



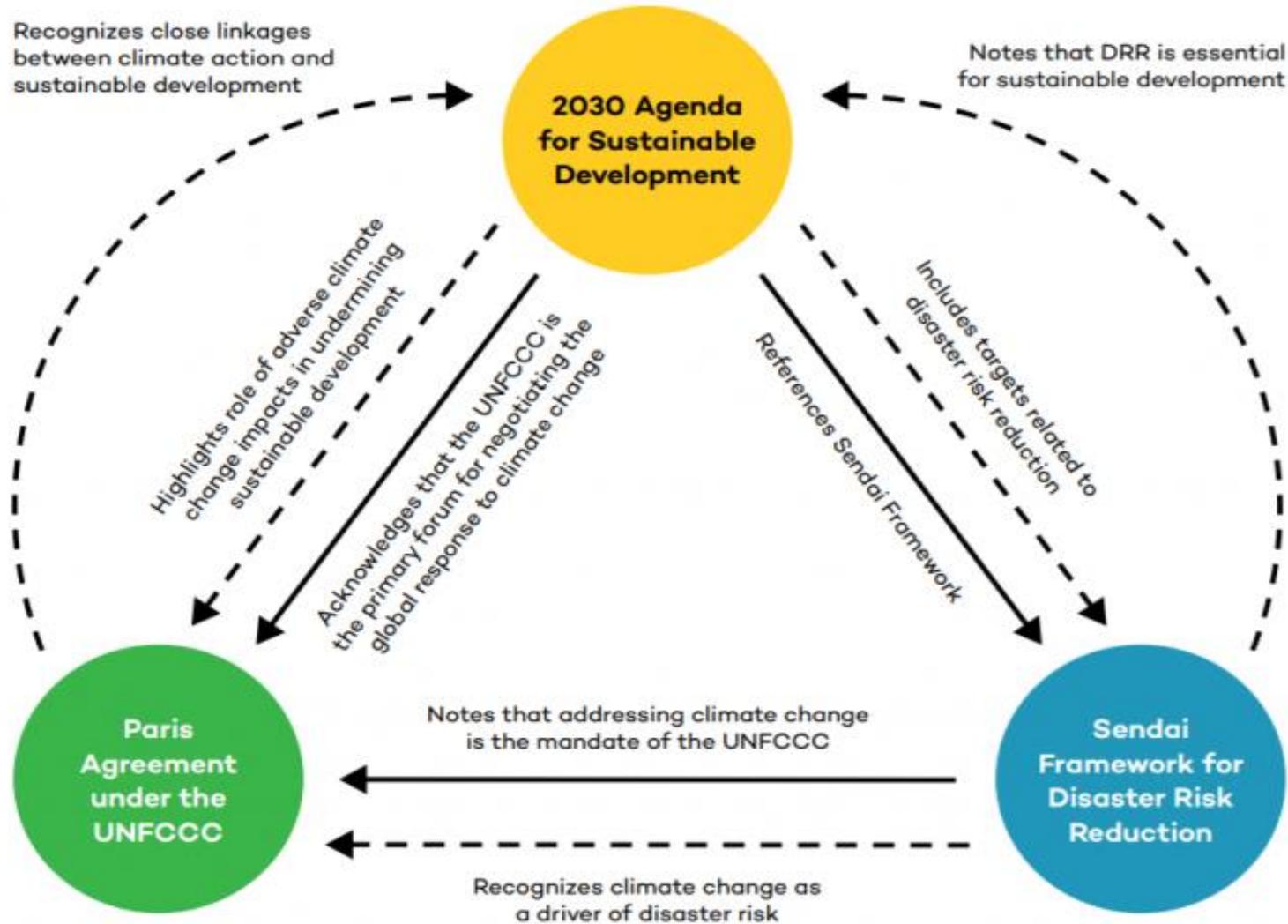
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Connections Among the Global Agendas



Direct references



Thematic linkages



What do we mean by alignment?

Alignment is the **process** of identifying **synergies** among policy processes with **common objectives**, for **improved outcomes**.

Alignment can increase:

- Coherence
- Efficiency
- Effectiveness



Alignment at country level

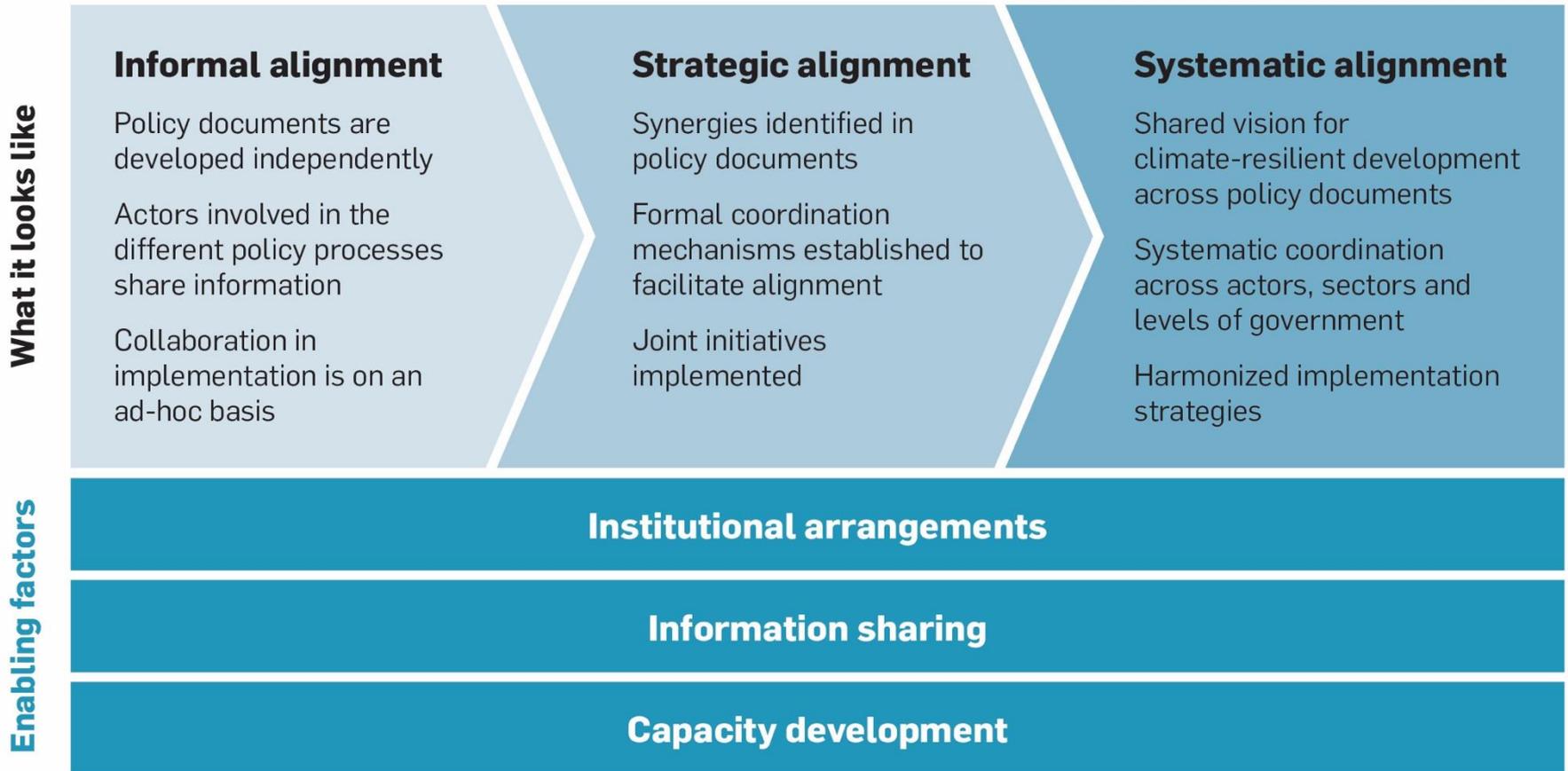
There are a number of national-level policy processes that contribute to these global agendas.

These include:

- Strategies for achieving the SDGs
- National Adaptation Plan (NAP) processes
- Nationally Determined Contributions
- National DRR strategies



Approaches to Alignment



Alignment can occur:

- Across agendas (e.g. aligning NAPs and national DRR strategies)
- Within an agenda (e.g. aligning NAPs and NDCs)



Common approaches across the agendas

- Multi-stakeholder approaches
- Linking national and sub-national planning and action
- Inclusive approaches that recognize vulnerable groups
- Integration of gender considerations
- Ecosystem-based approaches



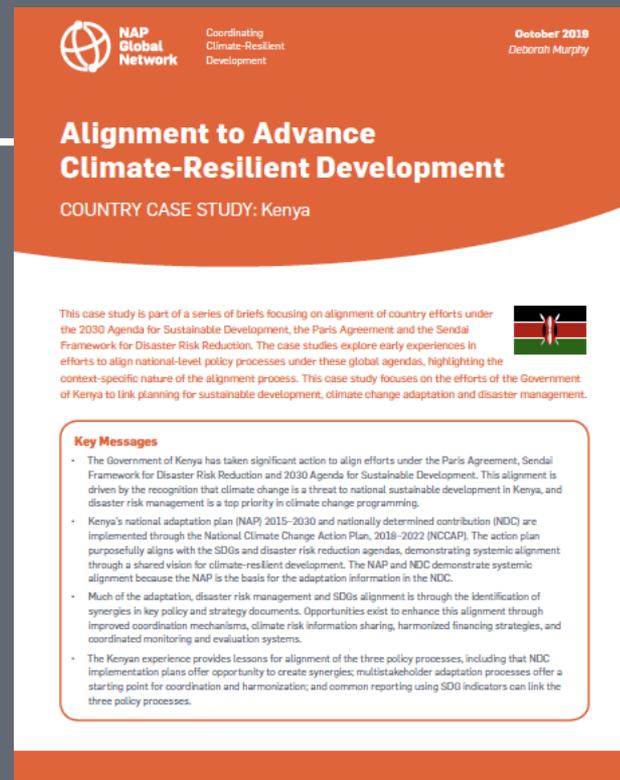
Country Example: Kenya

National Climate Change Action Plan (NCCAP) 2018-2022

- Implementation plan for the NAP and the NDC
- Seven priority areas, including disaster risk management
- Each priority area is linked to the relevant SDG indicators

National Adaptation Coordination Committee

- Responsible for adaptation action under the NAP and NDC
- Includes representatives from the agencies responsible for DRM and SDGs



Country Example: Sri Lanka

Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment

- Responsible for climate change and the SDGs

National Policy and Strategy on Sustainable Development

- Climate change is one of the 17 policy goals
- References NAP and NDC
- DRM integrated in actions under several goals

Updates to NAP and NDC present an opportunity for improved alignment



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COUNTRY CASE STUDY: Sri Lanka

This case study is part of a series of briefs focusing on alignment of country efforts under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Paris Agreement and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. The case studies explore early experiences in efforts to align national-level policy processes under these global agendas, highlighting the context-specific nature of the alignment process. This case study focuses on efforts in Sri Lanka to link planning for sustainable development, climate change adaptation and disaster management.



Key Messages

- Sri Lanka's policy documents are already making the links between sustainable development, climate change and disaster risk reduction.
- The iterative nature of the nationally determined contributions (NDC) and national adaptation plan (NAP) processes creates opportunities to increase alignment—upcoming updates to these policy documents represent a key entry point for better aligning the two processes in Sri Lanka.
- When policy processes are led by the same ministry—in this case, the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment, which is responsible for sustainable development and climate change—the process of alignment is more straightforward.
- There are considerable efficiencies that can be gained through alignment in the establishment of key systems (such as monitoring & evaluation systems) and processes, including sub-national planning processes.

1. Introduction

Alignment of national-level policy processes under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Paris Agreement and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) can help to increase coherence, efficiency and effectiveness in country efforts to achieve climate-resilient development (Dazé, Terton & Maass, 2018). In Sri Lanka, there are clear synergies among the policy processes related



Entry points for initiating alignment

- Development of or updates to policy documents
- Context analysis (e.g. vulnerability assessments, gender analyses)
- Stakeholder engagement
- Meetings of intergovernmental coordination mechanisms
- Development of guidance and tools
- Sub-national planning processes





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