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Preparing a Plan to Drive Climate Action Through the Budget

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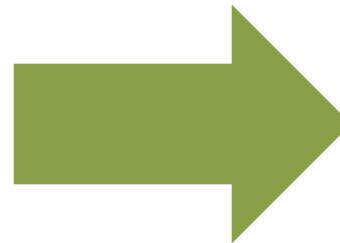
Climate challenges are diverse.....but there are common obstacles and opportunities

Obstacles

Obstacle One: climate action is unlikely to be the top policy priority.

Obstacle Two: consensus on what climate action is required is necessary before technical tools are likely to have impact.

Obstacle Three: the PFM system and budget cycle often fails to deliver policy objectives



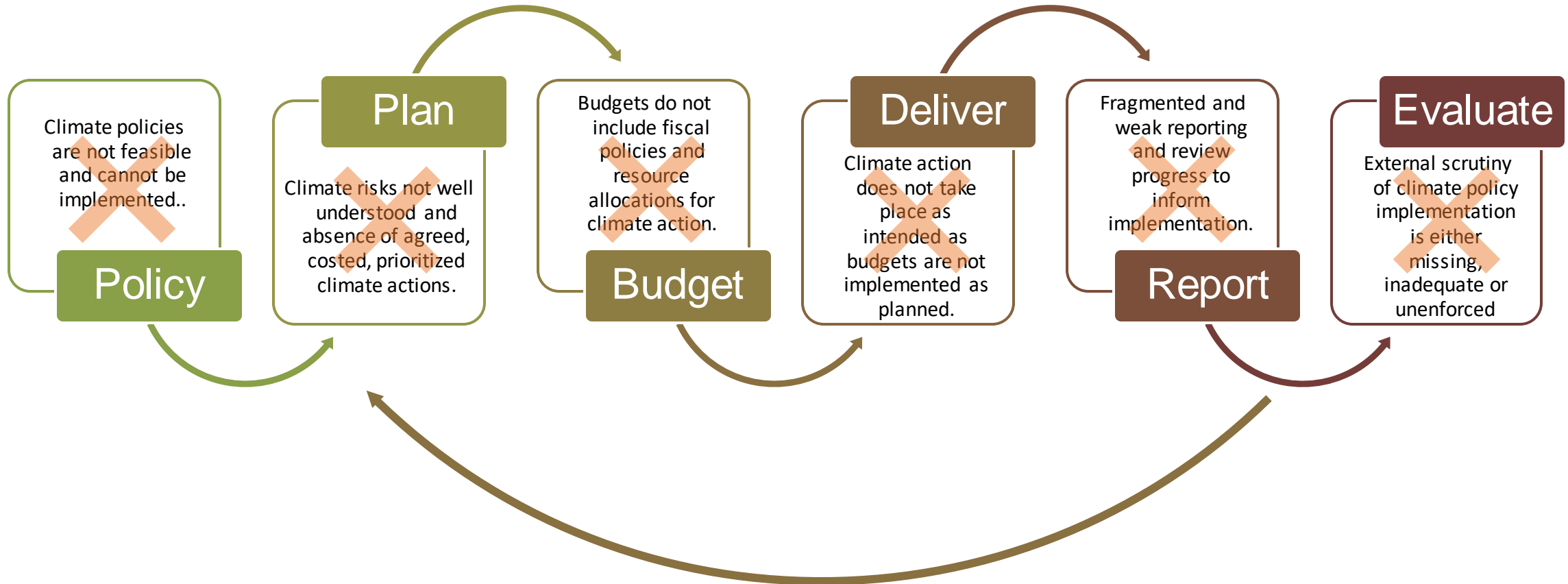
Opportunities

Opportunity One: by using its convening power, support the development of pathways for climate action and build coalitions of support

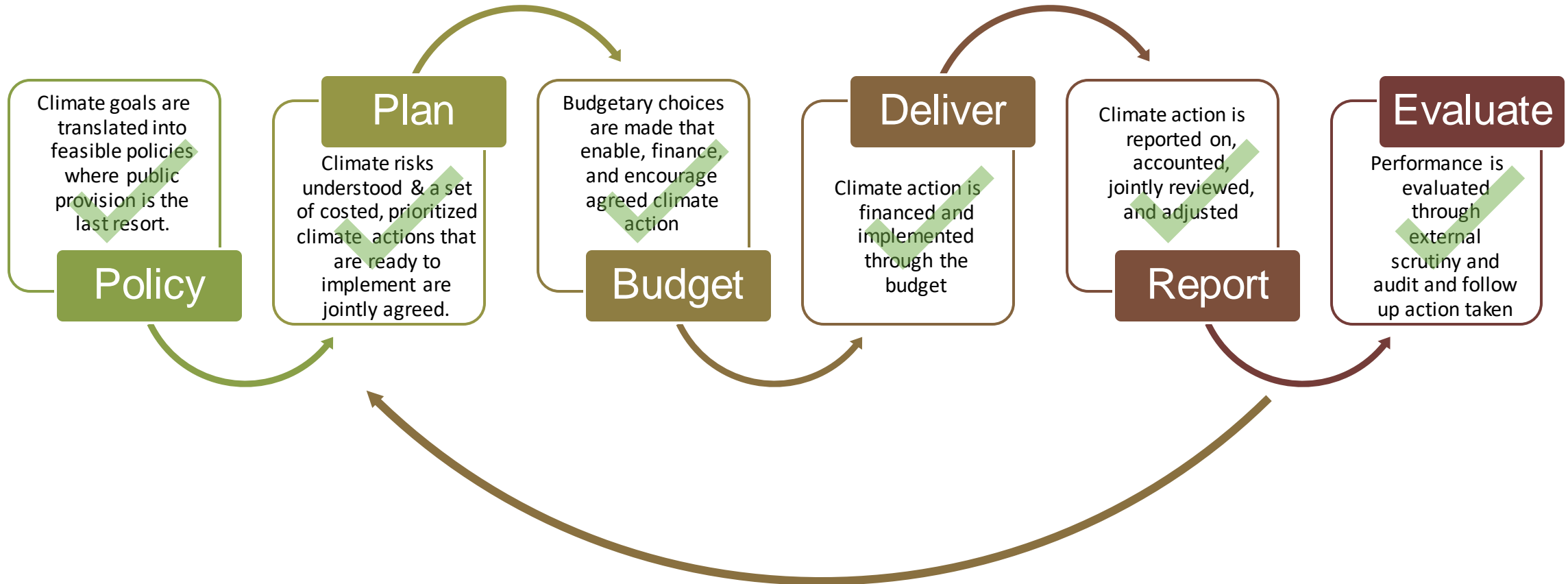
Opportunity Two: lead by example - strengthen PFM systems and implemented action that is the responsibility of the CFI.

Opportunity Three: prioritize climate action when in coordinating the policy, planning, budgeting & M&E cycle

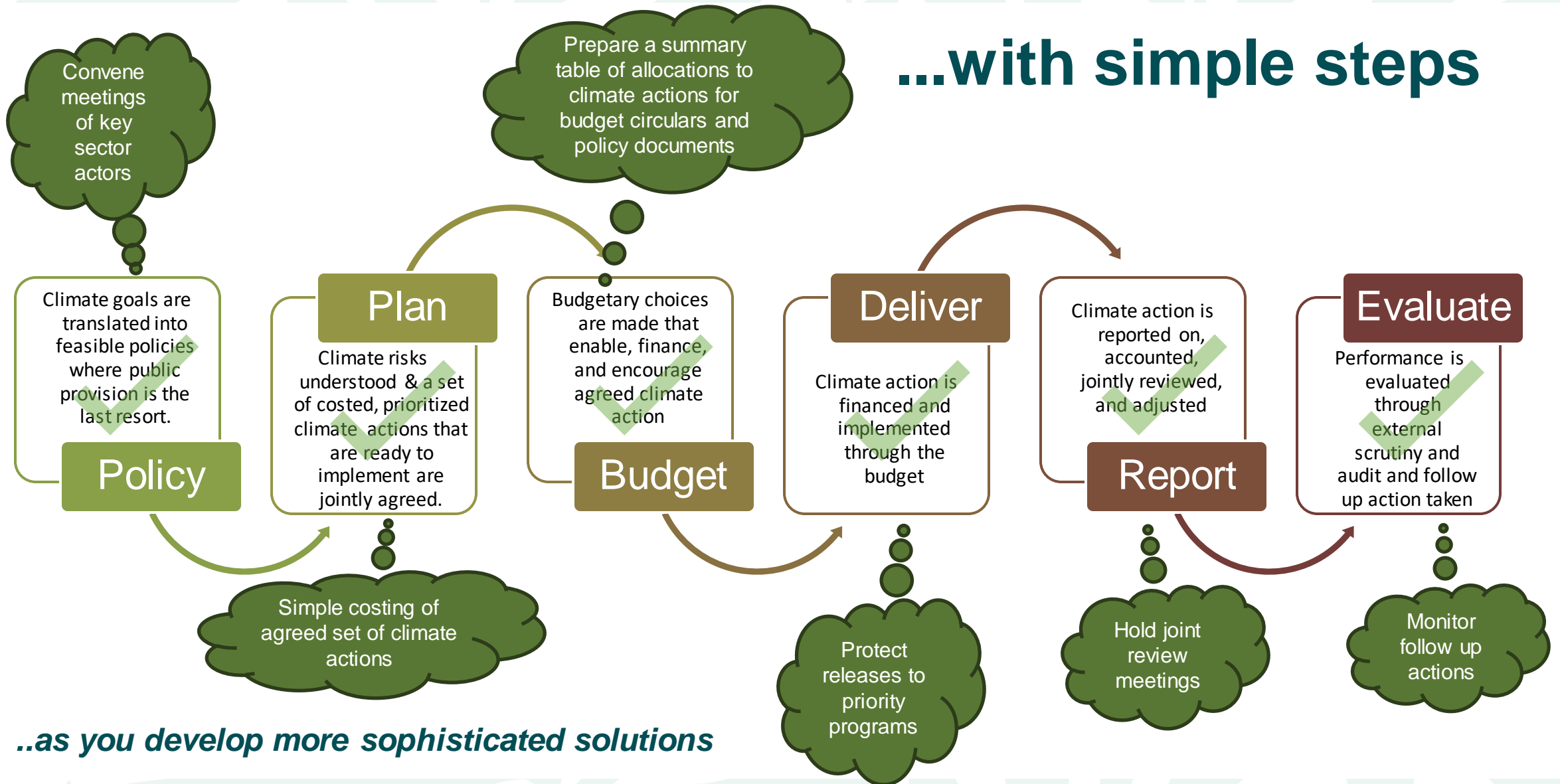
The budget cycle can be a bottleneck to action.....



...it can be fixed to drive climate action



...with simple steps



..as you develop more sophisticated solutions

Convene a collaborative process

A. Pick the **areas of climate action** to focus on, map out the relevant institutions, systems, and financing arrangements.

B. Identify the **opportunities** for driving climate action through the budget and the potential **bottlenecks**, prioritize them and form teams.

E. Drive **collective climate action** through the budget, encouraging joint working and oversight.

D. **Compile a plan**, obtain support and authorization for implementation.

C. **Understand** the root causes of bottlenecks and **agree solutions**, stakeholders, and simple steps to address them.



Let's Discuss:

- Each table has been assigned an area of climate action.
- Answer the following questions:
 - a) What are the opportunities for ministries of finance and planning to contribute to driving climate action in the area (via fiscal policy and PFM) ?
 - b) What are the bottlenecks in the policy, planning and budget cycle which may impede this?
 - c) Who needs to be involved in addressing these bottlenecks?
- Write answers to each question on stick notes (one issue per note).



THANK YOU



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