
OPPORTUNITIES FROM THE CLIMATE ACTION LENS FOR AFRICAN LDCs TO BUILD BACK BETTER AND DIFFERENT

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We face three imperatives in addressing the climate crisis:

First, we need to achieve global **carbon neutrality** within the next three decades.

Second, we have to align global **finance** behind the Paris Agreement, the world's blueprint **for climate action**.

Third, we must deliver a breakthrough on **adaptation** to **protect** the world – and especially **the most vulnerable people and countries** – from climate impacts.

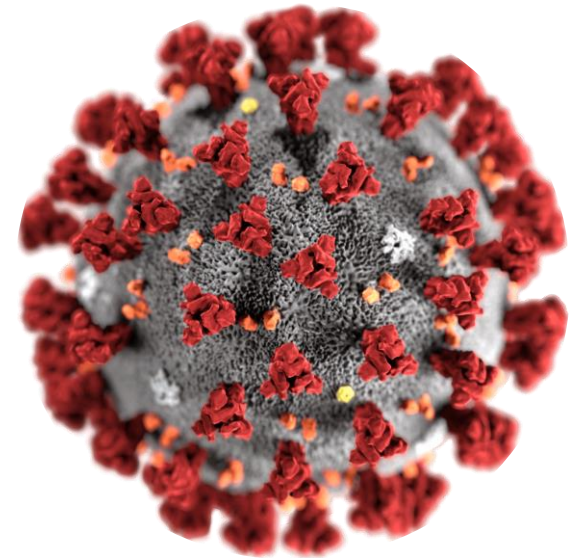
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António Guterres
UN Secretary-General

- **Africa's GDP is expected to decrease by 2% to 12% with increasing global temperatures of 1 - 4°C.**
- **The worsening of climate impacts that are projected to shrink incomes in developing countries most which are in Africa, by up to 75% by 2100**



A STRATEGIC APPROACH TO CLIMATE ACTION AS A SOURCE OF PRACTICAL, COMPETITIVE AND ACCESSIBLE SOLUTIONS POST COVID19

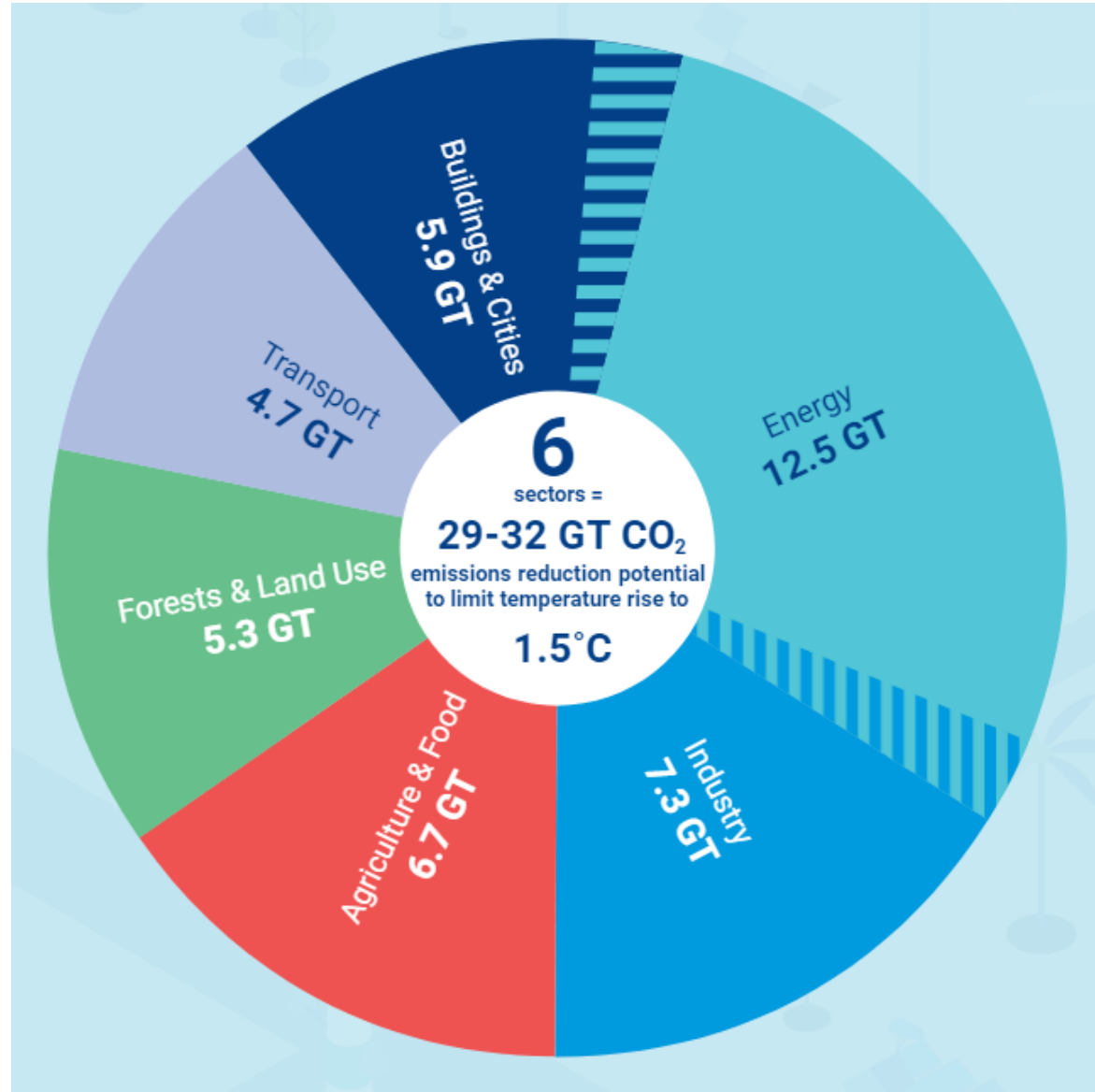


THE 2020 EMISSIONS GAP REPORT

- Supporting zero-emissions technology
- Reducing fossil fuel subsidies, no new coal plants
- Nature-based solutions, incl. restoring landscapes and reforestation



ROADMAP TO A CARBON-FREE FUTURE



THE 2020 UNEP ADAPTATION REPORT BUTTRESSES ON THE NEED FOR A GREEN PANDEMIC RECOVERY APPROACH

- The report analysis notes that by investing in this green pandemic recovery, losses in annual economic growth due to climate change, will be limited to 1.6%. But if we do nothing, these losses will increase to 2.2%.



ACTIONS TO DRIVE THE GREEN PANDEMIC RECOVERY IN AFRICA

- First, recovery efforts need to leverage on one principle enabler of longevity of impact – which is willing people. And specifically, willing actors, in the informal sector which forms over 80% of work in Africa.

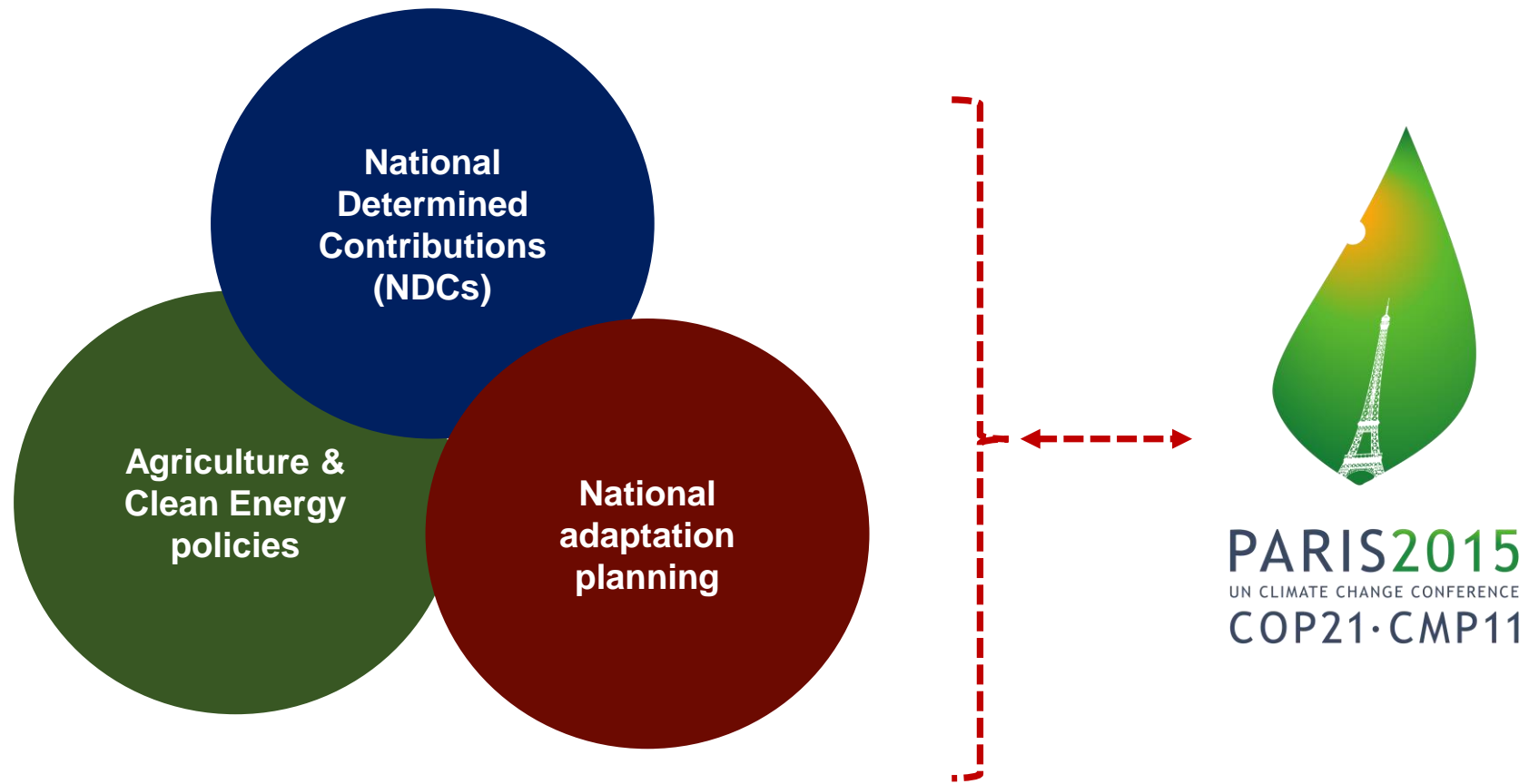


GREEN PANDEMIC RECOVERY PREMISED AS A SOURCE OF SOCIOECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES IN AFRICA

- The green pandemic recovery must be premised as a source of tangible socioeconomic opportunities – food security, income & enterprise opportunities, and expansion of macro-economic growth



LEVERAGE ON ENABLING POLICIES THAT COUNTRIES HAVE PRIORITIZED FOR CLIMATE ACTION



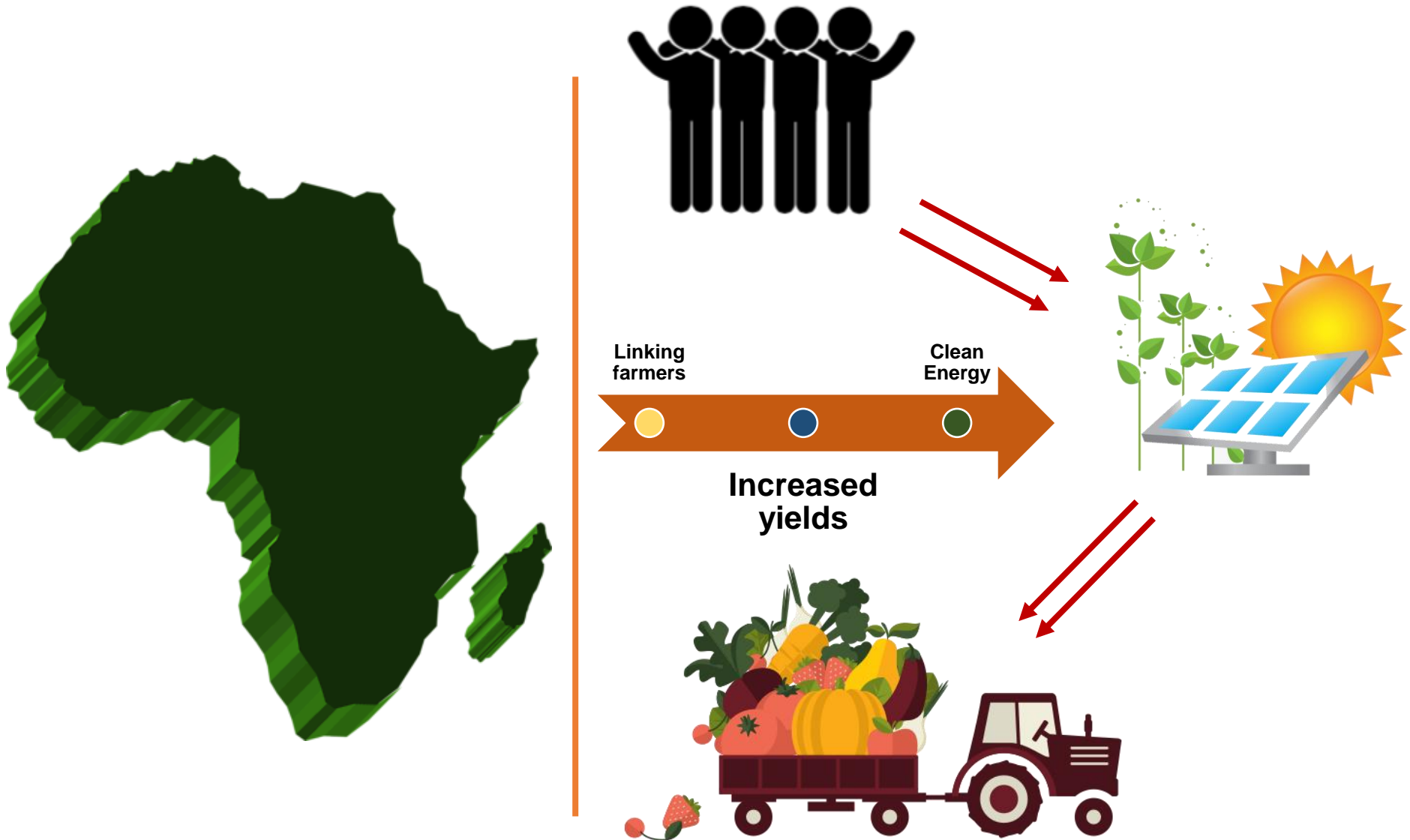
Third, recovery efforts must leverage on enabling policies that countries have already prioritised for their climate actions. Over 90% of countries across Africa have ratified their Paris Climate Change Agreement

LEVERAGE MITIGATION TO POWER ADAPTATION

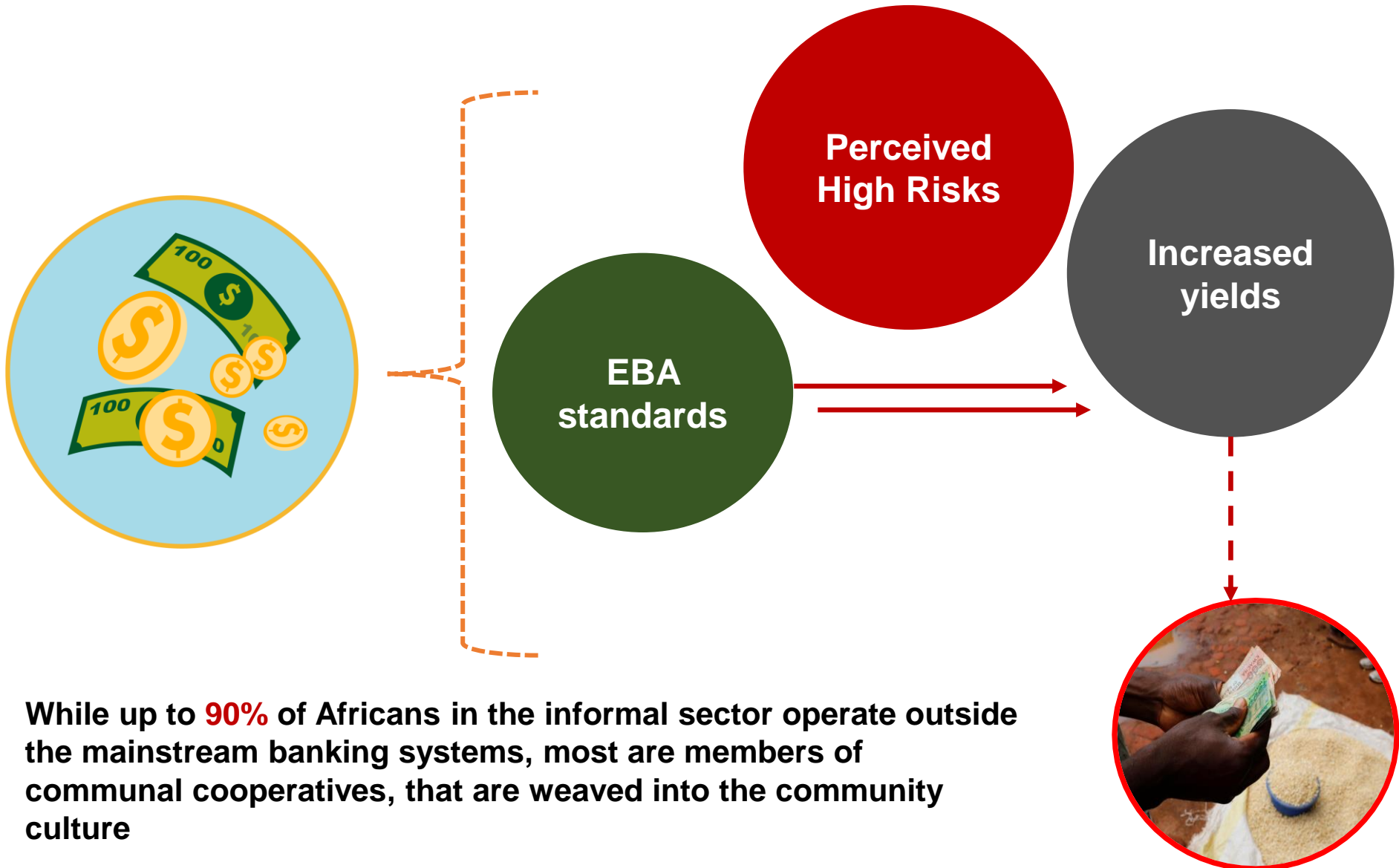


Clean energy, which is a mitigation action, should be prioritised for powering value added actions. It is in adding value that wealth opportunities are created

DECENTRALIZING SOLAR DRIERS TO FARMERS IN THE LOCAL MARKETS TO INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY



AFRICA MUST LEVERAGE FINANCIAL INNOVATIONS





DEVELOP NDCs IMPLEMENTATION INVESTMENT TOOLS

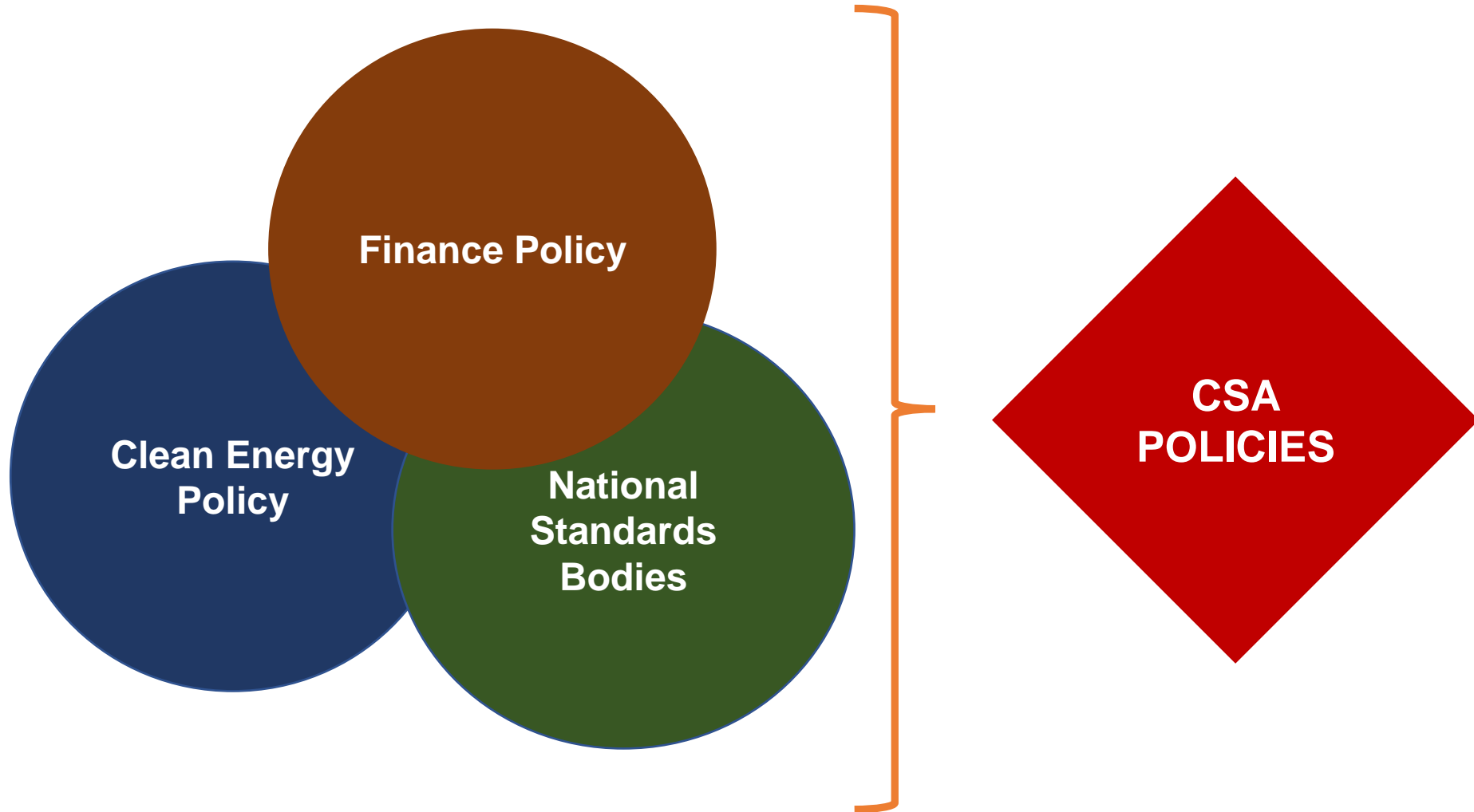
- Integrating communal cooperatives as a critical financial instrument for climate action to ensure informal sector financing instruments can be leveraged to drive the green pandemic recovery

PRIORITIZING HUMAN CAPITAL- YOUTH INVESTMENTS

- Structurally guiding youth to continually improve, refine and adapt their skills, talents, energy, and creativity towards finding purpose in enterprises that upscale a circular/green economy and nature-based solutions.



POLICY INNOVATIONS THAT DIRECTLY RELATE TO EbA

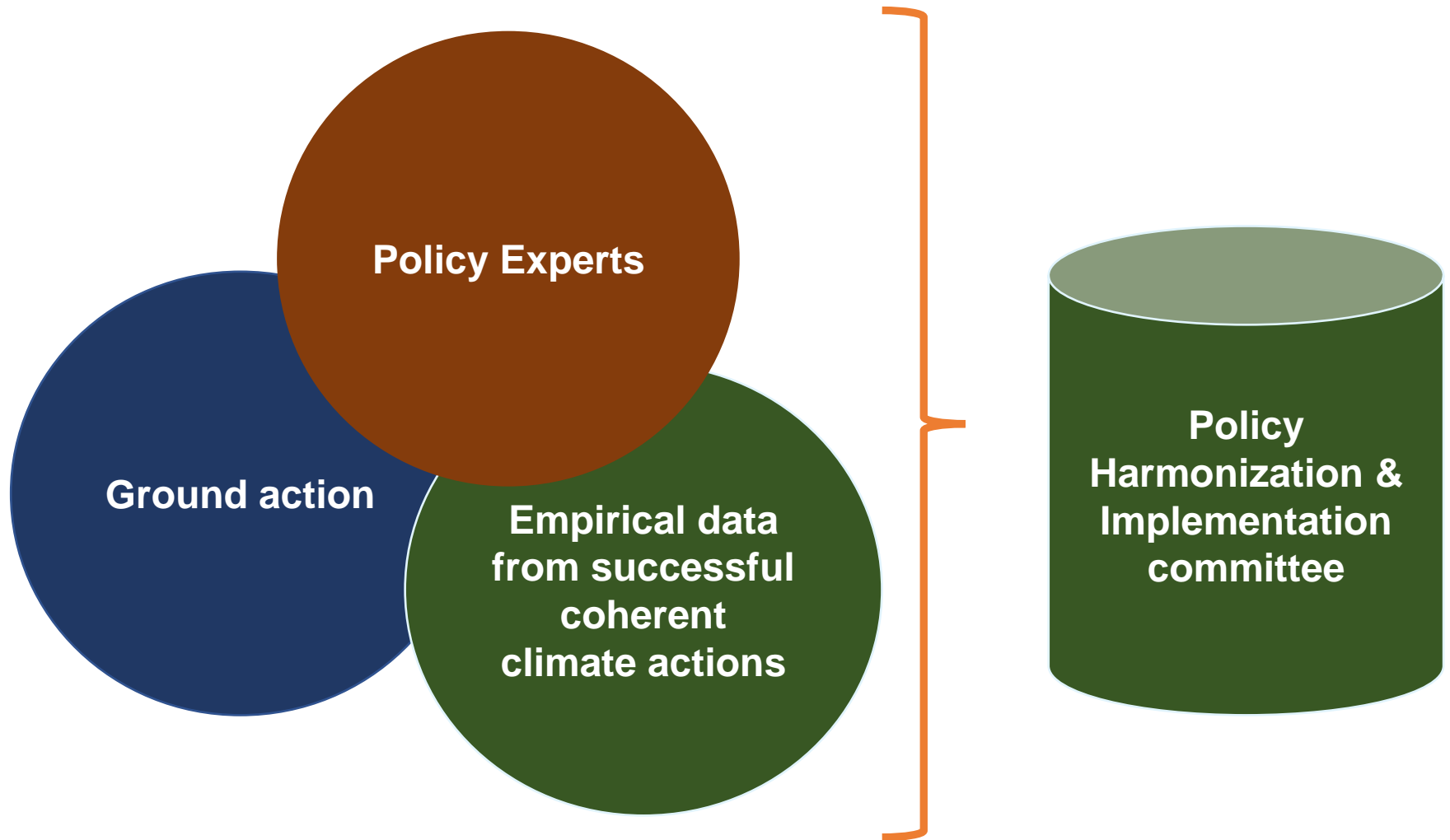




NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS INITIATIVES FOR ADAPTATION



LEVERAGING ON GROUND ENTERPRISE ACTORS



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