

SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE 2040
INVESTMENT FÓRUM

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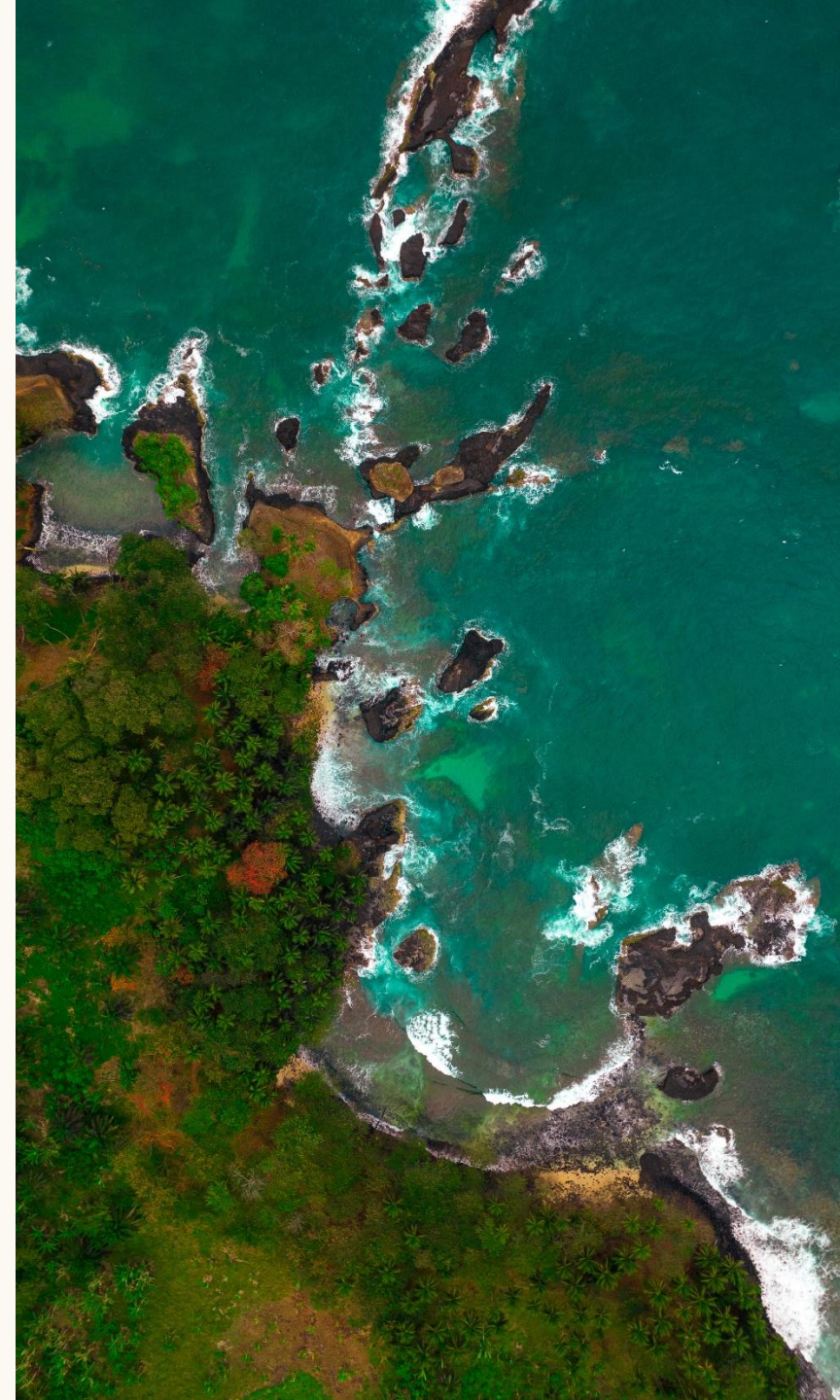
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NSDS
National Sustainable
Development Strategy
2026-2040

São Tomé and Príncipe



National Sustainable Development Strategy (NSDS) Vision and Structure



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A New Sustainable Development Model

- Small Island Developing State context
- Transition from vulnerability to competitiveness
- Strong focus on resilience, inclusion & transformation

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Development Challenges

- Fragile and externally-dependent health system
- Education not aligned with job market demands
- High poverty and informality
- Weak productive base and low diversification
- Climate risks and environmental degradation
- Governance gaps and institutional fragility

Strategic Comparative Advantages

- UNESCO Biosphere Reserve — biodiversity & ecotourism
- Premium crops: cacao, coffee, spices
- Vast maritime resources (EEZ 160× territory)
- Strategic Gulf of Guinea location
- Peaceful and democratic stability

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Political and Strategic Directions

- Alignment with Agenda 2030, Agenda 2063, ABAS
- Reforms for strong private sector-led growth
- Public finance modernization and transparency
- Export-oriented value-addition
- Green and blue economy transition



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Vision "Sao Tome and Principe 2040"

"A sustainable and inclusive tourist destination, driven by human capital development, economic growth, environmental sustainability, and State reform, promoting quality of life, social cohesion and climate resilience"



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Implementation Model

Two components:

- Long-term strategic exercise (2026-2040)
- Medium-term Action Plans (first: 2026-2028)
- Priority sectors: Tourism, Agriculture, Fisheries, Finance

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Action Plan 2026-2028

4 Strategic Objectives:

1. Strengthen human development
2. Diversify economy and boost productivity
3. Climate action & natural resource sustainability
4. Good governance & partnerships

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Pillar 1: Human Capital Development

Human Capital Focus

- Better education & vocational training for market needs
- Improved social protection coverage
- Accessible and quality healthcare
- Gender equality & women empowerment
- Transition from informality to formality



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Pillar 2: Inclusive economic growth

Tourism

Qualification of the offer, digital marketing, infrastructure and environmental preservation to position STP as a sustainable and excellent tourist destination in Africa.

Agriculture

Development of irrigation systems, supply of quality seeds and feed, and support to smallholder farmers for the production of high-value agri-food goods

Fisheries

Sustainable management of marine resources, marine conservation, combating illegal fishing and developing aquaculture for food security.

Financial Services

Mobilization of €75 million in credit, digitalization of payments and development of an offshore financial hub for economic diversification.

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Pillar 3: Environmental Sustainability

Priority Actions

- Strengthen institutional coordination and technical training in environmental management
- Develop and implement the National Adaptation Plan to Climate Change
- Developing early warning systems and reducing disaster risks
- Investing in renewable energy, energy efficiency and waste management
- Create and operationalize the Biodiversity Conservation and Reforestation Fund



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Pillar 4: State reform



Institutional Capacity Building

Strengthen capacity for planning, monitoring and evaluation of public policies



Modernization

Implement e-governance, transparency portal, and decentralized services



Legal System

Updating the legal framework and strengthening the judicial and security system



Infrastructure

Investing in strategic infrastructure (ports, airports, transport, energy)

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Operationalization

Human Capital Development

Programs for :

Strengthening education, health, social protection and gender equality, with a focus on improving the school environment and empowering girls

State reform

Programs for :

Institutional modernization, e-governance, strengthening of the judiciary and investment in strategic infrastructure



Inclusive Economic Growth

Programs for :

Development of four key sectors: tourism, agriculture, fisheries and financial services, with a focus on supply qualification and sustainability.

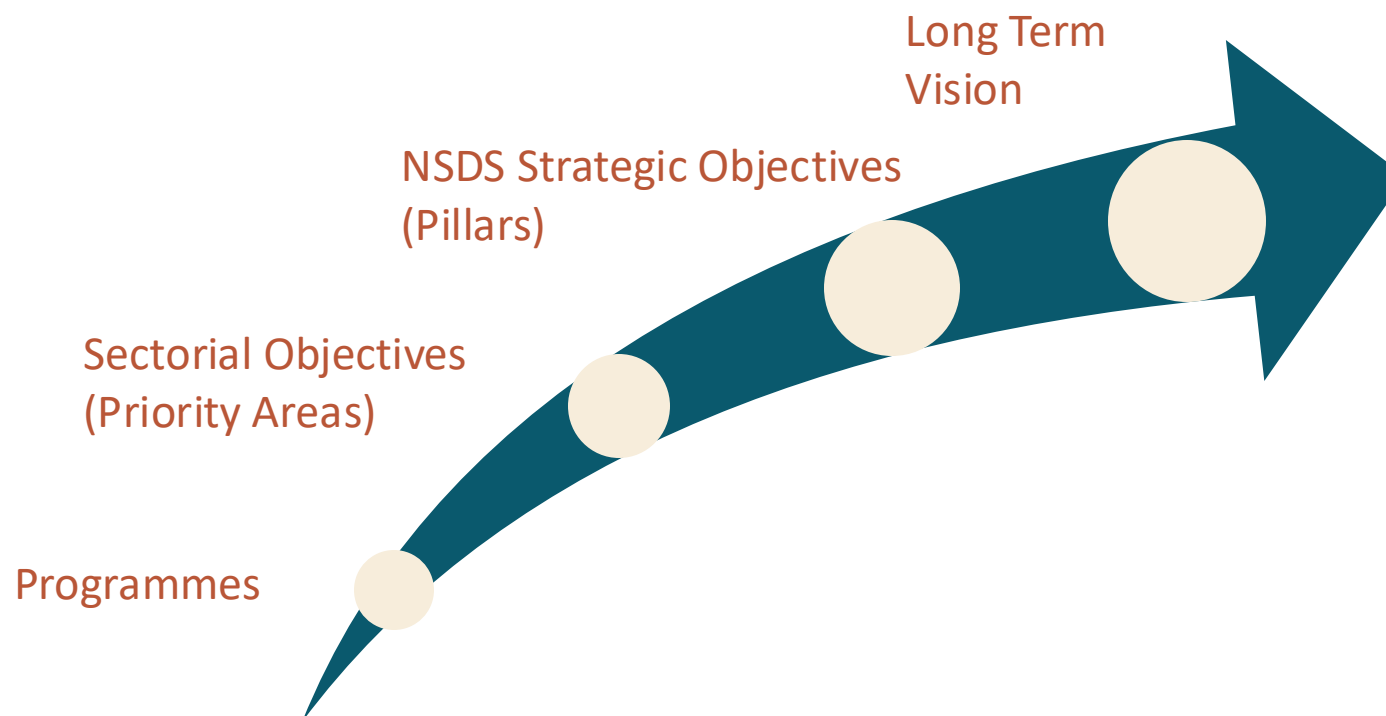
Environmental Sustainability

Programs for :

Strengthening environmental management, adaptation to climate change, renewable energy and biodiversity conservation.

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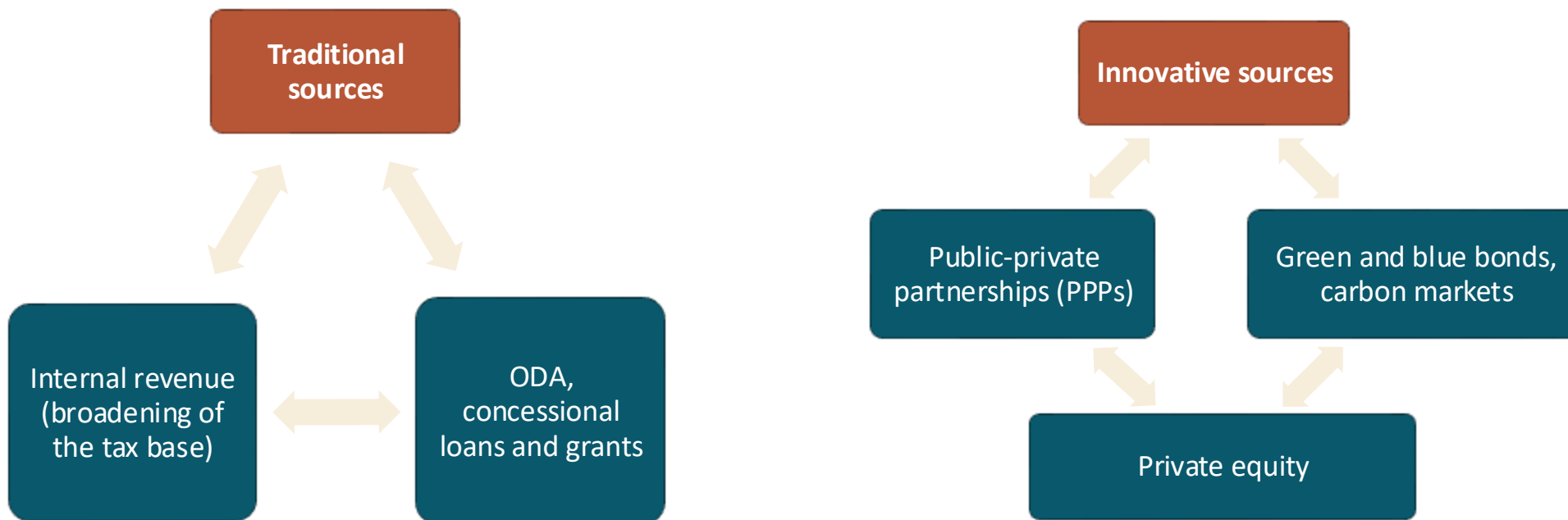
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First Cycle Budget 2026-2028

Pillar	Total (€)
Human Capital Development	154.837.653
Inclusive Economic Growth	198.383.700
Environmental Sustainability	121.527.711
State reform	964.039.000
TOTAL NSDS	1.438.788.064

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INFF strategy: integrated national financing framework to optimize public and private flows.



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