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# Policy Wheel

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# The Policy Wheel Portrays

- ❖ Factors in moving the policy process forward – the hub
- ❖ Stages of the policy process – the rim
- ❖ Process progression – the arrows
- ❖ Continuous nature of the process – a wheel
  - Corollary of the wheel – no obvious beginning or ending point





# Problem Diagnosis

- ❖ An analytical process
- ❖ Driven by perception that there is a problem – possible connection to evaluation stage
- ❖ Analysis attempts to better define problem, sources, implications, and root causes – setting stage for design phase
- ❖ “How” (the hub) is as important as “what” -- Participation, communications, & dialogue critical to gathering information, understanding perceptions/impacts, & building consensus



# Policy Design

- ❖ Identifies & analyzes options; involves:
  - Assessing alternatives – tools & intervention points
  - Developing info on a short list
  - Selecting one
- ❖ Non-environmental considerations
  - Social, cultural, economic impacts, & their distribution
  - Incentive structures
  - Feasibility of implementation
  - Bottom line: stakeholder participation, broad dialogue, open communication are critical



# Policy Implementation

- ❖ Setting the stage
  - Establishing/adjusting legal & regulatory frameworks
  - Establishing/clarifying institutional roles
  - Building capacity (as necessary)
- ❖ Implementation *per se*
  - Monitoring, feedback, and adjustment
  - Importance of baselines
  - Importance of two way dialogue/communications
  - Flexibility to make mid-course adjustments
  - Generates information needed for evaluation



# Evaluation

- ❖ Reviews performance of policy
- ❖ Uses monitoring data and other information
- ❖ May confirm efficacy of policy design, suggest minor implementation adjustments, partial or comprehensive redesign, or need for policy (re)diagnosis
- ❖ Stakeholder perceptions critical