

# **Climate Change Adaptation and ICTs: The Case of Ghana**

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# Outline

## Background

### **1.**ICTs and CC in Ghana

### **2.**Setting an ICT and CC Policy Structure

### **3.**ICT and CC Policy Process

## Conclusion: Key Areas for Action

# Background

- **ITU's Sixth Symposium on ICTs, the Environment and Climate Change, Ghana, 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> July 2011.**
- **Accra Call to Action: Recognition of ICT's role in Adaptation, Mitigation, Capacity Building and Technology Transfer:**

- *Recognize that there is **need to build capacities** in developing countries to **support ICT as tool for climate change adaptation and DRR.***
- ***Forge partnerships** and engage all stakeholders to address climate change, due to its multi-disciplinary nature, is critical.*

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<http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/climatechange/report-ghana.html>



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*'How can developing countries effectively integrate **ICT tools** within **climate change adaptation** and mitigation strategies?'*



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# Impacts of Climate Change in Ghana



- **Temperature has increased** by 0.6 -0.8 °C since 1960.
- According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), by 2080 the **rainfall will decrease** by 20% to 40% while the temperature will rise by 4.5 °C

*"Ghana is projected to become hotter and wetter during the wet season and drier during the dry season, with **increased sea level rise and storm surges**"*  
WB, 2011.





- Pressure on **water resources**
- Human **health and infrastructure**
- The **rainfall pattern** is affecting cocoa and maize production, impacting **livelihoods and food security**
- Pressure on **internal migration**

*"Africa's contribution to greenhouse gases is low; however the continent is suffering the most in terms of the **effects of climate change**."*

***Cocoa** for instance could become a rare crop in the next 15 years if something is not done to reverse the effects of climate change."*

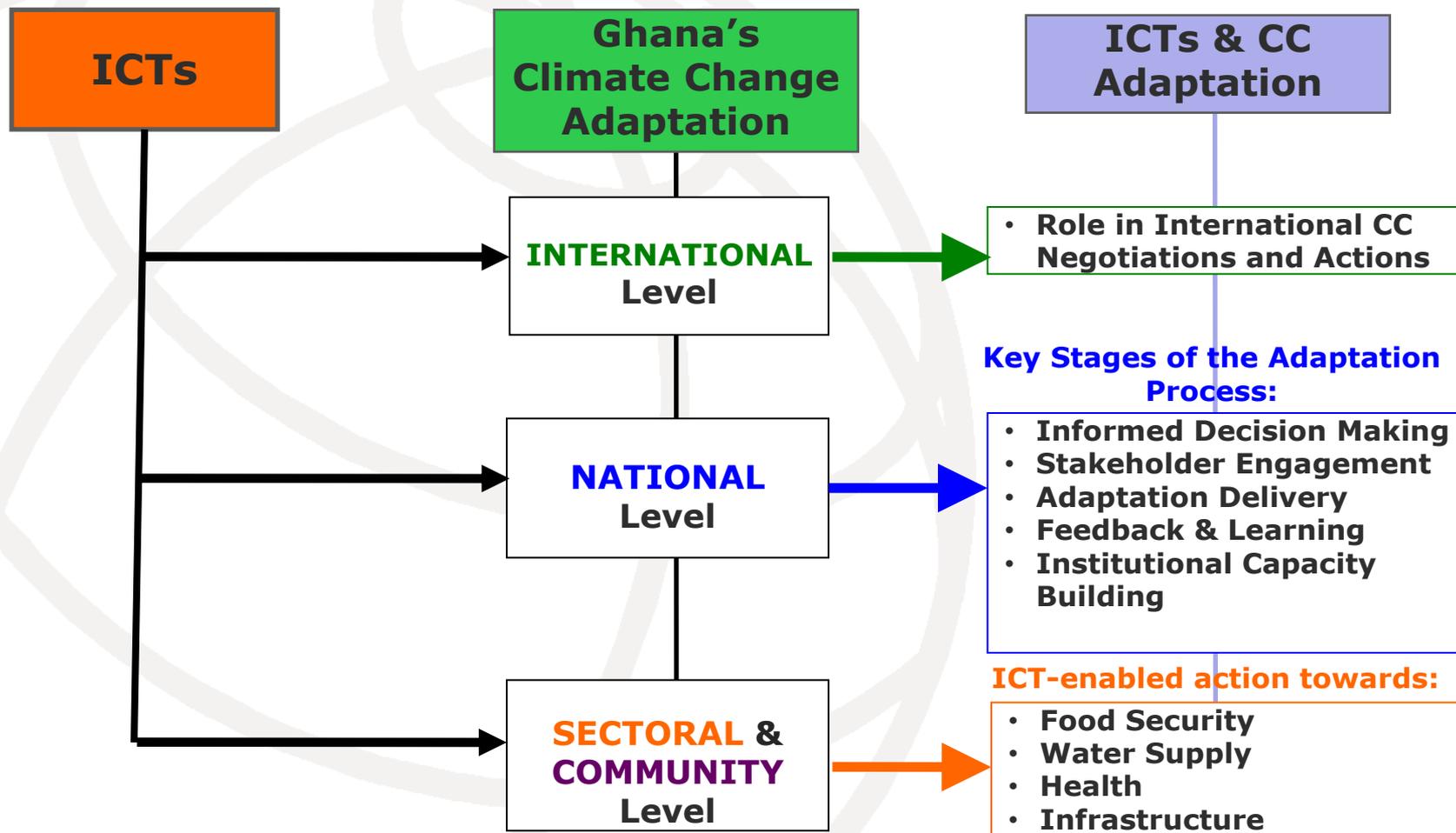
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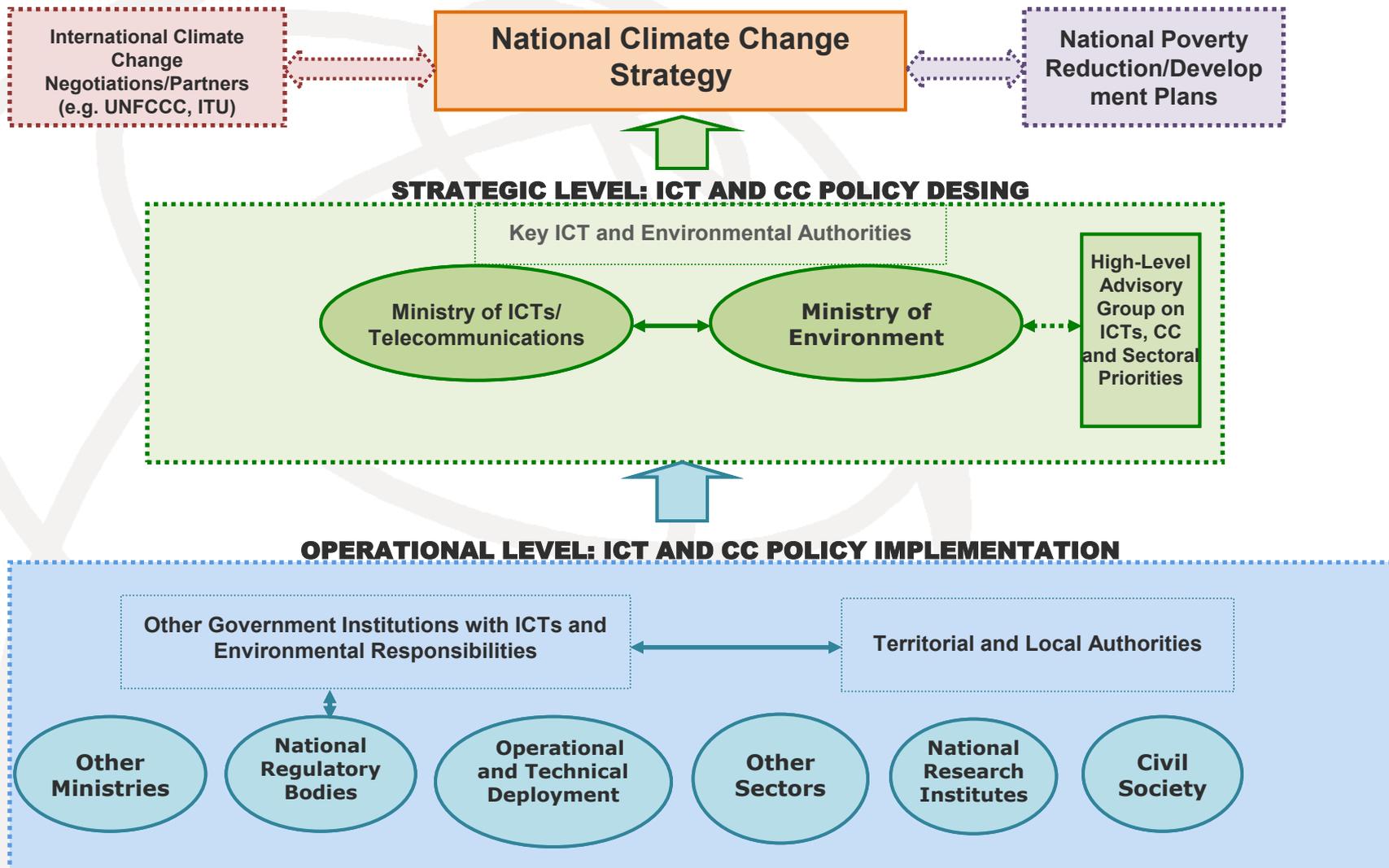
## Key ICT Sector Developments

- Rapid growth in **mobile penetration**
- Increasing availability of, and falling prices for, **international bandwidth**
- Development of the **Ghana Internet Exchange (GIX)**
- New **e-Government** telecommunications infrastructure
- Deployment of the Ghanaian government's new **data centre**

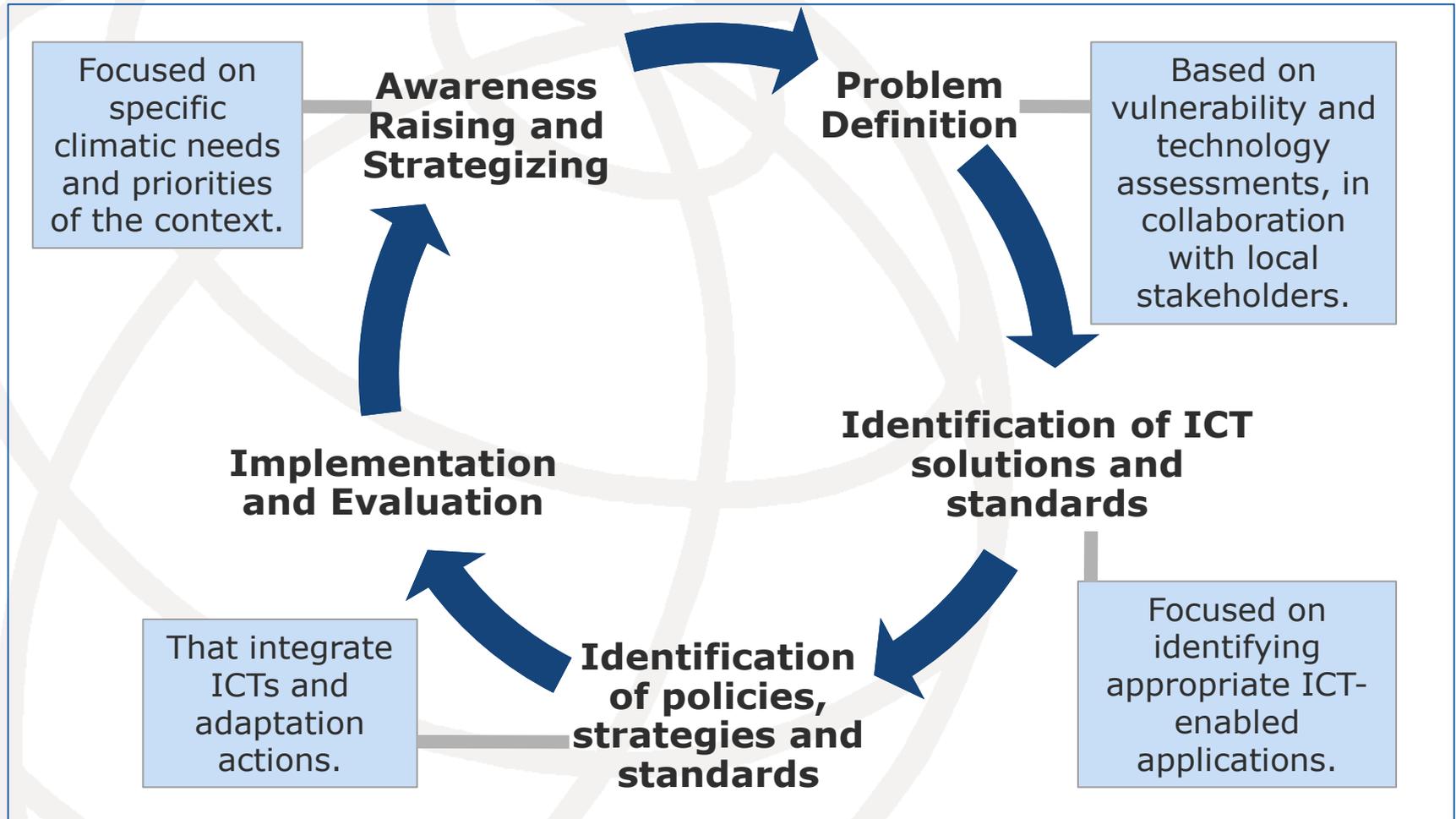
# 1. ICT and CC Adaptation at Different Levels: The Case of Ghana



## 2. Setting an ICT and CC Policy Structure



# 3. Policy Process for the Integration of ICTs and CC



## Conclusion: Key Areas for Action

- **ICT, CC and urban adaptation** based on flexible, combined approaches that prioritize the **local context**.
- **ICT, CC and urban adaptation** as **LT strategy** that integrates **content, structures** and **process**.
- **ICT, CC and urban adaptation** as an opportunity for innovation: **research AND practice**.
- **ICT and CC adaptation strategies** based on a '**Climate-Smart Development Vision**': **Smart Implementation**.
- **New research on ICTs and CC adaptation** considering: urbanization trends, informal settlements, city planning, governance, infrastructure and inclusion, among others.

# THANK YOU

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