

Policy Research and Advisory Services Branch

Policy Research, Development & Socio-Economic Impact Assessment System (SEIAS) Presentation

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Growing Gauteng Together



The Role of Policy Research and Advisory Services

Support the Premier in executing the Constitutional Responsibilities (Section 125)

Champions **Evidence-Based Policy-making (EBPM)** and decision making.

Provide research support working with the **GCRO, StatsSA and other research institutes to enable evidence-based decision making.**

Support the Premier and EXCO with policy advice, policy analysis, implementation, monitoring and coordination across government, working with Heads of Departments and the Executive Council and Exco Clusters

Drive province-wide outcomes-based planning, performance monitoring, and evaluation, (including executing performance delivery agreements), deep dives through Deliverology and facilitation of infrastructure projects

Advance developmental policies that address gender equality, women's empowerment, youth development and the rights of people with disabilities, older persons, LGBTIQ+ and military veterans.

Coordinate and support Premier's Advisory Councils , Working Groups or Commissions

Build a capable and ethical State, and ensure good governance, and effective functioning of the entire provincial administration



Research and Policy Development Chief Directorate

Purpose: To lead and manage provincial research and policy development

Functions:

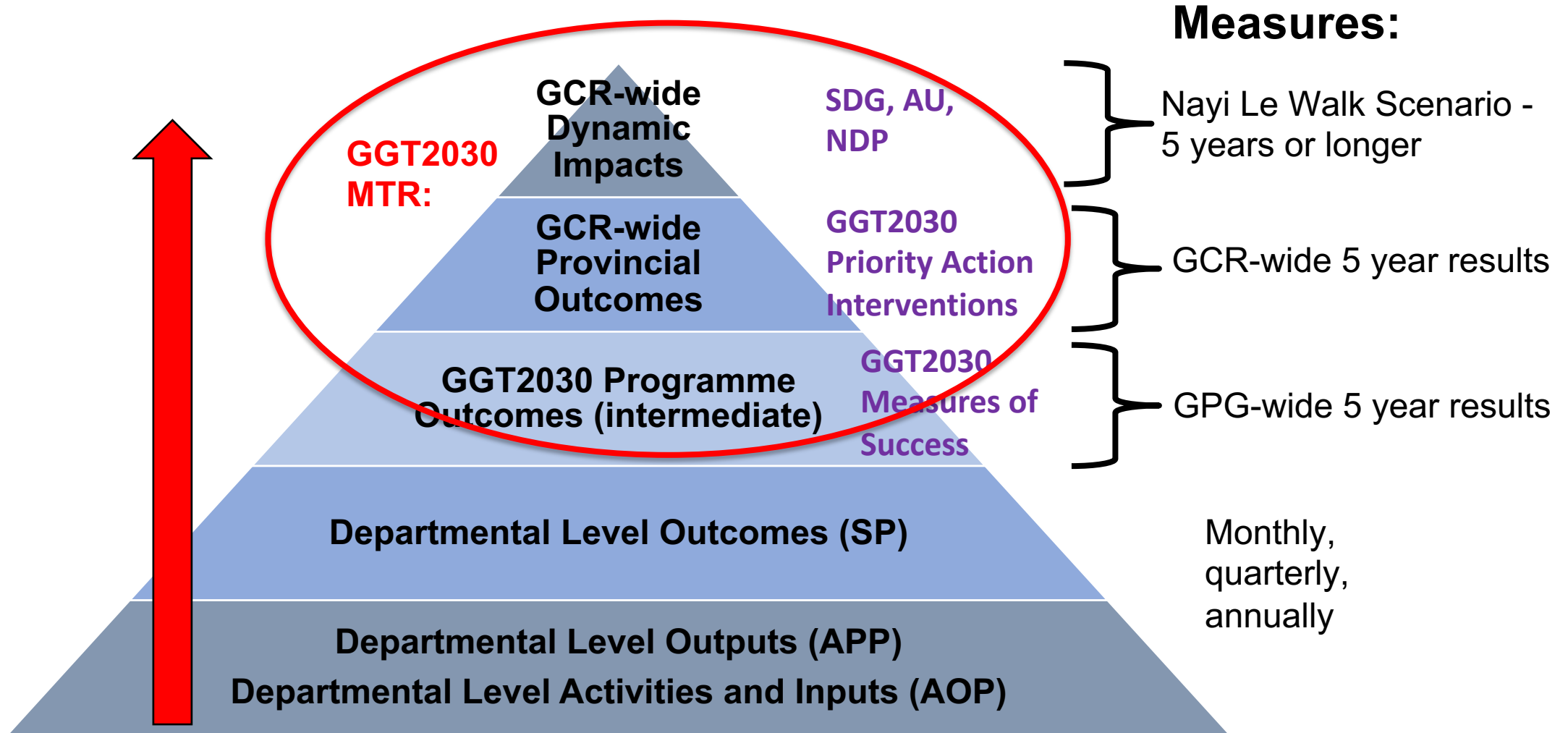
- 1) Develop & implement research agenda, provide policy making advice through SEIAS to Policy Unit, Office of the Premier, departments, DG, HoDs, Economic Advisor and Premier (top management & political executives);
- 2) Identify, track and report on critical socio-economic transformation indicators that require attention of the Head of Policy Unit, DG & Premier;
- 3) Identify, track and report on critical economic trends/data that require attention of the Head of Policy Unit, DG & Premier;
- 4) Identify, track and report on critical governance and planning trends/data that require attention of the Head of Policy Unit, DG & Premier;
- 5) Institutionalise Socio-Economic Impact Assessment System (SEIAS) and conduct vetting of proposals (policies, legislation & regulations) and quality assurance ensuring alignment with GGT 2030 as well as reviewing Cab Memos entering the Executive System.

Research Agenda and Research Chairs

- **Develop and implement research agenda**
 - Multi-Year Research Agenda must be co-developed/adopted by ExCo
 - Centralise Research Budget of the entire GPG
 - Entered a partnership with Africa Centre of Evidence (UJ) to develop the provincial wide-evidence map based on GGT 2030 priorities (knowledge Management System/Data Management System)
- **Gauteng City Region Observatory (GCRO)**
 - Quality of Life Survey 2021 (6th Iteration)
 - Research chair for Inclusive Economies
- **Capacity building-a capable, ethical and developmental state**
 - Gauteng City Region Observatory (GCRA)
 - Gauteng City Region Academy (GCRA)
 - National School of Government (NSG)
- **Strategic Research Partnerships:**
 - Universities, Research Councils, Research Institutes, Government Departments & think tanks
 - International Organisations (UN, World Bank, OECD & others)



Growing Gauteng Together (GGT2030) Plan of Action





South Africa's Scenarios 2030-Indlulamithi

This raises the question:
How do we get from **here**
to a **socially cohesive** South Africa?

Policy Coherence Dilemma for 2030 Targets



ADRS Report

6.4 Trillion GDP

Debt to GDP Ratio
40%

Jobs created 8-9
million

Unemployment 27% -
12%



Now
2021

By
2030

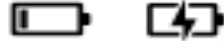
NT & Presidency Targets for SA

R 4.5 trillion by 2030,
Gauteng will be 44%
of the GDP

Debt to GDP Ratio

Jobs Created 1-2
million by 2030

Unemployment
Rate at 30%



Now
2021

By
2030

Gwara-Gwara Scenario

GGT Targets for Gauteng

R 2 Trillion by
2030 in 2010 Rand
and a third of the
SA economy of 6.4
trillion

Poverty reduced
from 25%-16%

3.1 million jobs by
2030

Unemployment drop
from 29 to 15%



Now
2021

By
2030

Nayile Walk Scenario

B4SA Targets for SA

- GDP outlook	\$550bn Or R 8.3 trillion
- Debt:GDP	60%
- S&P Rating	BBB+
- Gini co-efficient	43
- Unemployment	15%
- Business confidence	70/100
	By 2021
	By 2030
	Nayile Walk Scenario

GGT 2030 Priorities

Priority 1 – The economy, jobs and infrastructure

Priority 2 – Education, skills revolution and health

Priority 3 – Integrated human settlements, basic services and land release

Priority 4 – Safety, social cohesion and food security

Priority 5 – A capable, ethical and developmental state

Priority 6 – A better Africa and better world

Priority 7 – Sustainable development for future generations

Gauteng City Region-Development Corridors



South (SDM)

- Tourism, Agriculture & Agro-processing, Logistics



West (WRDM)

- Mining & Mineral beneficiation, Agriculture & Agro-processing, Tourism, Retail, Renewable Energy



Central (COJMM)

- Finance, ICT, Retail & Business Services, Business Tourism, Pharmaceuticals



East (COEMM)

- Advanced Manufacturing, Food & Beverages, Defence & Aerospace, Transport & Logistics, Machinery & Capital Equipment



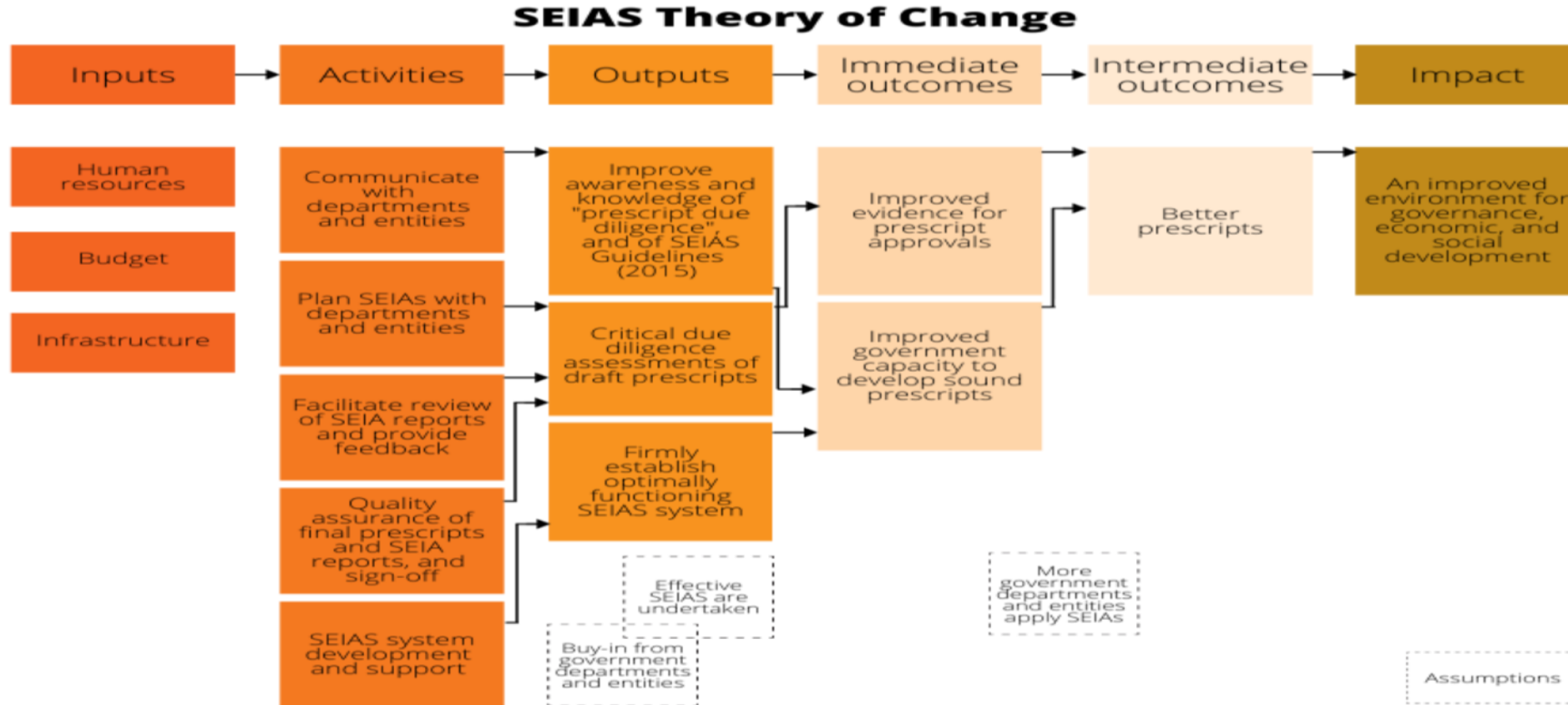
North (COTMM)

- Automotive Hub, Innovation, R&D Hub, BPO, Agriculture & Agro-processing, Defence and Aerospace

SEIAS Contextualisation

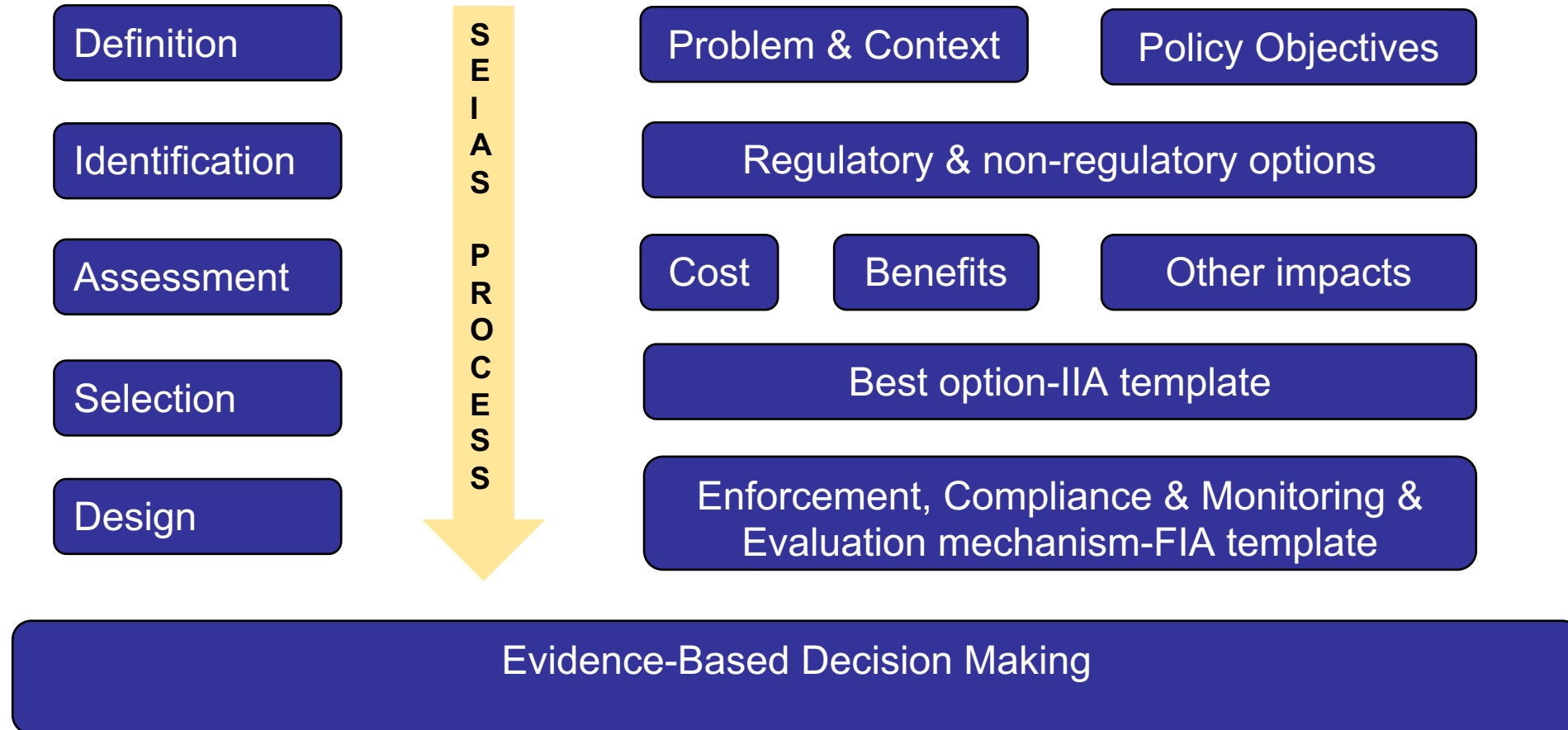
- **What is SEIAS?**
 - An ex-ante policy analysis tool aimed to improve policy and law making processes in SA
 - A tool to inform policy decision-making (policy thinking - not a compliance/ tick box process)
- Through SEIAS, departments analyse broader **socio-economic challenges, associated costs & benefits, and risks and develop mitigation actions;** ensure **alignment with the NDP 2030 & GGT 2030** by taking into consideration on how policy proposals impact on and relate to national and provincial priorities
- SEIAS was approved by **Cabinet in 2015** requiring departments to apply it when developing policies, bills and regulations.
- **PCC approved the SEIAS be rolled out to Provinces and Municipalities in 2016.**
- **Executive Council in GPG adopted the implementation of SEIAS in February 2021** making it mandatory for all introduced policies, bills and regulations to undergo the SEIAS process before entering the ExCo System.

SEIAS-Theory of Change (ToC)





SEIAS APPLICATION



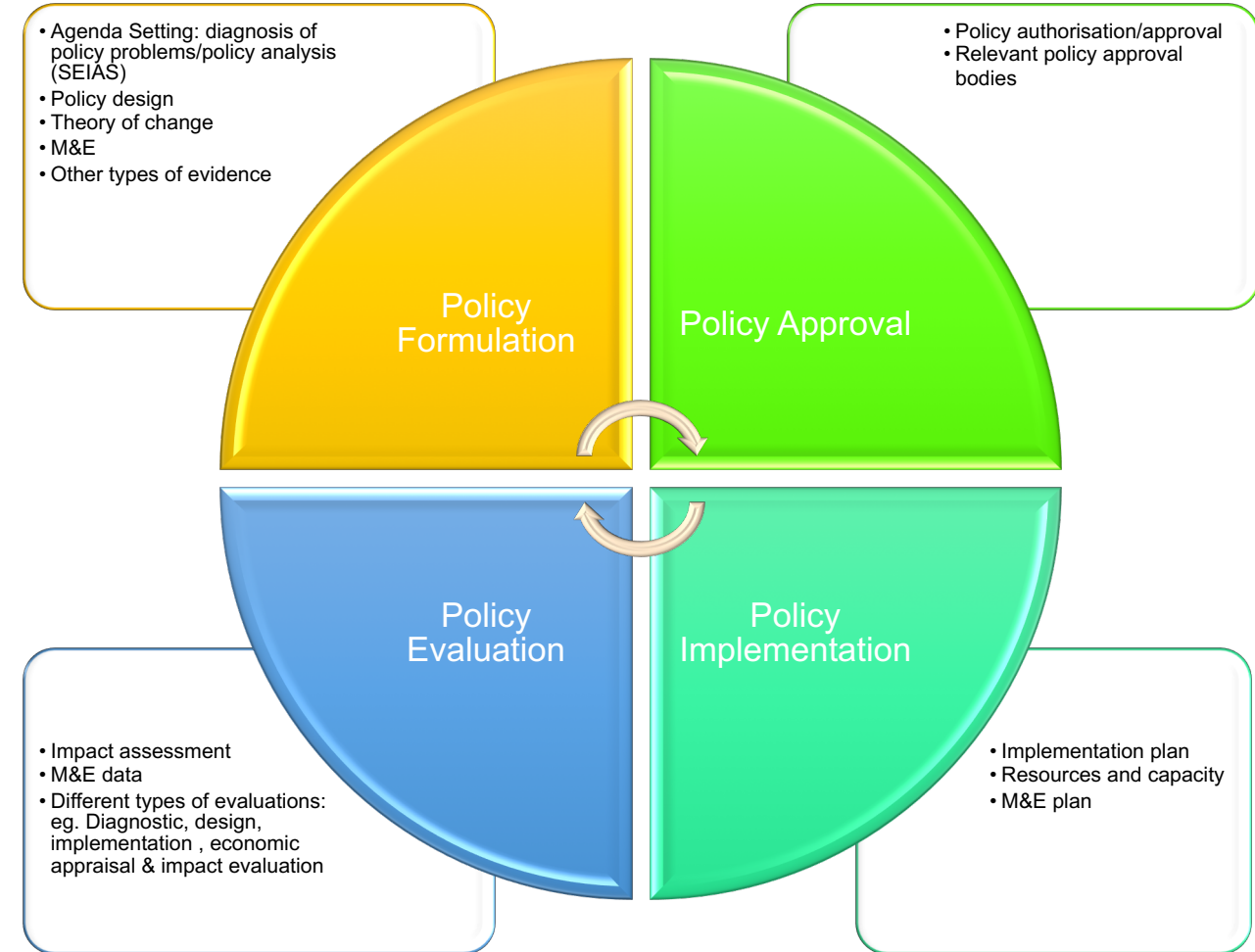
Institutional architecture for implementing SEIAS

- Officials responsible for developing policies or laws are the ones who should apply SEIAS
- SEIAS Champions are responsible for ensuring that SEIAS is implemented in their respective departments
- Policy, Research and Advisory Services in the Office of the Premier coordinate and capacitate departments to implement SEIAS, also analyse and quality control SEIAS reports (oversight)
- Prior to Executive Council (ExCo) Sub-committees meeting, ExCo Secretariat meet with Policy Unit to set the agenda and agree on those proposals requiring the SEIAS process
- Executive Council or ExCo Secretariat ensures that submissions of policies and bills are accompanied by quality assured SEIAS reports and authentic certificates

Areas of capacity building

Principles of sound policy making (United Nations):

- strategic planning and oversight;
- regulatory impact analysis
- promotion of coherent policymaking
- strengthening national statistical systems
- monitoring and evaluation systems
- the science-policy interface
- risk management frameworks and
- data sharing.



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