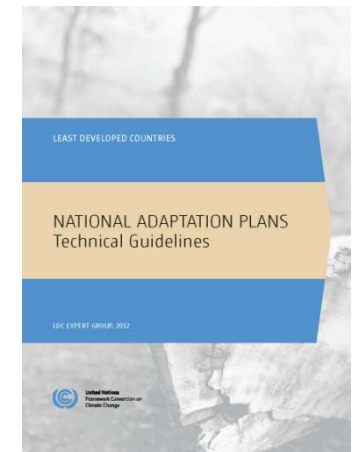
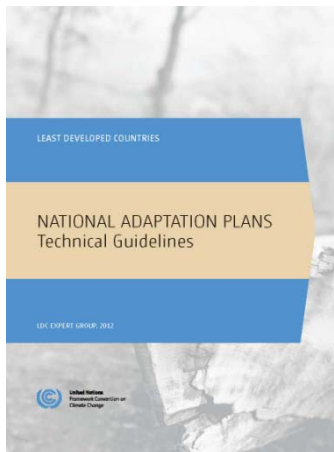


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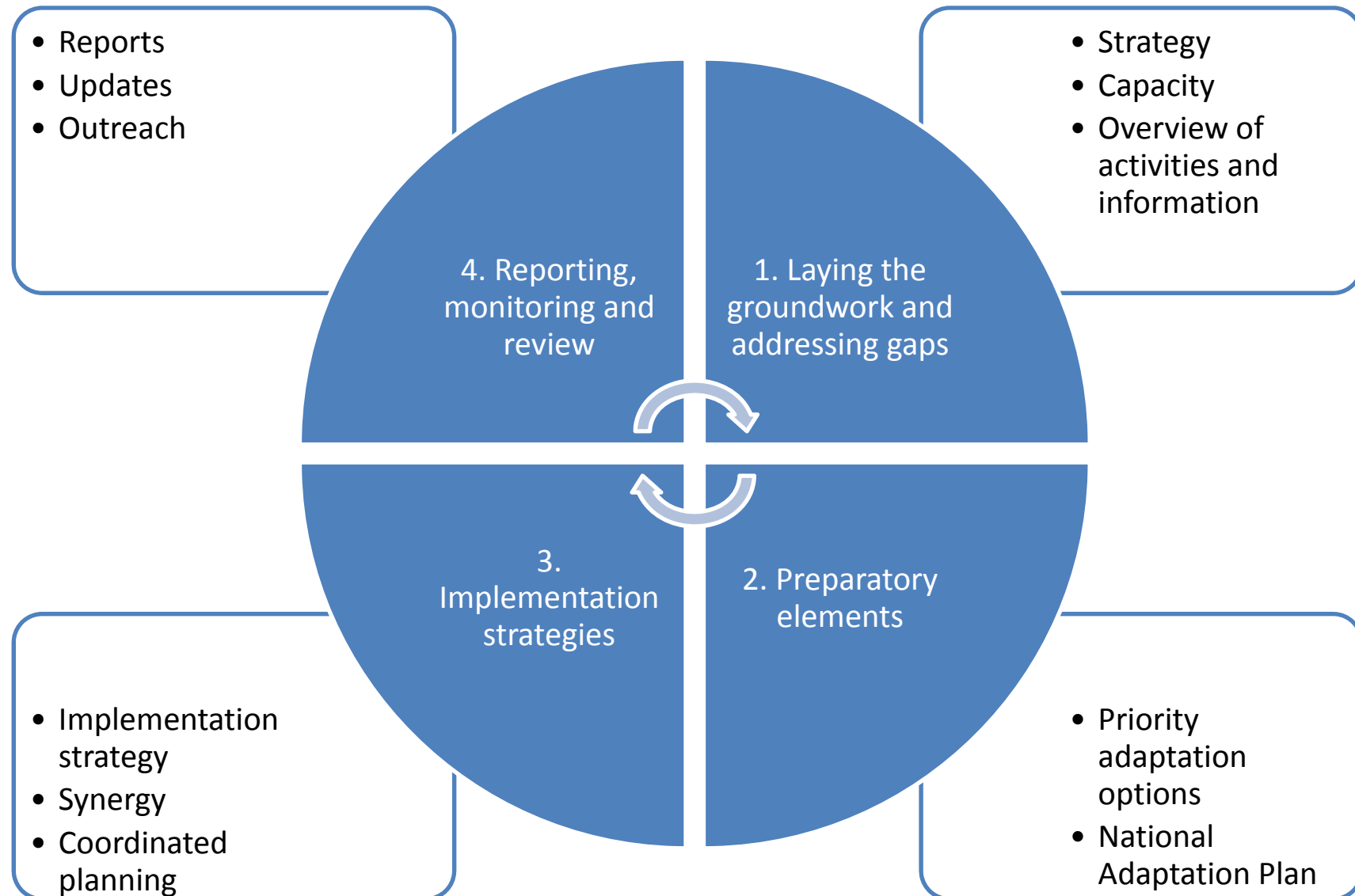
The national adaptation plan process...

...enables countries to assess their **vulnerabilities**, to **mainstream** climate change risks, and **address adaptation**.

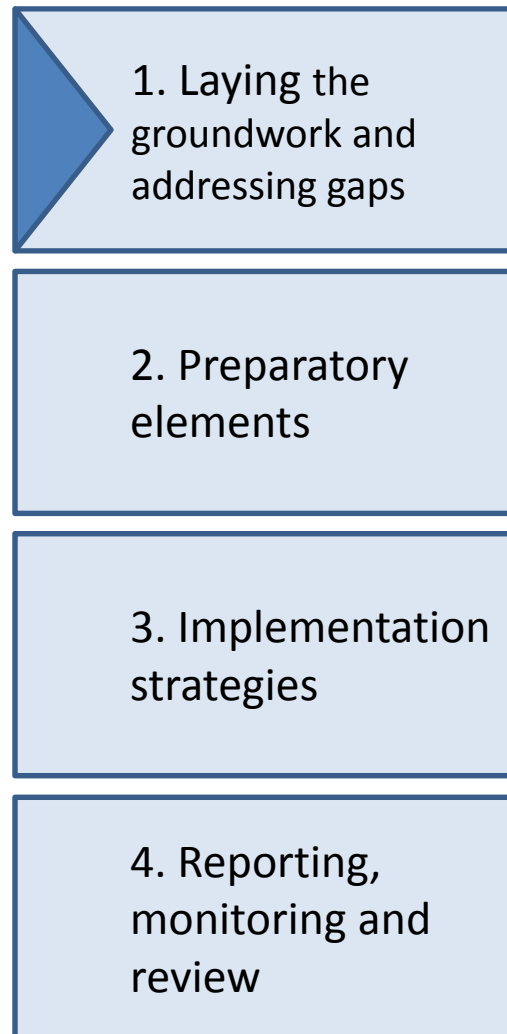
Its objectives are:

1. To reduce vulnerability to the impacts of climate change, by building **adaptive capacity** and **resilience**;
2. To facilitate the **integration of climate change adaptation**, in a coherent manner, into relevant new and existing policies, programmes and activities, in particular development planning processes and strategies, within all relevant sectors and at different levels, as appropriate.

Overview of elements and potential outputs



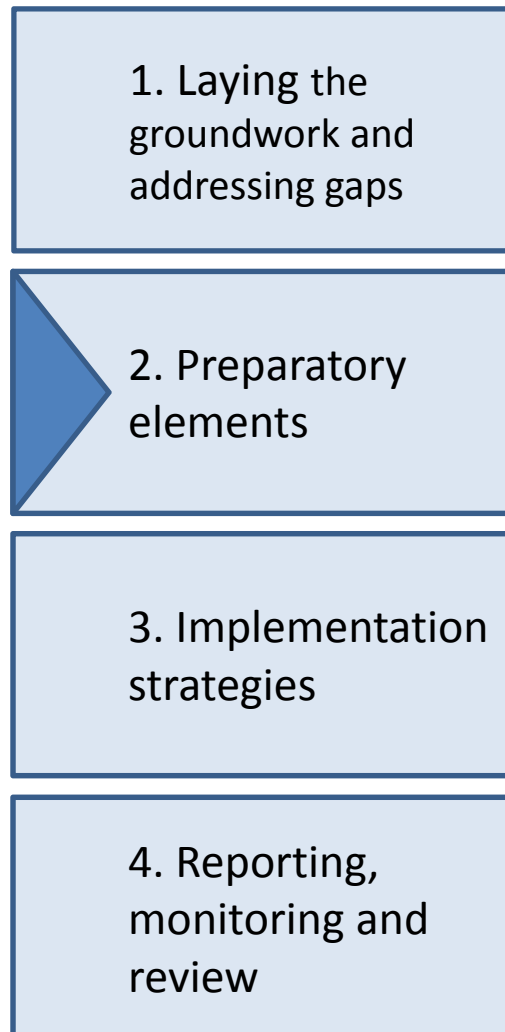
Element 1: Overview and key questions



Element 1 **initiates the NAP process** at the political level, **takes stock** of ongoing activities and existing information and **creates a strategy** to drive the NAP process.

- What **outputs** are expected from the NAP process, and when?
- What is there that the process can **build upon**?
- What are the **linkages** between development and adaptation needs which need to be considered?

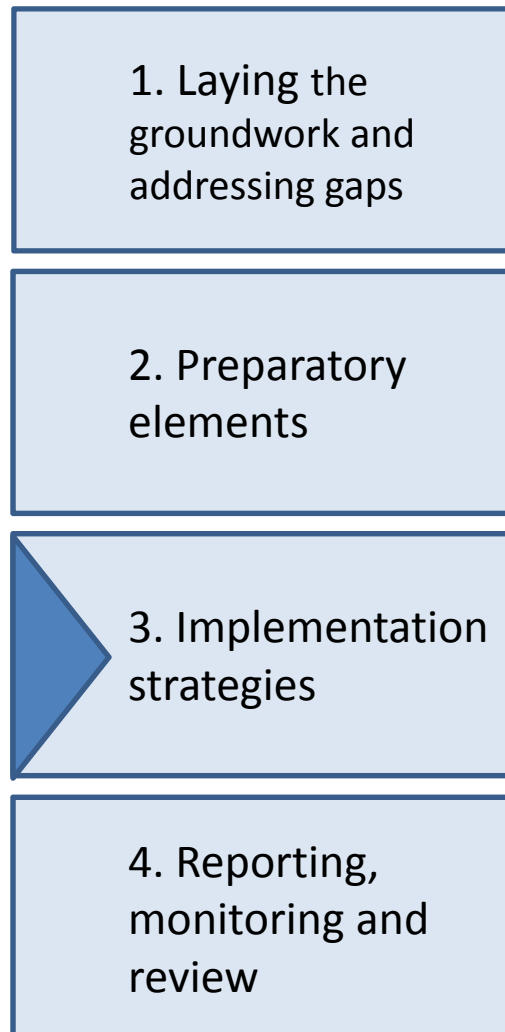
Element 2: Overview and key questions



Element 2 analyzes **climate scenarios** and **vulnerabilities**, assesses **adaptation options** and **integrates** them into development planning.

- What are **appropriate indices** of climate and socio-economic trends which could support planning and decision-making?
- What are economic, ecosystem and social **costs and benefits** as well as potential **unintended impacts** of identified adaptation options?
- Which adaptation options should be **prioritized**?

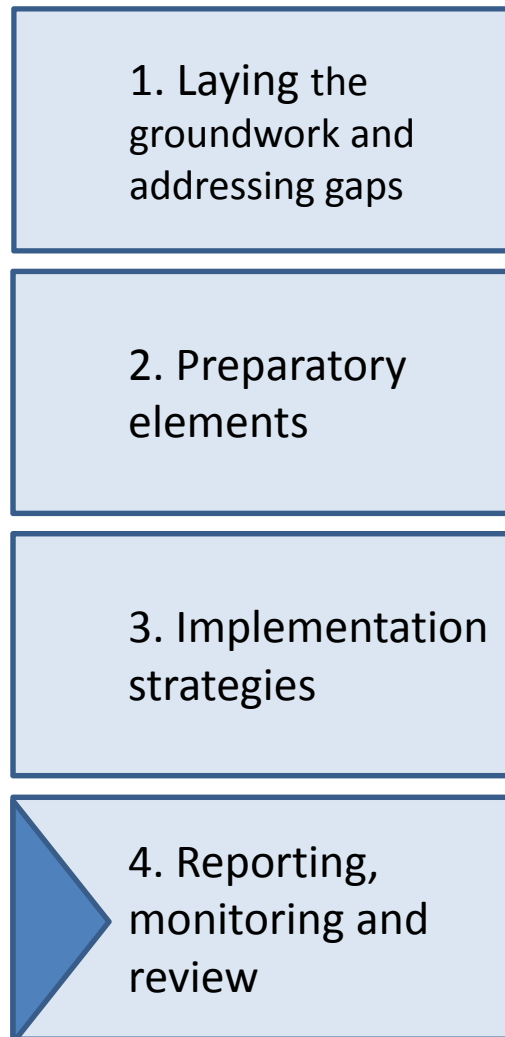
Element 3: Overview and key questions



Element 3 develops a **long-term implementation strategy**, enhances required **planning capacity** and promotes **synergy** and **coordination** at all levels.

- What is the most appropriate **timing** and **sequencing** of adaptation priorities?
- What can be **learned** from other **international experience** and cooperation on adaptation planning?
- How can **cross-sectoral** and **regional coordination** of adaptation planning be promoted and enhanced?

Element 4: Overview and key questions



Element 4 **monitors** and **reviews** the NAP process, **updates** the NAP iteratively and manages **outreach** and **reporting**.

- Which areas of the NAP process are key for its **effectiveness** and hence need to be monitored?
- What are **frequency and triggers** for an update of the NAP?
- What kind of **information** needs to be included in the reporting?

The guidelines...

- ...offer **indicative activities** and selected examples instead of prescription
- ...provide **multiple entry points** instead of strict sequence
- ...focus on **national** instead of external **priorities**
- ...facilitate **strategy** instead of dispersed activities
- ...enhance **consolidation** instead of overlaps
- ...encourage a **holistic** instead of individual **approaches** to climate adaptation and development
- ...emphasize **continuity** instead of a fixed-term process

The NAP technical guidelines
are available at:
<http://unfccc.int/7279>