

# **Experiences, Good Practices, Lessons Learned, Gaps and Needs in the Process to Formulate and Implement NAPs**

***Break Out Group 1  
Governance Structures, Policies,  
Regulations & Legislation***

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# NAB

## National Advisory Board on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction



# What is the NAB?

- **NAB stands for National Advisory Board on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction**
- **The NAB is a committee made up of government and non-government members.**
- **Its primary purpose is to:**
  - “Act as Vanuatu’s supreme policy making and advisory body for all disaster risk reduction and climate change programs, projects, initiatives and activities”.



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# Why do we have a NAB?

- Prior to mid-2012, there were two government bodies undertaking climate change and disaster risk reduction work: the National Advisory Committee on Climate Change (NACCC) and the National Task Force on Disaster Risk Reduction (NTF).
- There were many areas of overlap in climate change adaptation work and disaster risk reduction work.
- For reasons of efficiency, coordination, best use of resources, and stronger governance and direction, it was agreed by VMGD and NDMO that a merged body should be formed.

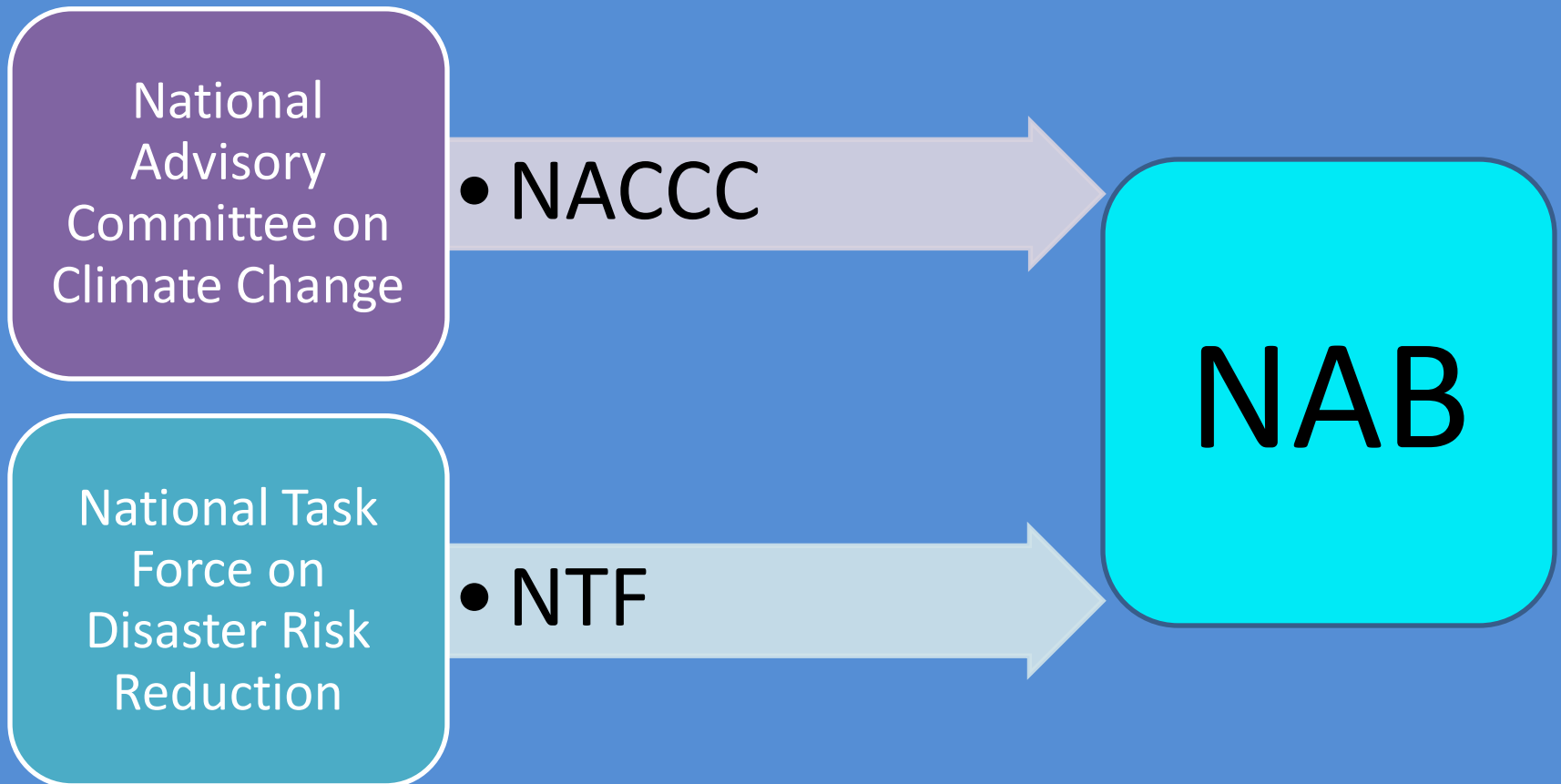


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# Where does the NAB fit?

BEFORE: 2 Parliamentary Bodies



# Who is on the NAB?

The NAB is co-chaired by

- the Director General – Ministry of Climate Change
- The Director of NDMO

Members are senior-level representatives from key sectoral government agencies, and NGO representatives.

Members and alternates are nominated by the heads of the Gov & NGO institutions

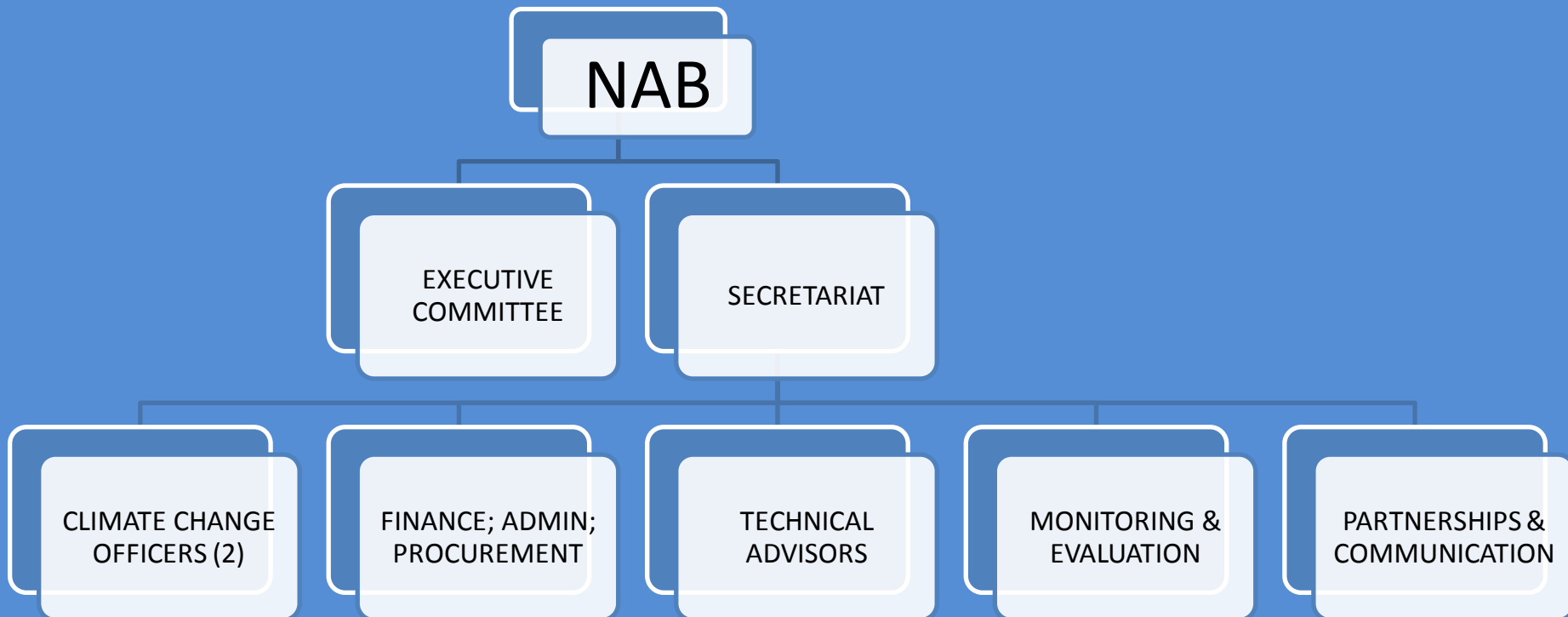
Observers and visitors are welcome to attend NAB meetings on a request/invitation basis.



# How does the NAB work?

- NAB meets monthly.
- The NAB is supported by an Executive Committee, which can meet for urgent decisions.
- The NAB is also supported by the NAB-PMU (NAB Project Management Unit) which is the Secretariat of the NAB.
- The PMU prepares information for NAB decision, and then implements the decisions of the NAB.
- The PMU actions the coordination, endorsement, and advice functions of the NAB.

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# NAB-PMU key roles

There are three key areas of focus:

- **Strategic Governance and Policy**
  - Including implementation of national obligations, development of positions for international summits, identification of priorities, and development of a national policy on CC and DRR
- **Technical Advice, Project Monitoring and Coordination**
  - Including providing technical advice to government departments and NGOs, starting a ‘project endorsement process’ and ‘information materials endorsement process’ and working to support standardized approaches.



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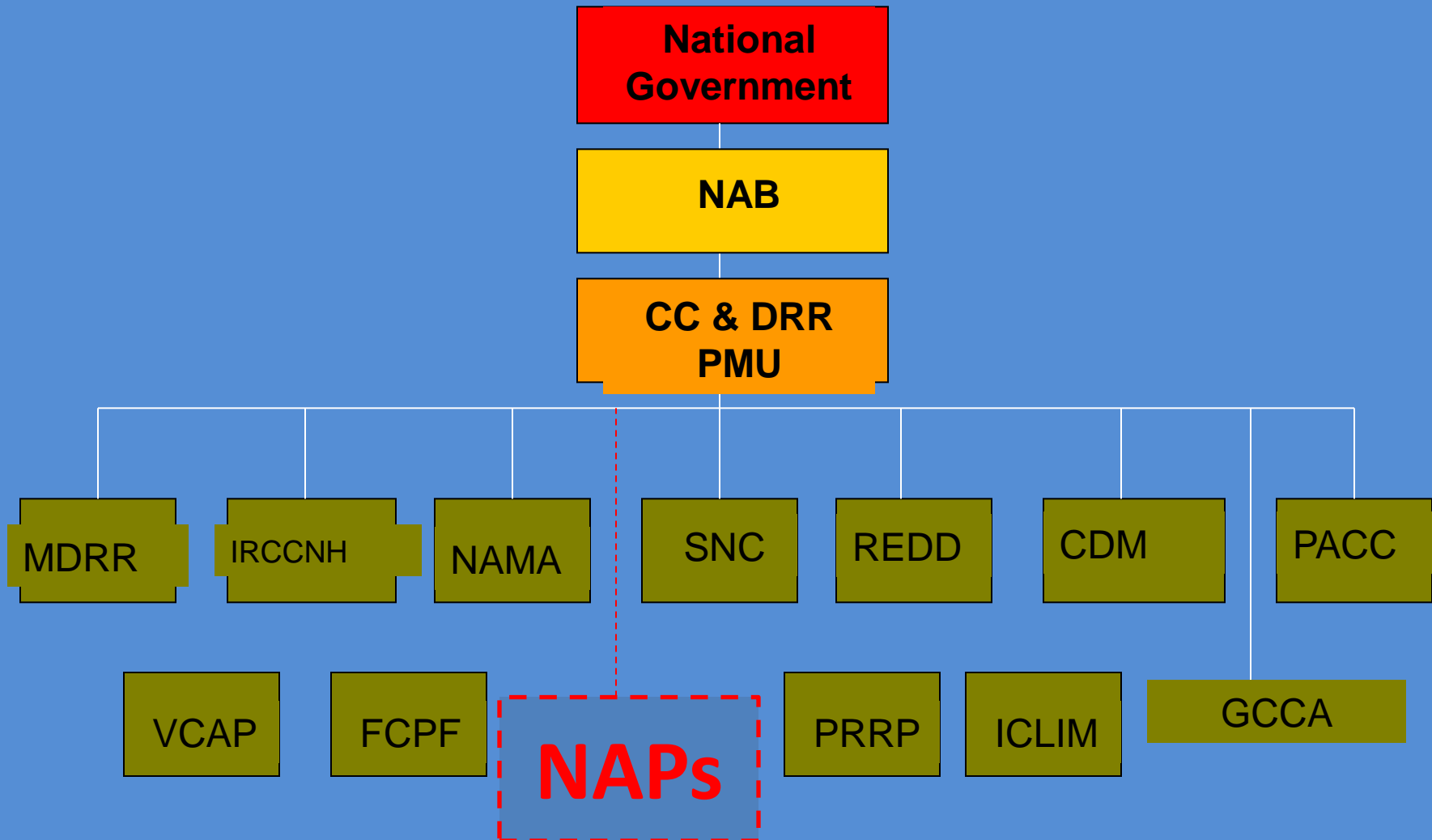
- **Project Management – Governance, Financing, Procurement & Administration**
  - Including Secretariat duties for the NAB, acting as the coordination point for CC and DRR matters, investigating funding mechanisms for Vanuatu, providing support and advice on procurement for CC/DRR, and implementing projects...



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# Institutional Arrangement



# Policy Development

- National CC&DRR Policy being finalized
- Articulate Vanuatu's vision, principles, strategic goal, priorities and strategies for climate change and disaster risk reduction;
- Provide the framework for mainstreaming climate change and disaster risk reduction into sustainable development processes;
- Improve coordination and planning of programs, projects and funding across Ministries, Departments, development partners, civil society organizations (CSOs) and the private sector;
- Ensure stakeholders including donors, CSOs, industry sectors and communities understand Vanuatu's policy direction;
- Strengthen governance and financial systems to access additional funds, enabling more equitable sharing in resourcing relative to Vanuatu's high level of vulnerability; and
- Facilitate accountability through monitoring, evaluation and reporting.

# Legislative Reform

- **New Meteorological, Geological Hazards and Climate Change Act to:**
  - Formally recognize the integration of the climate change and geo-hazards responsibility under the new VMGD
  - legislate for the NAB
- **Amend the National Disaster Act**
  - To formally recognize NAB responsibility for governance of DRR
  - To be consistent with the Meteorological, Geological Hazards and Climate Change Act
- **Amend other relevant legislation to ensure that DRM and climate change are appropriately integrated for example, sectoral legislation for agriculture, tourism, infrastructure etc.**

