

FRAMEWORK FOR MEASURING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN NAMAs

OBJECTIVE

The sustainable development (SD) framework for Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs) aims to evaluate the SD impacts of mitigation policies and actions at any stage of NAMA implementation (ex-ante and/or ex-post).

BACKGROUND

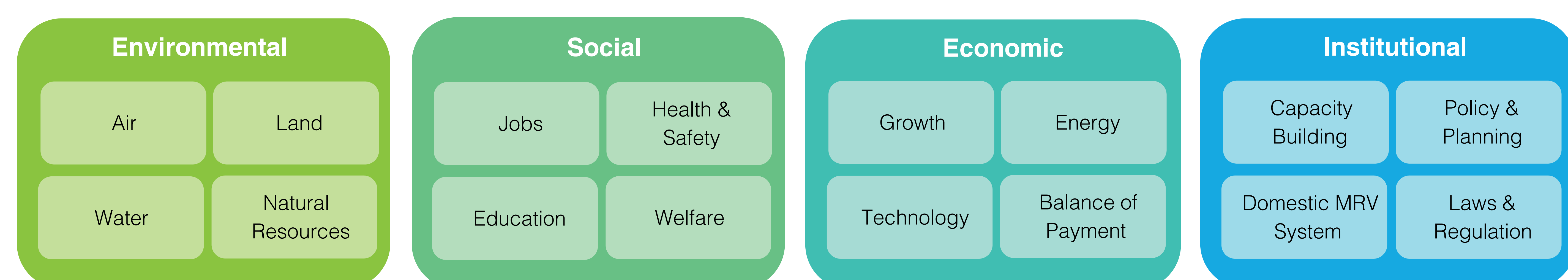
The NAMA SD Framework is a timely contribution with two historic international agreements expected to be concluded in 2015: the UN post-2015 development agenda, encompassing 17 global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and a new agreement on climate change under the auspices of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

The framework is developed by the UNEP DTU Partnership (UDP) in collaboration with the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) supported

by the UNFCCC Secretariat and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in the context of the NAMA Partnership working group on sustainable development.

Methodologically the framework is based on a literature review, a stakeholder survey, interviews and consultations with NAMA practitioners. The usefulness of SD and climate change tools and approaches are analysed in meeting the needs and expectations of NAMA practitioners to inform the design of the NAMA SD Framework.

NAMA SD Taxonomy



The NAMA SD Framework

Steps	Element	Description
A: Ex-Ante Assessment	1. SD criteria & indicators	Identify and describe SD impacts - using the CDM SD taxonomy with one new dimension
	2. Transformational change	Indicators of the processes of change for a paradigm shift to low carbon and sustainable development
	3. Quantification & Monetization	Units of measurement to track SD impacts towards SD goals are identified and methods to estimate their monetary value are applied
B: Procedural steps	4. Alignment with SD goals	SD impact analysis and contribution to SD goals at global, national, and other relevant levels
	5. Stakeholder Participation	Guidelines for stakeholder involvement throughout NAMA design
	6. No-Harm Safeguards	Compliance with no-harm safeguards to avoid or mitigate negative impacts
C: Ex-post Assessment	7. Monitoring & Reporting	Develop a monitoring plan; How are indicators monitored, by whom, how often? Describe quality assurance procedures. Report the monitoring data to relevant stakeholders at regular intervals.
	8. Verification	Independent review of methods and data shall be provided when needed to ensure SD impacts are credible and transparent
	9. Certification	Public, private or civil society players may want to define standards for certification of units of GHG reductions with SD impacts

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