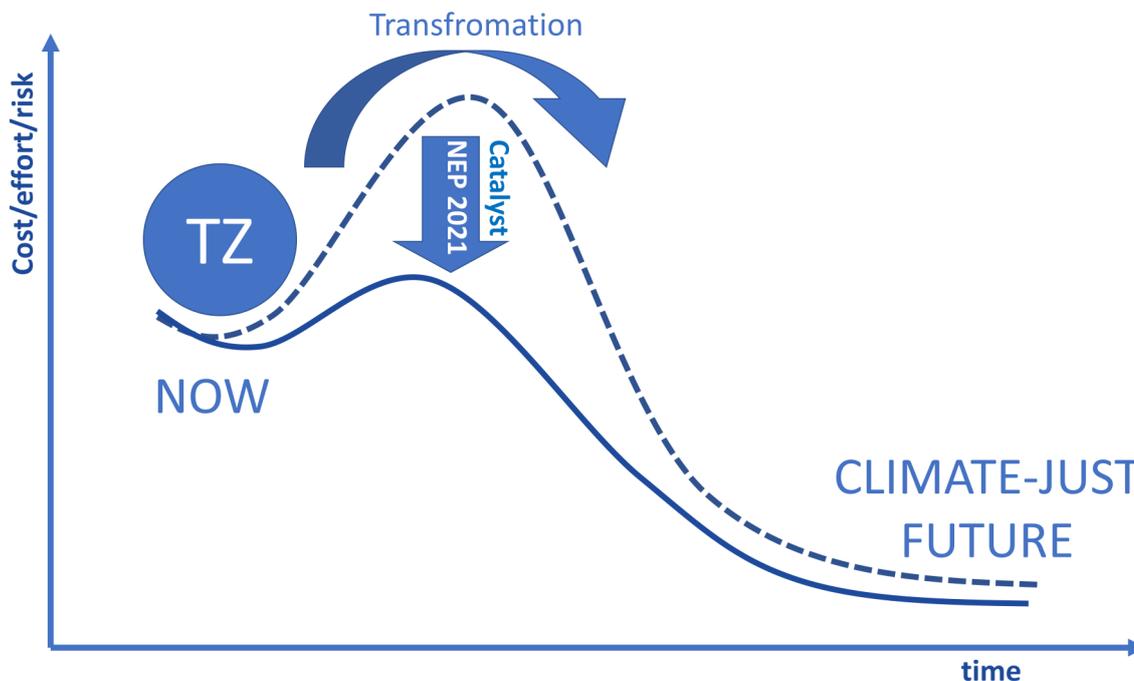


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SUMMARY

The National Environmental Policy 2021 can catalyse climate action in Tanzania

The updated National Environmental Policy (NEP 2021) has the **potential to fast-track climate action in Tanzania** by coordinating and guiding policies processes and implementation around climate challenges and related environmental challenges. It is the **major guiding document** that will shape and determine Tanzanian environmental policies across all sectors. It can be key for resource mobilization, policy work and implementation around climate change challenges and related environmental challenges.

The new National Environment Policy (NEP) 2021 **analyses environmental challenges whereby among them is climate change**. Based on the identified challenges, the NEP 2021 **formulates policy issues and defines objectives** for the challenges. To mainstream, NEP in to sectoral policies it provides **policy statements as guiding principles** and lists **stakeholders** that should be involved in the implementation. It opens **opportunities for the public and private sector** in specific CSOs and Development Partners to engage and use the NEP 2021 to leverage climate action in Tanzania.

Recommendation for Policymakers: unlock the potential by participatory co-design of an action plan

To unfold its full potential in addressing climate change - a climate-action centred **implementation plan and strategy** should be **co-designed** rooted in a **participatory stakeholder process**. The focus of the participatory and inclusive stakeholder process should be on the following main building blocks:

- **Sub-Objectives, Indicators and Activities**
- **Participatory assessment of resources and drafting of a resource mobilization plan**
- **Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) for stakeholder process and action plan**

The process should be guided by the principles for **co-design and co-production**. We recommend an inclusive, collaborative and flexible process that is transparent. Vulnerable groups (women, youth, indigenous, smallholder) should be involved and represented.

INTRODUCTION

A chance to fast-track Climate action in Tanzania

Tanzania is highly vulnerable to climate impact as part of the East African region alarmed the latest IPCC report (IPCC 2022). Therefore urgently climate action has to be upscaled in Tanzania. For efficient implementation of adaptation and mitigation guiding and supporting national policies are needed. The updated National Environmental Policy (NEP 2021) has the potential to mobilize resources

for climate action and leverage its implementation. The NEP 2021 covers pending environmental challenges, which are closely interconnected and affected by climate change. To unfold the full potential of the NEP 2021 to coordinate and enhance climate action stakeholders has to be involved in a participatory implementation process. This brief focuses on chances and approaches to utilize the NEP for leveraging climate action in Tanzania. Stakeholders and Governmental Institutions should be informed by this to fast-track the NEP implementation and enable efficient engagement of stakeholders.

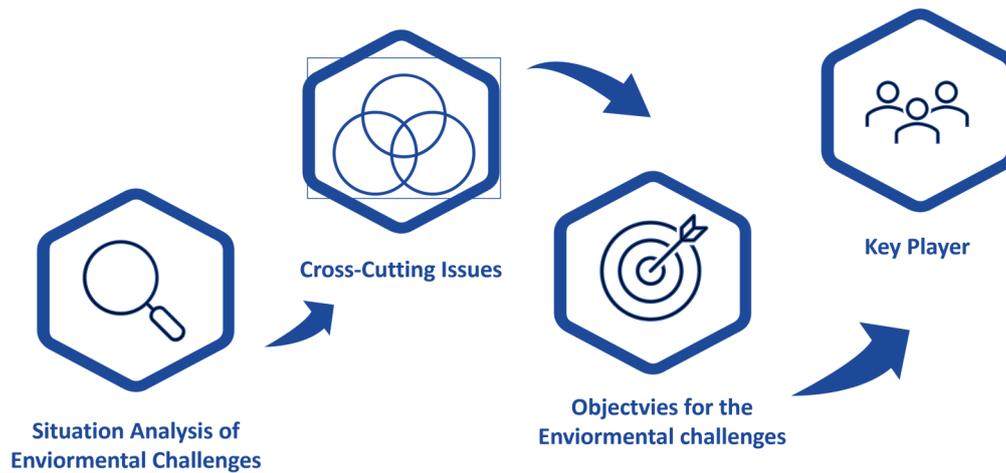
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The National Environmental Policy 2021: A BRIEF SUMMARY

Tackling key environmental challenges

The updated National Environment Policy (NEP) 2021 analysis the environmental challenges of Tanzania. Based on the identified challenges the NEP 2021 formulates policy issues and define objectives for the challenges. To the mainstream, its objectives into sectoral policies the NEP defines policy statements as guiding principles and list stakeholder that should be involved in the implementation.

Structure of the updated National Environmental Policy 2021



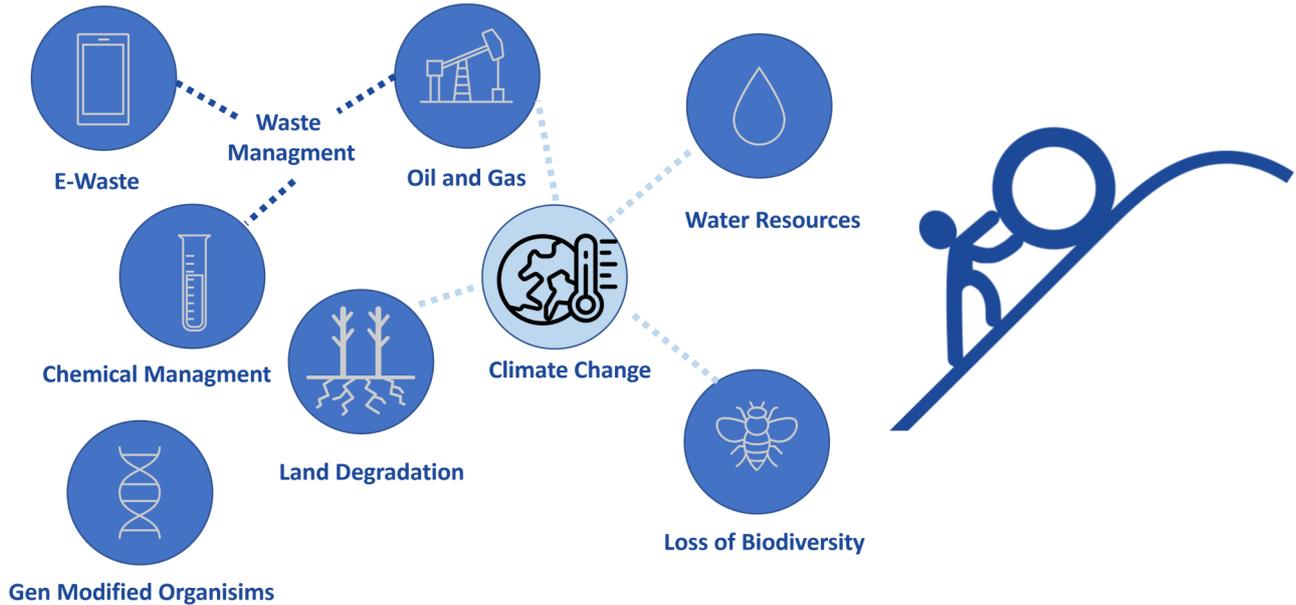
Compared to the previous policy (NEP 1997) the NEP 2021 identified new environment challenges that hasn't yet been recognized and mainstreamed sufficiently into Tanzanian policies. **Climate change**, waste management (**oil & gas, chemical management, E-waste**) and the safe use of modern biotechnology (**Genetical Modified Organisms: GMO**) are the new challenges that are now included in the scope of the NEP 2021 framework. Additionally, the NEP 2021 identify cross-cutting issues that must be addressed to tackle the identified challenges: **good governance, resource mobilization and gender**.

Many of the identified environmental challenges, as well as the cross-cutting issues, relate to Climate Change and the mitigation and adaptation challenge Tanzania is facing .

*The National Environmental Policy 2021 (NEP):
We need to tackle cross-cutting issues and
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Environmental Challenges in Tanzania

Challenges identified by the updated National Environmental Policy 2022



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Focus Climate Action in the National Environmental Policy 2021

Highlights on climate-change related issues in NEP 2021

The NEP 2021 provides in its objectives and policy statements multiple advisories on the climate-related issue. This can be the basis to inform further policy processes and to mainstream the issues into sectoral policies and implementation. The policy statements are also guiding principles for the strategy and plans of stakeholders that are engaged in implementation (e.g., LGA, NGO, CSO).



Get Active: ideas for engagement

How to engage with NEP 2021 for Climate Action

The NEP 2021 presents the **roles and responsibilities of key players** in the implementation of it. While the Vice President Office (VPO) is the ministry responsible for environment leading, coordinating and planning the implementation process of the Policy other governmental institution and ministries are responsible for mainstreaming it into sectoral and regional strategies and planning. The role of the public and private sectors defined by the NEP 2021 for its implementation focus mainly on the mobilization of resources, communities, technology, and knowledge transfer. But the NEP 2021 leave room for stakeholder to go beyond and encourage them to engage and support in multiple ways. Key player from the public sector as media, Civil Societies Organization (CSO), Research Institutions, Development partners and the private sector have a great potential to leverage the opportunities for climate action embedded in the NEP 2021. In the following, it is explored how stakeholders from the public and private sector can engage with and use the NEP 2021 for leveraging Climate Actions in Tanzania

Public and Private Sector: Engaging in implementation of Climate-issues of NEP 2021

Supporting Climate Action by resource mobilization and awareness raising were always key focus areas of public and private support for Tanzanian Climate Policies. Based on the update NEP 2021 stakeholders from the public and private sectors get a window of opportunity to go beyond and engage in more climate action activities. In specific for research and data analysis as well as for technical support and innovations it is crucial to think beyond classical roles, institutions and organizations that used to cover them. CSO and development partners, as well as the private sector, can be valuable key players for innovation, technical support and data analysis.

	 Mobilize Resources	 Raise Awareness	 Technical Support	 Data & Analysis	 Innovations	 Monitoring & Evaluation
 = Role in scope of NEP 2021						
 = Windows of Opportunity						
Private Sector						
CSO Civil Society Organization						
Academic Research						
Media						
Development Partner						

Co-Design: Our vision for a way-forward

An Action plan to mainstream the NEP 2021

Effective implementation requires an implementation plan and strategy. The NEP 2021 calls the responsible Ministry for environmental issues to coordinate and monitor the implementation process of NEP 2021. For this to be successful, development of policy implementation tools and instruments are of great importance. This process has to undergo a participatory and inclusive stakeholder engagement. As part of it, the NEP 2021 defines that the responsible Ministry should build up a monitoring and evaluation system as well as draft and release frequently the state of the environment reports and National environmental action plans. Each of these require strong coordination and different type of knowledge, background, experience and skills and commitment if the NEP 2021 objectives were to be timely realised.

CO-DESIGN ENSURES A FAIR, PARTICIPATORY AND JUST STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

A solid foundation: Initiating a participatory stakeholder process

To have effective planning, monitoring and reporting close collaboration with key players and stakeholders is necessary. Therefore, sectoral stakeholder process should be strategically coordinated by the responsible Ministry for environmental issues. CAN TZ supports the initiation of a stakeholder process that aims to coordinate and plan to the mainstream of climate-related issues from NEP 2021 in sectoral policies and implementation.

Recommendation for Policymakers

We argue that, a climate-action-centred stakeholder process should cover the above highlighted climate-related issues. The aim of the process should be to co-design sectoral action plans for climate action informed by NEP 2021 and other recent key documents such as the National Climate Change Response Strategy (NCCRS) and updated Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) and ensure that they are mainstreamed for informed implementation. The sectoral action plans as well as the stakeholder process should consider following main building blocks:

- **Sub-Objectives, Indicators and Activities:**

Defining sub-objectives to leverage climate action aligned with the objective of NEP 2021, NDC and NCCRS 20221.

Based on that activities to achieve the objectives should be discussed and decided.

- **Resource mobilization plan**

A participatory assessment of needed resources for NEP implementation and collaborative analysis of potential mobilizable resources should be built as the basis for drafting a resource mobilization plan.

- **Co-design and co-production**

The process is guided by the principles for co-design and co-production. It is an inclusive, collaborative and flexible process that is transparent. Vulnerable groups (women, youth, indigenous, smallholder) should be involved and represented.

- **Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E)**

The process for co-designing and implementing an action plan will be iterative and constantly monitored. Continuous data collection and analysis and knowledge exchange will ensure learning and guarantee that the process is always informed by the best available knowledge and practices. An M&E plan will be part of the drafted action plan.

Overall the stakeholder process should be designed and implemented in such a way that, it embraces inclusivity and participatory to find just and sustainable solutions. Nature Based Solutions, indigenous knowledge and blue economy could play significant role in realised NEP 2021. Equally, engaging fairly and transparent multiple and diverse stakeholders from public and private sectors to guarantee a solid legitimization of output and decisions. Beyond participatory processes ensure that the best knowledge and expertise is mobilized and utilized. Additionally ensuring the availability, reliability and viability of data will enable data driven planning and actions.

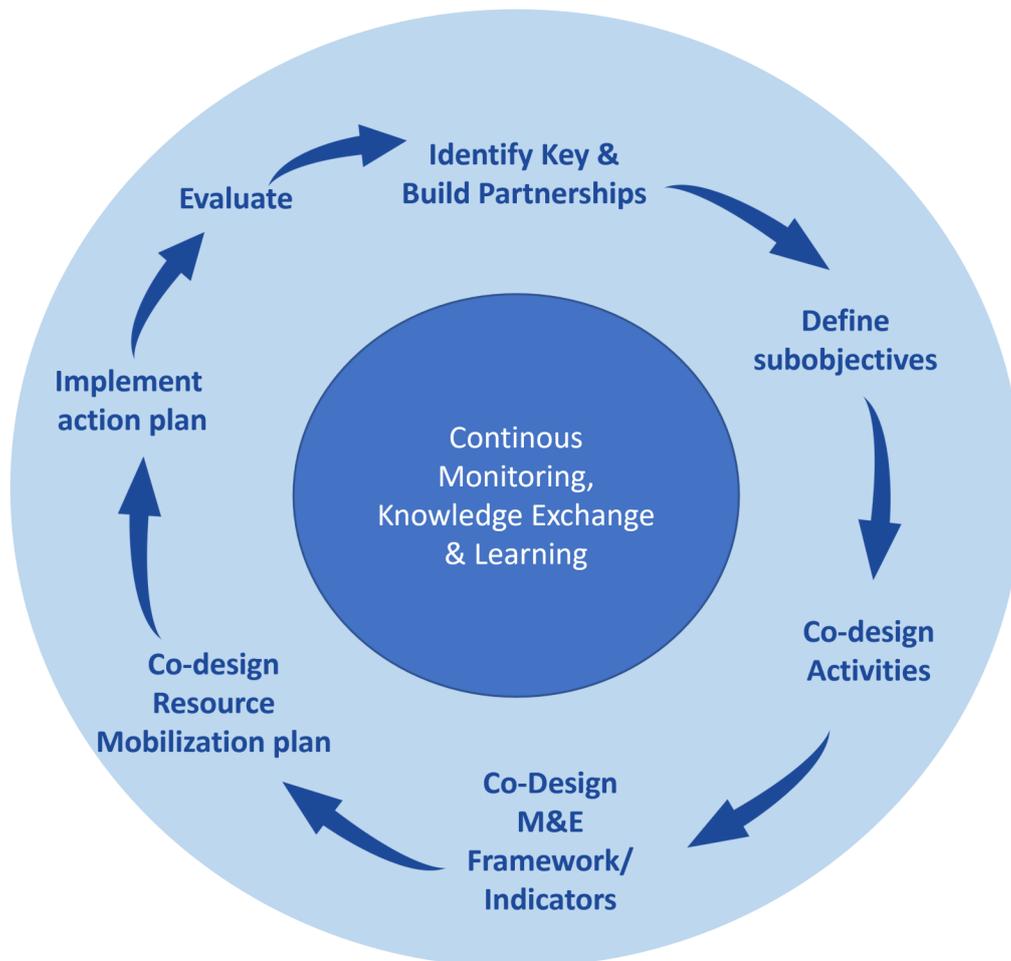
Raise the stakes

Be a stakeholder in implementing climate action in scope of NEP 2021

We want a strong engagement and involvement of the public and private sectors. We are set to connect and exchange with organisations that are interested to be part of the stakeholder engagement process around NEP 2021 and climate actions. Together we can form a coalition exchanging experience and knowledge and strengthening the role of the public and private sector around in NEP 2021, NCCRS and NDC 2021 engagement and implementation processes.

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Recommended Participatory stakeholder process



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Explore the National Environmental Policy 2021 (NEP)

[Access and download the NEP 2021 here.](#)

To deep dive into the police and it's opportunities you can access the full document [here](#).