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**SESSION 3:
ALIGNING SECURITY SECTOR RESOURCES WITH
NATIONAL SECURITY STRATEGIES**

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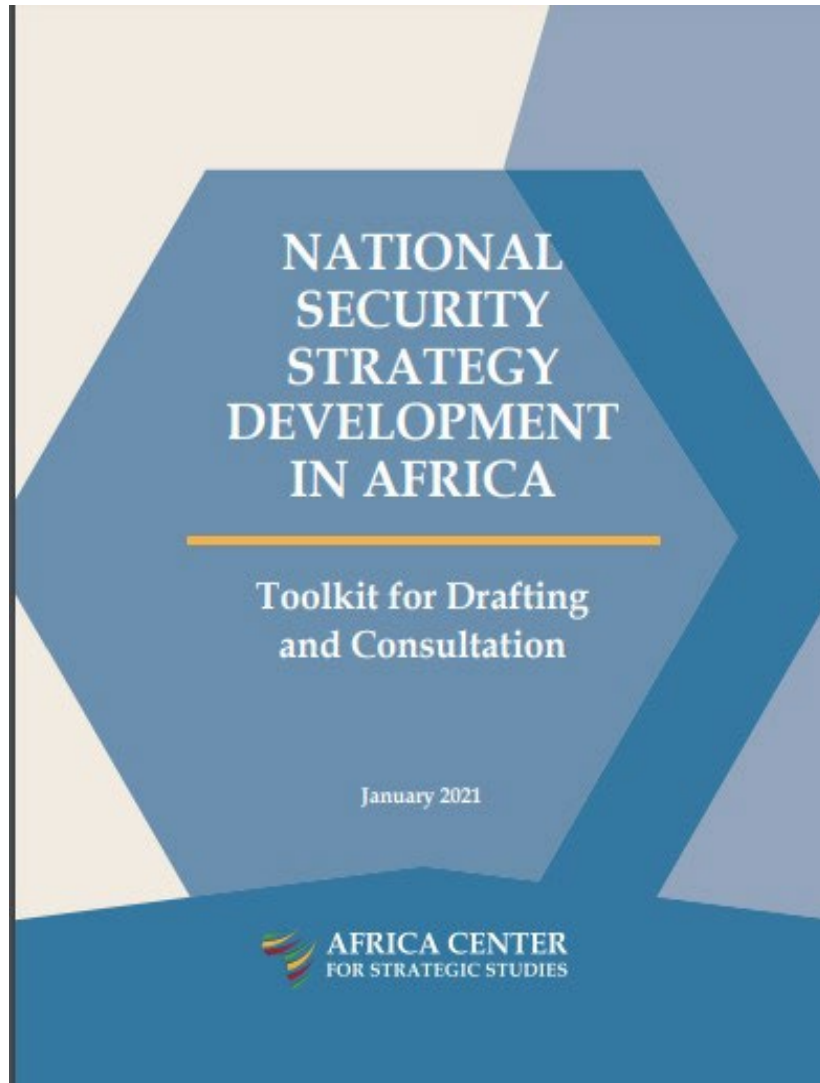
Security- Development- Governance Nexus

- ❖ Whose Security?
- ❖ The complex landscape of risk and(in)security



“Humanity will not enjoy development without security and will not enjoy security without development and will not enjoy either without respect of human rights” Kofi Annan (2005)

What is a National Security Strategy(NSS)?



At a national level, NSS can provide:

- Guiding vision of interests and values
- Plan to link goals and resources in a defined period of time
- Process to coordinate elements of national power (e.g., economic, security, political/diplomatic, informational)
- Theory of success
- Art of applying and creating power

NSS Development in Africa

- Why is attention to NSS development growing?
- Possible answers:
 - **Changing conception of security**
 - **Complicated threat environment**
 - Post-conflict reconstruction
 - State-building
 - Nation-building
 - **Changing political leadership**

Why National Security Strategy? African Union's Call

- Recognition of deficits in the delivery and governance of security
- **“The national authority of a Member State will produce through a fully consultative and participatory process, a well-defined national security strategy based on democratic principles, human security needs, respect for human rights and international humanitarian law”**
- AU suggested the following elements of National Security Strategy:
 - ✓ Long-term vision
 - ✓ Security interests to complement national development objectives
 - ✓ Guiding principles of non-aggression, legitimate self-defense and collective security
 - ✓ Efficient use of resources
 - ✓ Participation of all groups including women and girls at level of national security activity

Source: African Union Policy Framework on Security Sector Reform, 2013:14-15)

Why National Security Strategy? The Rationale

- To advance the delivery of security to people and state through informed dialogue
- To increase trust in the state and its institutions through active participation of all stakeholders,
- To provide national guidance for formation of effective and accountable security institutions,
- To ensure cost-effective security resource management within national priorities and transparent national budgeting processes,
- To harness, leverage, align and harmonize external partnership and aid,
- To create conducive investment environment and ensure sustainable and shared growth within the security-development-governance nexus,
- To enhance confidence building with the neighboring countries and region.

Source: United Nations *support to national security policy- and strategy- making processes* , 2012

NSSD PHASES

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Elements of an NSS document

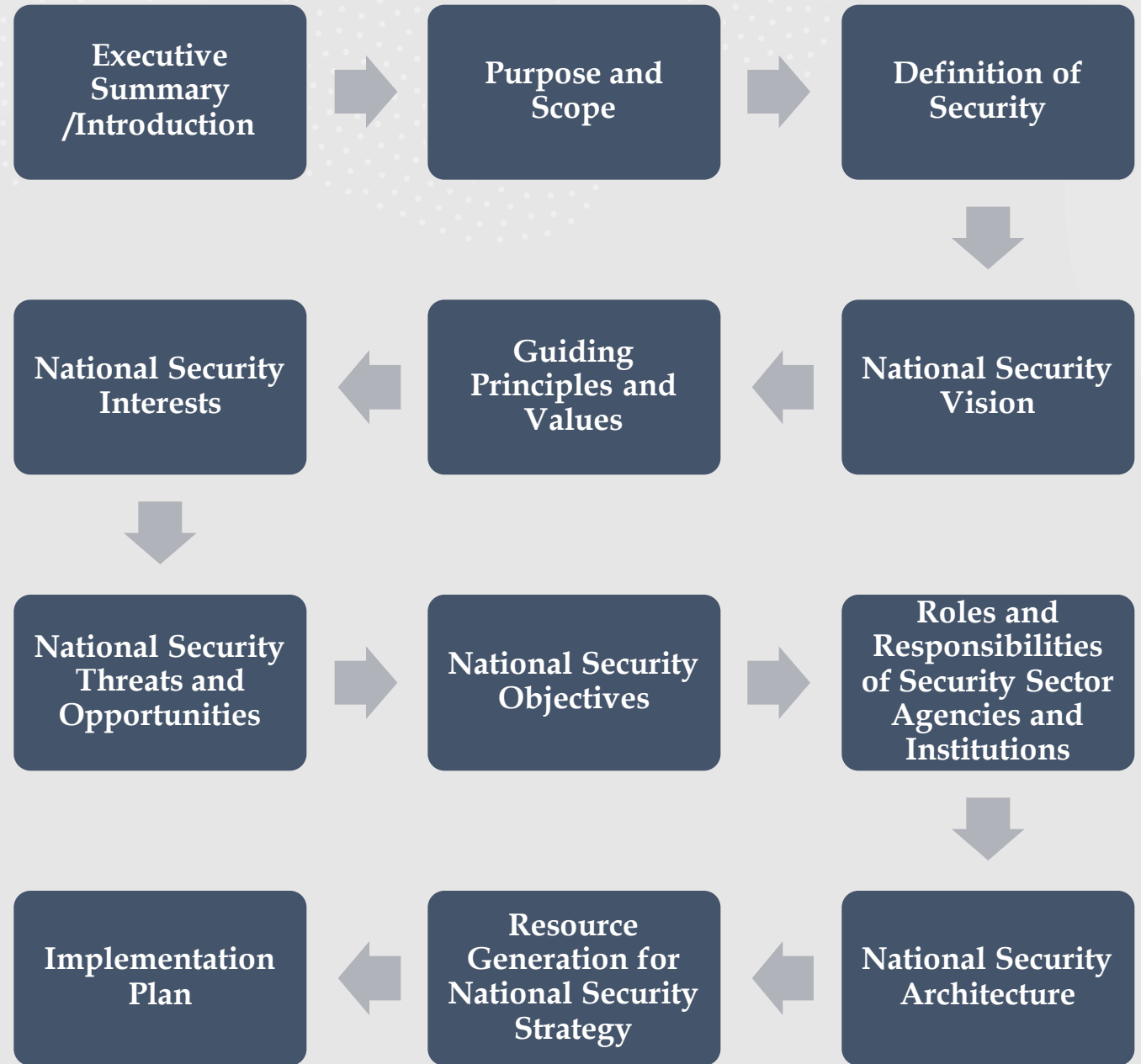
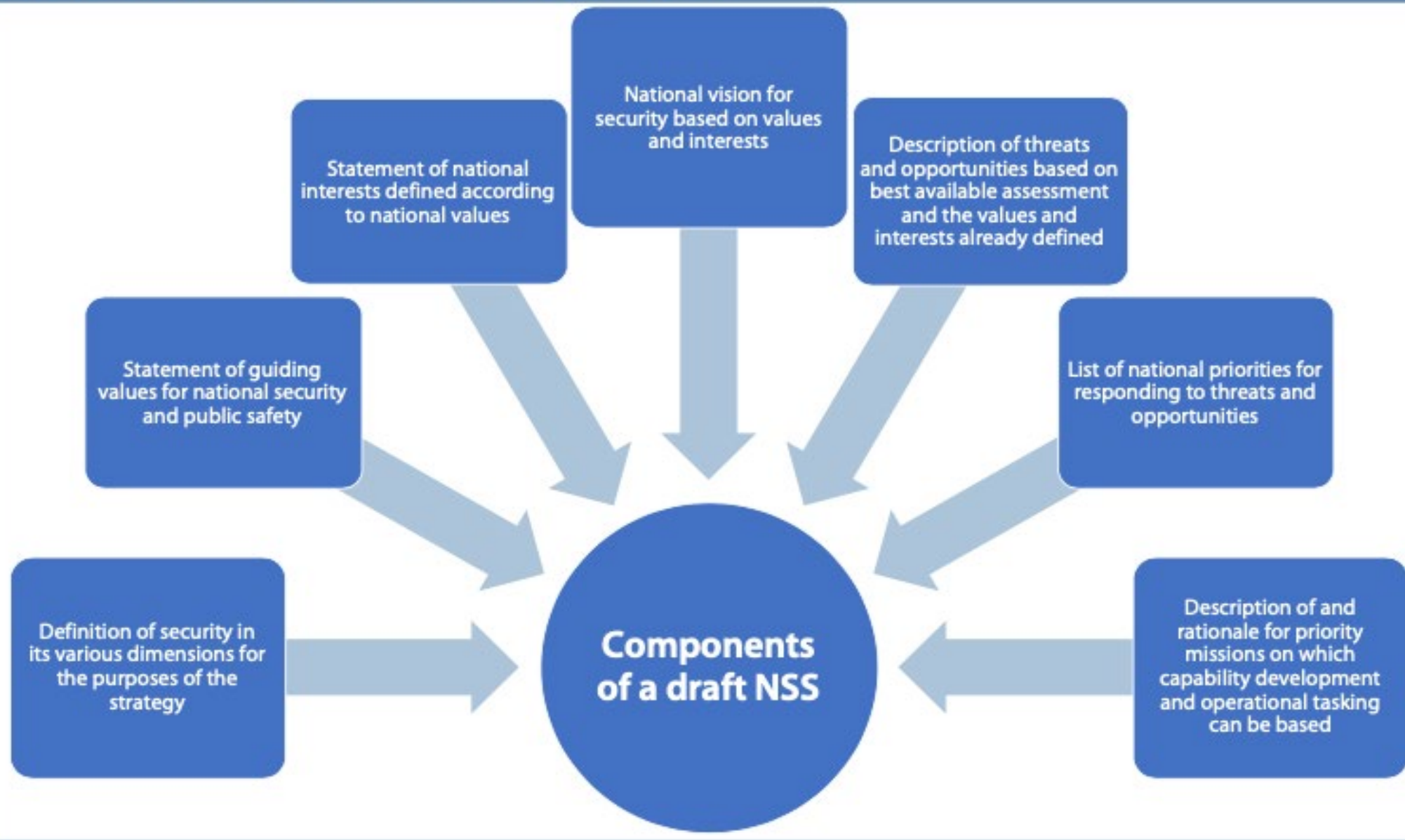


FIGURE 5. COMPONENTS OF A DRAFT NSS



Key questions

Definitions of security?

Dimensions of security addressed? Are there gaps, duplications, inconsistencies or inadequacies that the NSS could address?

Security concerns of all members of the population?

Processes for identifying threats and responses?

Past policies and strategies? State of implementation?

Perception of citizens about their security and safety?

International and/or regional commitments?

Responsibilities for oversight and accountability?

Legal mandates clear?

Processes for cooperation or coordination among security actors?

Current levels of capacity and preparedness? Gaps in personnel, equipment, or training?

Resources available in the short, mid- and long-term?

KEY TAKEAWAYS

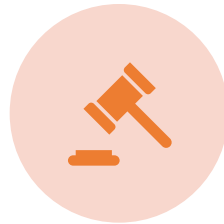
CREATING CONDUCTIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR FORMULATING AND IMPLEMENTING NSS



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**STRATEGIC
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**LEVERAGE
PARTNERSHIP**

Context – Africa Center Framework for National Security Strategy Development

The 5 Ps

- Process
- Product
- Priorities
- People
- Partnerships



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