



# The National Climate Change Response Policy – Implementation of Mitigation Elements

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THE NATIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE RESPONSE POLICY





# Presentation Overview

- Background and Introduction
- Objectives
- Approach - Mitigation





## Background & Introduction

- Government's National Climate Change Response Policy was approved on Wednesday **12 October 2011** and was formally published as a White Paper in the Government Gazette on Wednesday **19 October 2011**.
- The White Paper represents the culmination of an iterative and participatory policy development process that was started in **October 2005**.
- The White Paper is the product of a **6-year process** that involved ground-breaking modelling and research activities, two national conferences, numerous workshops and conferences in every province, hundreds of bilateral and key stakeholder engagements, a NEDLAC review and Parliamentary hearings.



# Objectives

- South Africa's climate change mitigation objectives:
  - To make a fair contribution to the global effort to stabilise greenhouse gas (GHG) concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that avoids dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system within a timeframe that enables economic, social and environmental development to proceed in a sustainable manner.





# Mitigation Approach

**The approach to mitigation seeks to achieve a balance:**

- Achievement of SA's development priorities
- The economic and social opportunities presented by the transition to a lower carbon economy
- The country's contribution as a responsible global citizen to the international effort to curb global emissions



# Key elements of mitigation

- Build on what is already on the ground
- Development of desired emission reduction outcomes
- Use of a mix of mitigation policies and measures, including carbon budgeting
- Use of the markets
- Formulation of mitigation plans for sectors and sub-sectors
- Monitoring and evaluation





# Mitigation Approach

RESEARCH, MODELING, BENCHMARKING – THE “FACT BASE”

SETTING THE PERFORMANCE BENCHMARK

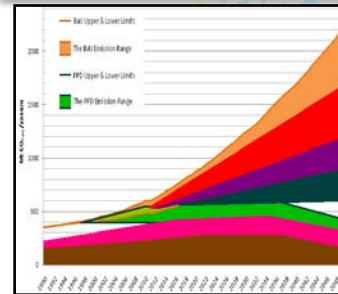
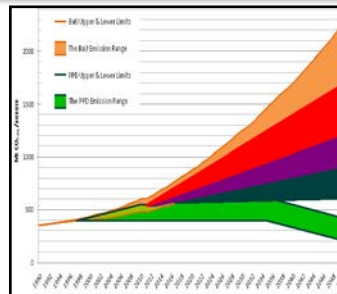
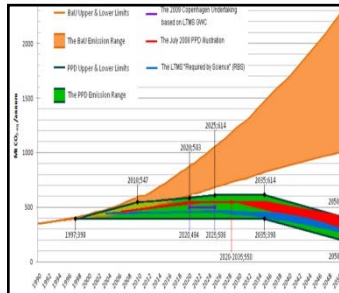
DESIRED SECTORAL MITIGATION CONTRIBUTIONS IDENTIFIED

APPROPRIATE SECTORAL CARBON BUDGETS DEFINED

MITIGATION PLANS

REGULATIONS, AUTHORISATIONS, ETC.

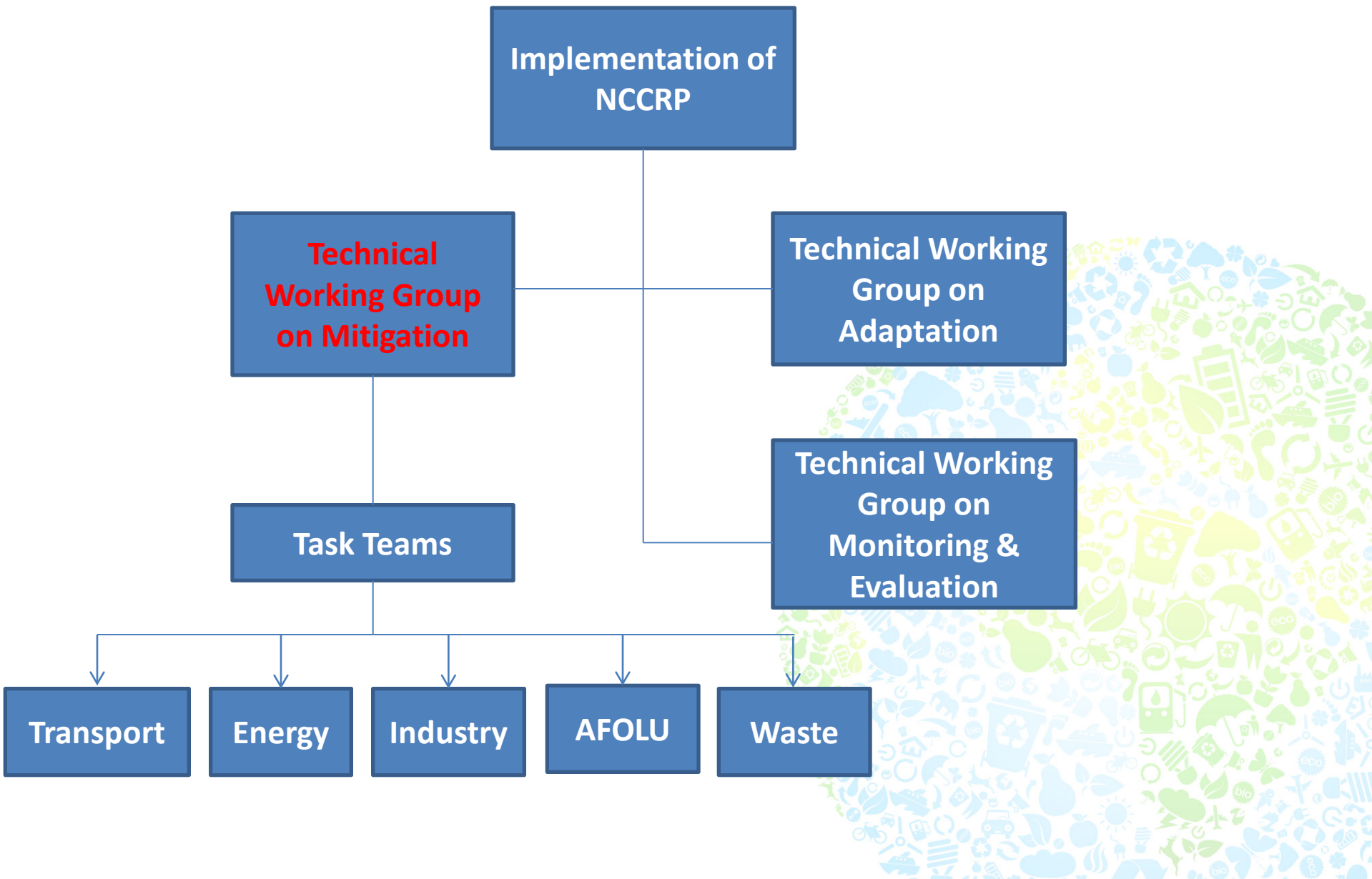
ECONOMIC INSTRUMENTS



MONITORING, EVALUATION, ANALYSIS AND REPORTING



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