

# The Initial NAP for SIERRA LEONE



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# Overview of the NAP Process

- ❑ The NAP process was established under UNFCCC in 2010 as part of the Cancun Adaptation Framework.
- ❑ The process enables Parties to the UNFCCC to formulate and implement NAPs as a means of identifying medium- and long-term adaptation needs and for developing and implementing strategies and programs to address those needs.
- ❑ The objectives of the NAP process are :
  - ✓ To reduce vulnerability to the impacts of climate change by building adaptive capacity and resilience; and
  - ✓ To facilitate the integration of climate change adaptation, in a coherent manner, into relevant new and existing policies, programs and activities, in particular development planning processes and strategies, within all relevant sectors and at different levels, as appropriate.

# Why adapt to climate change?

- Sierra Leone Climate is changing,
- Vulnerability of the country very high

**Land slide**

**Floods**





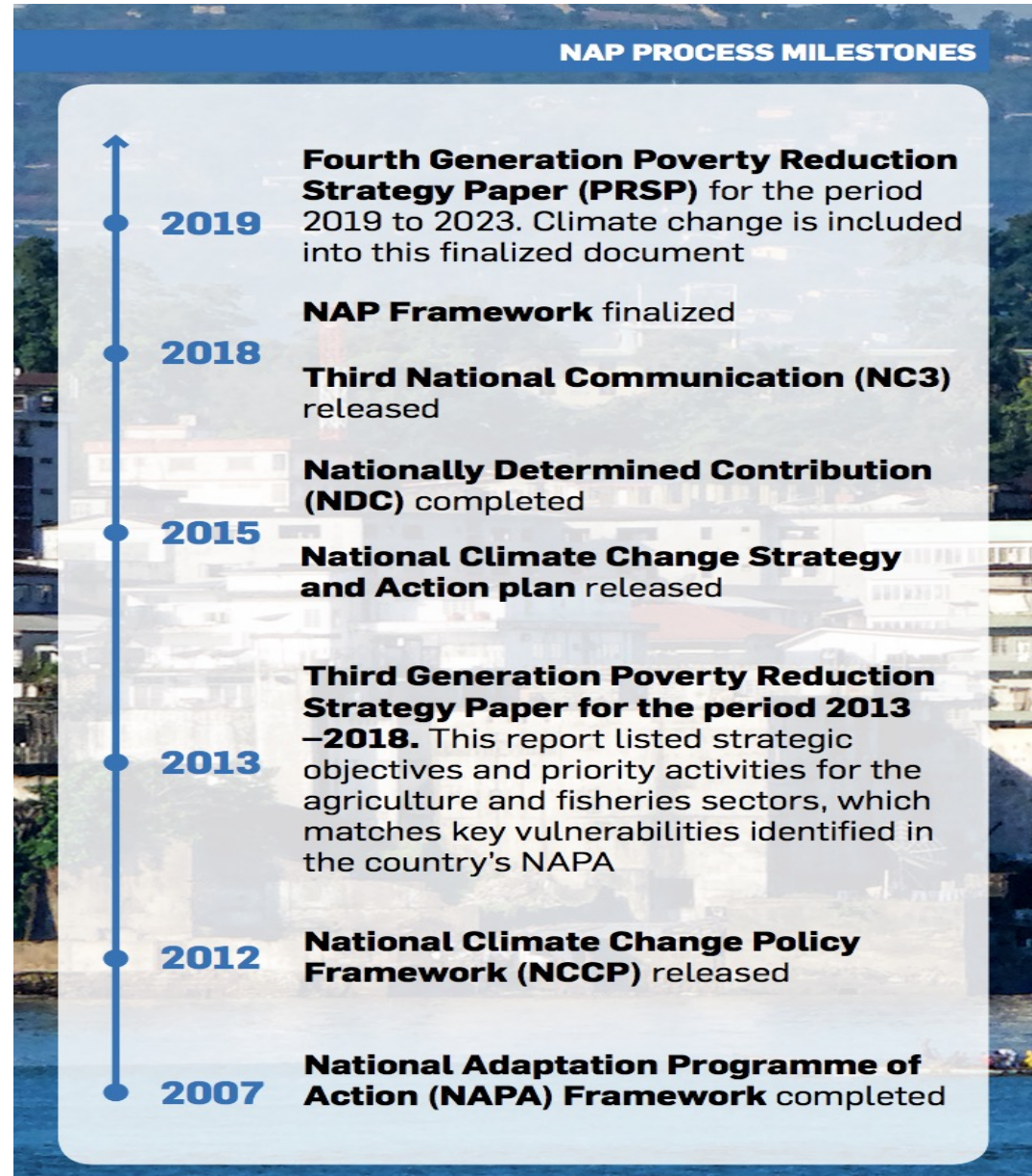
# Why adapt to climate change?

- Livelihoods is Natural Resource Based
- Our national Physical features
- Poverty



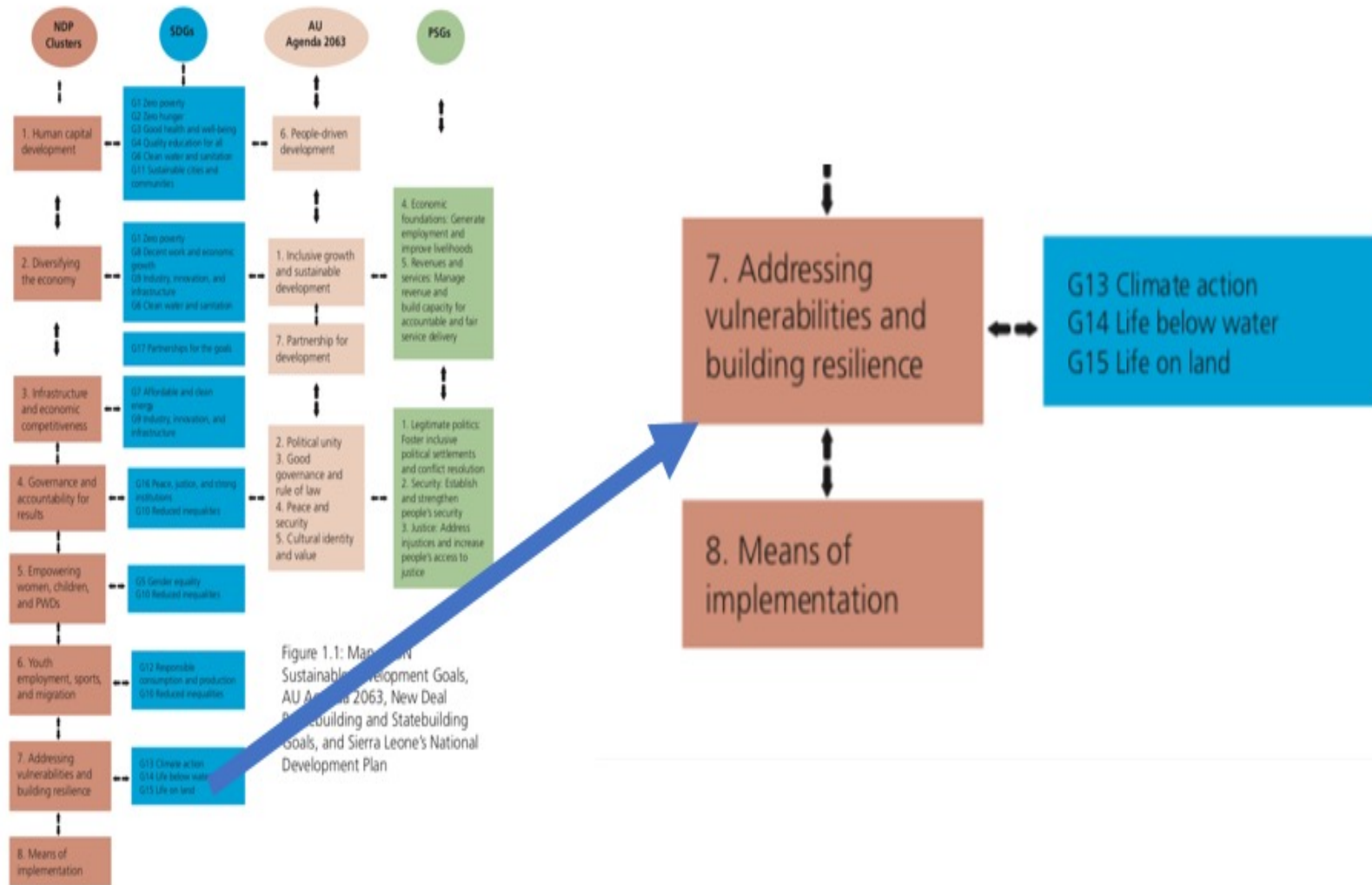
# NAP Process in Sierra Leone

- NAP Framework
- Initial NAP
- Next steps
  - Complete NAP
  - GCF funding?





# NAP linkages to National Development Plan (2019-23)



# Guiding Principles of the Initial NAP development in Sierra Leone

- ✓ Inclusivity (ownership and shared responsibility)
- ✓ Participation
- ✓ Accountability
- ✓ Learning/reflexivity-
- ✓ Adaptability –
- ✓ Religious and cultural leadership
- ✓ Ethical citizenship-
- ✓ Integrate Gender Equality and Social Inclusion in the objectives of the NAP and in its prioritized actions -
- ✓ Capacity development-

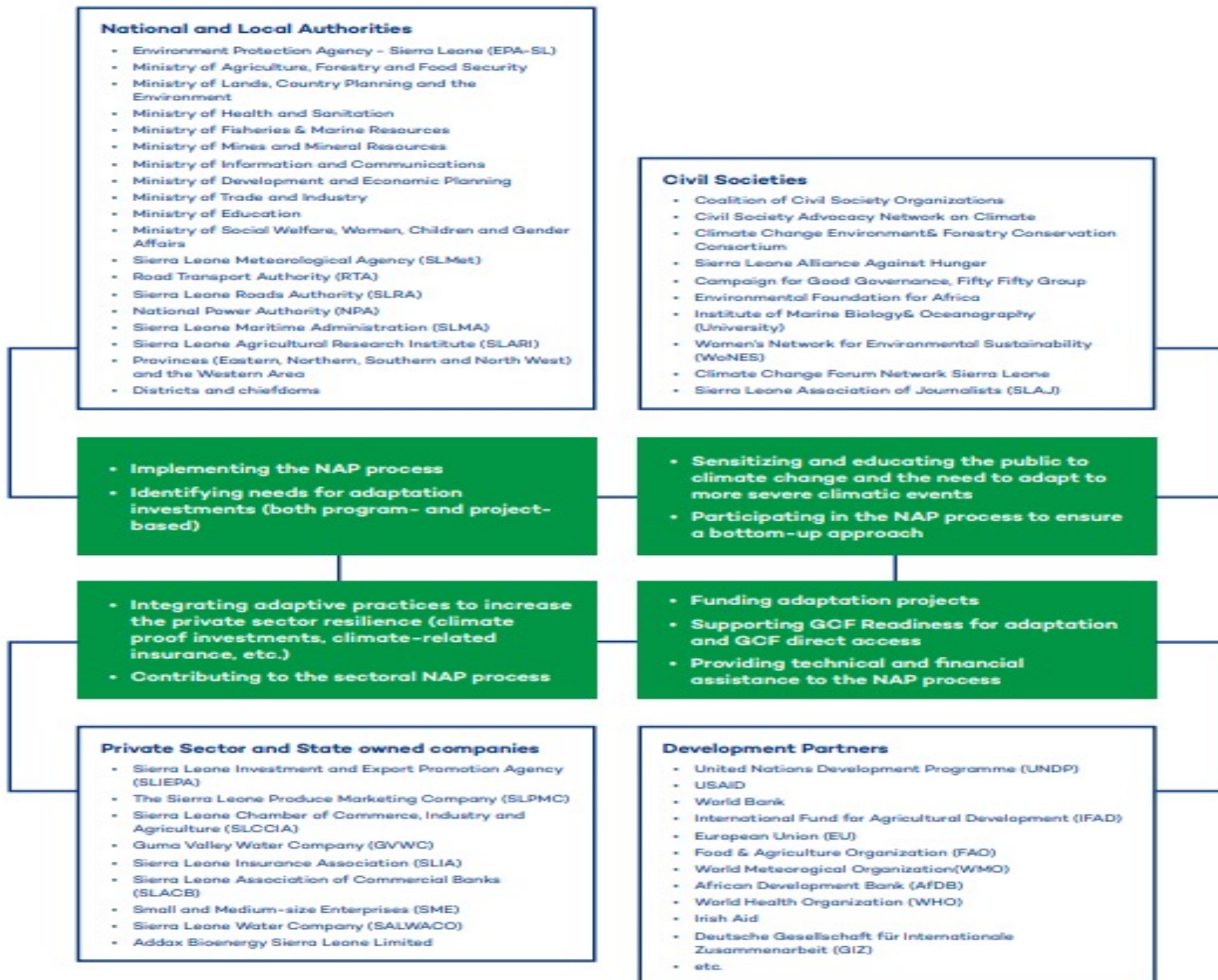
# The Initial NAP for Sierra Leone

## ❑ What is an Initial NAP??

- This is the first version of a NAP.
- It is based entirely on existing information and assessments
- How was the initial NAP formulated?
  1. Consultations
  2. Draft completed
  3. Validation Workshop



# The Stakeholder Engagement Process



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- **What does it Mean to Sierra Leone?** “The adjustment in economic, social or natural systems in response to actual or expected climatic change, to limit harmful consequences and exploit beneficial opportunities.”
- **NAP Vision:** Sierra Leone reduces vulnerability by half by 2030 through increased risk awareness, improvements in rule compliance, increased institutional capacity and an integrated gender-responsive approach to adaptation in development policy and programs across sectors and scales.

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## ■ **NAP Mandate**

- ✓ NAP is grounded in its National Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan;
- ✓ the latest Medium-Term National Development Plan (2019-2023) which includes a cluster on addressing vulnerabilities and building resilience.
- ✓ The NAP builds on these existing policies and supports their implementation.
- ✓ NAP is aligned with the National Climate Change Policy Framework (2012), Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), National Communications to the UNFCCC and National Adaptation Programmes of Action (NAPA).
- ✓ The NAP process supports the implementation of these policies and the forthcoming updated NDC.



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- **Functional Role.** The NAP includes a stock take of adaptation priorities, vulnerabilities, and measures across identified priority sectors.
- ✓ The functions of this are to:
  - ❖ Support the development of vulnerability assessments that inform new policies, projects and programs and guide monitoring and learning
  - ❖ Effectively communicate adaptation priorities and ambitions for the country
  - ❖ Guide investments in climate change adaptation for the short and long-term
  - ❖ Provide a guidance for stakeholder engagement and strategic partnerships for climate change adaptation across sectors
  - ❖ Identify entry points for information gathering, analysis, and dissemination
  - ❖ Serve as a basis for resource mobilization
  - ❖ Support mainstreaming of gender equality and social inclusion

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- **Goals:** The NAP goals are the following:
  - ✓ Increase resilience capacity at all scales
  - ✓ Support an integrative approach to climate change adaptation programming and policymaking
  - ✓ Allocate 10% of annual national budgets to climate change adaptation across sectors
  - ✓ Harmonize climate-relevant policies and regulations to improve coordination and cross-sector linkages
  - ✓ All local councils have adaptation mainstreamed into local development plans by 2025
  - ✓ Institutionalize NAP implementation through laws, policies, and regulations
  - ✓ Establish a National Trust Fund for channeling adaptation support across sectors
  - ✓ Direct 40% of international development funding toward adaptation priorities across different sectors

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## ▪ What is Covered.

The plan includes eight chapters.

- Chapter 2 describes the national circumstances in Sierra Leone to provide a background to understand how climate risks interact with the existing development context.
- Chapter 3 provides the climate science basis to inform adaptation planning in Sierra Leone including impacts and vulnerabilities on priority sectors.
- Chapter 4 presents the existing climate policy landscape and policies and plans that are related to the NAP.
- Chapter 5 analyzes existing adaptation priorities in Sierra Leone's current policies.
- Chapter 6 provides the institutional arrangements for the NAP including the links between the NAP and the Medium-Term Development Plan, the process to integrate adaptation into development planning and the proposed coordination mechanisms.
- Chapter 7 presents the next steps in the NAP process including a timeline and implementation strategy.



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## ■ **Priority Sectors:**

- ✓ Agriculture and Food Security
- ✓ Water Resources and Energy
- ✓ Coastal Zone Management (including fisheries, coastal ecosystems etc.),
- ✓ Environment (including tourism, land, mineral resources, forestry, etc.)
- ✓ Disaster management
- ✓ Cross-cutting priority 1: Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (focusing on youth, women, elderly, persons with disabilities)
- ✓ Cross-cutting priority 2: Hard and Soft Infrastructure (including health, water and sanitation, transportation etc.)

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## ■ Priority Adaptation Programs

*The adaptation programs each of the priority sectors were classified according to five categories:*

1. Physical investments: These are priorities which involve building or construction.
2. Human capacity development: These are priorities that involve training or capacity development for individuals both within the government and among non-government stakeholders (e.g. private sector, NGOs, CSOs etc.).
3. Institutional strengthening: This refers to priorities that involve improving institutional capacity and other aspects of governance.
4. Regulatory modifications: This category refers to priorities that involve modification or enhancement of sectoral and/or subnational policy, regulatory, or legal frameworks.
5. Research: This identifies priorities that involve enhancing available data and information as well as the associated capacities to produce, process, and utilize data and information.

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## ■ Sector Needs and Opportunities

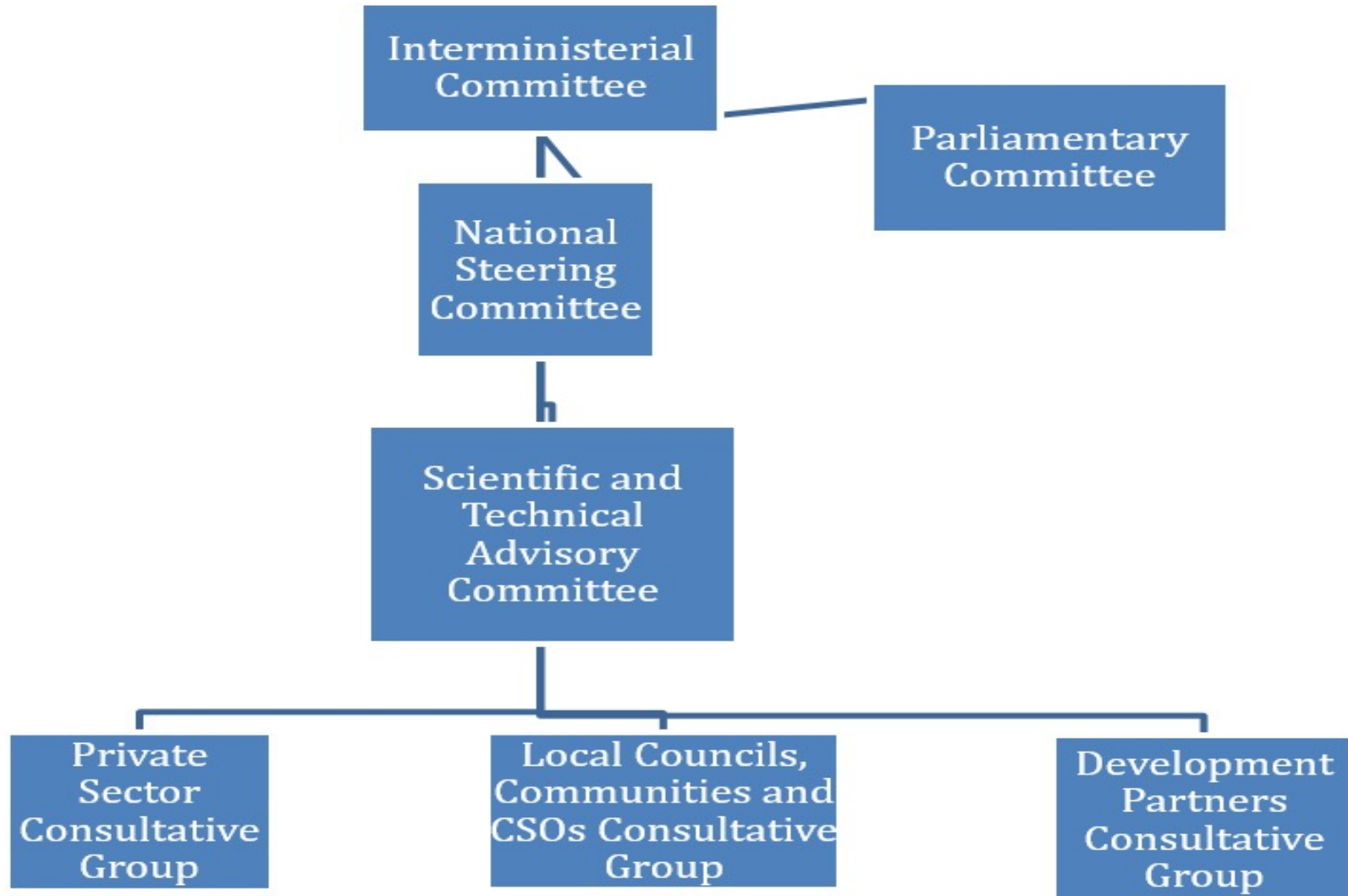
*All priority sectors identified:*

- 1. Legislation to integrate adaptation into sector policy, work plans and projects, monitoring and evaluation*
- 2. Clarification of mandates related to climate change adaptation*
- 3. Increased enforcement of existing laws and regulations*
- 4. Integrated planning for adaptation across sectors and across national and local government*
- 5. Need for technical working group and focal points to improve coordination, collaboration and information exchange across sectors*
- 6. Capacity building at the national and local level, especially for women and other marginalized groups*
- 7. Increased incentives for private sector engagement on adaptation*
- 8. Increased number of staff and staff capacity*
- 9. Improved access to information across within and across sectors*
- 10. Increased funding for adaptation work*



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## Institutional framework for the implementation



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## Next Steps.

### *NAP Process Roadmap:*

#### **2021**

- Submission of initial NAP to UNFCCC
- Validation of National Framework for Climate Services (to inform full NAP and NDC review)
- Two NSC meetings to plan for the NAP process
- Formalized steering and interagency coordination groups
- Regional consultations on NAP and NDC review process
- Finalization of National Electrification Plan (to inform NAP and NDC review)
- Finalization of NDC review (NAP to inform review)
- Validation of revised NDC
- Review of National Climate Change Adaptation Plan
- Review of National Climate Change Adaptation Policy
- Conduct a gender analysis
- Consultations on GCF NAP Readiness Grant
- GCF NAP Readiness application submitted
- Work on integrating climate change into the education curriculum (2021-2022)

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## Next Steps.

### *NAP Process Roadmap:*

#### **2022**

- Award of GCF grant (Q2) (18-24 months implementation)
- Vulnerability and Risk Assessments
- Institutional and human capacity needs assessment and strengthening plan
- Stakeholder consultations

#### **2023**

- Development of Medium-Term National Development Plan (2024-2029) (NAP process to inform PRSP5)
- Preparation of full NAP (NAP to be informed by Medium-Term National Development Plan)
- Validation of NAP

#### **2024-2029**

- NAP priority program Implementation begins
- 4th National Communications (NAP data to inform NC4)
- Beginning of PRSP5/Medium Term National Development Plan (2024-2029)
- Integration of adaptation into national, sector and local planning and budgeting (2025)

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## Next Steps.

### *Implementation Strategy: Actions and Needs :*

- Capacity Development (technical and Non-Technical skills required)
- Mobilization of Finance Two financing goals have been set out for the NAP:
  - ✓ Establish a National Trust Fund for channeling adaptation support across sectors
  - ✓ Direct 40% of international development funding toward adaptation priorities across different sectors
- Stakeholder Involvement
- Communication Strategy
- Monitoring and Evaluation, Learning and Reporting

**Thank you**