

MEASURES TO BE TAKEN WITHIN TWO YEARS	
Objectives	Action recommended
FACILITATE EXPANDED AND EXPORT ORIENTED PRODUCTION BY THE POOR	Rehabilitate access roads to at least 10 more rural farming communities using weather-proof material.
	Create a legal and regulatory environment encouraging the creation of warehousing facilities for smallholders.
	Promote investment by experienced entrepreneurs in agriculture and agri-business who would rely increasingly on production by out-grower smallholders.
	Strengthen CIAT so that it can (i) carry out internationally acceptable tests and analyses before issuing certificates, and (ii) provide research and extension services useful to smallholders.
	Establish a weekly rural radio program with market price information.
	Provide financing for expanded village level processing of cocoa to increase local value added.
	Elaborate a strategy for the fishing industry which would include consideration of at least the following policy options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Renegotiation of fees from international industrial fishing in STP's waters. ➤ Promotion of STP nationals in crews of industrial fishing vessels. ➤ Earmarking of part of revenues from the above to develop the artisan fishing industry. ➤ Establishment of a naval/coastguard fleet for the patrolling of STP's fishing grounds and for a search and rescue service for the local fishing industry.
	Implement the strategy for tourism development agreed at May 2004 round table.
IMPROVE THE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT	Drastically reduce the procedures for establishing and operating a business and set up a "guichet unique."
	Abolish the 1992 investment code.
	Abolish the free zone regime.
	Prepare and begin implementation of a National Good Governance Strategy.

IMPROVE INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES	<i>International Transport</i>
	❖ Create a legal and regulatory framework to permit and encourage private sector participation in the ownership and management of port facilities.
	❖ Remove the port operations monopoly enjoyed by ENAPORT.
	❖ Implement interim solution to the port problem.
	❖ Expedite the award of a contract, through international competitive bidding, for the construction of a new deep water port capable of providing international container trans-shipment services.
	❖ Expedite the award of a contract, through international competitive bidding, for the expansion and improvement of the international airport.
	<i>Internal Transport</i>
	❖ Elaborate a strategy for the future development of road transport infrastructure in STP.
	❖ Create a legal and regulatory framework which provides for the properly funded maintenance, rehabilitation and construction of rural access roads by local communities.
	<i>Other Infrastructure Services</i>
	❖ Prepare a strategy for the electricity sector.
	❖ Prepare a strategy for the water and sanitation sectors.
❖ Define clearly the obligations and responsibilities of CST under its license.	
❖ Strengthen the telecommunications regulatory agency.	
REDUCE TRADE COSTS	Permit door-to-door delivery of stuffed containers.
	Eliminate the trade license ("alvara").
	Establish effective duty drawback scheme for exporters.
	Lower or remove tariff duties on all capital goods imports and treat public and private importers equally.
	Reduce surtax on used cars and diesel fuel.

MEASURES TO BE TAKEN WITHIN THREE TO FIVE YEARS

Objectives	Action recommended
FACILITATE EXPANDED AND EXPORT ORIENTED PRODUCTION BY THE POOR	<p>Complete the program of rehabilitation and construction of rural access roads using weather-proof material.</p> <p>Convert provisional land titles into clear and unambiguous titles of ownership. Allow titles to be rented and sold transparently.</p> <p>Develop a strategy to allow and expand the sustainable extraction of renewable resources, such as honey.</p> <p>Create incentives for traders to buy selected forest products.</p> <p>Implement fishing industry strategy.</p>
IMPROVE THE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT	<p>Carry out and publish independent audits of all companies in which the Government has a shareholding.</p> <p>Strengthen the judiciary system and the offices of the Attorney General and Auditor General both financially and through training.</p> <p>Complete the cadastre for the entire country.</p> <p>Pass legislation dividing land into different zones, each one with predetermined uses, e.g. agricultural land, national parks, urban areas, public lands etc.</p>
IMPROVE INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REDUCE TRADE COSTS	<p><i>International Transport</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Adapt legal and regulatory framework as necessary to permit and encourage private sector participation in the construction and operation of major infrastructure facilities (BOT, BOO etc.). ❖ Facilitate the construction and operation, by the private sector, of storage facilities for perishable and non-perishable cargo at or near the international airport. <p><i>Internal Transport</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Strengthen the management of the road sector through consolidation of clearly demarcated responsibilities among government agencies.

	<p>Eliminate the obligation to channel all customs declarations through licensed brokers.</p> <p>Improve efficiency in Customs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Acquire weighing scales to enable more adequate control of volumes ➤ Adopt new techniques for detecting infractions ➤ Involve the private sector in Customs reform through a Customs sub-Commission of the Multi-sectoral Commission of international trade negotiations. ➤ Join the World Customs Organization ➤ Strengthen the career structure, compensation and technical skills of Customs officials. ➤ Computerize collection and analysis of statistical information in customs; provide systematic automated link between port and customs statistics.
	<p>Enter into negotiations with shipping lines to include STP in more shipping routes.</p>
PROTECT THE FUTURE OF PRÍNCIPE	<p>Divide Príncipe into appropriate land use zones demarcating areas for tourism development and food production for export and/or for oil platforms.</p>
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT	<p>Rationalize foreign scholarship program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Broaden range of destination countries to include more market-oriented economies. ➤ Establish transparent, merit-based selection process. ➤ Negotiate with destination countries application of laws and regulations obliging students to return to work for at least a minimum period in STP. ➤ Broaden contacts with foreign education institutions that could provide courses in STP or transfer knowledge.
STRATEGIC APPROACH TO INFORMAL SECTOR	<p>Research concerning the extent and nature of informal sector activities</p> <p>Census of commercial operators by sector</p> <p>Development of support services for informal sector</p> <p>Creation of an association of traders with no fixed address</p> <p>Creation of the necessary infrastructure to provide traders with a permanent location.</p>