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Presentation

- An overview of sector, public and government milestones
- Provincial environment
- Government's commitments
- The Way Forward
- Factors for success
 - Opportunities and challenges

Positioning the Sector

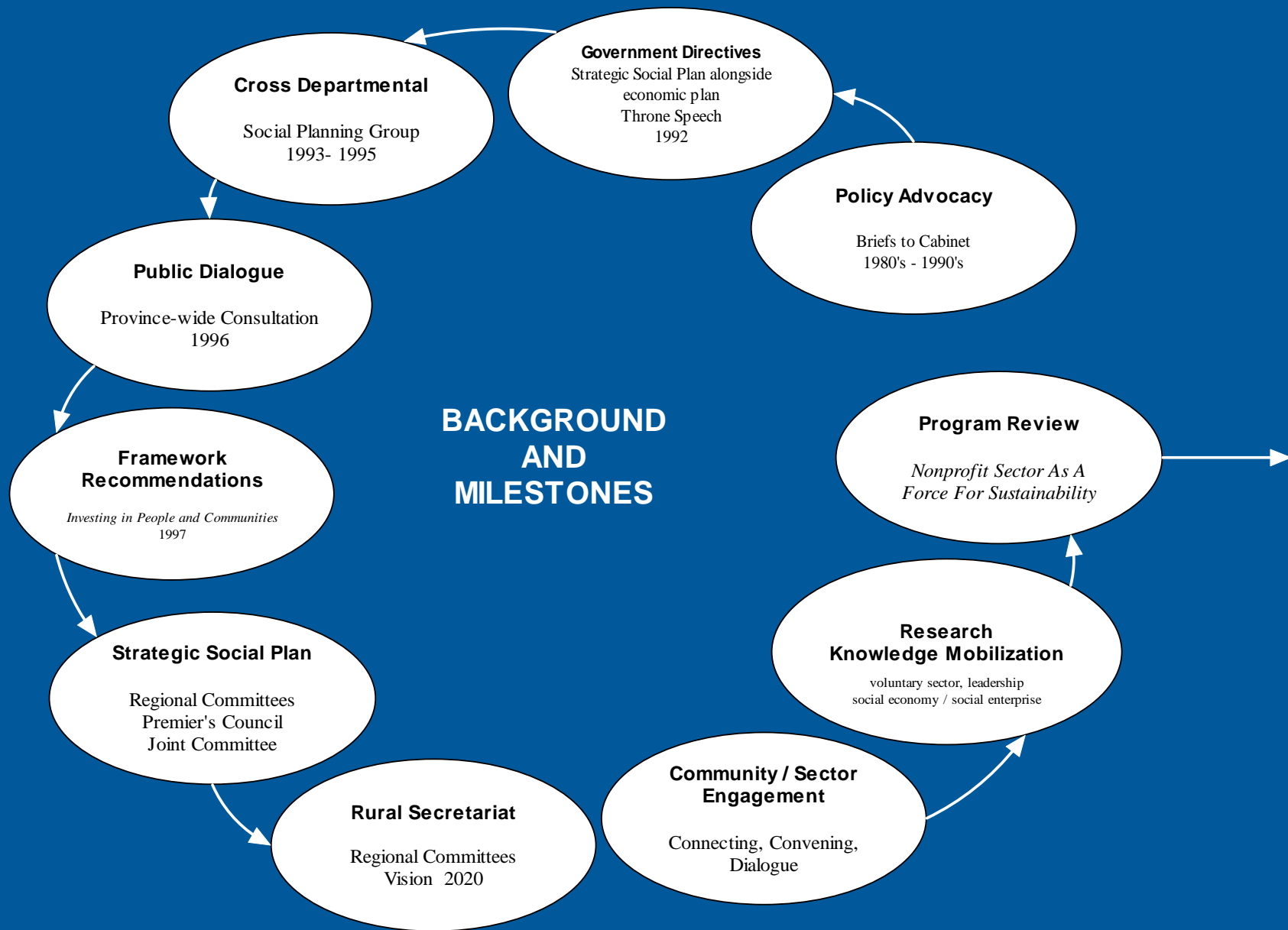
- 187,000 volunteers, 4000 + organizations
21,000 employed
- Community Services Council
 - advancing sector, supporting volunteerism
 - cultivating collaboration
 - stimulating interaction and new ideas
 - harnessing technology
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 - incubating innovative programs



Environment

- Changing demographics
- Large geographic area
- Sustainability of hundreds of rural communities
- Province wide initiatives

BACKGROUND AND MILESTONES





Governments Continued Commitment

- Throne Speech 2005
 - “...my Government is determined to strengthen the relationship between the government and the volunteer sector, to improve the grants process, and to identify opportunities for cooperation and collaboration...”
- Cluster development in local areas
- Party platform
 - Designate a Minister and establish an office



Strategic Initiatives

- Poverty Reduction Strategy
 - Interdepartmental and with community
- Liability and insurance working group
 - Government, sector and industry
- Rural Secretariat
 - Regional and visioning
 - Multi stakeholder
 - Articulation of sector stress



Way Forward

- Formalize a policy and program framework
- Invest in research and development
- Support social enterprise
- Strengthen and foster relationships
- Stabilize the pool of volunteers
 - Building leadership capacity
 - Recruiting, retaining, succession planning
 - Skills enhancement
- Achieve employment stability

Factors for Success

- Equal partnerships and relationships
- Capacity building
 - resourcing and sharing expertise
 - supporting sector infrastructure
 - co-producing of policy development
- Formal communications vehicles
- Shared governance models
- Retain independence of sector – autonomous
- Cross sector integration
- Government catalyst and watchdog
- Strong sector leadership

Comments and discussion welcome



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