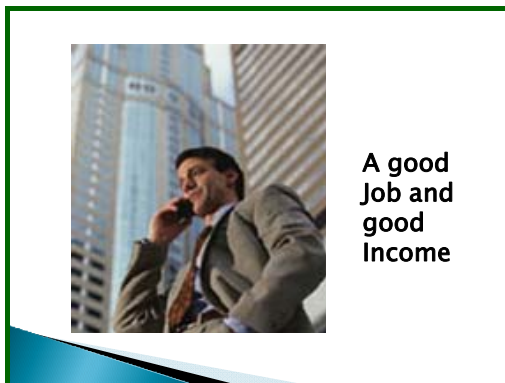
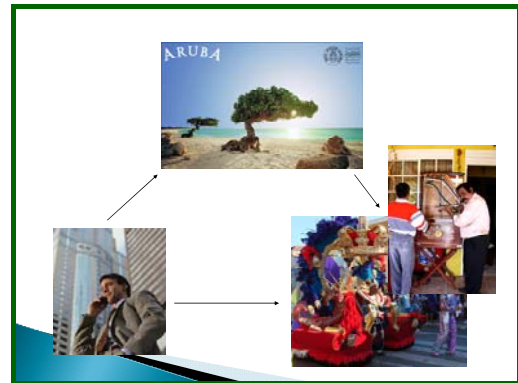
PARLAMENTO HUBENIL

By: Jai'rus Barry and Jean & Dihno Trappenberg

Social and Cultured Life



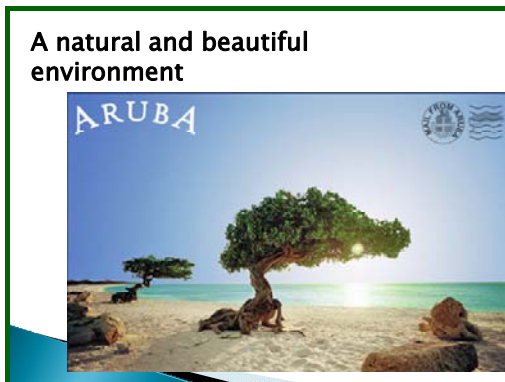
What would my future be like?
I would want...



A good Job and good Income

"Lets make what we are doing good today even better for tomorrow"

A natural and beautiful environment





What is happening in Aruba on Sustainable Development

by Gisbert Boekhoudt



Picture of people and fish swimming in the sea

Bon dia tur hende,

Mi a haya e challenge pa duna boso untaste di e stapnan cu nos ta tumando riba e caminda pa Desaroyo Sostenible y Duradero. Aki boso por wak nos isla chicito den e lama grandi

Desaroyo sostenibel y dura dero ta un proceso dinamico, E ejercicio tin direction cla, E ta un biahe cu nos tur hunto ta tuma según e caminda cu nos ta traha pa nos mes y nos yuinan.

Kico nos ta hinca den nos maleta pa e biahe aki? Pa nos por jega na standards nan internacional den e meerjaarenprogramma un y dos (esakinan ta algún plannan di MJP cu ta wordo financia cu placa cu ta den e Fondo di Desaroyo di Aruba (FDA).

To stay on top of the water quality we have a water-monitoring program in place and it is feeding us with information.



Picture windmill

Where there is smoke there is fire! The air quality equipment is on the island and has to be installed. We envision these equipment to be in the air by June this year.

Our Solid Waste handling needs to be upgraded to international standards. With the best intention we are modernizing the landfill and adding a new solid waste facility to process initially 50 % and later on 90% of the solid waste.



Picture a wastewater treatment plant

Our wastewaters are treated in the new facility at Parkietenbos or at the one at Bubali. Which has been upgraded. And the third is under construction at Zeewijk. This all to maintain a high quality ocean water. As you all know this seawater among other we use to make drinkwater and we swim in it.



Picture of wave runners on the beach

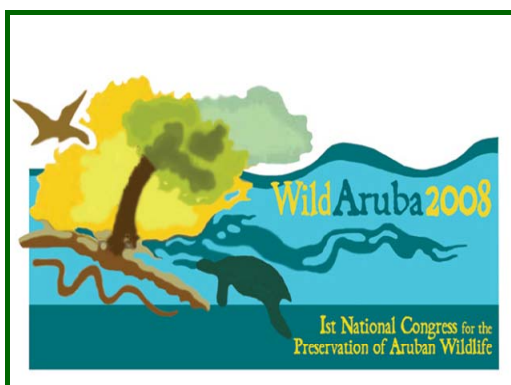
Byron will tell you more about the Coastal Zone Management projects.



Picture flooded area

Under leadership of DIP Aruba is in an integrate physical planning process. Where we are looking for balanced and efficient zoning of the Aruban land and water territory.

We have funds reserved for a mobility master plan or should I say a road development action plan?



Picture of logo Wild Aruba 2008

Here you can see some of our flora and fauna. August 25 and 26 we will have a symposium on nature conservation and from August 27 till 29 we will have a workshop on nature conservation and nature development. The week before we will have workshops about nature curriculum development.

Furthermore we have a Flora and Fauna committee, where citizen with a heart for nature have a voice in the governmental nature policy cycle.



What seems to be needed now?

On Aruba you see terns are looking for food and walking up and down, making noise, flying up and other just arriving to join the others. All birds are flying up! They regroup instantly. And find the direction Nature gives them. In a smooth forward moving clout they come to rest. And return to they feeding ground.

According to me: this is what we need. Please join.

Next to consider our people and next generation, the so-called *Human Recourses or Human Capital* we should consider our *Natural and Financial Resources* in the search of a better quality of live for us all.

Energia Sostenibel

By: L.R. (Robby) Croes, W.E.B. Aruba N.V.

Actualmente cada persona na Aruba ta usa un averahe di 210 litro di awa pa dia.. Compara cu otro paisnan esaki ta por lo menos 15% mas halto. Igualmente cu uso di coriente: uso di airecondicionado ta pone nos na Aruba riba un nivel halto di consumo. Alrededor di 60% di coriente ta wordo usa pa airecondicionado.

Na W.E.B. Aruba N.V. nos a traha un plan strategico pa cu e generacion y distribucion di awa y coriente riba nos isla, esta Energia Aruba 2025. Den e studio aki a repasa tur tecnologia proba pa produci awa y coriente. Riba e aspecto no-sostenibel a repasaentre otro: petcoke, pitch, gas natural, otro combustiblenan fosil, fuel cel, orimulsion, etc. Riba e aspectonan sostenibel a repasa entre otro: energia di solo, biento, lama, etc.

E senario cu ta resulta den e coriente y e awa mas barata ta uso di petcoke como e fuente principal. Y pa produci awa: usa e tecnologia nobo di Sea Water Reverse Osmosis.

Pa un programa total di coriente y awa pa Aruba, nos mester haci esfuerso tambe den e nivel cu nos ta consumi: e demanda di awa y coriente ta relativamente hopi halto na Aruba. Akinan nos por cu nos propio esfuerso logra rebahonan na un manera duradero y sostenibel:

- usa ekiponan cu ta usa menos energia y ta dunabo e mesun of mas confortabilidad (spaarlampen, AC, freezer, frigidaire mas eficiente,)
- no malgasta y haci mantencion na bo sistemanan; specialmente esun di awa.
- Planta un mata grandi cu ta duna bo cas sombra
- Traha bo cas di tal manera cu bo ta haci mas uso di e biento fresco y asina reduci bo necesidad di AC.
- Haci uso di septic tank pa bo por usa e awa pa mata, etc.
- Colecta awa di yobida pa bo usa den bo hardin
- Concientisa bo hendenan na cas pa cu e uso corecto di awa y coriente

Mi ta duna pabien na e iniciadornan y e organisadornan di e proyecto aki cu pa Aruba ta di suma importancia: nos mester traha a base di plannan strategico pa largo tempo. Solamente asina nos comunidad ta participa na un manera concreto y cu su contribucion ta logra tene un Aruba sostenibel. Na China tin un dicho ta bisa: Nos tur ta den un boto y nos mester yuda otro.

Mi ta desea tur participante awe hopi sabiduria, placer y confiansa den otro pa haci e simposio aki un exito. Y corda e proverbio puertoriqueno: E distancia ta grandi entre loke bo bisa y loke bo haci.

The definition of insanity is doing the same over and over again and expect different results. (Einstein)

It doesn't matter how new an idea is: what matters is how new it becomes. (Elias Canetti, writer/philosopher)

A wish changes nothing. A decision changes everything. (unknown)

Nothing happens unless first a dream. (Carl Sandburg 1878-1967, poet)

Man is not on the earth solely for his own happiness. He is there to realize great things for humanity. (Vincent van Gogh 1853-1890, artist)

There is a great distance between said and done. (Puerto Rican proverb)

Speech Mr. Roos KvK 26 april 2008

More than a thousand years ago, Tikal, the Maya capital of the region that is now known as northern Guatemala, was abandoned by its population, most probably after a serious period of drought that eliminated all water reserves of this city of more than two hundred thousand inhabitants. Contrary to other centers of power in those days, Tikal only had local water reserves caught during the short rainy season, lacking entirely of any access to water from adjacent resources.

So it happened that one day this center of Maya civilization and culture, representing the very best in architecture of that time, was left behind to be covered by tropical vegetation for almost ten centuries, until its discovery in the 1800's.

Probably the founders of this magical city knew that they were walking a fine line amidst all adversities that could one day lead to the destruction of this settlement: a real "tour de force" that did not end well.

Now back to the reality of our society. We live on an island that is walking its own fine line and performing its own "tour de force", providing a place to live to a population of over 100.000 souls, on only 190 square kilometers. We rank now as the second most populated island in the Caribbean, next to Barbados that has over 600 inhabitants per square kilometer. Also, we are on the verge of the next migratory wave that might make us the leader of the region in this respect.

Some things we do well, we do produce our own water and electricity, but not without the input of equipment, know how and fuel from abroad.

Next to this we import all food, household items, machinery, everything from the largest vehicle to a single bolt or screw, all of this is brought to this island that is much like a gigantic oil platform, without the drilling for oil...

Take into account that our agricultural resources, if fully exploited, would not even allow us to feed five thousand inhabitants, year round...

So, walking that fine line, we should always be aware of to what extent we can stretch our resources and capabilities, physically, economically and socially.

To what extent can we keep on sacrificing original landscapes to (unplanned or irrational) urbanization? But also: to what extent can we practically double the number of inhabitants within two decades, without thinking whether the social fabric of our society can hold under such enormous strain, without giving way and becoming something we do not recognize anymore, and in the end we do not want....

The Chamber of Commerce and Industry made an effort a couple of years ago to raise public awareness regarding this theme under the title "Carrying Capacity" which expresses in a concise and precise manner this huge question mark that should have our constant attention.

The sustainable development theme as a matter of fact, touches the same basic questions about the fine line we walk. Sustainability is about the awareness that not all things we do, are to be continued the way they are done. Negative consequences of our way of life may make it impossible to continue them in the long run, and may even lead to destructive events that will make our "tour de force" impossible to sustain.

The lesson to be learned from Tikal is that we should always be aware of the inherent risks that exist because of the way we choose to use or overstretch our resources, the way we choose to develop our economy, and the way we choose to develop our community, not only in numbers, but mostly and primarily in quality.

We understand that the quest that brought us together today, is all about this and we fully support this anyway we can.

“Harmonizing Social & Economic Interests”

By: Herbert Diaz

Symposium Sustainable Development

The Palm Island – Aruba
April 26, 2008

Drs. Ing. Herbert I. Diaz, MM

Since Harmonizing Social and Economic Interests ... is NOT stretching too far the solidarity principle (1) ...

Sustainable Development

- Meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
- Harmonizing economical, social and ecological interests.

World Commission on Environment and Development (WCED – UN 1983)

Explaining the previous graph

- The red and yellow graphs represent a break-even analysis of the Old Age (AOV) and the General Health (AZV) Insurance Funds per contributing worker in 2005.
- The AOV had its break-even point at Afl. 2,150 per month; this means that 48.24% of the working population earned a salary that could not afford paying a contribution that represents a proportional share of the old age pension they will receive when reaching the pension age of 60 years.
- The AZV had its break-even point at Afl. 3,650 per month; this means that 72.44% of the working population earned a salary that could not afford paying a contribution that is proportionate to the average health cost that had to be financed in the indicated year.

My Social-Economical Dream

resolving the dilemma between two approaches

- Going for the desirable:
 - Define what social system you wish to have, then create or develop the economy that will afford it.
- Going for the feasible:
 - Define what your economy can afford, then design your social system within the boundaries of your economical capacities.

Aruba, as shown hereafter, has mixed up the two approaches. This will jeopardize our sustainable development if not corrected soon!

Explaining the next table

- The table indicates how many workers earned a salary below and above the 'Break-Even Points' of the AOV and the AZV funds in 2005.
- It can be seen that the rule of thumb of NOT stretching the solidarity principle beyond the point where not less than 60% support the remaining (maximum) 40%, has been infringed.
- The aforementioned means that the more Aruba expends its economy based on low added value jobs, the more it will bring into jeopardy the financial principle of the two main pay as you go funds of its social welfare system.

Harmonizing Social and Economic Interests ... is NOT stretching too far the solidarity principle (2) ...

AOV & AZV Deficits per worker			
Insurance	BEP	<	>
AOV	Afl. 2,150.00	48.24%	51.76%
AZV	Afl. 3,650.00	72.44%	27.56%

Harmonizing Social and Economic Interests ... is NOT increasing relative poverty either ...

Explaining the previous graph

- Between 1994 and 2006 the GDP grew at a rate that exceeded inflation, meaning that Aruba experienced a real growth in its economy; in other words there was economic progress or wealth gain.
- An estimate of the development of the 'Average National Wage' shows a same trend or pattern as the GDP, although, as should be considered normal, at some lower level.
- However, the minimum wages stayed behind, indicating that this group of workers did not benefit of the economic progress that they helped creating.
- Mentioned development has to be regarded as undesirable since it means that the relative poverty gap increases, and with it, the social pressures and frictions.

Choosing for a Sustainable
Development, then let us do the
right things right, now ...

Thank you ...

For more information (in Dutch) visit:
www.bestuurskundearuba.com (publicaties)

The Next step ...

my legacy to leave behind

- Get everyone to realize that economic and social interests always go together.
- Make clear that the economic structure with its division of labor is what determines (to a high extent) the social development within a country.
- Help decision makers stop judging the nation's welfare by its economic figures alone; they tell us **NOTHING** about the social wellbeing of the people.
- Go for a qualitative and diversified economy; **NOT** a quantitative and unilaterally developed one.

Coastal Zone Management in 2025

By: Byron Boekhoudt CZM

My presentation today.....Is to invite you to see CZM Aruba 2025 as part of this process.

Sustainable development to me is:

- A balance, a harmony
- A balance between development on side and conservation of nature/culture on the other.

A harmony ... because central in this equation we find people.

Sustainable development for me would be finding the balance point where we generate enough money to jump up and down in happiness, to fund the conservation of our happy children on the other side enjoying the beach and nature and the “cortesia” the “happyness” (mistake printed on purpose) of the people of Aruba which we are proud of.

So to do this I want you to imagine our photo album.

I did in preparation of this exercise. Look deeply at your photo albums at home.

They are full of images of who we are. How we were, what progress there was. Snapshots of events that were important to us. Parties, lots of parties, birth days, ricibi, weddings, vacations, new houses, new cars etc. lots of smiling faces, Sometimes a face that is not part of us anymore. Albums are full of emotions. Think about your albums at home a minute. What’s in it? Are there things that make you smile? Are there things you wish you change?

Albums show peoples interactions. How we have lived.

Throughout albums though we see change. While some things remain the same or at least we recognize family traits or was that how I was? “Boy have you changed” We see change.

We look at it and they evoke emotions, melancholy, joy, regret for some things that perhaps now with hindsight we would have like to change.

Albums however are the PAST. We cannot change them anymore. You can try to cut some of the pictures to leave someone out, but we can’t change it.

Albums represent what we, as people, as a family or person, stand for.

Today I want to look at the family album of the Aruba family, particularly the Aruba Beaches family. Look back at the pages what they looked like the popular events, parties, weddings etc. The beaches of Aruba also have an album

But Today I hope to invite you do look at the CZM Aruba 2025 differently

What if we could make the album of the future?

What pictures would I put in this album today so when my kids or grand kids (at the speed they are growing up) will be seeing?

What events would my album have: Weddings? Births? Graduations? When will I place pictures of the new house? Will I see a progress? What does that progress look like.

Imagine the power of being able to look at the album of the future with, instead of that perfect hindsight with a joyfull foresight with vision... with dreams.

What in 2025, what lifestyle what legacy does my album reflect.

Lets do it today

I invite you to help me put together our family album today. Lets draw the pictures together

Let’s start with the end in mind. Let’s draw the future. With only good memories of course... isn’t that what we do when we look at albums?

What are the changes that we see in the pictures of the future?

What things do we preserve so we see them in all the pictures through time?

What events or snapshots do we see in 2025? Am I skinny, fat, or just as handsome as I want to be in my mind?????

What lifestyle do I project?

Who are the people in my photographs of the future?
Who is that rich uncle and godfather that guides us and we so lovingly hug?

Just imagine.

Let me flip the page a minute. I have started drawing already.

I see pictures of protected beaches. Nicely layed out, with sighs teaching people how to help

We have weddings where we signed contracts on how to live harmoniously together, till death do us part.

We have graduations, births, birthdays.

Lots of people, but not too much that they are cramped in the picture... just enough happy people all smiling and living harmoniously

Look at this. Our beaches have a new and improved visibility team?

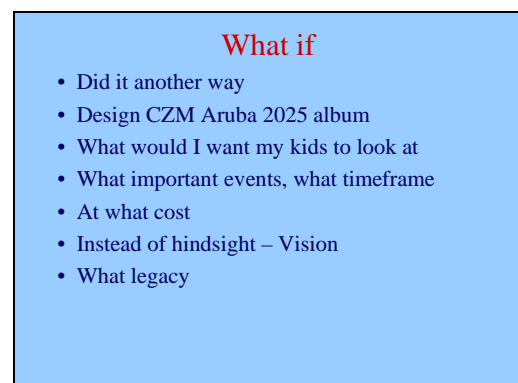
Don't worry ladies... look how I look like in 2025!
In conclusion?

I work at the coasts, where land meets sea... and in all its beauty and attraction, things sometimes get blurry. Let's make use of today, of this process, and put the pieces of the puzzle together.

I love the ocean. I love the beaches. I love Aruba.

I want to leave something that my grandchildren can also enjoy just as much or even more. Both above and below the water.

Let's work together and have consideration of the environment, culture and the people. Money, development is a means to harmony, to sustainable balance, not the end in itself.



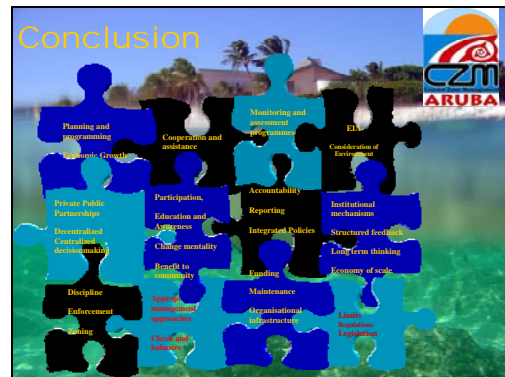
CZM photo album 2025

- legacy
- Future
- Good "memories"
- Change
- Preserve
- Events/snapshots
- Life/lifestyle
- Peoples interaction



CZM photo album 2025

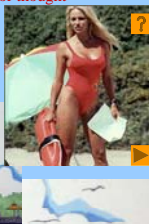
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Food for thought

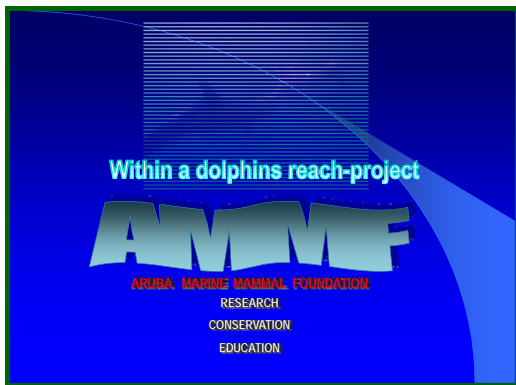
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Within a dolphins reach-project

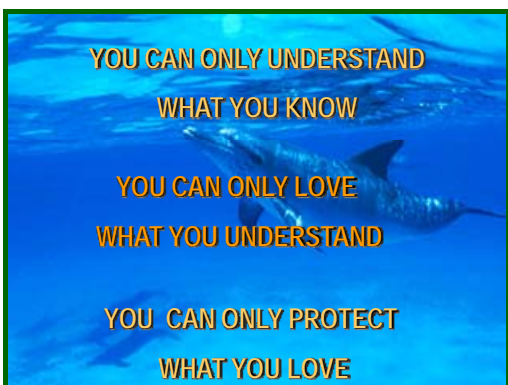
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WE HAVE
MARINE MAMMALS
dolphins
whales
IN ARUBA





WHAT MIGHT SD MEAN FOR ARUBA – responses to the speakers

After hearing from a variety of speakers - people who have been thinking about and working on SD issues in Aruba, we had plenty of food for thought. So we moved into **conversations** in our groups about:

- what we had **heard**
- what our **reactions** where
- whether we had any **questions** and
- what other **examples** we had of what's happening in Aruba on SD

Here are some of the points that were made:

- How can we prevent a further brain drain?
- How can we diversify the economy
- We have to focus on the things we do well, and go from there
- Aruba prome, despues e bishitante
- E bos tey pa mehoracion, pero falta e orea cu ta scucha“
- Kiko nos ta paga p ata solidario? Kiko nos ta dispuesto pa paga?
- E balanza entre loke nos ta desea y loke nos por!
- Kiko ta e futuro cu nos kier crea pa nos yuinan = crea condicionansano pa garantisa e continuidad di calidad di vida
- We have to work on sustainable production of electricity and water
- We need a plan for the integration of all the foreign workers, because we don't want to lose our Papiamento language
- It is no problem if we have to pay a little extra for cleaner energy
- Spiritual development, open minded , purposely living, is also part of SD
- Aruba has the proven ability to overcome crises
- Artistic and cultural activities can contribute positively to SD
- We need to learn effective ways to listen to each other, to talk to each other and to work together
- At all levels we need commitment, will, (boluntad), participation, - the Marine Park now?

- Start Acting Now!
- Conserve our own values
- Esenciacommun/ den diversidad bo ta complementa otro
- Level of consciousness, whatever you do ...affects the other surroundings
- Youth has to be listened to
- What is the back-up plan for the sustainable development?
- Personal initiative for yourself , personal initiative for the community. Contribute more
- Transformation from pursuing only personal interest into pursuit of National Interest
- Accent on economy: More accent needed on community
- Reaction: expectation we will unite on planning the future

EXAMPLES OF SUSTAINABLE THINGS

that are going on in Aruba

After we heard from various people who have been thinking about & working on Sustainable Development issues in Aruba for some time, we reflected together on what we had heard and also shared examples of other things that we know of that are already going on in SD in Aruba.

Here are some of the examples of SD work in Aruba now:

- Our Aruba Aloe is a great success
- We're introducing more sustainable tourism (green globe)
- Voice of culture is being heard
- People are more and more convinced that something has to be done
- Plan for spatial development almost ready
- Development of national park Arikok
- More vegetables and fruits are being produced locally
- There is a law proposal that reduces the use of plastic bags
- They are currently building the third plant for the cleaning of sewage water
- There are initiatives for the recycling of glass, paper and cans
- There are volunteer clean-ups of beaches, reefs, neighbourhoods and parks on a regular basis

BRINGING SD ALIVE IN ARUBA

After listening & responding to some of our people who have been working on SD for a while, it was time for us to consider together the potential of SD & **what might be needed to create SD in practice.**

SD is the **activity** we are engaged in, in order to “meet the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs”.

SD requires taking *action* to maintain the environmental and social conditions that will enable the economy to grow.

So how do we go about addressing this *activity*, the *action* needed?

- we need to set what we want the conditions of our quality of life to be – what needs to be in place for our quality of life to continue or get even better. These will be conditions in our economy, environment & socially
- then we’ll see what’s needed to create those conditions
- then we’ll have to make some choices of what action we take
- creating Sustainable Development is paying attention to the inter-relationship between those choices

So over the afternoon we had an **experience of what creating SD in Aruba might be like:**

- Firstly we looked at what kinds of things create our quality of life *now* – in the economy, environment & socially
- Then we explored together what might be needed for our quality of life to become even better – thinking forward to 2025.
- Then we had an experience of make some choices & imagined what the inter-relationship between those choices might mean

In our small groups we first reflected together on **“What do you see as the best of Aruba now – what things help create our quality of life** eg. things in the economy, in the environment, socially & otherwise?

We recorded our thoughts on a flipchart in 4 sections and then transferred our top one point from each section onto a strip of flipchart paper. The strips from each group were posted on the wall.

Our key strengths

Economic

- International orientation/ strategic position
- Our people: Audacity, Resilience Adaptability, Resourcefulness, Creative
- Tourism industry
- Human capital
- Synchronisation between public and private sector (ATA-AHATA)
- Green Globe Hotels
- Manageable Small-Scale Economy (open and international-oriented)
- Sector priva bon desaroya (well-developed private sector)
- Aloe
- Oil industry
- Logistics (airport/harbour)
- Stable currency

Social

- Social network: take care of each other
- Human capital: Multicultural, multilingual, creativity, adaptability
- Unity in diversity
- Humanismo & optimismo (humanism & optimism)
- People & its social skills & its hospitality/friendliness
- Capacity to overcome crisis & achieve dreams
- Social system: education, healthcare, social benefits
- NGO’s and foundations focused on SD (volunteers)
- Stimulation and integration of the foreign youth in to the Aruban community
- No tin extremo grandi (no great differences in social strata)

Environment

- Beautiful, unique, exotic and diverse nature
- Preservation is enforced by laws (Parke Arikok, Coastal Zones)
- Awareness
- Well use of natural resources
- Diversity and potential
- Weather
- Beach/Sea
- Natural heritage
- Management of beach clean-up
- Dam/ water reservoir
- Santa Rosa: conservation of local plants and animals



Other

- Spirituality
- Nos hende (our people)
- Freedom
- Growing group of aware individuals
- Welcoming mentality
- Carnaval
- Global oriented citizens
- Safety and security
- Role of religion
- Human skills
- Willingness to be involved
- Innovative, resilient & creative
- Stable democracy
- Posicion den Reino (position within the Kingdom)
- Healthcare
- Monumentenzorg
- Cas di cultura
- Cultural/arts development ex. Museum/ Atelier 89
- Organizational skills
- Local athletes
- Papiamentu pilot project



Open Space Conversations

Bringing SD alive in Aruba – building our possibilities for a brilliant future

It was time for us each to think of what was most important for us to consider in order to build a sustainable Aruba – one that we might dream of.



We were asked:

- “So what might be needed for our quality of life to be even better? Let’s imagine what the future might be like if/when Aruba **builds on the kinds of strengths** you have identified
- Take yourself right out to 2025 & imagine our economy, environmental and social aspects of life in Aruba being *even better* – what could that be like? What would your dream of the future be like when this is happening?
- Imagine you are actually standing in Aruba in 2025 – in 17 years time. The island of Aruba has become everything you always wanted it to be. The many wonderful strengths of the island have been magnified, and Aruba is now a shining example of what SD can mean. The economy is strong, the environment is healthy and the quality of life socially is fantastic. So as you look around at this Aruba, what do you see happening – perhaps some things that are very new and different. Everything just as you’d like it to be? How do you know things are even better – what are people doing or saying that lets you know? How are you feeling as you see what’s been created?

“Keeping those images in mind....

- You now have an opportunity to talk about whatever you see as most likely to take us towards the future we are seeing together.
- For this conversation in the next hour we’re going to use a way of working called Open Space – this is where *you* decide what we talk about & you will run the conversations. Has anyone experienced OS before?
- Today you will get just a small taste of Open Space. As the project progresses you will almost certainly have opportunities to meet in this way at other times. So how does it work?
- At the moment this....(blank wall) is our agenda for this afternoon. This is because you will be creating the agenda.
- All we have at the start is a theme - our theme for this time is ... **What’s needed in Aruba for our quality of life to get even better**



Open Space works on Passion & Responsibility. Tuning into whatever you are passionate about (in this case on our theme here...) and taking responsibility for it – in this case having a conversation on whatever you see as important or interesting.

In a moment I will invite you to come forward & write on the paper here what it is that you want to talk about, then to put your paper on the wall over here – either under the first time slot or the second.

Once we’ve all posted what we want to talk about we then decide which conversations we want to go to – and off we go.

The only rule in Open Space is called *The Law of Two Feet* which says that if at any time you find yourself in a conversation where you are not learning anything or not contributing, you *must* use your two feet to move on – either to another conversation or for a coffee or something else. Use your precious time in the best way you can.

So...our theme: **What's needed in Aruba for our quality of life to get even better**

- eg. this might include things in the economy, environment, socially & probably a combination of more than one of them.

What's needed will also include the basics of life that will be needed eg. food, water, raw materials, income, security, social equity etc.

Several people who posted topics decided to join their conversations together. Then off everyone went to meet. A **range of topics** became the focus of animated conversation – each reported on a large flipchart sheet. For more information, see the Open Space reports - each full of ideas explored during the afternoon.



When we move into the full Dream phase of the project, we need to know that our dreams are grounded in the reality of Aruba's assets & capacity – so what aspects of our life might we need to look into, for our dreams/visions of the future to have the best chance of taking off?

You could see this as a combination of what *conditions* need to be in place for our Quality of Life to get even better **and** what's needed to create those conditions?

So..... **What's needed in Aruba for our quality of life to get even better?** What might make the biggest difference to our future? What's needed in Aruba.....

The space is open – come forward & write whatever you see as needed to help us create an even better quality of life. What do we need to talk about?

The following topics were posted on The Bulletin Board & everyone decided which conversation to go to.

Topics posted on the Bulletin Board	Topic initiator
Top financial centre	Edsel
Diversification of the economy	Juan
Less Traffic , more public transport	Mercedes
Safety	Ingela
Remaining 2008 – keeping the same as 2008	Marjorie
+ Aruba as a spiritual retreat	Inge Dijkhoff
+ They said “Aruba – Paradise ”	Arturo
Conscious co-creator of my reality	Rolando
Servant Leadership	Glenn T
+ equality of gender	Lorraine
+ Plan of action & national budget of Aruba is based on children’s rights	Tito Sapuana
BrainGain i.s.o (instead of) BrainDrain	Martijn
Good governance + positive, inspiring leadership	Armand Hessels
Good governance (Deugkelykbestuur)	Albert Kock
Quality not quantity	
Commitment	Daphne, Juan
+ commitment today	Hky
+ Accountability – keeping & ‘paying for’ our commitments. Giving & receiving answers ‘no’ for our requests	Byron Boekhoudt
Integrating culture in the now and future	Elvis
+ Accept/see culture as an essential part of the human & sustainable development	
+ culture & art incorporated in the educational system	Irina
+ Culture (art) emancipation (development)	Ryan
Uphold Accept/see culture as an essential part of the human & sustainable development (respect, integrity etc)	Myrna
Sustainable environment , health & diverse development & renewable energy	
+ Aruba love you, do you? If yes, keep it green	Marie Louise
+ re-use	Mac
+ Limpiesa	Dilma
+Nos Piscanan ta saludabel (our fish are healthy)	Tyrone
+ appreciation & humility for nature	Facundo Franken
+ no refinery no pollution	Mercedes
+ conservation & proteccion of nature	Stephaie Croez
+ use less	Stanley
+ Driving a hydrogen car	GiS
+ clean source of energy	Daniel Aguirre
Improving education	Kaylen
+ educational system which is of good quality	J. Hky
+ education strengthened as a means of human capital development	Jocelyne
+ the role of education to get to 2025	Rene Herde
+ re-educate	Amy
+ Educational nature park	Desire
+ how will we help our children grow up to be critical citizens	Gwennan
+ Inspire & teach	Myrna
+ Start re-educating the <i>adults</i> (children) of how important their culture, traditions are – so the culture doesn’t fade away	

OPEN SPACE REPORTS

GOOD GOVERNANCE/ SERVANT & INSPRINGING LEADERSHIP

Priority Points 114 & 44

Convener: Glenn Thode

Reporter: Dilma Arends

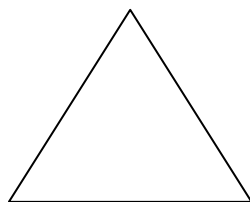
DISCUSSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

- Servant leaders inspire/ to be leader/ serve the office
- Mentality needed to serve Aruba better--- not only government/parliament , but also NGO's , foundations, private sector, public, health --- leads to effective leadership ---transfers to entire community
- Government needs to realize servant attitude toward community . Responsible towards functions/ community--- example function to avoid creating leaders for special interests--- and to continue inspire servant leaders!
- Definition of Good leadership? Vague? Create space & conditions of leader competencies!
- Accountability is crucial!!!! How can we stimulate /motivate leaders & leadership skills
- Different ways to be held accountable --- conditions Mentality for dialogue

Critical citizen/ process of info to instill individual accountability with community/ leadership is influence.

Conditions for leaders:

Wisdom/Knowledge
Skill /ambition / competence



Character /Integrity

Character/ integrity/ knowledge. Wisdom how to apply knowledge. Competence trust worthy: leadership not just function but holistic approach/skill, ability, competence -----see triangle

Interconnectiveness ! cannot define a leader but ingredients for leadership ----knowledge mindfulness (spirituality & wisdom) & integrity Competence to deal

with process (kennis, vaardigheden & attitude). Education & formation ta crucial--- need good governance laws to force community toward this goal. Create space to convey criticism without repercussion--- movement toward right direction. The Aruban character /personality contribute to auto censure --- nowadays functions is more important than leadership.

Angstcultuur -- formacion na Aruba ---evita problema pa hopi hende ta dificil pa accepta critica personal ---- stroba comunicacion.

Medio di comunicacion. Valuable influences --- no to nurture -----gekleurd bon leader.

Market has responsibility-----leaders has to be role models.

Leaders ta pordona su mes cu hende ta compliment su weaknesses-----leaders share knowledge! How to bring change -----appropriate time where.

Keda mescos no mas grandi, cu dolor di cambio

Mester tin educacion ---fundamental : cambio di curazon: edúcate people what is required for a nation to go ahead . Solution? National Identity --- is to create critical citizens/ ability to talk/ execute. Community is somehow more detached from old politics---- expertonan bin padilanti ora tin crisis----repesaya. Conclusion need to paradigm of leadership style! It does require courage and face ! Political correctness (ambivalence) is killing the country --- group responsibility to support.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS.

It's time to change existing paradigm of leadership
Accountability and servant leadership open to discussion/ conditions to develop
Compliance to new requirements.

CULTURAL EMANCIPATION.

Priority Points 125

Convener: Ryan Oduber

Reporter: Angelo Tromp

DISCUSSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

- Art education in primary schools and above, also after school and in society as a whole
- Gender education
- Cultural heritage
- Contemporary art in education
- Active participation in cultural and art activities

Importance of Papiamento as communication vehicle.

- Active roll of artists in the community
- Cultural exchange & integration
- Creation of a platform for artists
- Integration of contemporary art in tourism
- Demand and supply of culture industry

DISCUSSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

- Maximize usage of existing structure
- Creating funding (public and private)
- Branding of artistic products (Creative industry)
- Aruba as a cultural Center for the Caribbean
- Linkage Art & Cultural policies in:
 - Architecture & Development projects
 - Central agency / Union
- Art & Cultural industry
- High quality of Art and Culture
- Maintenance

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS.

- All the above.
- Respect and awareness for culture and art as part of the SD
- Giving Art & Culture a prominent role in education as a whole and in society
- Integrate contemporary art in the economic development as part of SD
- How to integrate culture now and in the future ?.

IMPROVING EDUCATION

Priority Points 103

Convener: Rene

Reporter: Sashi

DISCUSSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

- E sistema nobo ta mehora e calidat di educacion
- Diversifica Education
- High quality at all levels.
- Materialnan nobo, cosnan diferente, hanja mas experencia practico, mihor cooperacion entre enseñansa y otro sectornan.
- Motivacion y calidad di maestronan, di majornan y di hobennan.
- Skol ta bira un centro multifuncional y multi disciplinario
- Tur alumno mester tin un of mas after school activity.
- Hisa e balor di enseñansa den comunidad
- Envolvi comunidad den enseñansa
- Participacion di estudiantenan den nan mesun educacion
 - Por ehempel: Studentenraad, studentenbond en student council

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS.

- Exigencianan pa kalidat di enseñansa halto
- After school activities obligatorio i sigun choice.
- Diversifica enseñansa
- Digitalisa educacion
- Envolvi majornan, studiantenan y comunidat
- Possibilidat pa tur mucha caba skol
- Possibilidat pa estudiantenan cu hanja nan mes den un problema pa kaba skol.
 - (por ehempel: Embaraso, malesa, droga, problema di plaka)

RENEWABLE NON- POLLUTING ENENERGY

Priority Points: 78

Convener: Gisbert

Reporter: Amy

DISCUSSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

- Flexibilization of legislation with regard to production and consumption of renewable energy sources (tax benefits / penalties.)
- Incentives to encourage more responsibility with energy use.
- Create a center for information and education / advice on Renewable non-polluting energy & green consumption
- Subsidize social housing.
- Improvement of waste management
- Efficient building
- Regulation and standardization

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS.

- Legislation
- Waste management
- Efficient building
- Incentives
- Subsidy
- C.i.e.a. / awareness

DIVERSIFY ECONOMY

Priority Points 75__

Convener: Juan Irausquin/ Edsel Lopez.

Reporter: Renwick Heronimo

DISCUSSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

- Integrated approach by building on strengths
- Multinationals & linkages
- Establishments
- Latin American content
- International funds
 - Look for possibilities
- Safety
- Education
- Creative industry, design & manufacture management
- Petro chemical services
- Knowledge center
- ECONOMIC RESOURCES
- Exploration kages
- Medical tourism
- Strategic location
- Branding local products
- Cultural component
- Regional impact
- Competitive edge
- Distribution zone

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS.

- FINANCIAL CENTER,
- SERVICE, RECREATIONAL, INDUSTRIAL and CULTURAL CENTERS
WITH REGIONAL IMPACT.

MAKE ARUBA A PARADISE

Priority Points 65__

Convener : Arturo Oduber

Reporter Inge Dijkhoff

DISCUSSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

- Consciencia Spiritual
 - Sabiduria
 - Inspiracion
- Voluntad
- Pensa positivo ----- Creatidad Concreto
- COMPORTACION EJEMPLAR ----- CUIDO ETC.
- NORMA I BALORNAN
- EDUCACION
- ACTONAN PROFESIONAL – CULTURA PROFESIONAL
- STRATEGIA PA SOLUCION ----- ESCOHECIANAN
- PLANIFICACION
- CALCULA RIESGONAN
- COMUNICA: DIALOGO--- A
- BUSCA SOSTEN
- TEAMWORK --- COOPERACION-----PAZ & HARMONIA
- COMPLEMENTA
- EVALUACION PERIODICAMENTE PROGRESO
- MUSTRA RECONOCIMIENTO I RESPET = ORGUYO
- MANTENE Y PROTEHE TUR LOKE TA BON
- KEDA HUMILDE
- BIDA SPIRITUAL BALANSA
- ECONOMIA SOLIDO
- BIENESTAR SOCIAL & AMBIENTAL
- HACI ARUBA UN PARAISO PA UN Y TUR
- MAKE ARUBA A SPIRITUAL RETREAT & SANCTUARY
- HEART WORK FOR EVOLUTION OF MANKIND.

SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH, DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

Priority Points: 62

Convener: J. Engelbrecht

Reporter: G. Tromp

DISCUSSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

Main problems.

- a. Air quality - health
- b. Water quality – health / fishery / reefs, beaches
- c. Recourses management / Energy / Natural resources
- d. Waste management: Disposal treatment
- e. Legislation & responsibility for enforcement, criteria

ACTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

Ad. a & b

- Monitoring + control of industries, major projects, vehicles
- Environmental agency management
- Contingency plan in case of oil spills etc./create funds

Ad. c:

- Energy conservation plan – Public buildings / Cars
- Renewable energy – sun - wind - hydrogen
- Proper mining excavation

Ad. d:

- chemical secure sites
- Incineration
- Separation/ recycling
- Proper facilities for separation of domestic waste

Ad. e:

- Monitoring & control of hazardous chemicals
- Health implication of toxic, gasses, metals and chemicals

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS.

- Education / Environmental Health / Awareness programs for Adults + children
- Formal MER study for all major projects
- Proper population growth planning

CLEAN SOURCE OF ENERGY ____

Priority Points 55

Convener: Daniel Aguirre

Reporter: ?

DISCUSSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

Energia solar / biento ta disponibel, Geothermal cooling system

- Reverse osmosis more costly > more filters
- Little small holder would be unfairly taxed
- Distribution needs not to be problematic
- (De)or centralize use/distribution is possible>no need to be centralized
- Reversible distribution
- Quality water on Aruba> 90% is flushed
- Separate water pipes : one for drinking water
- Two pipes with accident > house design
- Irresponsible with uses (also food). Waterbills
- Decision-making. Top down /not. 5 kW max
- Refinery? Must contribution to the economy

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS.

Move to law for 50% clean source energy by 2025.

REUSE, CLEANLYNESS AND NATURE PRESERVATION

Priority Points: 53

Convener: Mac

Reporter: Dilma

DISCUSSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

- Reuse: Mihor uso di lo kwal nos tin
 - Bijv. Edificio histórico restaura en bez di traha un nobo
- Use what we already have
- Garbage can also be used as energy source – reduce fuel usage
- WEB operation: small scale technology: reuse everything: water, building, garbage to reduce usage
- Limit waste: Reduce: fuel cost/ electricity production > long term investment
- Hotels can re-use hot air exhaust duct>hotels don't c the economic value as yet
- Can easily be applied > and cost effective. Introduction of laws by 2025
- Ocean club has started to use it: WEB can recycle it's own energy > European companies

- Ready to help > Action plan. Waste water reuse > Use Reverse osmosis and do this well
- Plastic can be made biodegradable /start charging for plastic bags /fast food containers
- Plastic bags are dangerous for donkeys and goats, if the eat them
- Destruction of nature > Educate the community
- Enforce rules to protect: flora, fauna/ and keep litter free

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS.

- Reuse / efficiency /recycle / mandatory participation
- Legal support & sanctions
- Education & awareness of environmental issues, including nature with

NATIONAL PLAN OF ACTION & BUDGET IS BASED ON CHILDREN RIGHTS

Priority Points: 43

Convener: Tito

Reporter: Tito

DISCUSSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

- Basic school education with high quality
- Teachers with quality -----will provide high quality labor
- Parents have good income
- Create happy families
- Community will be in harmony
 - no child abuse
 - no future frustration or trauma
 - Less crime
 - Everybody will have good income to provide for their children
 - Aruba will reach a high level of education
 - Serving , communication, democracy
- International recognition
- People + Tourists will want to visit , invest & live in Aruba
- Aruba a paradise on earth

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS.

- 56 articles in definition of children rights
- Bottom-up process
- Appreciation of children (God's creatures)



USE LESS

Priority Points: 34

Convener:

Reporter: Stanley

DISCUSSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

- Renewable energy still too expensive if not sufficiently used
- Effectively Sustainability Energy
- Sensible or not alternatively 30% of carrying capacity could be from Windmill on Marriott > no rechargeable batteries anymore
- Built in reverter
- Reeducate people > Legislation
 - o Hidden agenda
 - o Independent research
 - o Population space
- Chemical waste disposable
- Cheaper for who? The future?

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS.

- Food
- Energy
- Less waste on products
- Legislation

REMAIN AS WE ARE NOW

Priority Points: 7

Convener: Iwand

Reporter: Majorie

DISCUSSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

- In 2025 that we would be as happy as we are now
- We do have the Knowledge, Resources, Human resources, Capacity, Flexibility and Adaptation
- To fix today in 2008 all that has to be done to guarantee a even happier, healthier, conscious sustainable development

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS.

- We can do it
- We are aware of the problems
- What is needed? >>**Willingness to do it Today**

SAFETY

Priority Points: 2

Convener: Angela Heronimo

Reporters: Fransisco de Mey, Maria de Mey, Ingela Heronimo-Lacle

- Democracy: Economic
International
- Tourism: International economical development
- Tsunami: Environmental
Import
- Social: Safety first and last in our mind.

Point of solution

Self production

COMMITMENT / ACCOUNTABILITY

Convener:

Reporter: Byron

DISCUSSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

In 2025:

- Working together : P, P, NGO'S, whole community
- Enforcement: Follow up, keep our words
- Educated population
- Spread the word / commitment
- Join organizations that benefit Aruba
- Limitations with guidelines
- Stick to plans

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS.

- Work together
- Enforcement
- Educated population
- Sticking to plans / hardwired

MAKING SOME CHOICES

Clearly we may not be able to create *everything* we want to see in our future and some of the needs we see may take priority over others – or need attention first.

As we move through the project and begin making decisions on how best we are going to create a sustainable future for ourselves, we'll need to be making some choices.

To give us a first experience of this each of us made some choices on which topics so far were a priority for us - and which we might be interested in having a further conversation on as the project grows.

We did this by taking a strip of 10 orange dots each & placing them against the points/ needs we each saw as most important.

And a strip of green numbered dots to indicate which topics or ideas we might be interested in having a further conversation on or at some point taking some action on. We placed one or our green numbered dots against our name on a large participant list (so we know who is which number).

As we move forward in the *Nos Aruba 2025* project there will be many opportunities for everyone to be further involved. The green numbered dots are one way we can all see who might be interested in which kinds of conversations.

So.... from our choices at the SD Symposium, the priority topics that came up on this particular day were:

- Good governance/ servant leadership
- Cultural emancipation
- Improving education
- Renewable non-polluting energy
- Diversify economy
- Aruba as paradise – a spiritual retreat sanctuary

Click [here](#) to see the full details of which topics came up as a priority and who was particularly interested in taking them forward. You might use this to contact people who have similar interests as yourself, and to continue the conversation.



OPEN SPACE COUNTING PRIORITY'S

Note: For names and e-mail addresses of interested persons, Please contact DEZHI, e.thode@arubaeconomicaffairs.aw

Session				Priority's	Interested people
ID	Session title	Convenor/topic initiator	Reporter	nr Orange dots	nr green dots
1	Good Governance	Armand/Albert	Lisette Malmberg	44	24
2	Good Governance/Servant Leadership	Glenn Thode	Dilma Arends	114	36
3	Renewable non-polluting energy	Gisbert	Amy	78	30
4	Clean source of energy	Daniel Aguirre		55	18
5	Diversify economy	Juan Irausquin/ Ed Lopez	Renwick Heronimo	75	38
6	Re-use/Cleanliness/Nature preservation	Mec	Dilma	53	31
7	Cultural emancipation	Ryan		125	14
8	Commitment/ Accountability		Byron Boekhoudt	37	11
9	Sustainable environment, health, development & renewable energy	G Engelbrecht	Giovanni Tromp	62	21
10	Improving education	Rene	Sachi S	103	41
11	1/16 Aruba is Paradise	Arturo Oduber	Inge Dijkhoff	65	11
12	BrainGain instead of BrainDrain	Martijn	Amy L	36	17
13	National Plan of Action & budget is based on Children's Rights	Tito	Tito	43	15
14	How to integrate culture now & in the future				15
15	Use Less		Stanley	34	13
16	Remain as we are now	J wand ?	Marjorie	7	3
17	Safety	Franciso & M. de Mey + I. Heronimo-lacle		2	0

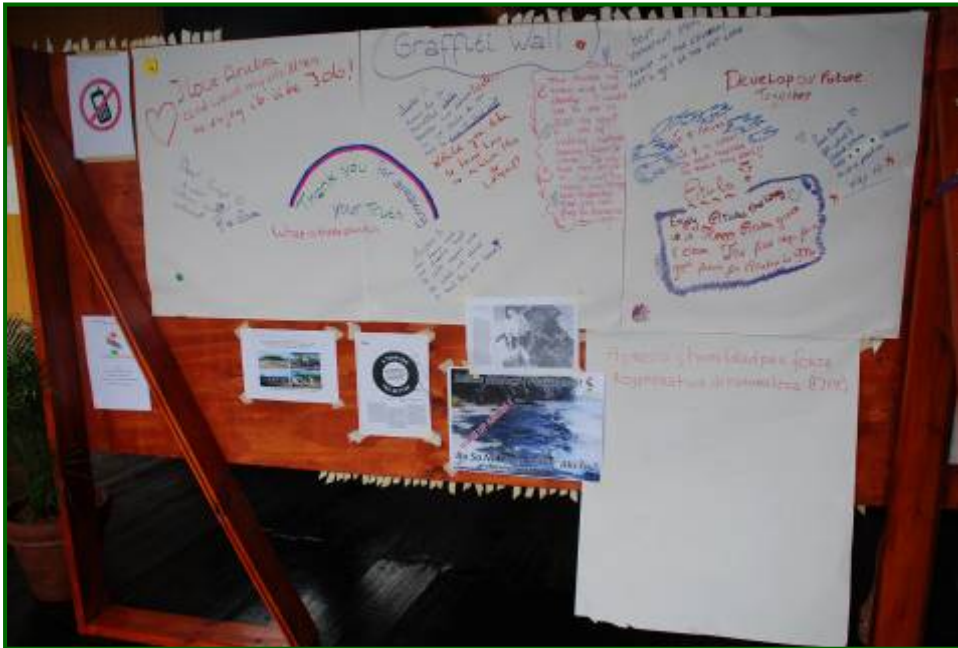
Priority Topics

Session ID

Good Governance	1 & 2
Commitment/Accountability	8
Safety	17
Reuse Cleanliness/Nature preservation	3,4, 6,9, 15
Sustainable environment/ health/ renewable energy	
Renewable energy/Clean source of energy	3& 4
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GRAFITTI WALL

During the Symposium we were also invited to post any other thoughts we had, that didn't seem to fit into any particular aspect of the day, on a Graffiti Wall.



Here are some of the ideas that were expressed:

- Algo hasi, ta hopi mas cu algo bisa.
- Mescos cu abo ta gusta bo cas limpi mi gusta Aruba limpi.
- Aruba is our home and we should treat it with respect and do what is best for our home.
- Most important step: Invest in our children. That will give 90 % of the outcome.
- Let your hearts fly towards Aruba's future. It's now or never. If you don't start, no one will follow.
- I love Aruba and want my children to enjoy it like I do.
- Don't forget Aruba's culture.

CLOSING WORDS

- I hope we can keep up the good work
- We have to make more people enthusiastic for SD, spread the word
- Let us leave a legacy
- Together we can make our ideas/expectations reality
- Let us commit to Aruba, to our grandchildren
- I'm looking forward to the follow-up
- Listening to each other really works
- We need a lot of different ingredients for one sustainable future
- Harmony and dialogue
- Thanks for making me part of the process
- Focus on education
- Today we made one step in the direction of a bright future
- We have a common vision and a common goal
- Inspirational day
- Walk the talk
- Don't forget the special people with the special needs
- I'm feeling optimistic
- This dream can come through
- There are already people working to solve all kinds of difficult problems
- 20 -25 comes fast, we have to consider 25-50
- Every small step helps
- Change begins with you
- We have more in common than we have differences
- Let's agree to disagree and just work together
- Action now
- I decided today to stay on Aruba!

