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**Session 5:
National Security Strategy Development**

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NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY/STRATEGY

OUTLINE

- **Conceptual clarification.**
- **Key elements of National Security Strategy (Process).**
- **The document (Output).**
- **Implementation of the National Security Strategy.**
- **Control and Oversight Mechanisms.**

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Comprehensive analysis

- . holistic
- . Evaluation of threats, needs, risks and opportunities
- . Capacity and means evaluation
- . Discussion on the national vision
- . Sensitization/ mobilisation for support
- . Broad consultations

Drafting

- . Composition of the drafting committee
- . Drafting- selection of topics, prioritization
- . Gender-sensitive language
- . National consultation on first draft
- . Building support for the NSP

Adoption

- . By the government
- . By the parliament-possibility for amendments

Implementation

- . Sector-specific policies
- . Action plans
- . Mixed implementation committees

Oversight, monitoring and evaluation

- . Plan review
- . Gender impact assessment
- . Gender budget analysis
- . Capacities of oversight actors

Participatory

Inclusive

OVERVIEW OF THE MAIN DOCUMENT

**National vision
and values**

1

**Vulnerabilities,
threats and challenges
to National
interests**

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National interests

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**Strategic objectives to
be achieved in order of
priority**

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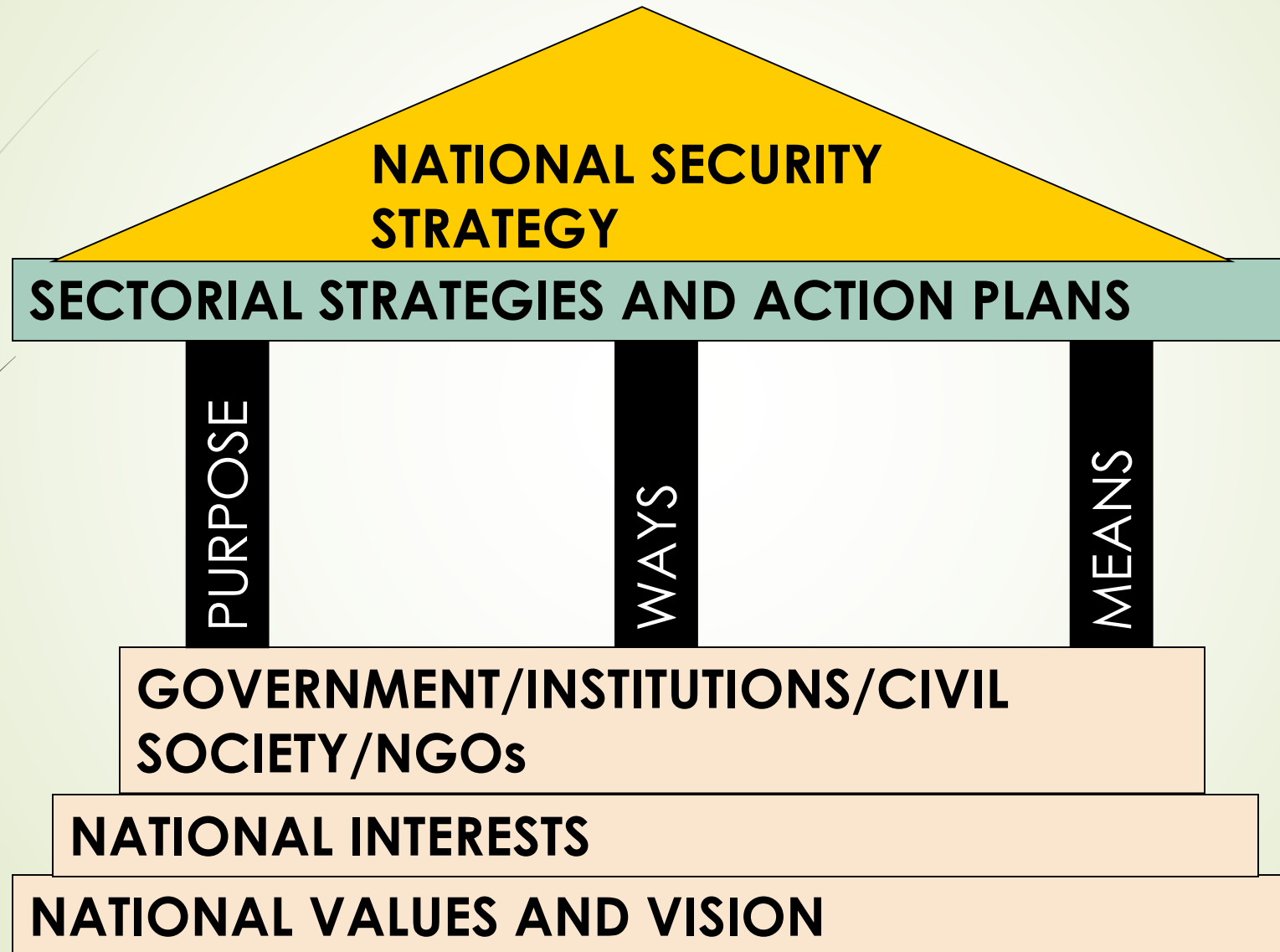
**Analysis of the
national strategic
context (sub-regional and
international)**

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**Resources for
implementation**

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THE NATIONAL FABRIC



CONCLUSION

National Security Strategy: an essential phase for African countries in the SSR Process or not

The process is more important than the output

There is room for hope: A National Security Strategy development process is underway in the vast majority of African countries

Expression of a country's national sovereignty



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