

Using Public Financial Management to Implement NDCs and NAPs

A UNDP Guidance Note for Climate-Informed Budgeting



What is it about?

This Guidance Note identifies enablers for putting Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) at the centre stage of development and the need for fiscal policy coherence. It provides practical actions for mainstreaming national climate goals into fiscal planning, budgeting, expenditure management and transparent and accountable mechanism for effective management of climate finance.

Who is it for?

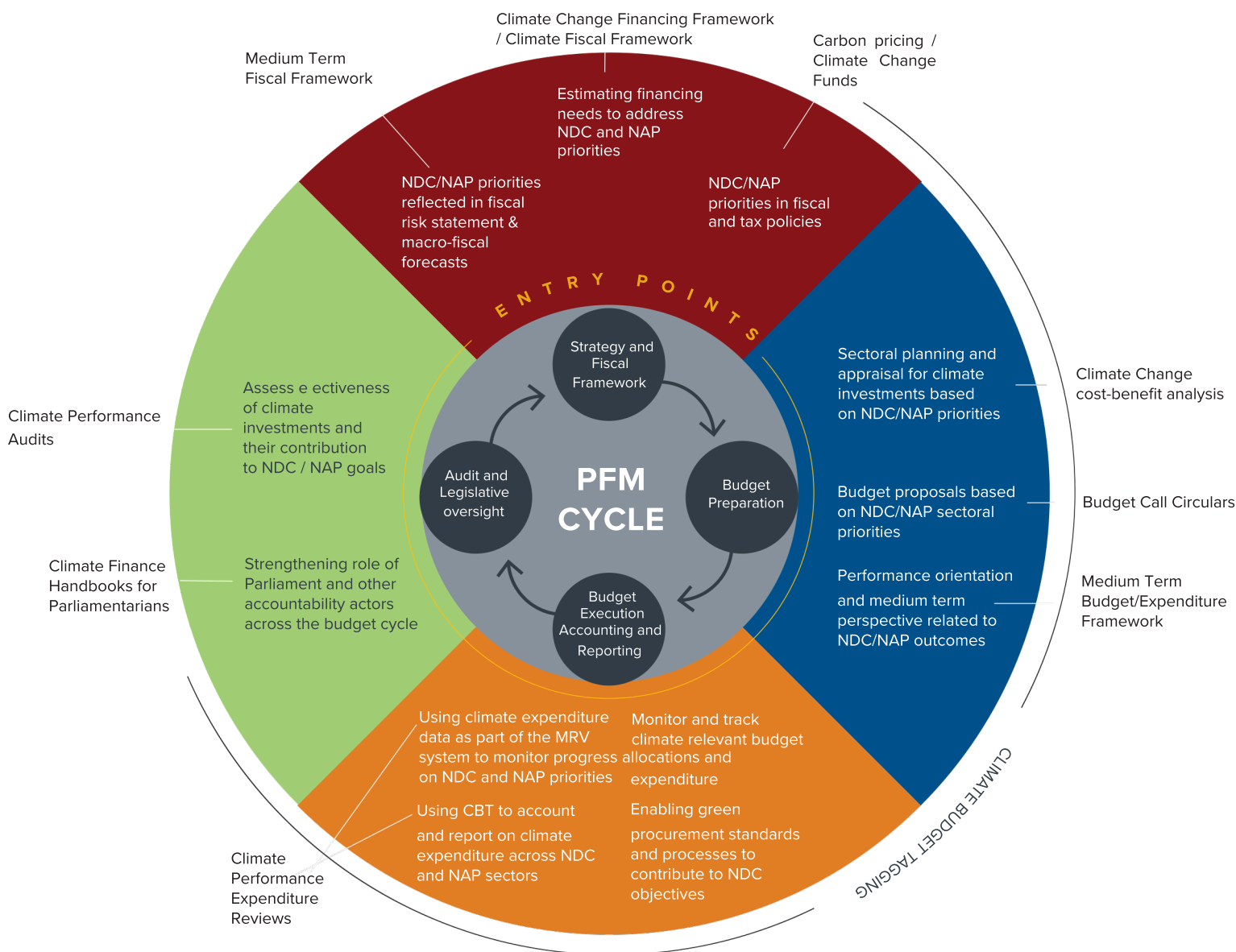
- Ministries of Finance
- Planning Agencies
- Climate Change Units
- Sector Ministries
- Development Partners
- Researchers

How Can It Be Used?

- Identify entry points for integrating climate priorities across the budget cycle.
- Apply tools like Climate Fiscal Frameworks, Medium Term Budget frameworks, Climate Budget Tagging (CBT), Climate Expenditure Reviews, Climate Performance Audits.
- Support evidence-based reform strategies and enhance transparency, accountability, and performance measurement.

Entry Points Across the Budget Cycle

Where and how NDCs/NAPs can be integrated into each stage of the budget cycle



Why does it matter?

- Improved policy coherence
- Better resource allocation and tracking
- Greater access to domestic and international climate finance

“Domestic budgets need to be the engine of climate action.”



Takeaway

This Note empowers governments to lead with climate-smart public finance, building trust among citizens, development partners, and investors—and accelerating progress toward a low-emission, climate-resilient future.