

The Near-Term Priority Flagship Programmes

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Guiding Questions

- What is a Near-term Priority Flagship Programme?
- What are the Flagship Programme criteria?
- Why is South Africa undertaking Climate Change Flagship Programmes?
- What is the objective of a Flagship Programme?
- What do Flagships Programmes need to achieve?
- How do we scale-up Flagships Programmes?
- How do we view flagships going forward?



What is a Near-term Priority Flagship Programme?

- Front-runners in the transition to a lower carbon economy and resilient society
- So far, programmes are led by different tiers and spheres of government; Build on existing expertise and insight of key sectors which have extensive experience in implementing climate change relevant policies and measures
- Represent an important aspect of the practical implementation of the National Climate Change Response Policy and National Development Plan
- Understand and track over time the actual climate change impact of these programmes



Why is South Africa Undertaking Climate Change Flagship Programmes?

- Climate change is already a measurable reality and South Africa is especially vulnerable to the impacts of climate change
- The flagship programmes are strategic measures, intended to serve as a rallying point to trigger large scale transition to a lower carbon economy and a resilient South Africa
- They provide the certainty needed to stimulate large-scale investment required for a lower carbon economy
- This places government at the forefront of increasing the use, visibility and recognition of climate change responsive technologies and services, facilitating their rapid diffusion



Overview of the Near-Term Priority Flagship Programmes

1. The Climate Change Response Public Works Flagship Programme
2. The Water Conservation and Demand Management Flagship Programme
3. The Renewable Energy Flagship Programme
4. The Energy Efficiency and Energy Demand Management Flagship Programme
5. The Transport Flagship Programme
6. The Waste Management Flagship Programme
7. The Carbon Capture and Sequestration Flagship Programme
8. The Adaptation Research Flagship Programme



What are the Flagship Programme Criteria?

- Significant potential to mitigate climate change and/or enhance climate resilience
- Ambitious and transformative in design, scale and impact
- Realise significant social, economic and environmental benefits
- Contribute to achieving existing commitments in terms of the national lower carbon growth trajectory and climate resilience
- Utilise, demonstrate and/or test a set of policy interventions, fiscal instruments and modes of implementation
- Inter-linked components, developed and implemented in coordinated way
- Capable of near-term implementation



What is the Objective of a Flagship Programme?

- To describe and quantify the climate change impacts of these programmes, and
- To use this information as a basis for enhancing the impact of the programmes and accelerate further action
- The flagship programmes are expected to facilitate, support and inform co-operative governance with the view to sustain lasting and beneficial impact
- The programmatic approach incorporates and coordinates a set of regulatory instruments, projects and initiatives

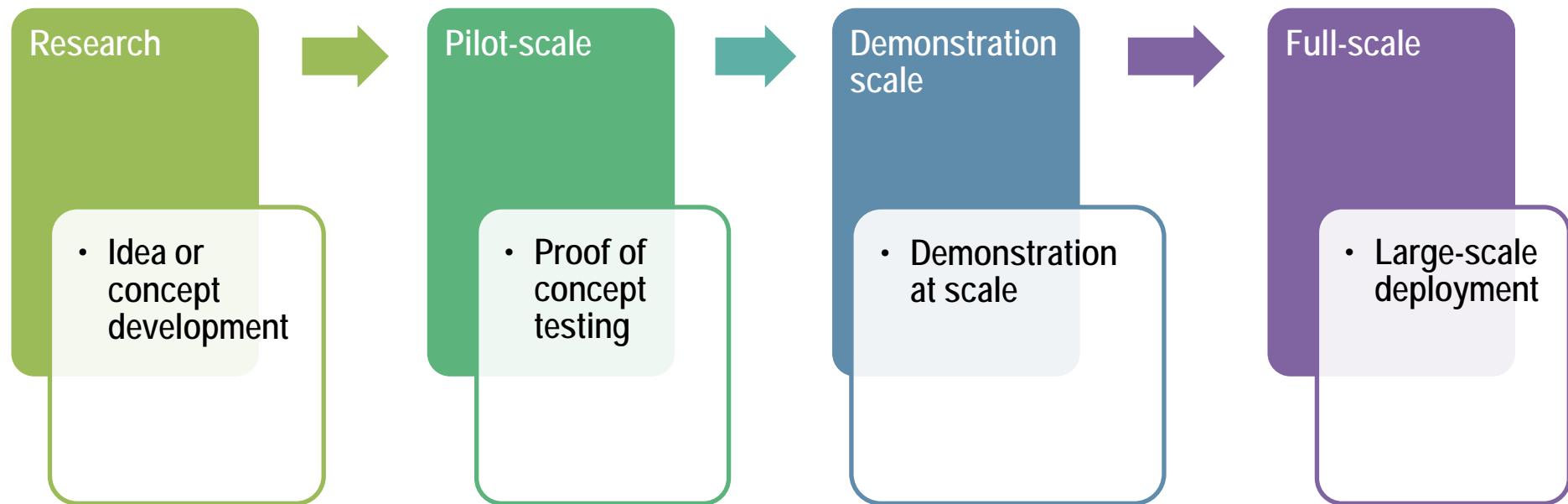


What do Flagships Programmes Need to Achieve?

- Implementation of proven “no-regret policies and measures” in the immediate and near-term
- Scaled-up roll-out of those existing policies and measures, which have successfully completed a demonstration phase
- Continued implementation of existing successful policies and measures with only policy alignment and integration intervention as required
- Understanding of the climate change impact of these policies and measures



How do We Scale-up Flagships Programmes?

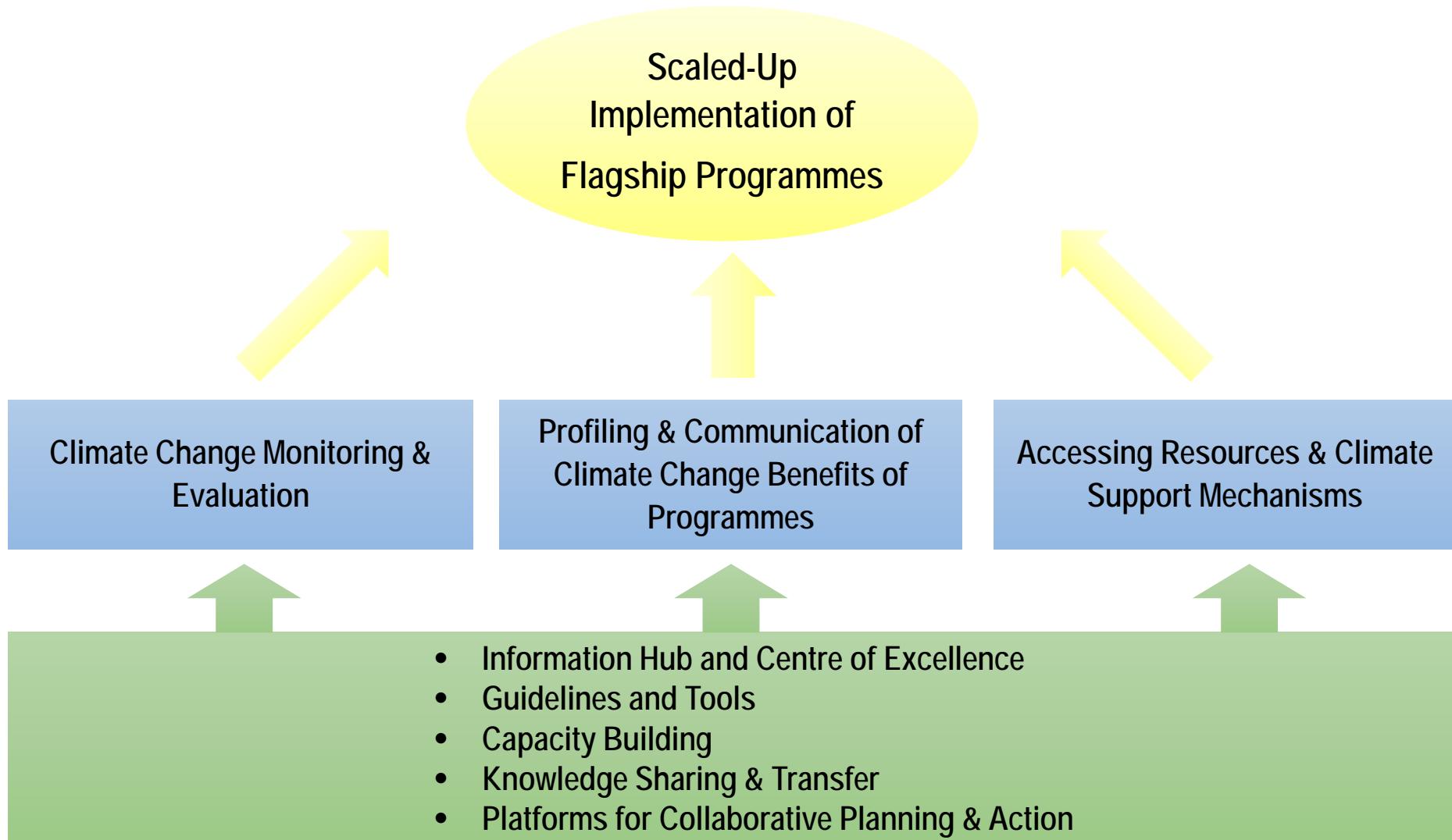


What is Required to Scale-up a Flagship Programme?

- Flagship programme framework
 - A programme for implementation
 - A detailed analysis of mitigation or adaptation outcomes
 - A proposal for realising local sustainable development benefits
 - A well-defined reporting format, with indicators and a proposal to establish an annual reporting process
- Effective governance and programme coordination
- Robust climate change monitoring and evaluation
- Profiling and communication the climate change benefits
- Access to resources and climate support mechanisms



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How do we View Flagships Going Forward?

- For flagship programmes going forward, three key issues must be considered:
 - Leadership of flagships programmes by line departments
 - Monitoring, evaluation and communication of the climate change benefits
 - Implementation of flagship programmes beyond the initial set listed in the NCCRWP and new projects within the existing flagship programmes
- The Flagship Programmes are not intended to be static but signify South Africa's crop of leading climate change response measures
- Flagship programmes are catalysts for additional action in key sectors, at a sufficiently ambitious level, so as to achieve critical mass and economic transformation





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