MRV: TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND THE 5-YEAR CYCLE

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A bit of context…

- MRV: a cornerstone to any credible climate agreement

- Despite progress made in Cancun & Durban, still lack of credible and comparable data, resulting in skepticism and distrust, lack of clear purpose

- Main barrier: time and lack of adequate financial, technical and effective capacity building support for developing countries, especially on implementation.

DESIGNING THE MRV Regime in the 2015 Agreement

We don't start from scratch and will leverage the following :

Institutions
CGE and ERT

Reports and processes
Natcoms, NAPs, NAPAS, ICA/IAR, review of AI natcoms, compilation and synthesis reports, NAMAs Registry, INDCs

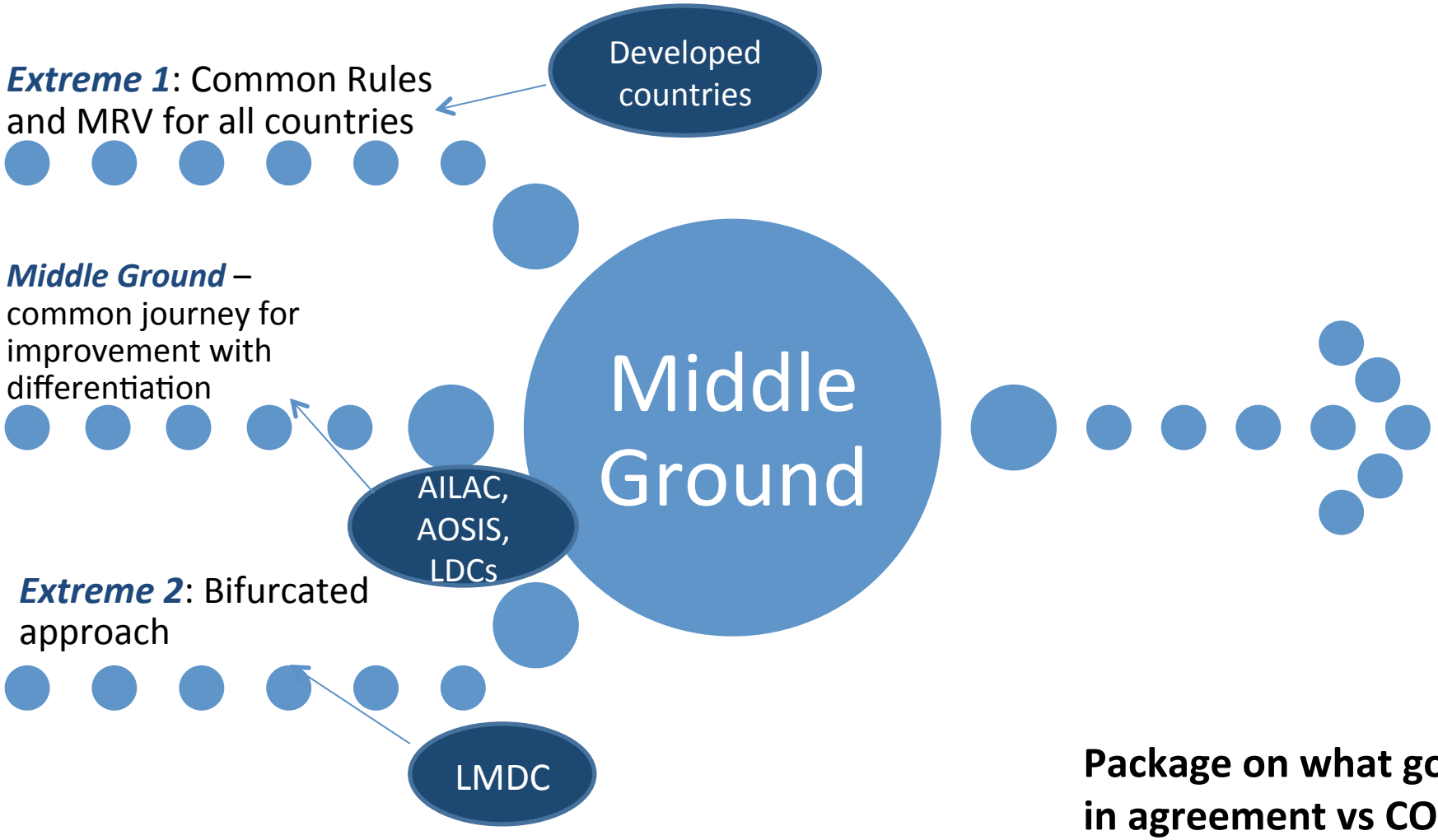
Funds
GEF (reporting), other bilateral support/ partnerships

But we address the gaps and needs for a more effective and comprehensive global system

- No clear purpose and pathway of improvement
- No universal accounting process – concerns on double counting and environmental integrity
- No clear reporting and credible analysis of iNDCs
- MRV (or M&E) of adaptation is behind, with no analysis/assessment of adaptation efforts
- MRV tracking of support is behind with lack of clarity on flow of support

MRV Package in the 2015 Agreement

Negotiations: State of Play



Options on the table

Landing zone

Package on what goes in agreement vs COP decisions vs after Paris

The Middle Ground

- Clear Purpose and common Journey for continuous Improvement

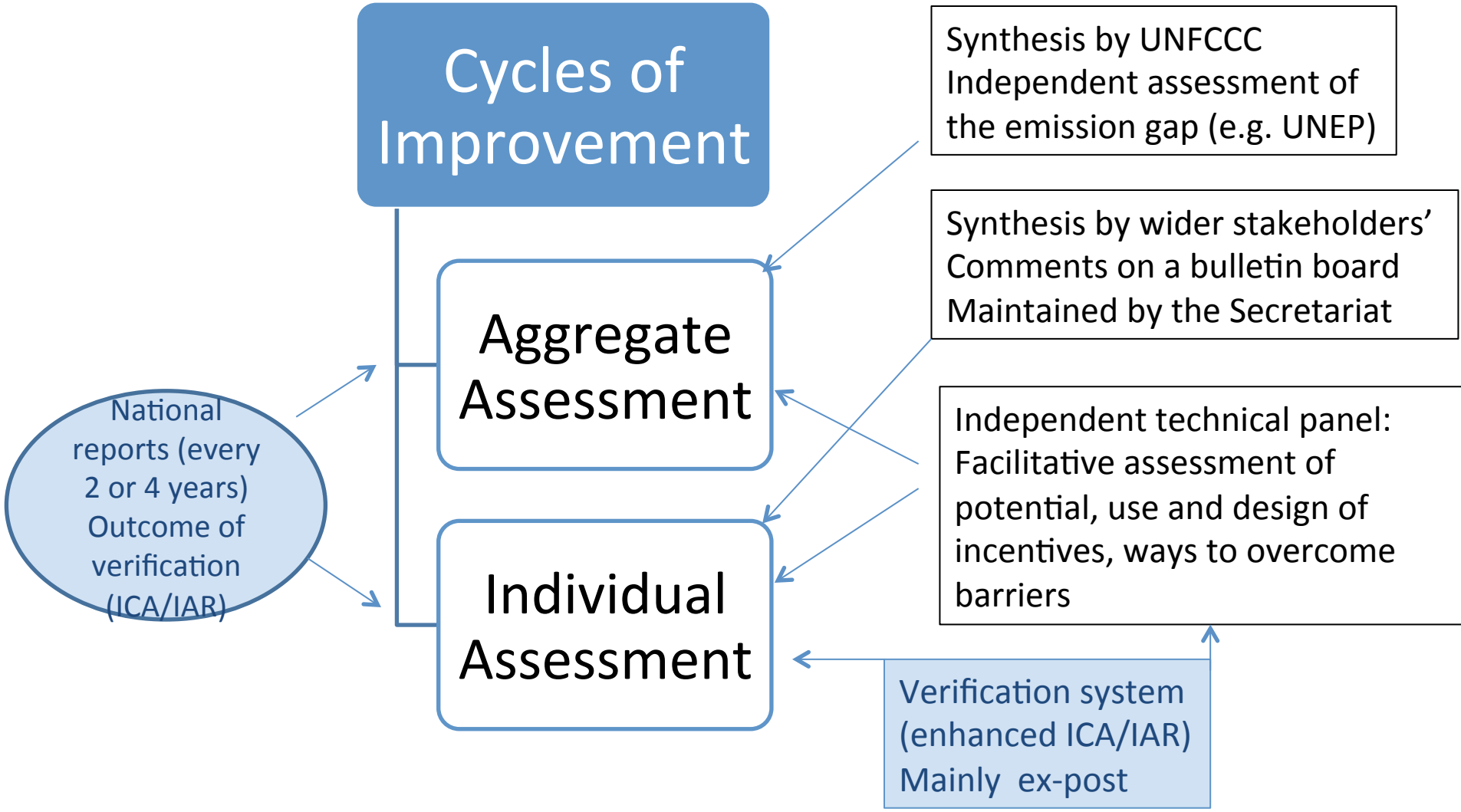
- Flexibility
  - Timing – notion of transition period
  - Use of tiers (details to be figured out later)

- Facilitative Assessment process supported by clear reporting and methodological guidelines

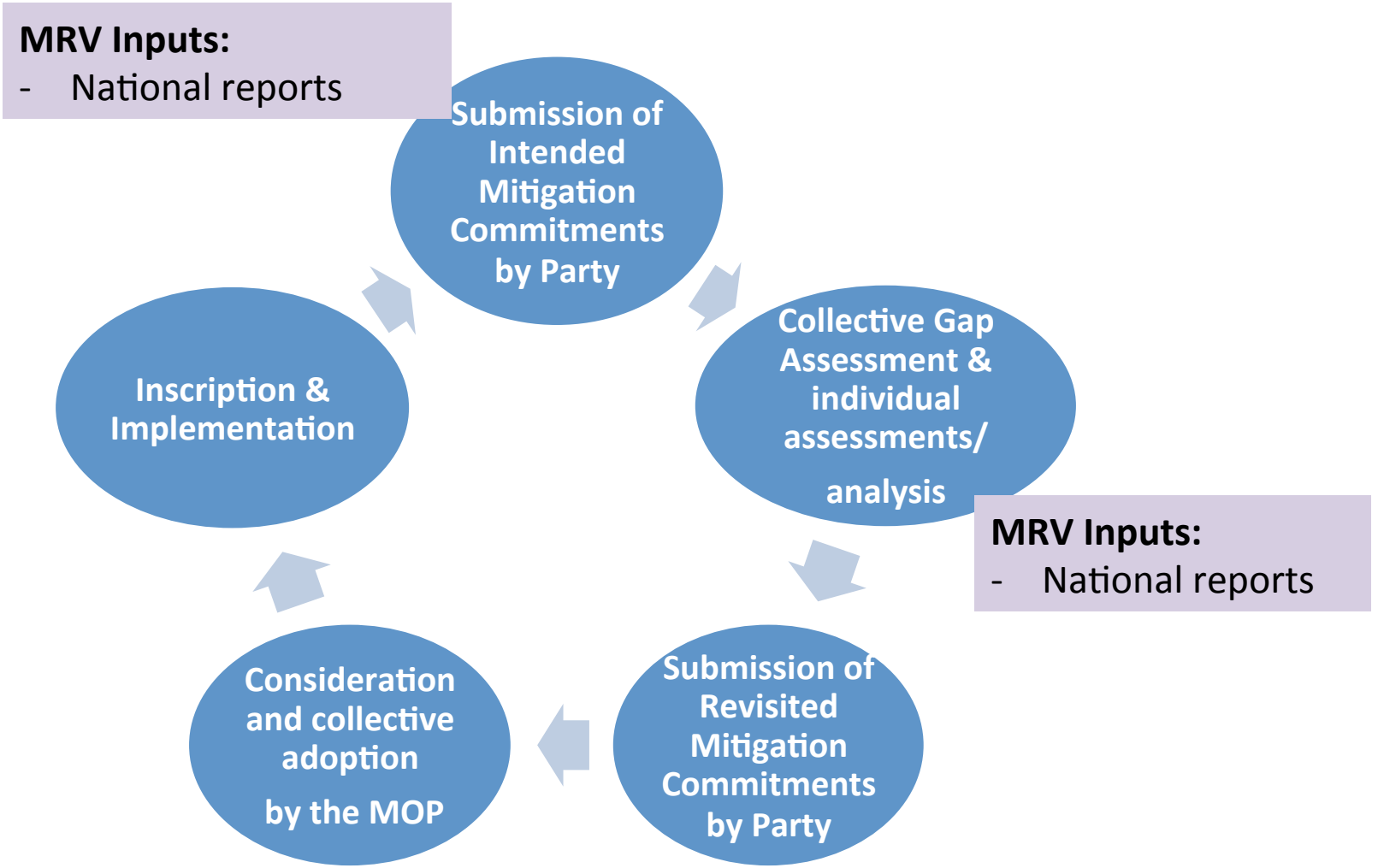
- Support – adequate support (importance of more effective capacity building)

- Step-by-step or phased approach:
  - Between 2015 and 2020:
    - enhanced bifurcated approach + design of post-2020 guidelines
  - Early 2020s:
    - Some requirements are common (e.g. same frequency of reporting but differentiation by types of commitments; use of common metrics) or voluntary period for use of common framework (no consequences).
  - From 2025:
    - comprehensive and common framework?

Link with the cycles of improvement (ratchet up mechanism)



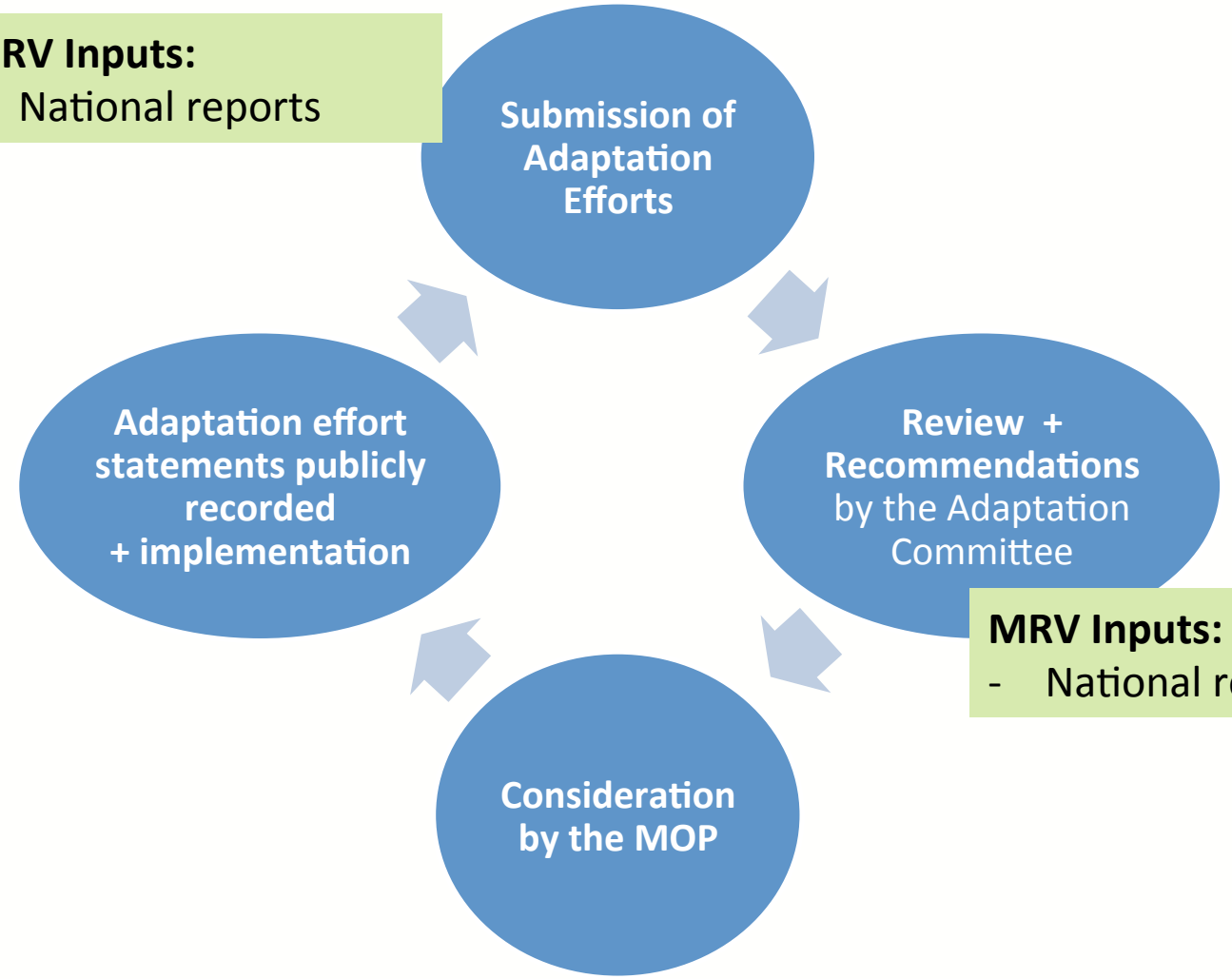
MITIGATION CYCLE



GOAL: Phase out GHG emissions to net zero

ADAPTATION CYCLE

MRV Inputs:
- National reports



MRV Inputs:
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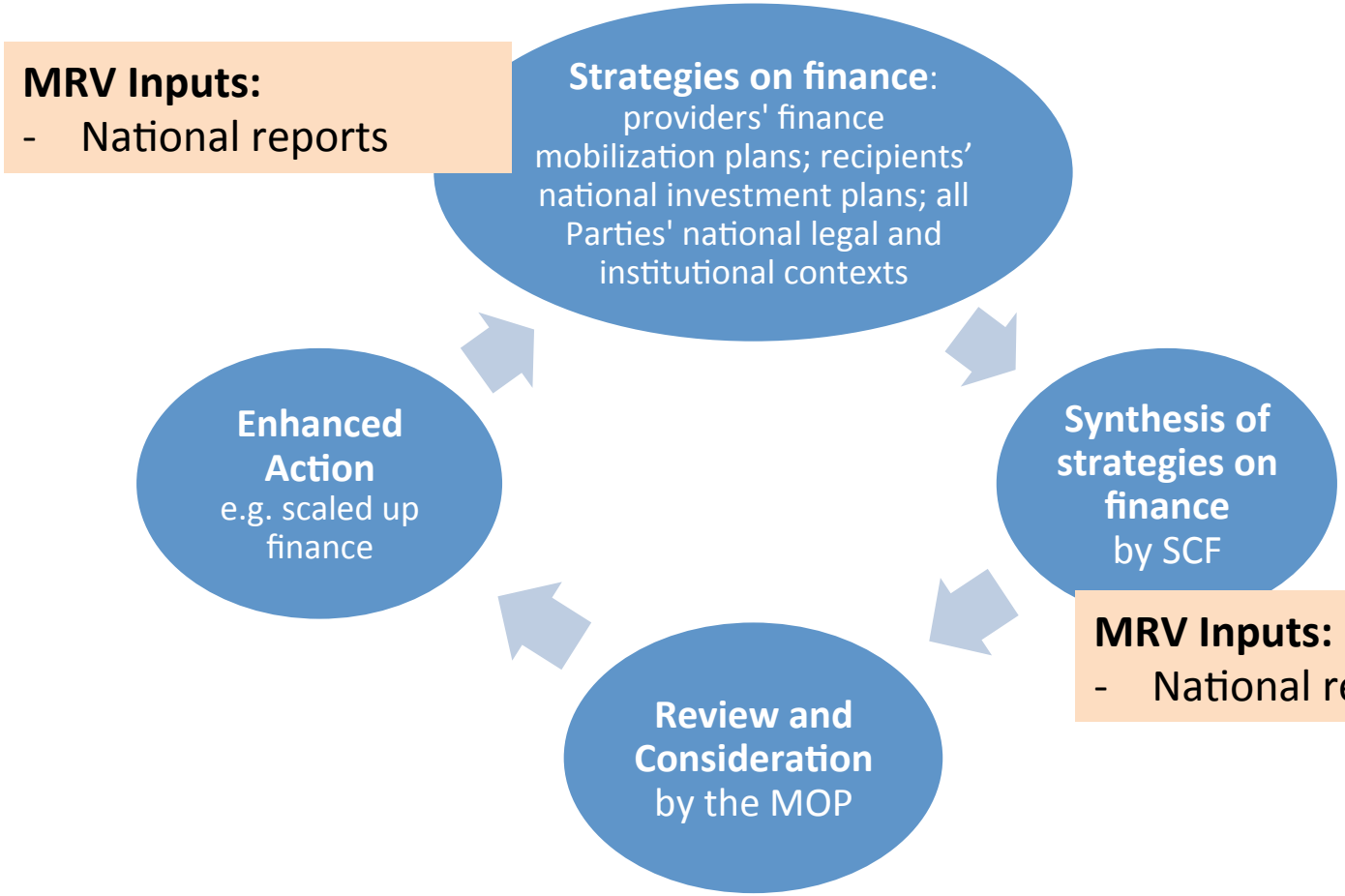
GOAL: Build resilience

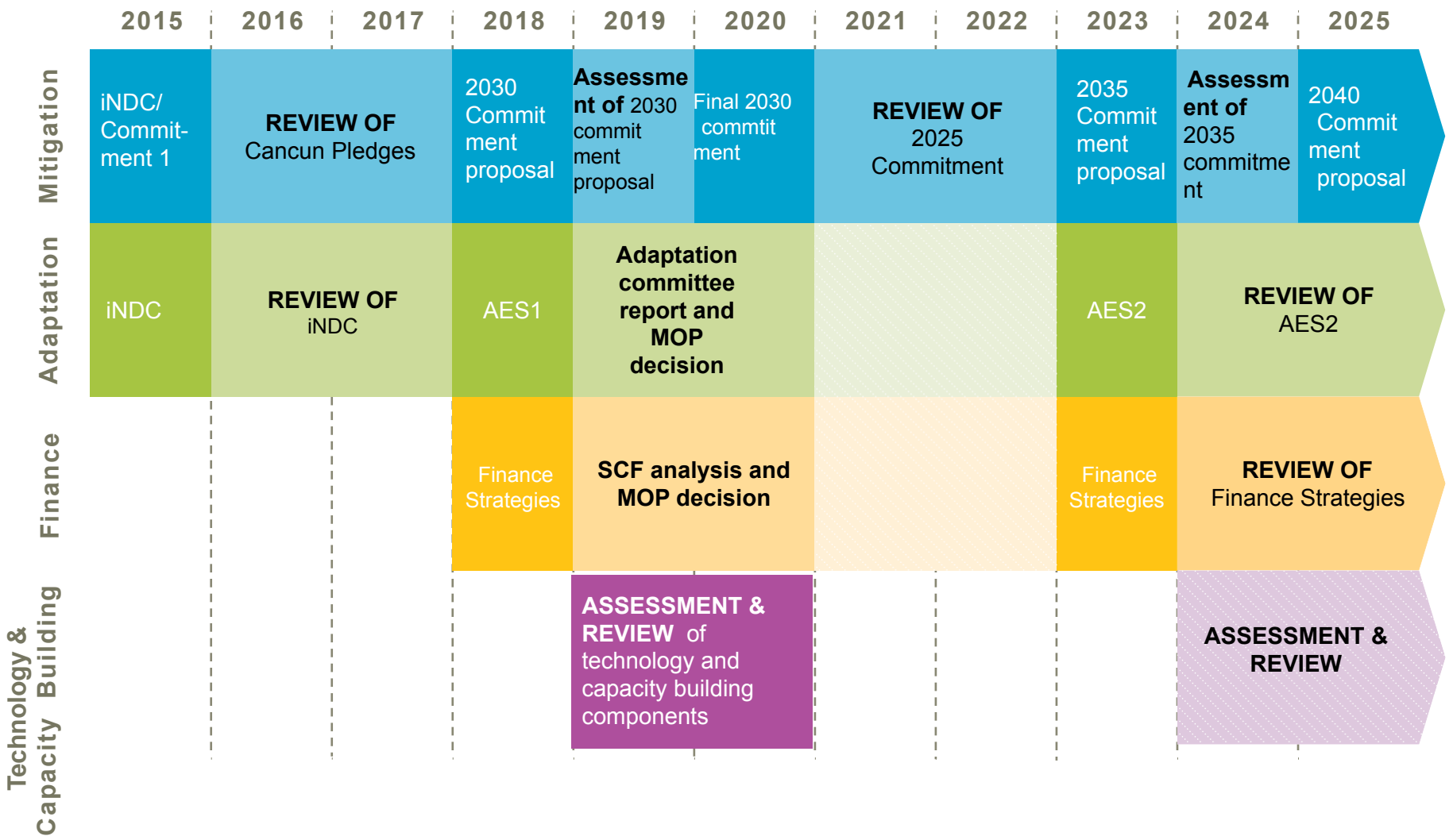
FINANCE CYCLE



GOALS:

- **Support mitigation and adaptation goals**
- **Accelerate investment in low-carbon, climate resilient economies**

TIMEFRAME


2015
2016
2017
2018
2019
2020
2021
2022
2023
2024
2025
Mitigation
iNDC/ Commit-ment 1
REVIEW OF Cancun Pledges
2030 Commit ment proposal
Assessme nt of 2030 commit ment proposal
Final 2030 commtit ment
REVIEW OF 2025 Commitment
2035 Commit ment proposal
Assessm ent of 2035 commitme nt
2040 Commit ment proposal
Adaptation
iNDC
REVIEW OF iNDC
AES1
Adaptation committee report and MOP decision
AES2
REVIEW OF AES2
Finance
Finance Strategies
SCF analysis and MOP decision
Finance Strategies
REVIEW OF Finance Strategies
Technology & Capacity Building
ASSESSMENT & REVIEW of technology and capacity building components
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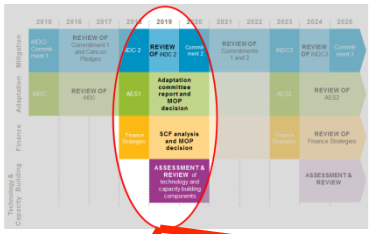

	2018	2019	2020	
Mitigation	Parties put forward proposed nationally determined commitments for 2020	Assessment of Parties' proposed mitigation commitments	Countries revisit their proposals	Countries put forward commitments
Adaptation	Parties put forward Adaptation Effort Statements	Adaptation Committee Report	Collective MOP decision	
Finance	Parties put forward Finance Strategies	SCF Analysis	Collective MOP decision	

Multilateral Conversations

Elements inform each other

COMMONALITIES AND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE CYCLES

	What is common	What is different		
		Mitigation	Adaptation	Finance
Nature of the cycle	Submissions every 5 years	Mitigation Commitments	Adaptation Efforts Statements	Finance strategies (e.g. pathways and investment plans)
Input	Nat comms every 4 years	National reports every 2 years	NAPs, NAPAs	National reports every 2 years SCF biennial assessments
Assessment Process	Additional Assessment Existing verification process	Assessment by Expert Panel Post-2020 review and verification	Assessment by Adaptation Committee Or /and independent expert panel	Assessment by SCF Or/and independent expert panel
Outcome		Country submits final for inscription, in a list to be kept by the Secretariat	Consideration by the MOP and then publicly recorded	Consideration by the MOP Inform the GCF and GEF replenishment and next round

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