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The Cook Islands National Sustainable Development Agenda 2020+ now open for public review.

Having a say in shaping our Cook Islands future is in your hands with the click of a button over this month.

Since the consultation phase of the Cook Islands National Sustainable Development Agenda 2020+ in July last year, over 80 consultations have taken place in Rarotonga and across the Pa Enua, including a forum in Rarotonga that was open to the public.

This has resulted in three documents that build our Cook Islands National Sustainable Development Agenda 2020+, the blueprint that guides our Cook Islands towards a vision of wellbeing. The draft versions are now open to the public for comment for a one-month period.

The three documents are the CINSDA 2020+ also known as the 100-year vision called Te Ara Akapapa'anga Nui 2021 – 2121, the Generational Plan-Te Ara Akapapa'anga Uki - 2021 – 2046; and the 5-year scorecard Te Ara Akapapa'anga Iti 2021 – 2026.

"We're overjoyed to announce that we are at this phase," said Ms Valentino Wichman, Director of Central Policy and Planning Office of the Office of the Prime Minister.

"We'd like to acknowledge the role that everyone has played in helping bring our national blueprint to the current stage we have. Thank you to everyone who has come forth to share their thoughts and ideas with us all."

People are asked to share their comments on the contents of the draft versions. They will be distributed in pdf format to make it easier to insert comments. Once the comment date has been closed, all comments received will be submitted to the CISNDA2020+ committee for review and finalising.

The three draft documents will be available in a myriad of ways to ensure as much people as possible can have access to it. The e-versions will be available for download through OPM website, OPM Facebook and it can be emailed to you upon request.

If you would like a hard copy these can be available upon request from the Office of the Prime Minister.

"We also have Our Evidence Based Report which is a culmination of the consultation feedback as well as research carried out by OPM in collaboration with Te Vairanga Kite Pakari (TVKP) to help guide the contents within these documents," said Ms Wichman.

"Everything that we have developed is based upon research and evidence as well as the thoughts and experiences of our Cook Islands people, this Report will also be made available to you also for your reference. We fully support building our knowledgebase for informed decision making as we move as one nation, towards wellbeing."

The three documents combined are less than 1MB for downloading purposes, however the Evidence Based Report is 1MB's.

The three draft documents of the CINSDA2020+ are open for comment until close of business 8th October 2021, Cook Islands time.

Should you wish to access a copy of these documents please visit the Office of the Prime Minister Website via link https://www.pmoffice.gov.ck/nsda/resources/ or the CINSDA2020+ Facebook page, or email cppo@cookislands.gov.ck.

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