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CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT PRESS RELEASE

In the face of worsening climate crisis, UN Summit delivers new pathways and practical actions to shift global response into higher gear.

New York, 23 September – Leaders from government, business, and civil society today announced potentially far-reaching steps to confront climate change at the United Nations Secretary-General’s Climate Action Summit in New York. As carbon pollution, temperatures, and climate destruction continue to rise, and public backlash mounts, the Summit has offered a turning point from inertia into momentum, action, and global impact – if everyone gets on board.



Announcements

The Climate Action Summit will showcase new initiatives by government, business and civil society to increase their commitments achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement and work toward reducing emissions to essentially zero by mid-century.

Action portfolios

In order to ensure that the transformative actions in the real economy are as impactful as possible, the Secretary-General has prioritized the following action portfolios, which are recognized as having high potential to curb greenhouse gas emissions and increased global action on adaptation and resilience.



- **Finance:** mobilizing public and private sources of finance to drive decarbonization of all priority sectors and advance resilience;
- **Energy Transition:** accelerating the shift away from fossil fuels and towards renewable energy, as well as making significant gains in energy efficiency;
- **Industry Transition:** transforming industries such as Oil and Gas, Steel, Cement, Chemicals and Information Technology;
- **Nature-Based Solutions:** Reducing emissions, increasing sink capacity and enhancing resilience within and across forestry, agriculture, oceans and food systems, including through biodiversity conservation, leveraging supply chains and technology;
- **Cities and Local Action:** Advancing mitigation and resilience at urban and local levels, with a focus on new commitments on low-emission buildings, mass transport and urban infrastructure; and resilience for the urban poor;
- **Resilience and Adaptation:** advancing global efforts to address and manage the impacts and risks of climate change, particularly in those communities and nations most vulnerable.

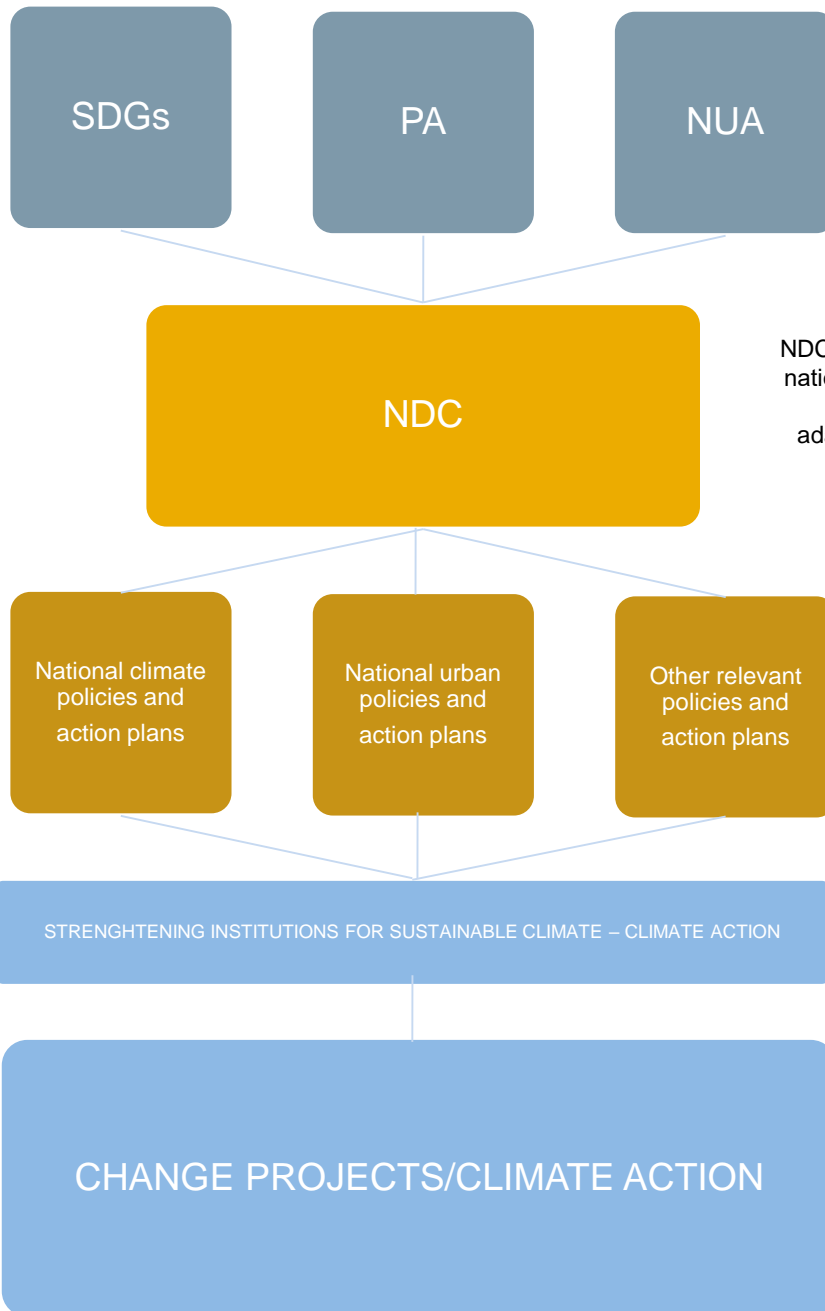
In addition, there are three additional key areas:

- **Mitigation Strategy:** to generate momentum for ambitious Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and long-term strategies to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement.
- **Youth Engagement and Public Mobilization:** To mobilize people worldwide to take action on climate change and ensure that young people are integrated and represented across all aspects of the Summit, including the six transformational areas.
- **Social and Political Drivers:** to advance commitments in areas that affect people's well-being, such as reducing air pollution, generating decent jobs, and strengthening climate adaptation strategies and protect workers and vulnerable groups.

Aim of the programme

To contribute to the development and implementation of the National Determined Contributions (NDCs)





Global Agenda – Mutually reinforcing on Climate Action

NDCs are the primary means for governments to communicate their nationally identified priorities and pledges. They reflect each Party's capacity and ambitions for climate action, covering mitigation, adaptation and governance mechanisms for implementation of the Paris Agreement.

Implementing Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) on the ground requires effective governance and transparency frameworks that integrate the efforts of national and subnational governments.

Targeted support for climate action in selected countries and institutions focusing on mitigation, adaptation, urban planning and governance with the aim to support development and implementation of NDCs.

Climate Action

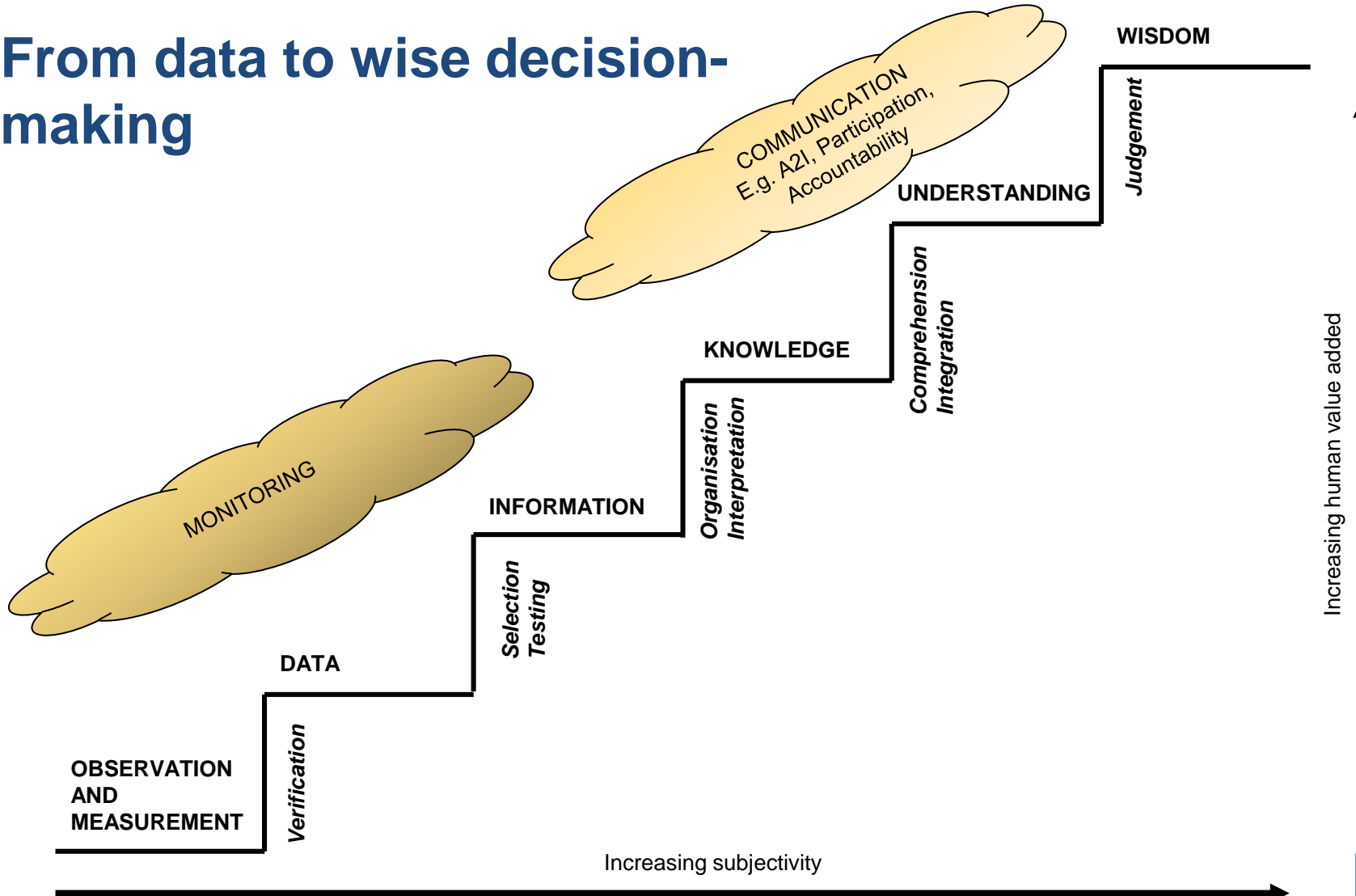


Expected outcomes

- Enhanced data production and analyses
- Enhanced transparency regarding data and processes
- Further developed and implemented processes



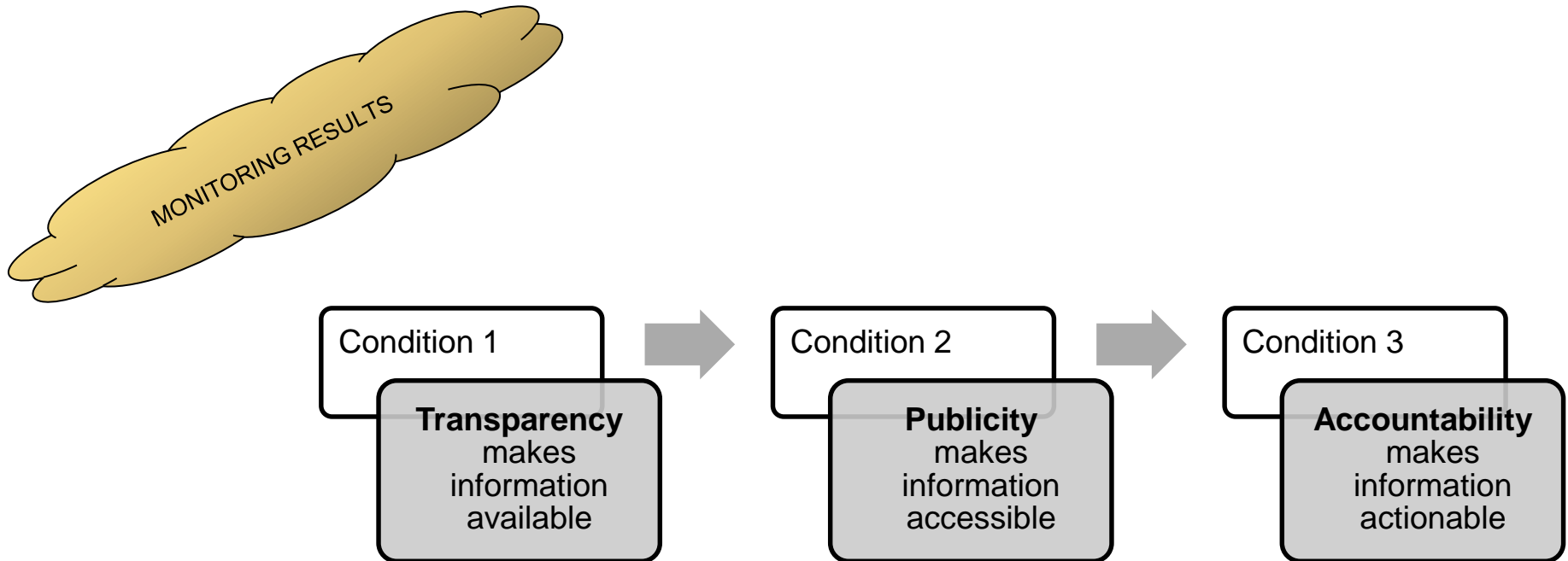
From data to wise decision-making



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Conditions for the effectiveness of communication initiatives



Source: WDR, Governance and the law, WB, 2017

Content of the programme

- Processes for sustainable inclusive planning with focus on climate, environment and ecosystem services
- Different relevant areas such as air quality, transportation, waste, sanitation etc.
- Good governance
- Stakeholder engagement



Themes

- Development of transparency systems (MRV, processes for data collection, Green House Gas Inventories)
- Climate adaptation (action plans, impact of climate change, disaster risk reduction, tree planting, gender)
- Urbanisation (inclusive planning, slum upgrading, environment, buildings, air, transport, green economy, renewables)