

Strengthening Capacity for Climate Change Adaptation in Sri Lanka

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Introduction

- **Technical Assistance, financed by Asian Development Bank (\$700,000) and GoSL (\$175,000)**
- **Administered by ADB's regional climate change specialist based in ADB -India**
- **Implementing agency is Ministry of Environment –Climate Change Secretariat**
- **Consultancy team- international and national experts**
- **Expected completion: November 2010**

Key Components

Develop a Climate Change Adaptation Strategy

- Pipeline of priority investments focused on adaptation
- In line with the Government's national development agenda

Convene a Partners Forum

- Forum to communicate the climate change adaptation strategy and pursue financing options with international development partners.

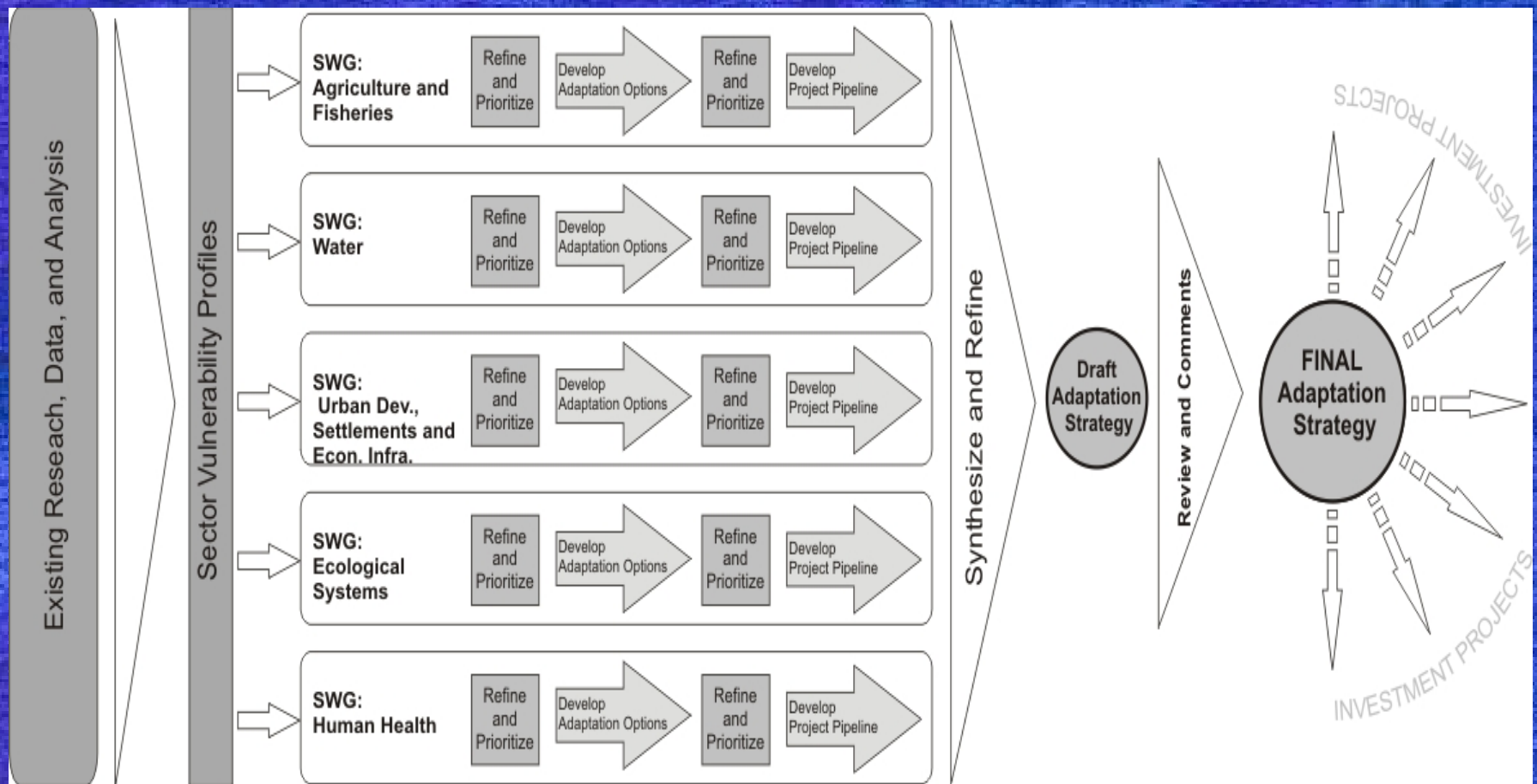
Key Components-cont.

- Formulate a Public Information and Awareness Strategy
 - Increase understanding of the issues and possible responses at national, local and community levels
- Strengthen Capacity

Key Steps in the Adaptation Strategy Development Process

- **Develop Sector Vulnerability Profiles**
 - Synthesize current research/knowledge base
 - Examine how vulnerabilities may affect the current national development planning agenda
- **Identify and prioritize strategic investments for climate change adaptation**
- **Mobilize people/institutions**
- **Initiate process to mobilize significant investments**

The Planning Process



SVPs being developed for:

- Water
- Agriculture & Fisheries
- Urban development, human settlements and economic infrastructure
- Human health
- Ecological systems

First three drafts available online:

<http://www.climatechange.lk/adaptation>

Some challenges....

- Availability of data- data may be available but unwillingness or inability to access/share data among agencies
- Level of understanding- among sectors differs- some sectors take it seriously- others not
- Lack of urgency/priority on CC from top level – few individuals

Challenges cont....

- Lack of sufficient staff at CC secretariat
- Climate fatigue- too much talk and little action
- Need for effective collaboration-several players involved
- Focus on short term- unwillingness to look long term
- **NEED FOR CHAMPIONS AND STRONG POLITICAL WILL**

Thank you