



Climate change and French NSDS

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**Integrating Climate Change into National Sustainable
Development Strategies**

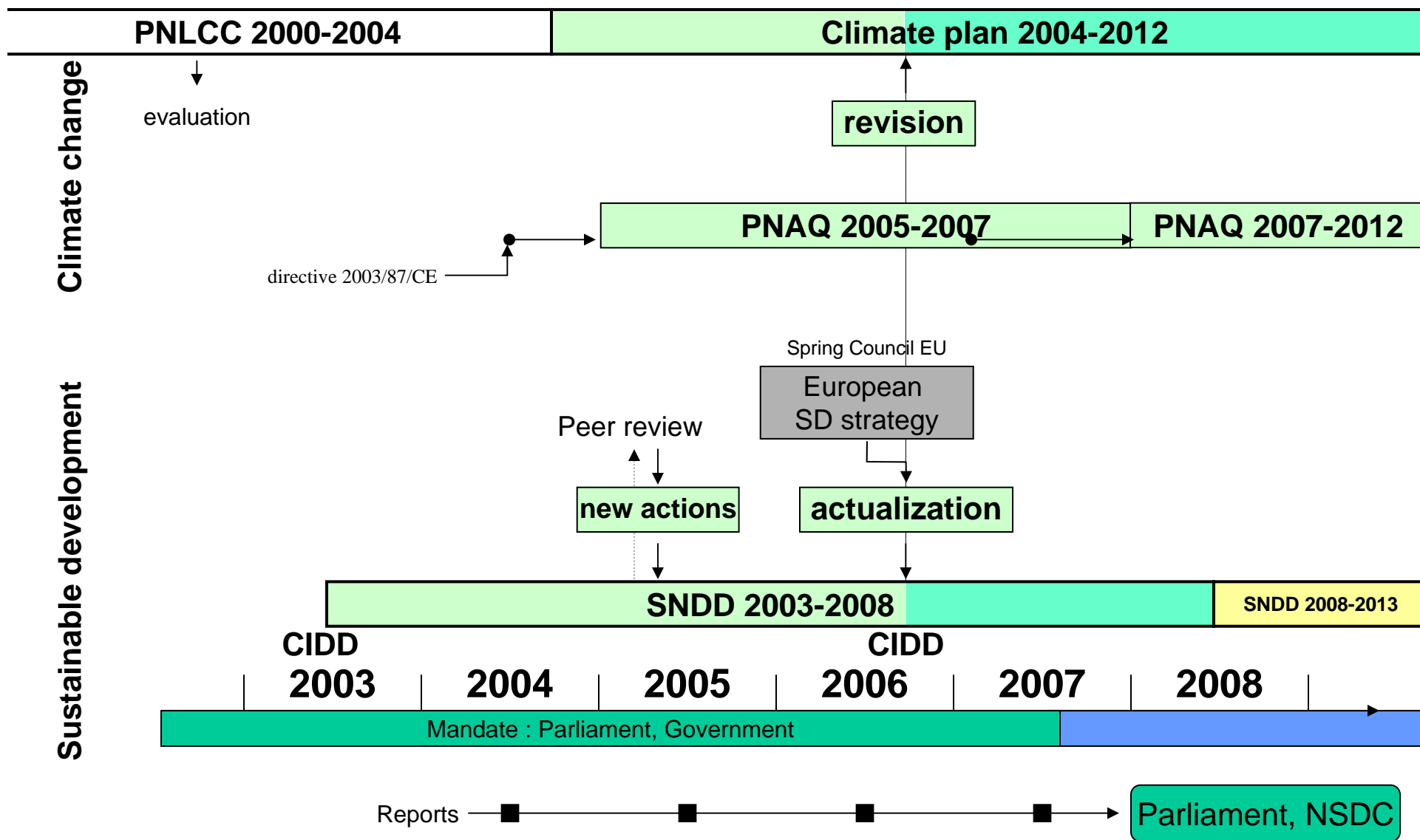
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France : processus 2002-2007



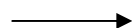


Europe & France SDS: content

7 key challenges SEED SNDD

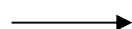
European strategy for sustainable development
national strategy for sustainable development

Place of climate change



Climate Change and clean energy

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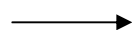
Sustainable Transport

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Sustainable consumption and production

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Conservation and management of natural resources

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Public Health

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Social inclusion, demography and migration

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Global poverty and sustainable development challenges

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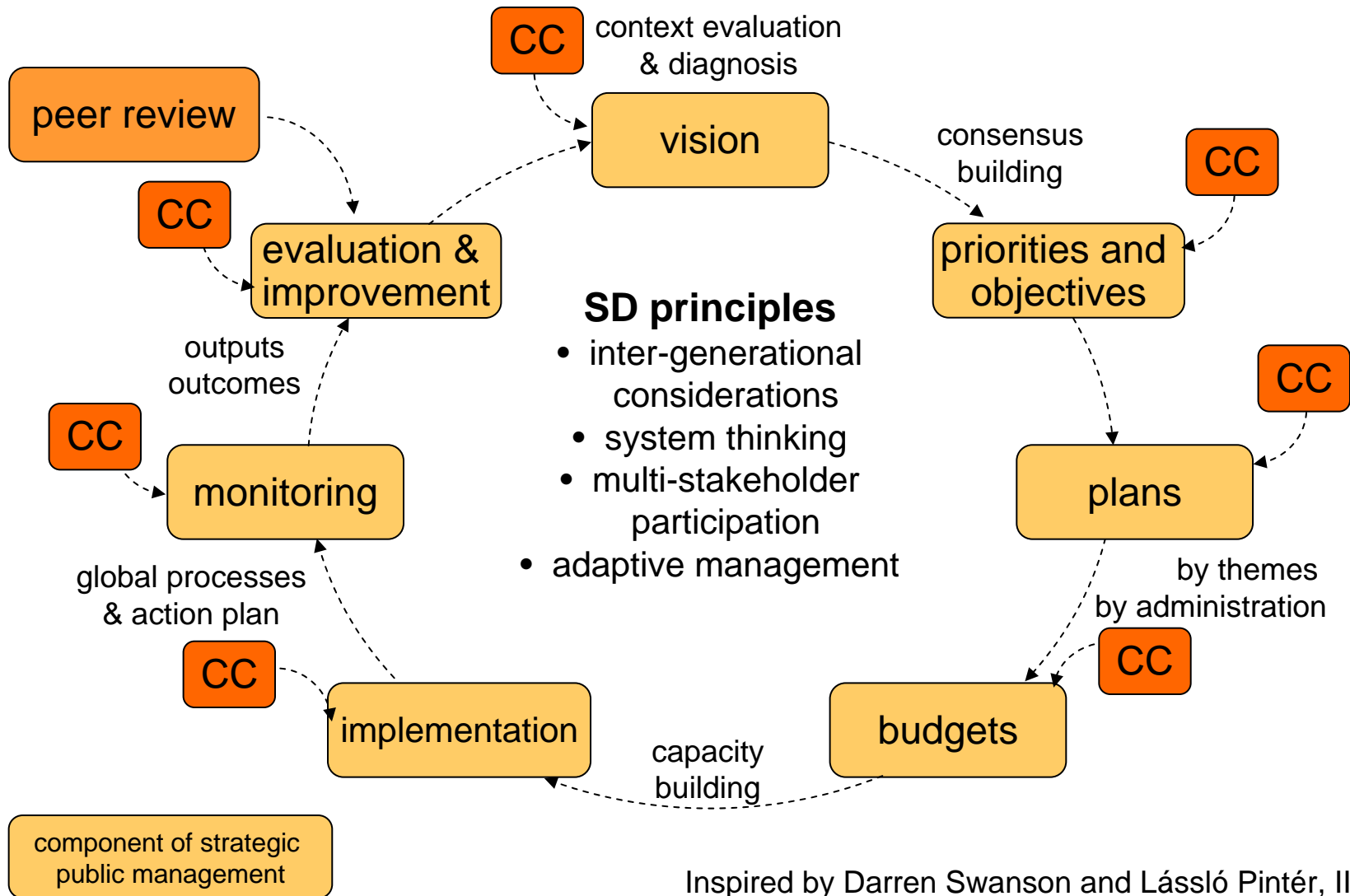


Why NSDS and CC coherence ?

- NSDS as: “a coordinated, participatory and iterative process of thoughts and action to achieve economic, environmental and social objectives in a balanced and integrated manner at the national and local levels”
 - Guidance in Preparing a National Sustainable Development Strategy: Managing Sustainable Development in the New Millennium, Background Paper, International Forum on NSDS, Accra, Ghana, 7-9 November 2001, n°13, DESA/DSD/PC2/BP13. United Nation, New York
- **Major processes** : sustainable development, climate change, poverty reduction strategies... should integrate CC
 - **Coherence** : minimize adverse policies, avoid decision contrary to the CC policy, identify and mobilize the right institutional level (national, local)
 - **Synergy** : between sectoral policies, between political mechanisms (continuous improvement, indicators...)



CC at all stage of NSDS process

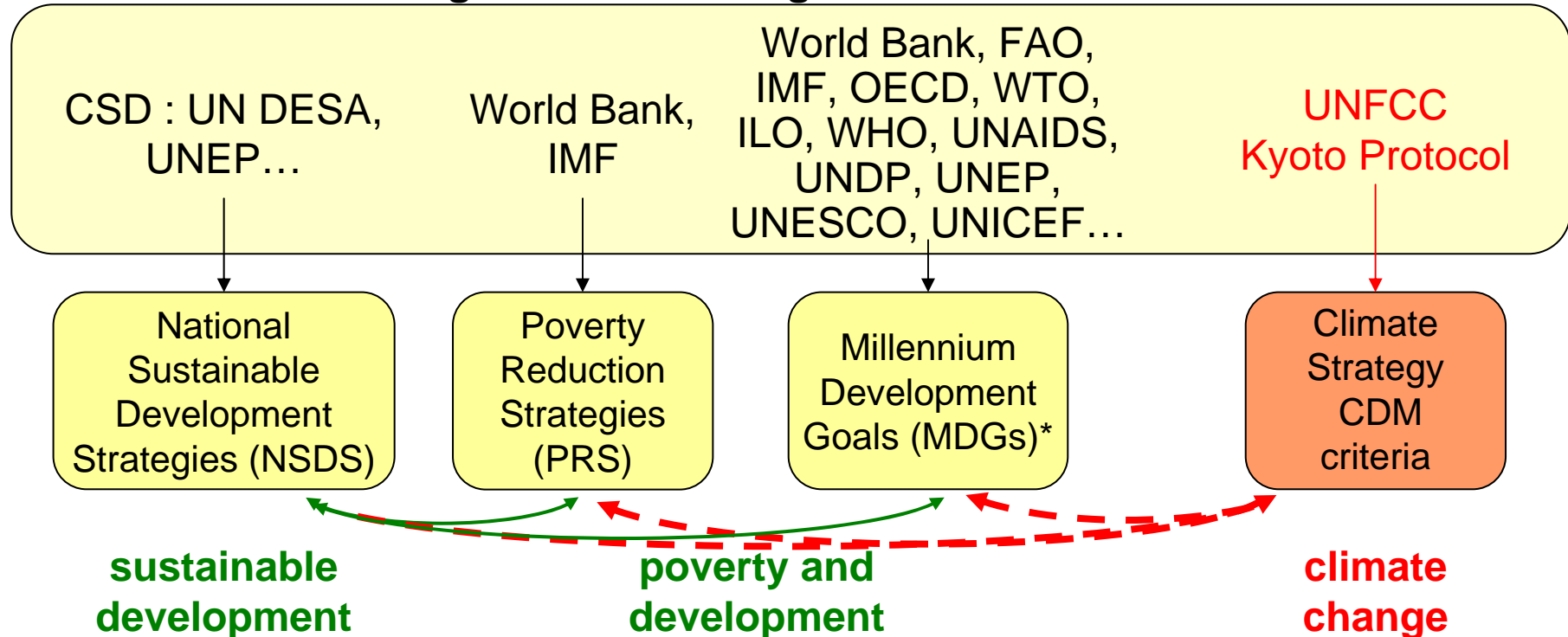


Inspired by Darren Swanson and László Pintér, IISD, in Institutionalising sustainable development, OCDE, 2007



Developing countries : NSDS mainstreaming strategies and climate processes

International : Linking international organisations



National level

- **Linking processes** : political decision (NSDS authority/Designated National Authority DNA), stakeholder involvement (NSDC), administrative implementation and follow up, information and indicators...
- **Linking content** : adaptation and mitigation in all sectoral policies and crosscutting issues.



Difficulties : Asymmetric relationships between climate change and sustainable development

- **Apparent urgency of climate change issues** / heavy and **complex** processes of NSDS or other issue (poverty, natural resources management...)
- **Organized scientific bases of CC (IPCC)** / controversial visions about SD concept, lack of scientific community
- **Public opinion and decision makers have intuitive comprehension of CC / SD processes being complex**
- **Technical content of CC solutions (energy, transportation, technical innovation...)** / political and procedural processes
- **Easy measurement system (CO₂ equivalent)** / complex evaluation (sustainable development indicators)
- **Solutions :**
 - Prove the efficiency of NSDS and local Agenda 21
 - Exchange of practices on NSDS, including peer review and other information sharing mechanism
 - Use of other paradigms : ecosystem services, ecological foot print...