



A gender and energy policy? Blueprint now available...

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Blueprint Guide for Developing a Gender and Energy Policy

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Why a policy for gender and energy?

- Energy Access is a basic human right and means to social and economic empowerment
- Gender mainstreaming is necessary for success of other energy policies and initiatives
- Markets and investments operate more efficiently when women are fully integrated
- Women represent enormous untapped potential in the clean energy transition

Who produced the guide?

- Power Africa, via the NREL Clean Energy Solutions Center
- Sustainable Energy Solutions as consultant

Who is the the audience?

- National and regional policy makers
- Development partners and other stakeholders wanting to identify gender entry points

What is included?

- Step-by-step process for producing a policy
- Case study of ECOWAS experience
- Detailed outlines, terms or reference, and more

How should it be used?

- Illustrative process to be adapted to local conditions
- Lessons learned can inform future choices
- Available templates reduce development timelines

Two main phases identified

1. GETTING STARTED

- Choose an institutional home
- Identify and empower the champion(s)
- Create the responsibilities framework
- Gather the financial resources
- Decide on the scope and type of policy
- Select the project activities
- Put out calls for the required expertise

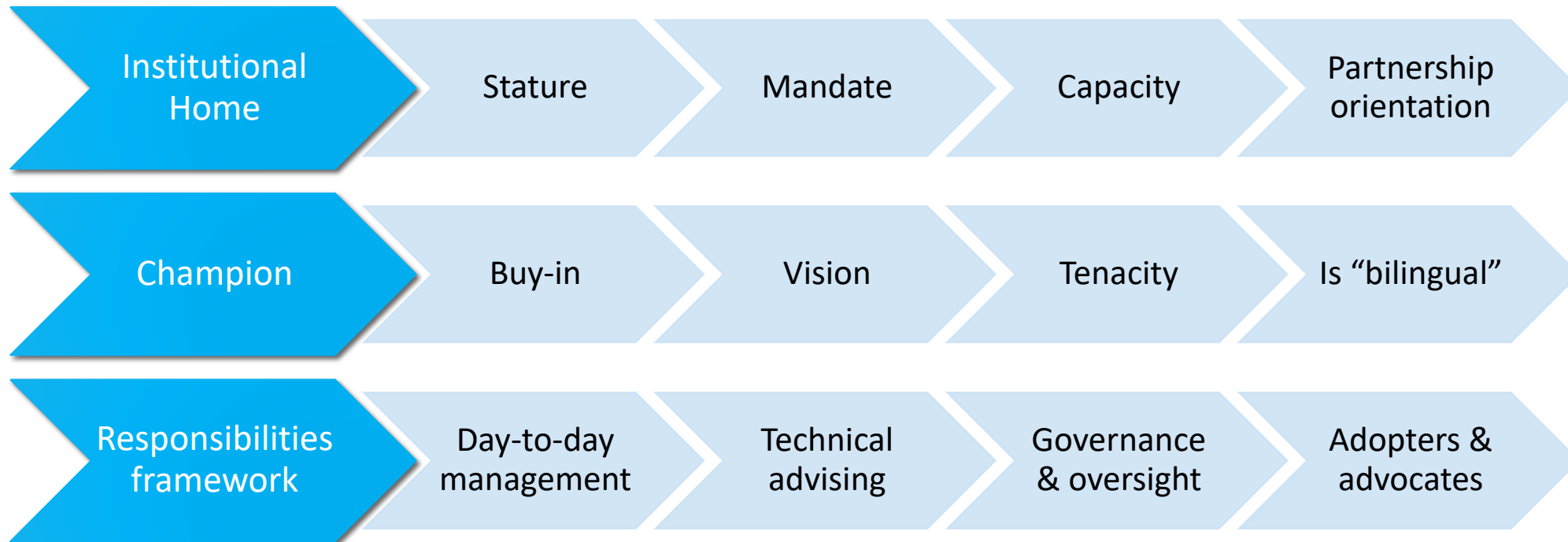
2. DEVELOPING THE POLICY

- Conduct the inception workshop & report
- Produce the situation analysis
- Create a draft policy
- Revise and validate the draft
- Proceed to adoption
- Provide implementation support
 - toolkits, capacity building, monitoring, etc.

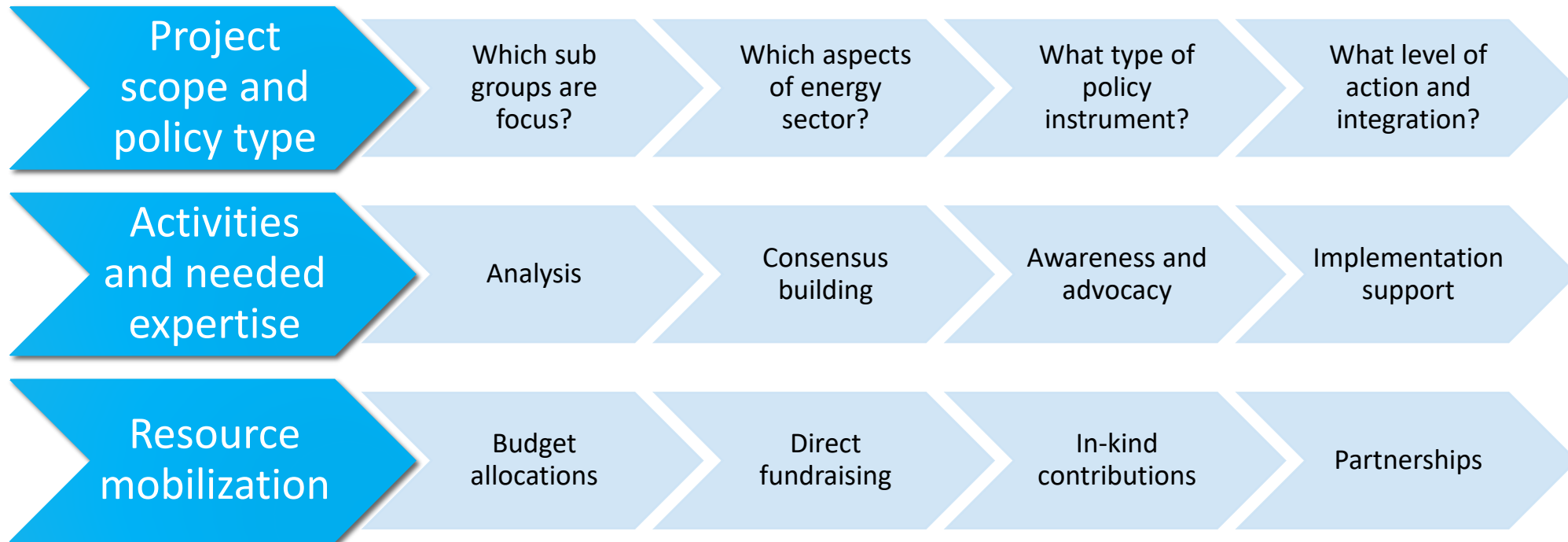
Engage stakeholders
throughout the process

- Meaningful roles
- Public commenting
- Social & traditional media campaigns
- Capacity building
- Partnerships
- Awareness raising
- Transparency
- Workshops
- Translation
- Email updates
- Dialogue

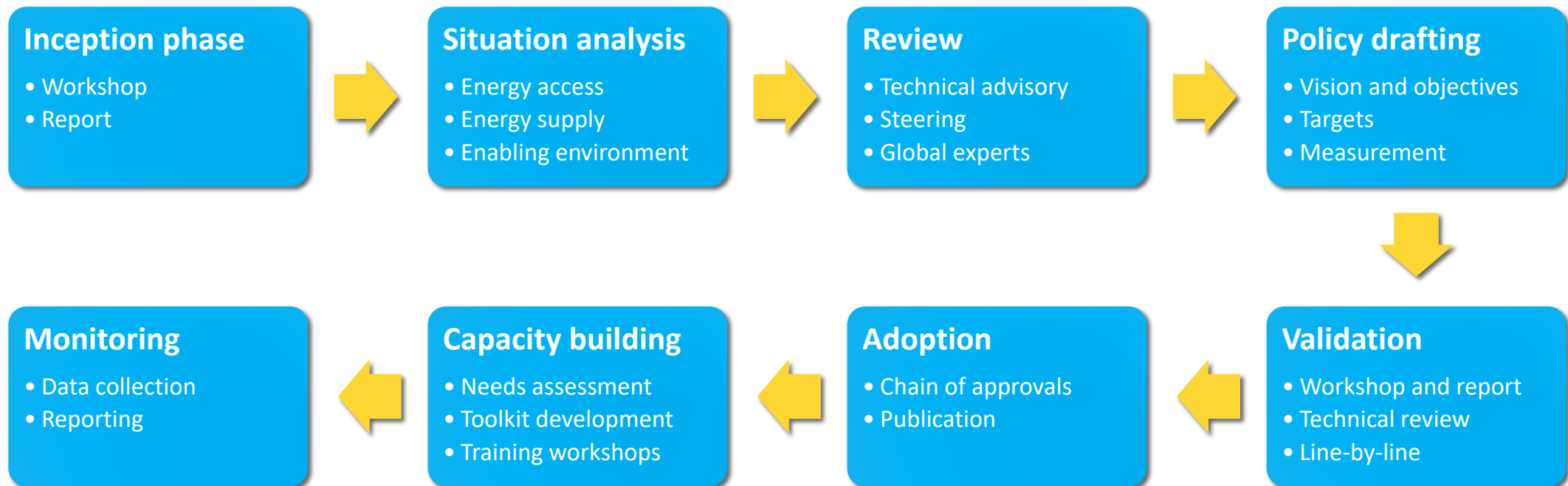
Getting Started: The “Who”



Getting Started: The “What” and “How”



Developing the policy



Challenges and.....possible solutions

Inter-sectoral nature

- Distinct stakeholder groups
- Divergent knowledge bases
- Sector-specific jargon a barrier
- Cross-talk possible

Unrecognized need

- Broad impacts but niche awareness
- Competing priorities on both sides
 - E.g. Energy: connections, profitability
 - E.g. Gender: GBV, maternal health

Weak follow-up & accountability

Secure participation and ownership of both energy and gender officials

Spend time laying the groundwork

- Introduce foreign concepts
- Build relationships
- Present evidence neutrally
- Create trust

Invest early in monitoring protocols tied directly to policy actions

Thank You!

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