

Regional Workshop “Building Pathways to Greener Growth”

Climate Change Adaptation Planning and Practices in Vietnam



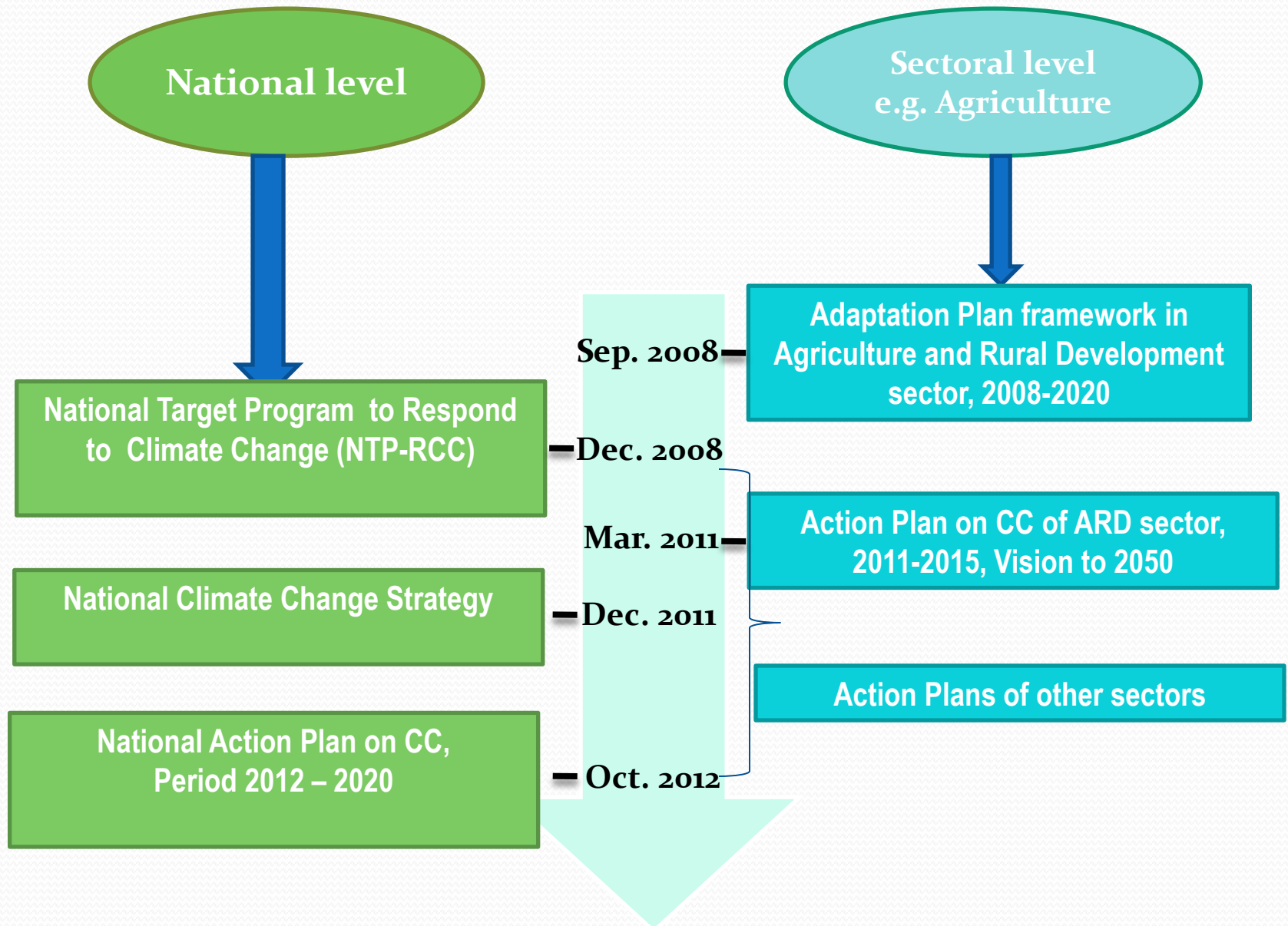
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BACKGROUND

- Vietnam assessed one among 5 countries most seriously affected by CC. Adaptation is an important strategy.
- No separate national adaptation plan, but national action plan addresses both adaptation and mitigation.
- Sectoral APs: Health, Construction, Agriculture, etc.
- Only Agriculture sector has Adaptation Plan Framework in 9/2008

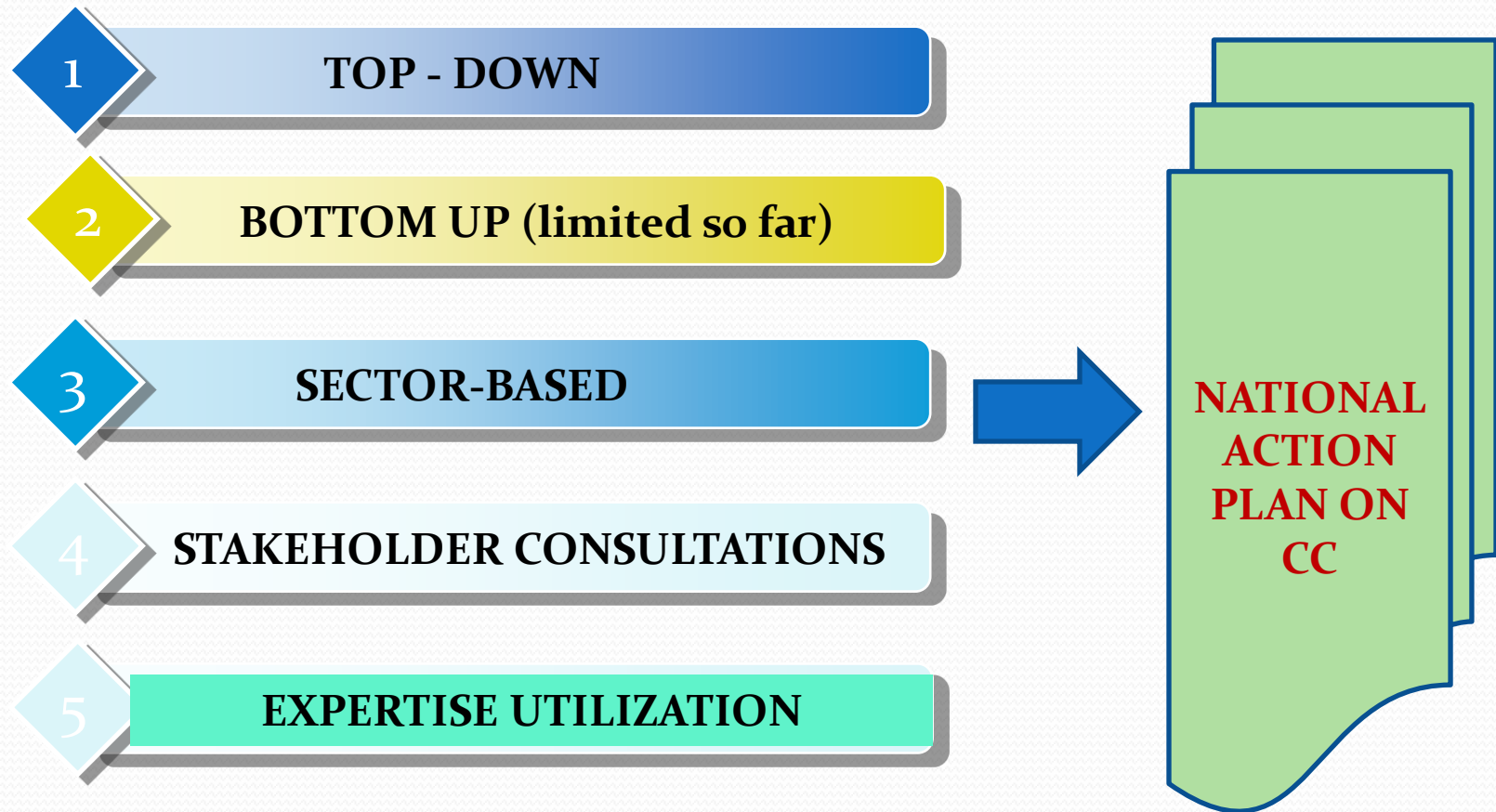


Policy and AP development at national and sectoral level (What and When).

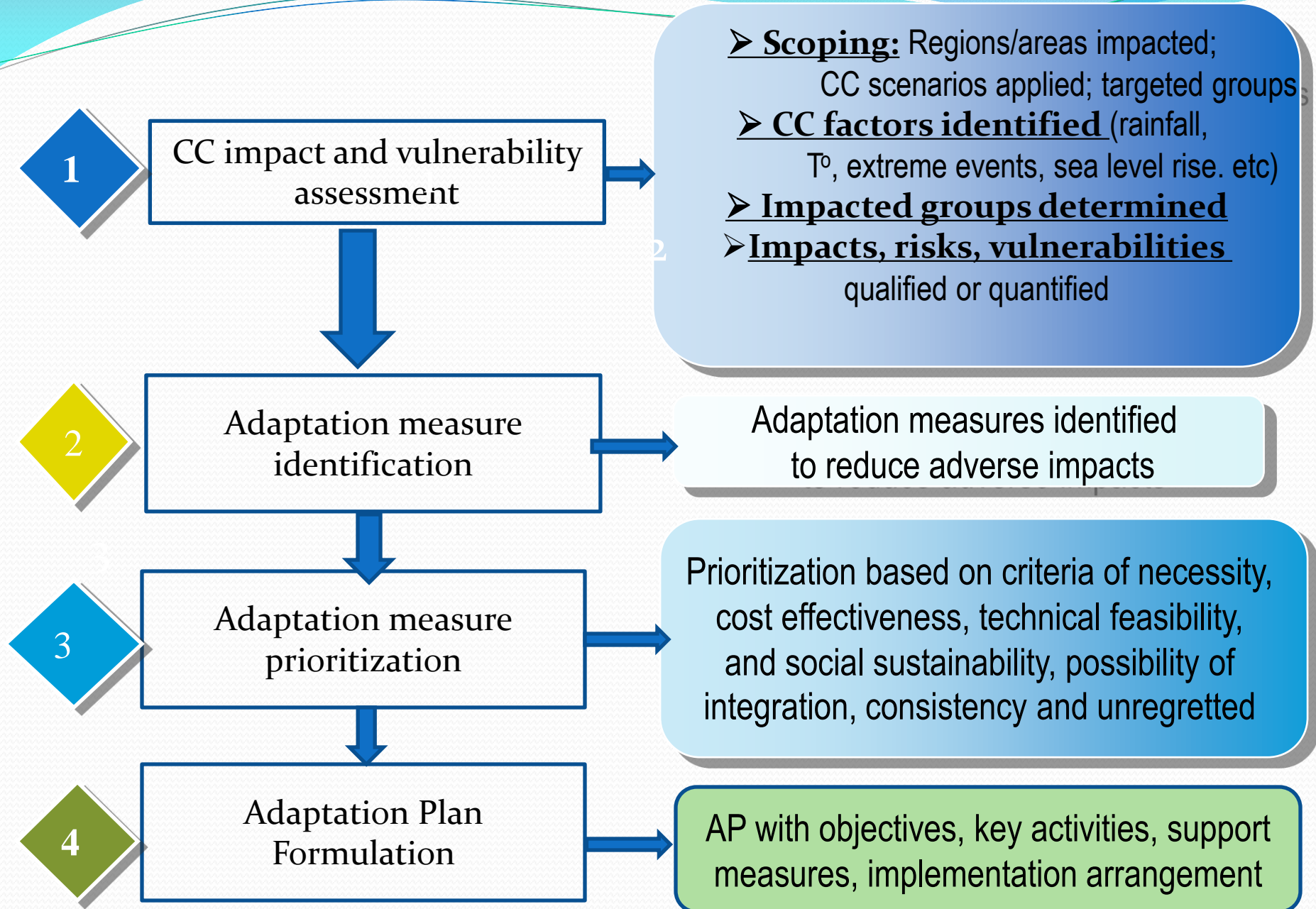


Adaptation Planning Framework

Approach to Adaptation Planning



Steps to develop a CC Action Plan



Adaptation Planning Framework – Key Points

- In VN, adaptation plans are developed, then **integrated** into development programs. However, currently, the integration of CC adaptation is very limited.
- Sometimes, adaptation plans in the development program is **different** from those in the pure adaptation program.

E.g. agriculture development plan sets up a target of maintaining 3.8 million ha of rice to 2020. To protect the rice cultivation area from sea level rise, MARD constructs a high seadyke with a quite big amount of money. While in the CC AP, to cope with sea level rise , there are some other cheaper options which can minimize adverse impacts of CC, such as plant mangrove, move people from submerged area or change cropping patterns, etc.

- Adaptation planners are aware of **uncertainty** of CC projections, but how to deal with that is still a big challenge.
- APs are built on CC and sea level rise scenarios developed and legally announced by MONRE in 2009, and updated in 2012.

Lessons and Challenges

- **From agriculture and rural development sector:**
 - Adaptation program framework in ARD was spontaneously developed, lack of participation of stakeholders such as MPI, MoF, international, private, etc.. So their support during the implementation is limited.
 - Adaptation planning did not match with Government budget planning, not yet integrated into development planning, so lack of finance for implementation.

Challenges:

- Lack capacity, methods, tools in impact, vulnerability assessment, prioritization of adaptation measures, lack of data chain through years, ...