



STRATEGY FOR UNLOCKING ACCESS TO BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES FOR RURAL AND REMOTE AREAS

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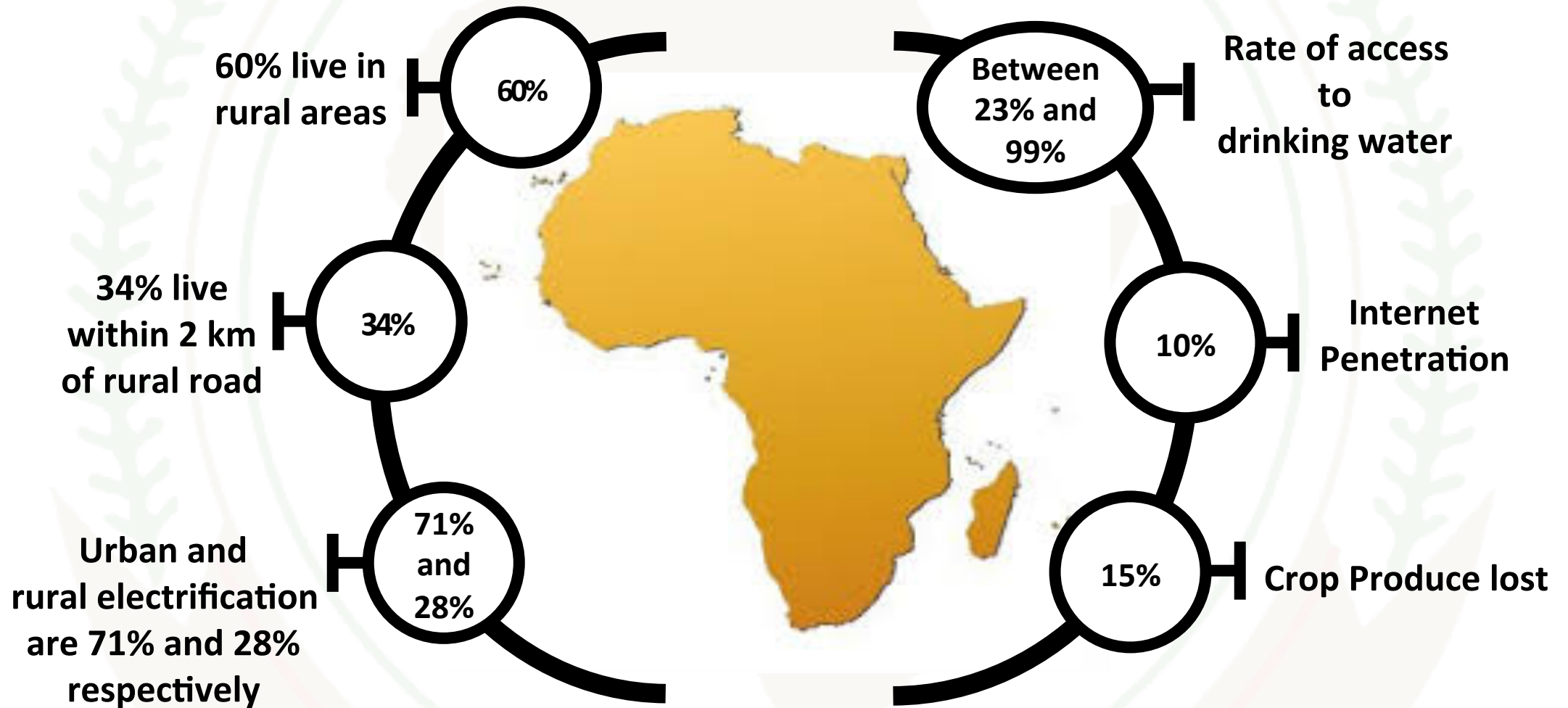
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BACKGROUND





FACTORS CAUSING POOR INFRASTRUCTURE

Failure to take into account rural areas in designing projects

Non-inclusion of surrounding villages development in financing agreements

Lack of clear plan for smooth implementation of projects

Inadequate financing from the private sector for rural infrastructure





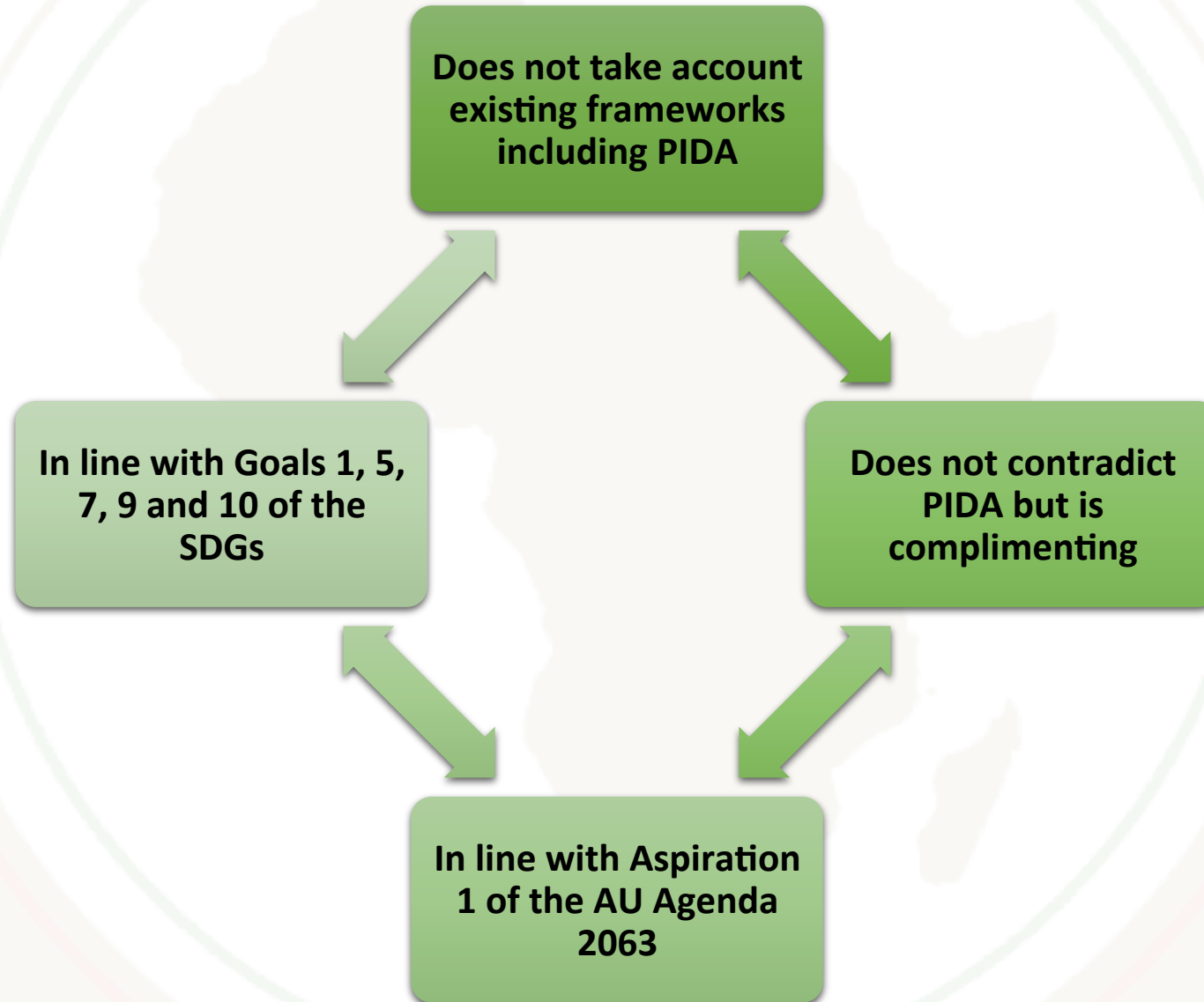
WHAT IS NEEDED?

The concept of unlocking access to basic infrastructure and services for rural and remote areas is the solution. It consists of developing high level strategic approach for efficiently implementing integrated and sustainable infrastructures and services in rural and remote areas of the continent.





THE APPROACH





OBJECTIVE OF THE APPROACH

Overall objective: design, plan and implement basic Infrastructure projects (Energy, Water, ICT and transport) in an integrated manner



1. Empowerment of communities to contribute to Infrastructure development

Small mechanics for fixing agricultural devices and motorcycle

Creation of small processing units of local products

Transformation of ways of communicating, studying, developing, organizing work



2. Development of collaborative / shared Economies in the digital era

Smart grids and Smart Meters

Smart Transport

E- Services



3. Strategic Policies

Integrated and Integrating approaches to Infrastructure projects: The DIG ONCE policy

New approach to Corporate Social Responsibilities (CSR)

Stimulating the Investments in rural and Remote areas





BENEFITS OF THE APPROACH

Cost effectiveness

- *Integrating of labour and goods markets, thus providing new economic opportunities to inhabitants*

Socio-economic impacts

- *Strengthened social inclusion*
- *Contribution to the growth of local economies through the development of local industry*
- *Development of local industry*
- *Advantage of advancements in ICT in provision of e-services*
- *Provision of sufficient, reliable and affordable energy*
- *Possibilities to consult the prices of products in national/ international markets*

Accelerated integration of the continent

- *Access to ICT applications encourages borderless international cooperation*
- *Improvement on transport and ICT sectors will increase accessibility and mobility*





GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Basic Infrastructure projects (Energy, Water, ICT and transport) should be conceived, planned and implemented in an Integrated manner
- Support throughout sub-sectors to optimize utilization of resources
- Routes of Basic Infrastructure should be optimized to cover remote and rural areas
- Every major Infrastructure project must provide access to Rural and Remote (R&R) areas
- Policies should be adopted to stimulate investments in R&R areas
- Exploring innovative resource mobilization with focus on PPP
- A coordination mechanism including the “DIG ONCE POLICY” and the “EMPOWERING OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES” should promote and enhance National/Regional/International programs

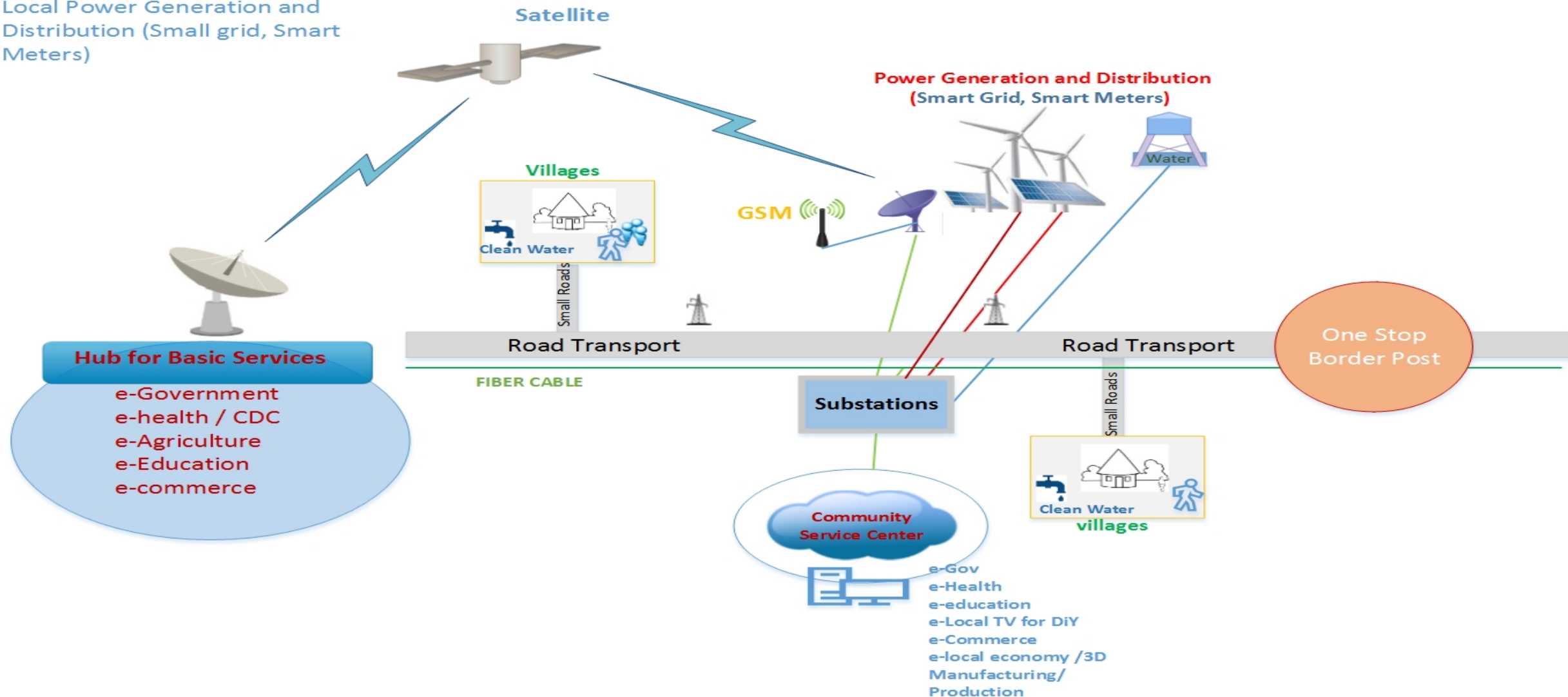




OUTCOME OF THE APPROACH

Policies

- Investment to stimulate investment
- Dig Once Policy
- Job Creation Strategy
- Local Power Generation and Distribution (Small grid, Smart Meters)





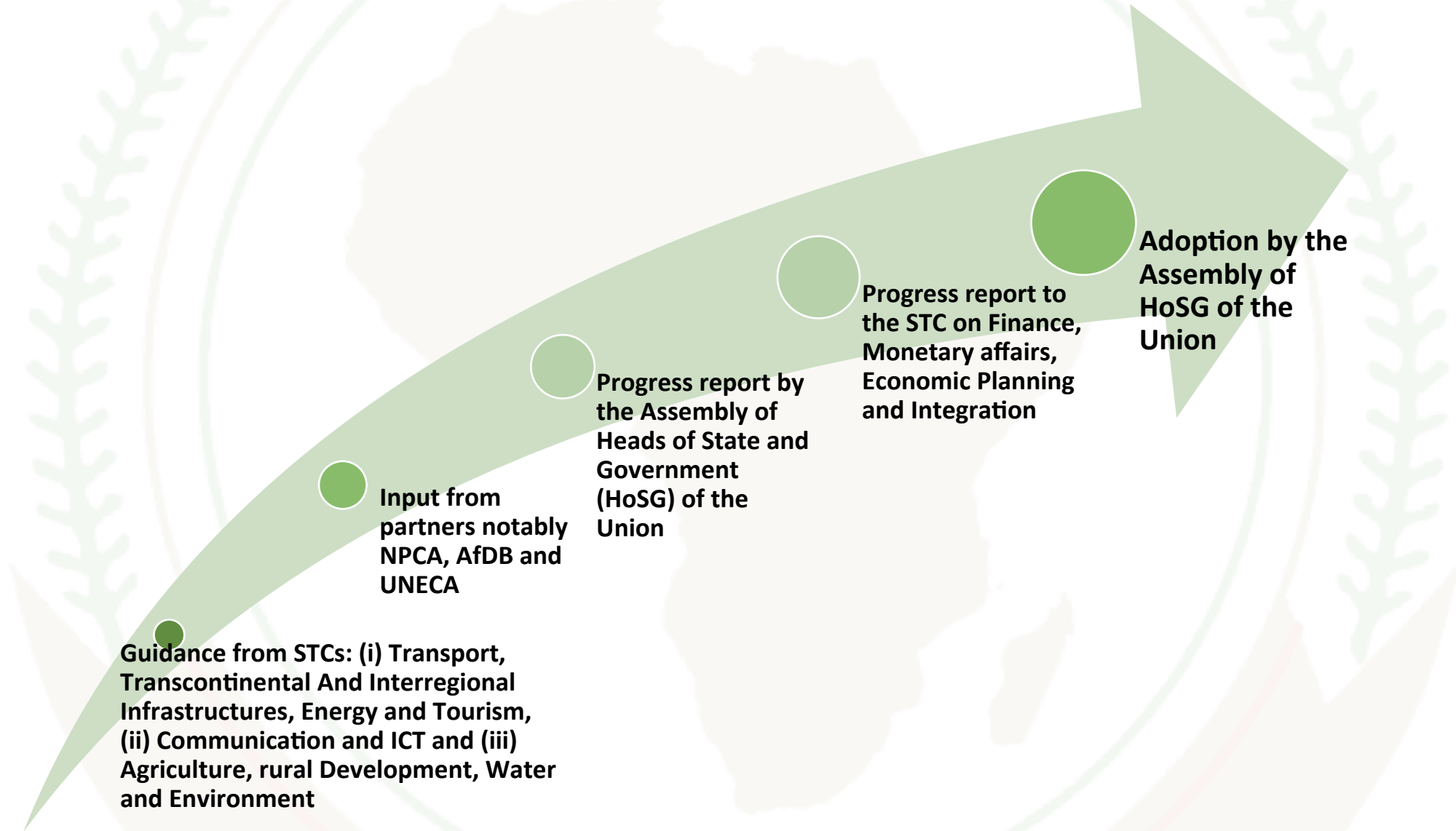
STRUCTURE OF THE PROPOSED STRATEGY PAPER

1. Access to infrastructure and correlation with socio-economic development
2. Status of basic infrastructure in rural areas of Africa
3. SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) analysis of past and existing approaches to Unlocking Access to basic infrastructure and Services for Rural and Remote Areas;
4. Necessity for a new approach to Access Basic Infrastructure in Remote and Rural areas
5. Benefits and Strategic objectives of the integrated approach
 - *Strategic principles*
 - *Integrating mega and micro projects*
 - *Empowering local communities*
 - *Promoting collaborative economy*
 - *Strategic policies*
6. Conclusions and recommendations





KEY STEPS





RECOMMENDATIONS EXPECTED FROM THE STC

The Ministers are requested to:

- *Welcome the initiative towards the development of an integrated approach to Unlocking Access to basic infrastructure and Services for Rural and Remote Areas;*
- *Call upon the AU Commission to submit to the Executive Council a progress report on the Approach for endorsement;*
- *Call upon the AU Commission to prepare a strategy paper.*
- *Invite the partners notably Regional Economic Communities (REC), AfDB and UNECA to support the Approach.*





Thank you

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