



Kenya's Institutional Arrangements for Effective NDC Implementation

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Introduction

- Climate change impacts all sectors of the Kenyan economy
- Kenya's NDC covers all sectors of the economy
- Climate change impacts are not gender neutral
- Kenyan law requires both climate change and gender mainstreaming in the functions and operations of all Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) of both national and devolved (county) governments
- Sectors have specific thematic mandates (thematic professionals)
 - ✓ Have neither Climate Change nor Gender expertise (core duties)
 - ✓ Required to mainstream CC or gender



Key Institutions



Climate Change

- Climate Change Council
 - *(Policy Oversight)*
- Climate Change Directorate
 - *(Operational coordination of CC activities)*
- Climate Change Units (in MDAs)
 - *Mainstream CC in sectoral mandate functions*

Gender

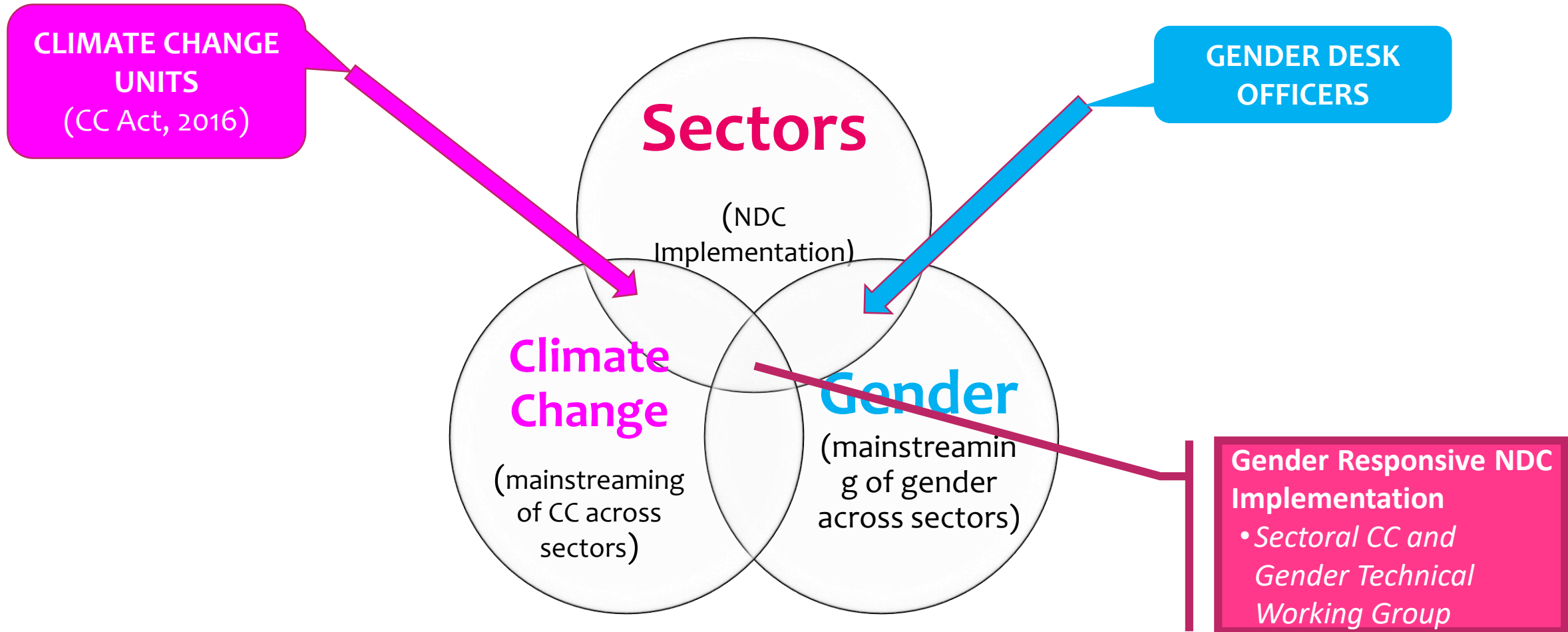
- National Gender and Equality Commission
 - *(Policy oversight)*
- Department in charge of Gender issues
 - *(Policy, operational coordination of gender activities)*
- Sectoral Gender Desk Officers (in MDAs)
 - *Mainstream Gender issues in sectoral mandate functions*

NDC Implementation is done by MDAs

- ✓ *Need for capacity in MDAs on Climate Change*
- ✓ *Need for capacity in MDAs on gender issues for NDCs to be gender responsive*



Institutional climate change and gender mix





Experiences



- Engendering of 3 thematic sectors in NDC (Agric, Energy and Water)
- Multidisciplinary and multi-institutional TWG (State and Non state actors) – Govt, CSOs, Academia, Private Sector
- Knowledge exchange across sectoral professionals, gender experts, and climate change experts (mutual multidisciplinary capacity building)
 - Fusion of ideas on how to overcome common barriers (practitioners vs activists)
 - Engendering is more about **HOW** (transformative approaches, activities) and not just **WHAT** (policies, laws)
- More effective implementation can be achieved working together



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