



# **NAMAs (Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions) as a Tool for Low Carbon Societies and Sustainable Development**

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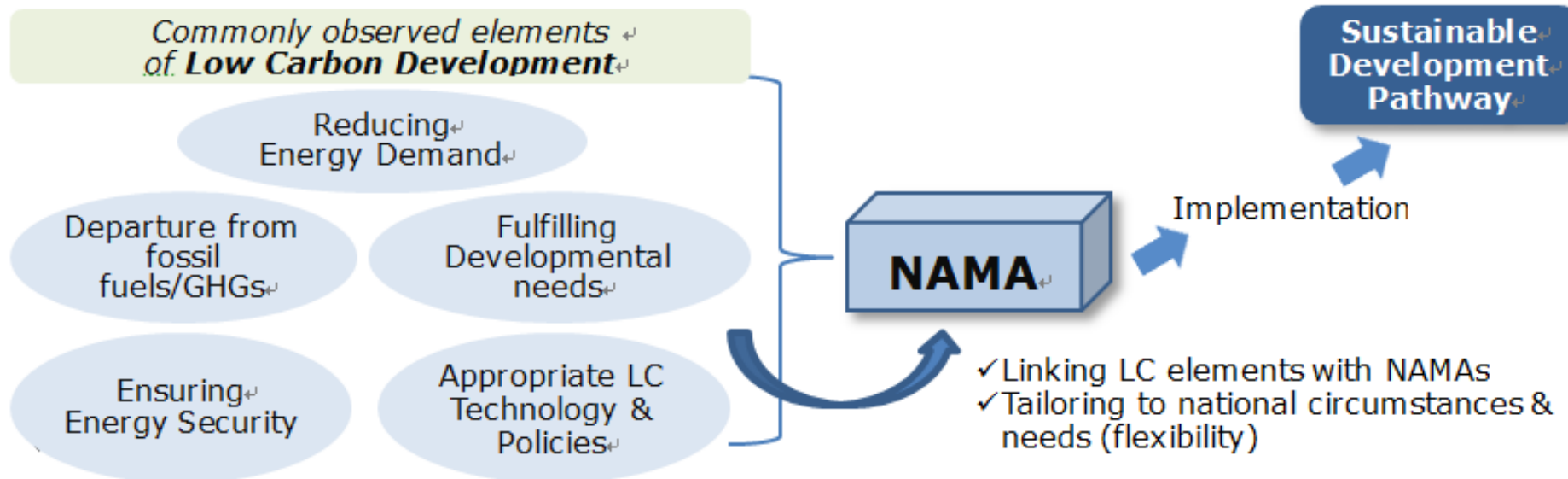
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- Low carbon development serves as an integral part of sustainable development, while its emphasis on energy and departure from fossil fuel utilization distinguishes the low carbon development concept from more general sustainable development paths.
- NAMAs as a policy tool to linking them



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- Low carbon development could provide various leapfrogging opportunities.
  - LDCs: Opportunity to take the late comer's advantage, thereby avoiding the carbon lock-in associated with conventional modernization and urbanization
  - Middle-income countries: Opportunity to escape from the “middle income trap” by transforming resource-intensive economy to more efficient and competitive one
- These opportunities are recognized by developing countries.
  - Thailand: low carbon economy as part of the national development strategy under the 11th National Economic and Social Development Plan 2011-2016,.
  - Vietnam: low carbon development as key strategy under the Socio-Economic Development Strategy 2011-2020

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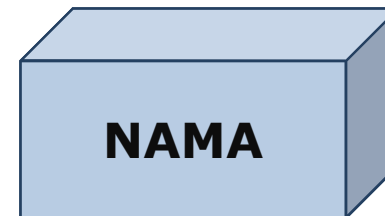
- Two approaches to realizing such opportunities and national vision

## 1. Approach 1

- Putting NAMAs in a long-term horizon toward sustainable, low carbon development
- Embedded in national developmental priorities

### *Design Approach 1*

- ✓ Framing NAMAs in longer-term vision, goals



## 2. Approach 2

- Putting NAMAs in short-term vision and goals
- linkages with existing policies and measures put in place

### *Design Approach 2*

- ✓ Framing NAMAs in short-term vision, goals

# Reflecting Developing Countries' Priorities: Diversity and Sectoral Comprehensiveness

Category 1	Category 2	Category 3		Category 4			
Enabling Conditions <sup>1</sup>	Projects-level Activities	Sector/policy-level Activities		Economy-wide Targets			
Afghanistan Georgia Tajikistan	Ethiopia Jordan Mongolia Morocco The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Algeria	Eritrea	Intensity targets (GDP)	Absolute targets		
		Argentina	Gabon		Base Year	BAU	Carbon Neutrality <sup>2</sup>
		Armenia	Ghana	China	Antigua	Brazil	Bhutan
		Benin	Madagascar	India	Barbuda (1990)	Chile	Costa Rica
		Botswana	Mauritania		Marshall Islands (2009)	Indonesia	Maldives
		Cambodia	Mauritius		Republic of Moldova (1990)	Israel	
		Cameroon	Peru			Mexico	
		Central African Republic	San Marino			Papua New Guinea	
		Chad	Sierra Leone			Republic of Korea	
		Colombia	Togo			Singapore	
		Congo	Tunisia			South Africa	
		Côte d'Ivoire					

Note: <sup>1</sup> Category I includes such mitigation related actions as preparation of Initial National Communications (INC), GHG Inventories, identification of BAU emission path, and identification of NAMAs itself, among others.

<sup>2</sup> Carbon neutrality refers to achieving zero net GHG emissions by balancing total anthropogenic GHG emissions and total amount of carbon sequestrations, emission reductions, and offsets.

Source: Fukuda and Tamura (2010)

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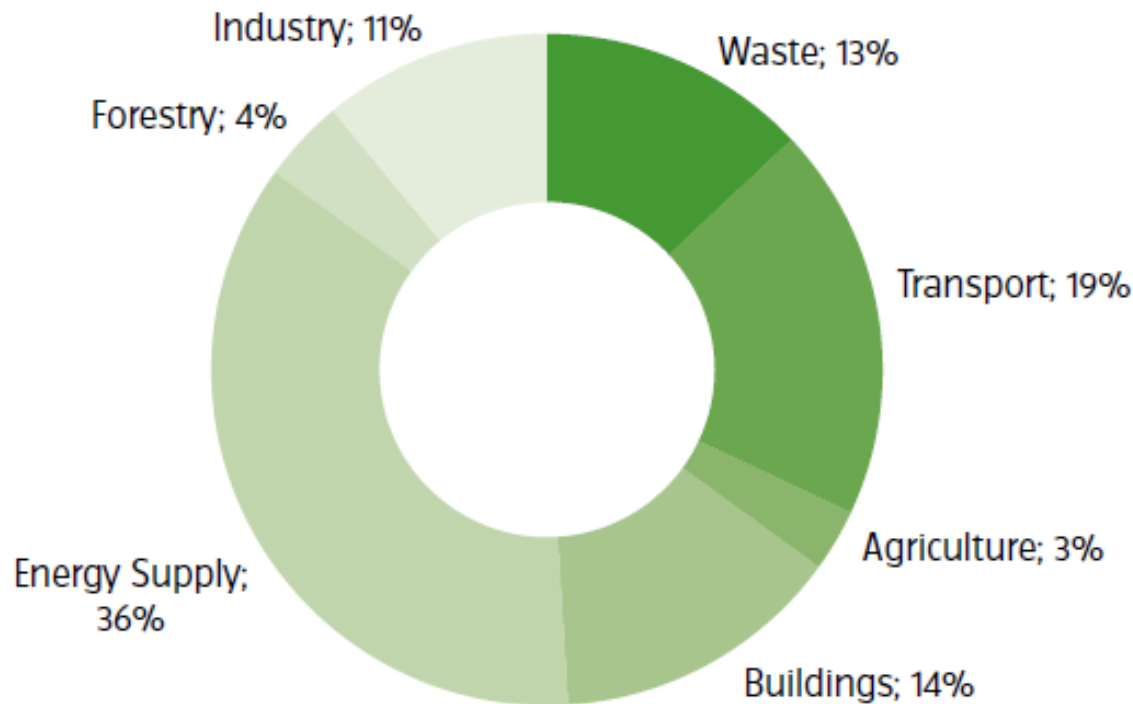
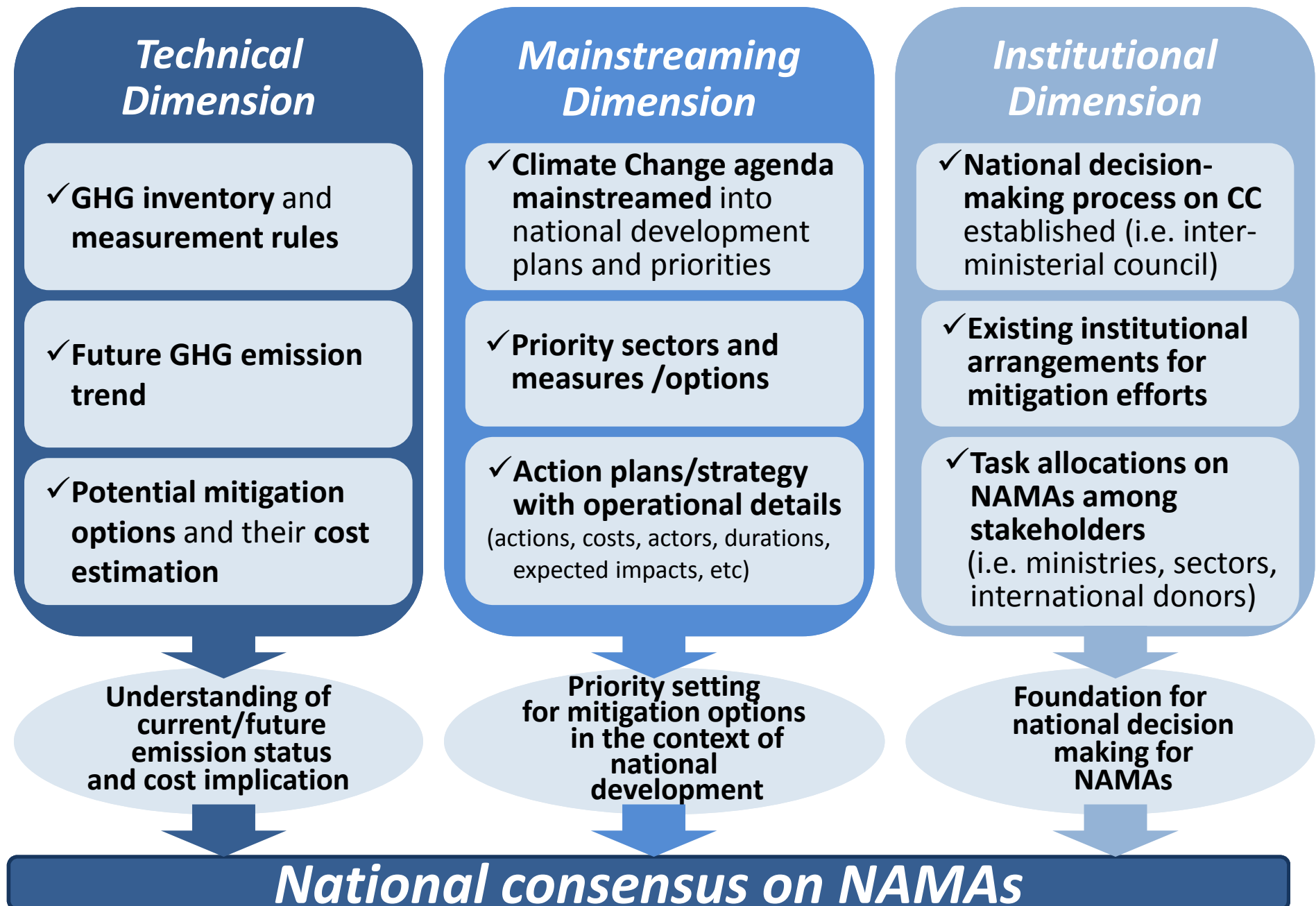


Figure 3: Sectoral distribution of NAMAs

Source: Status Report on NAMAs (2013)

- Unlike the CDM, significant coverage of transport and buildings sectors
- Like the CDM, limited coverage of forestry  
→ To harness NAMAs, CDM and REDD+ in a complementary manner to capture and realize broader mitigation potentials and needs at scale

# Essential Elements of Formulating a NAMA: Three Dimensions



# The Way Forward

- If designed well, NAMAs could serve as an effective tipping point for transforming countries towards low carbon development, which is an essential component of sustainable development.
- While the flexibility attached to country interpretation of NAMAs allows developing countries to tailor to and incorporate different national circumstances, however, it also poses a risk of poor design if not planned well.
- Strategic thinking is therefore highly recommended over how to best seize such opportunities. Linking upstream national vision/target to on-the-ground activities can be one of approaches for NAMAs formulation.



# Conclusions and Recommendations (3)

## For international donors

- **More attention to human resources development:** More consideration should be given to how best domestic know-how can be accumulated in recipient countries
- **Facilitating mutual learning within the region:** Each country's effort to formulate NAMAs can provide good lessons from which neighboring countries could learn.
- **Ensuring coordination and complementary relationship among various NAMA-related support:** More effort to support coordination should be made. It is also important to consider how each NAMA-related support can fit into national grand design toward low carbon development

Thank you very much!