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Concept Note Development

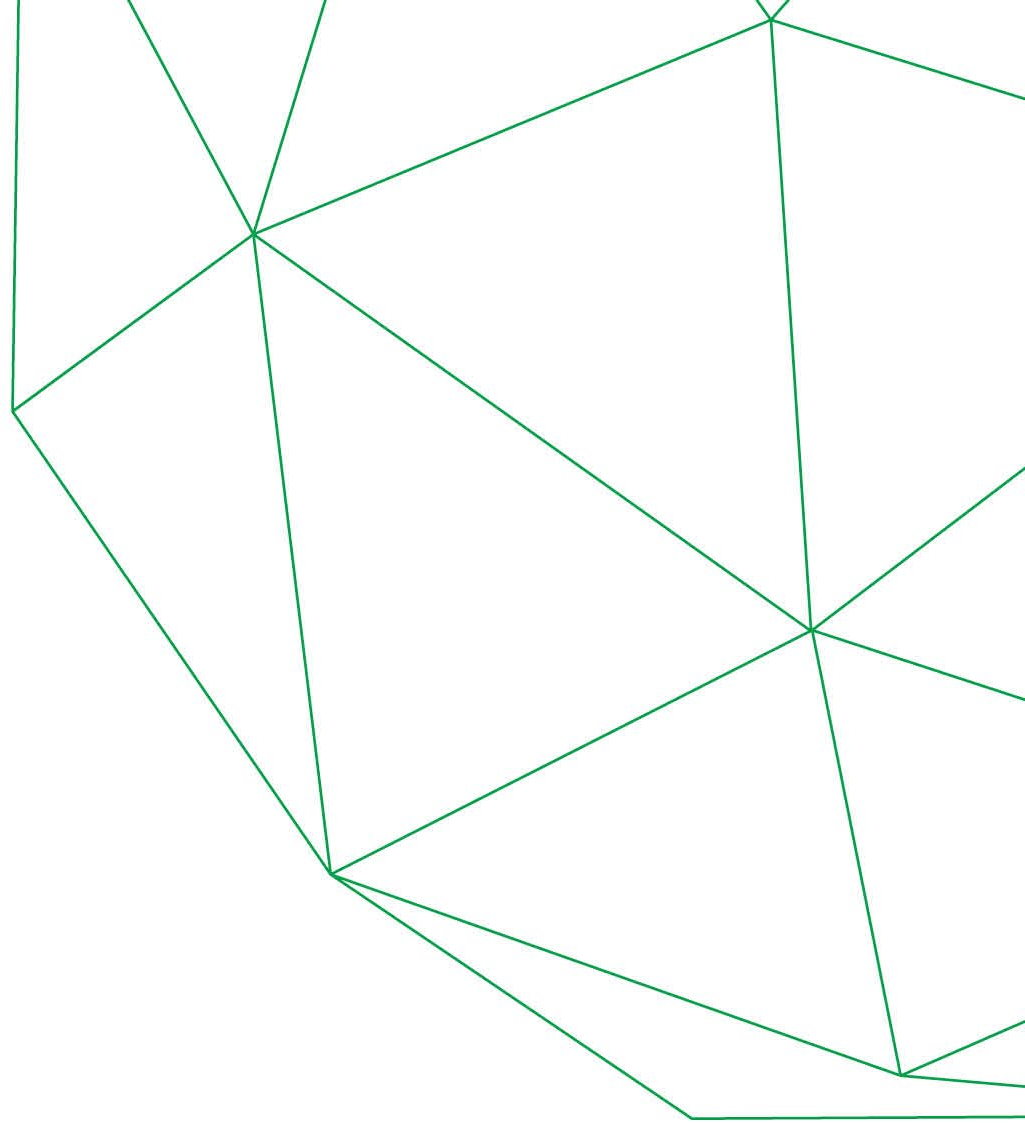
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Overview

*New GCF concept note
template and screening
process*



From concept to approval in 9 months:

Our commitment to speed up climate finance

GCF will complete reviews of Concept Notes and Funding Proposals in nine months or less, ready for Board approval. The nine months will include the time taken to review a Concept Note and the time to appraise a Funding Proposal and secure iTAP endorsement, not including the time taken by the Entities between those two stages to develop the full proposal.

GCF's new efficient CN screening process



- New CNs to receive rapid and clear feedback and direction on the CN
- **Focus on:**
 - Alignment with GCF mandate and strategy
 - Opportunities and potential to meet investment criteria
 - Risks and development approach
- Delegated authority for faster decisions

GCF to provide clear feedback on whether the concept:

- ☐ Aligns with GCF's mandate and criteria merits development into a FP;
- ☐ Does not fully align with GCF's mandate and/or criteria, with up to one resubmission requested to address specific issues; or
- ☐ Does not align with GCF's mandate and/or criteria and does not merit further development

The new CN template facilitates faster screening

- Focuses on information needed for CN screening
- Streamlines length and complexity of CNs
- Facilitates routine minor updates over time

Accredited Entities can access the new digitized Concept Note template via the GCF Partner Portal: <https://partners.gcfund.org/>

Simply click on “+ Submit proposal” and then select “Create a new proposal using the new digital template for GCF concept notes”.

GCF Concept Note

VERSION 1 GCF Concept Note

Submit proposal

Form Progress

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NOT STARTED

A. Basic Proposal Data

Project scope definition

NOT STARTED

B. Executive Summary

Comprehensive project summary

NOT STARTED

C. Proposal Information

Technical foundation of the project

NOT STARTED

D. Indicative Financing Information

Financial architecture of the project

NOT STARTED

E. Accredited Entity / Executing Entity Information

Detailed overview of the entities responsible for project execution

NOT STARTED

F. Key Risks/Mitigation measures

Systematic identification of key project risks and corresponding mitigation measures

NOT STARTED

G. Supporting documents to be uploaded

Optional supplementary materials that strengthen the proposal

☒ I confirm that I have read the [disclaimer](#) above and agree to all terms and conditions.

A. Basic Proposal Data

Project Title

Type here

Country (ies)

Jamaica x

x

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Accredited Entity(ies) (AE)

JSIF

▼

A.1. Confidentiality

☐ Confidential ☐ Not confidential

i Concept notes (or sections of) not marked as confidential may be published in accordance with the Information Disclosure Policy ([Decision B.12/35](#)) and the Review of the Initial Proposal Approval Process ([Decision B.17/18](#)).

A.2. Sector

☐ Public ☐ Private

A.3. Funding modality

☐ Proposal Approval Process (PAP) ☐ Simplified Approval Process (SAP)

i You can learn more about the funding modalities [here](#)

A.4. Executing Entity(ies) (EE)

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A.5. Indicate the result areas for the project and estimated percent of total project cost (GCF + co-finance) by theme (mitigation & adaptation)

Mitigation

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Reduced emissions from:

- ☐ Energy access & generation
- ☐ Low emission transport
- ☐ Buildings, cities, industries & appliances
- ☐ Forestry & land use

Adaptation

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Increased resilience of:

- ☐ Livelihoods of people & communities
- ☐ Health, food & water security
- ☐ Infrastructure & built environment
- ☐ Ecosystems & ecosystem services

A.6. Estimated mitigation outcome (tCO₂eq over lifespan)

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A.7. Estimated adaptation outcome (number of beneficiaries and % of population)

Direct beneficiaries

Direct %

Indirect beneficiaries

Indirect %

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%

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A.8. Indicate targeted results in the [GCF strategic plan 2024-2027](#) (check all that apply)

- ☐ T1. Countries: More than 100 developing countries directly supported by GCF to advance the implementation of their NDCs, NAPs or LTS through integrated climate investment planning and/or developing high quality-climate project pipelines for GCF funding
- ☐ T2. DAEs: Doubling the number of DAEs with approved GCF funding proposals through strengthened climate capacity and increasing the allocation of GCF resources through DAEs
- ☐ T3. CIEWS: Countries particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change protected by new or improved early warning systems
- ☐ T4. Food: Beneficiaries adopting low-emission climate-resilient agricultural and fisheries practices, securing livelihoods while reconfiguring food systems
- ☐ T5. Ecosystems: Hectares of terrestrial and marine areas conserved, restored or brought under sustainable management
- ☐ T6. Infrastructure: Countries supported by GCF to develop or secure low-emission climate resilient infrastructure, through systemic and/or country-driven resilience planning, funding and/or de-risking of investments, including those that draw on nature-based solutions or ecosystem based approaches
- ☐ T7. Clean Energy: Countries supported to expand access to sustainable, affordable, resilient, reliable renewable energy, particularly for hardest to reach, and/or to increase renewable energy sources in the energy mix
- ☐ T8. Transport, buildings, industry: Countries supported to shift toward clean and efficient energy end-use for transport, building and industry sectors, including through electrification, decreasing energy consumption and novel solutions and emerging technologies for hard-to-abate sectors
- ☐ T9. Locally-led climate action: Does the project have potential to support locally-led climate action by enabling local actors to decide over the use of GCF finance at project activity level or maintain a strong involvement across the project cycle? (If yes, please expound in sections C.2 and C.3.)
- ☐ T10. MSMEs: Local private sector early-stage ventures and MSMEs provided with broad-based seed and early-stage capital for innovative climate solutions, business models and technologies, with a focus on adaptation, energy access and transport sectors, and removing barriers for home-grown innovation
- ☐ T11. LFIs: National and regional financial institutions supported to access GCF resources, and other green finance, particularly for MSMEs



Structure of the new CN template



Section	Purpose
A. Basic proposal data	Basic project data to enable GCF to properly catalog and track the CN against key organizational metrics
B. Proposal executive summary	Provide a succinct narrative of the proposed project/programme and the need for GCF financing
C. Proposal information	Clearly describe the proposal's: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Climate change context• Activities and potential to achieve mitigation and/or adaptation impact• Country ownership and engagement with stakeholders• Indicative safeguards profile• Exit strategy and sustainability of impacts
D. Indicative financing information	Enumerate the financial structure of the project/programme: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Total financing, including sources, uses and instruments• Indicative terms for non-grant instruments• Financial, contractual and governance structure• Justification of GCF funding request
E. Accredited entity / Executing entity information	Overview of roles and capabilities of organizations participating in the project
F. Key risks / mitigation measures	Identify key risks to the project/programme and proposed mitigants
G. Supporting documents	Maps, studies, ESS screening, theory of change diagram, simplified economic and financial model



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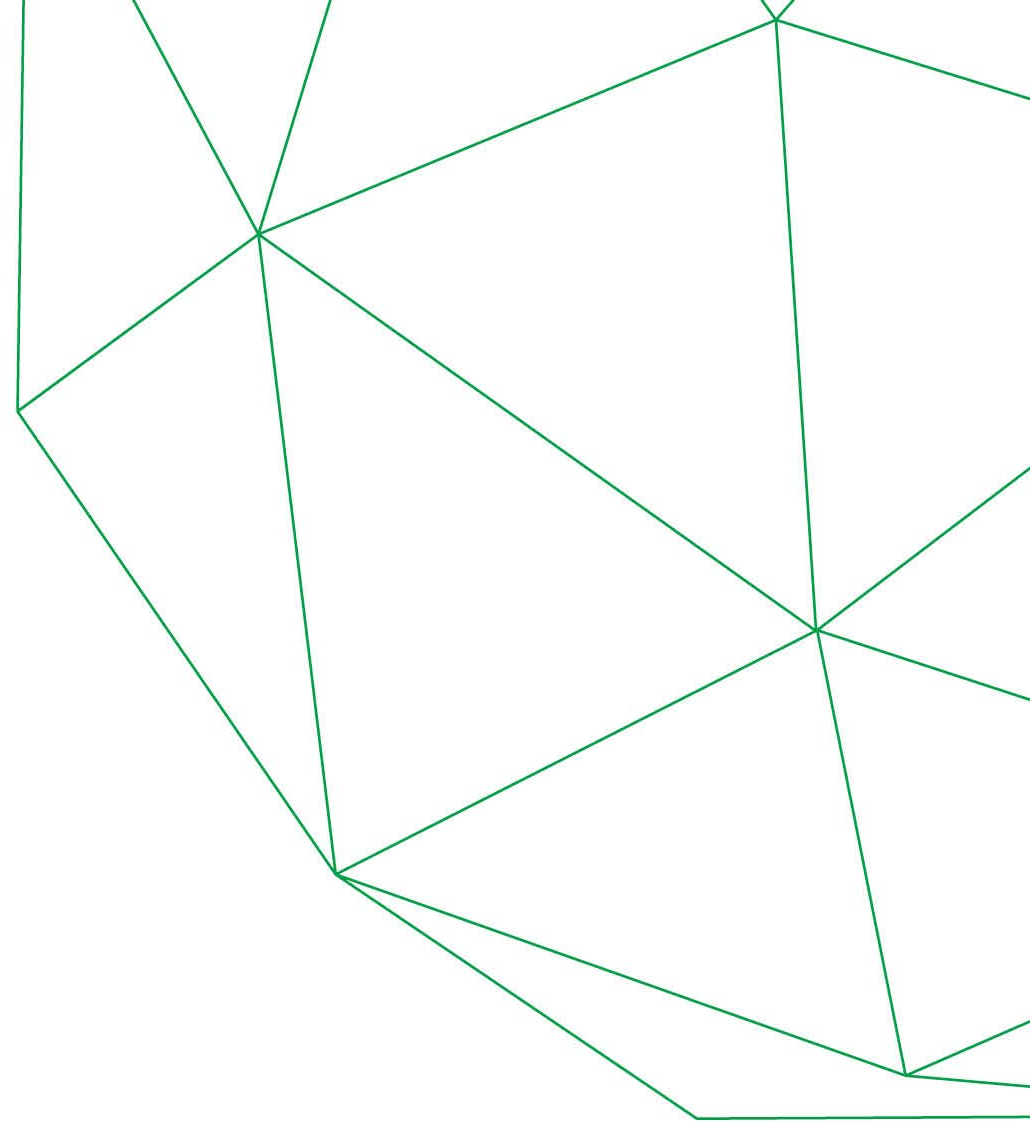
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How to Develop Climate Change Narrative & Theory of Change

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Climate Narrative: Exercise

STEP 1 (PROBLEM)

Identify a key climate change problem related to your table's theme

STEP 2 (DRIVERS)

Define the drivers of the problem

Separate climate and non-climate drivers

Connect the drivers to the problem using thread

STEP 3 (THE GAP)

For the climate-related drivers define **what still needs to be done**

Connect the missing solutions to the drivers (solutions can address multiple drivers)

STEP 4 (BARRIERS)

For the solutions identified the barriers that prevent climate solutions (**why the gap has not been addressed**)

STEP 5 (REMOVING BARRIERS)

For each barrier explain how specific activities will address the barriers (**how the project removes barriers**)

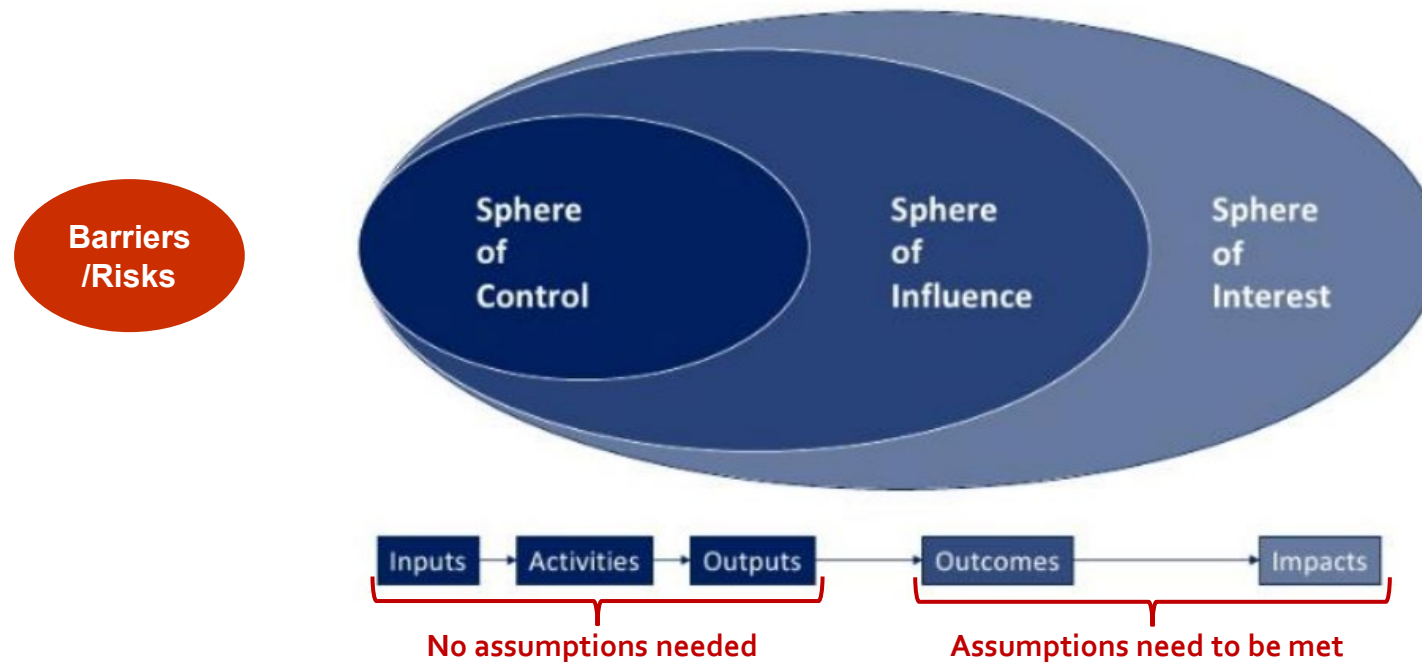
Connect with thread to barriers

Why do we need ToC

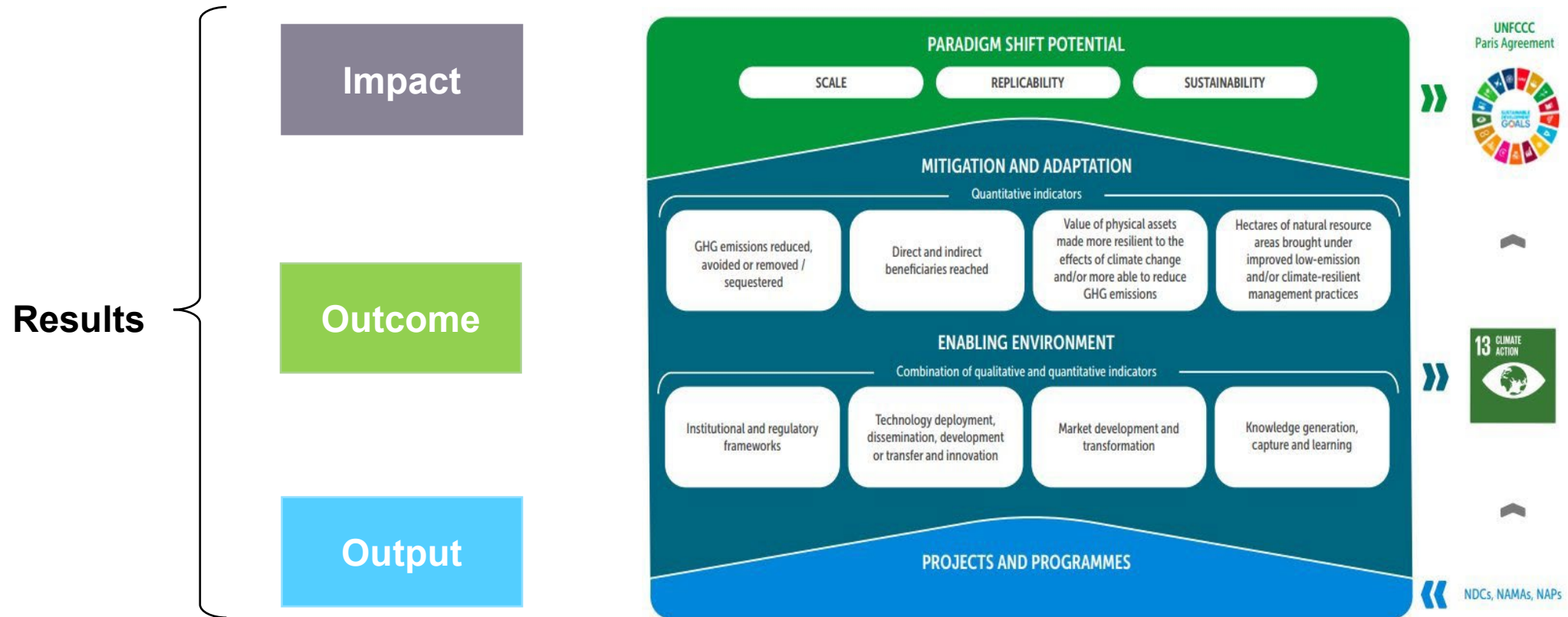


Key Component of ToC

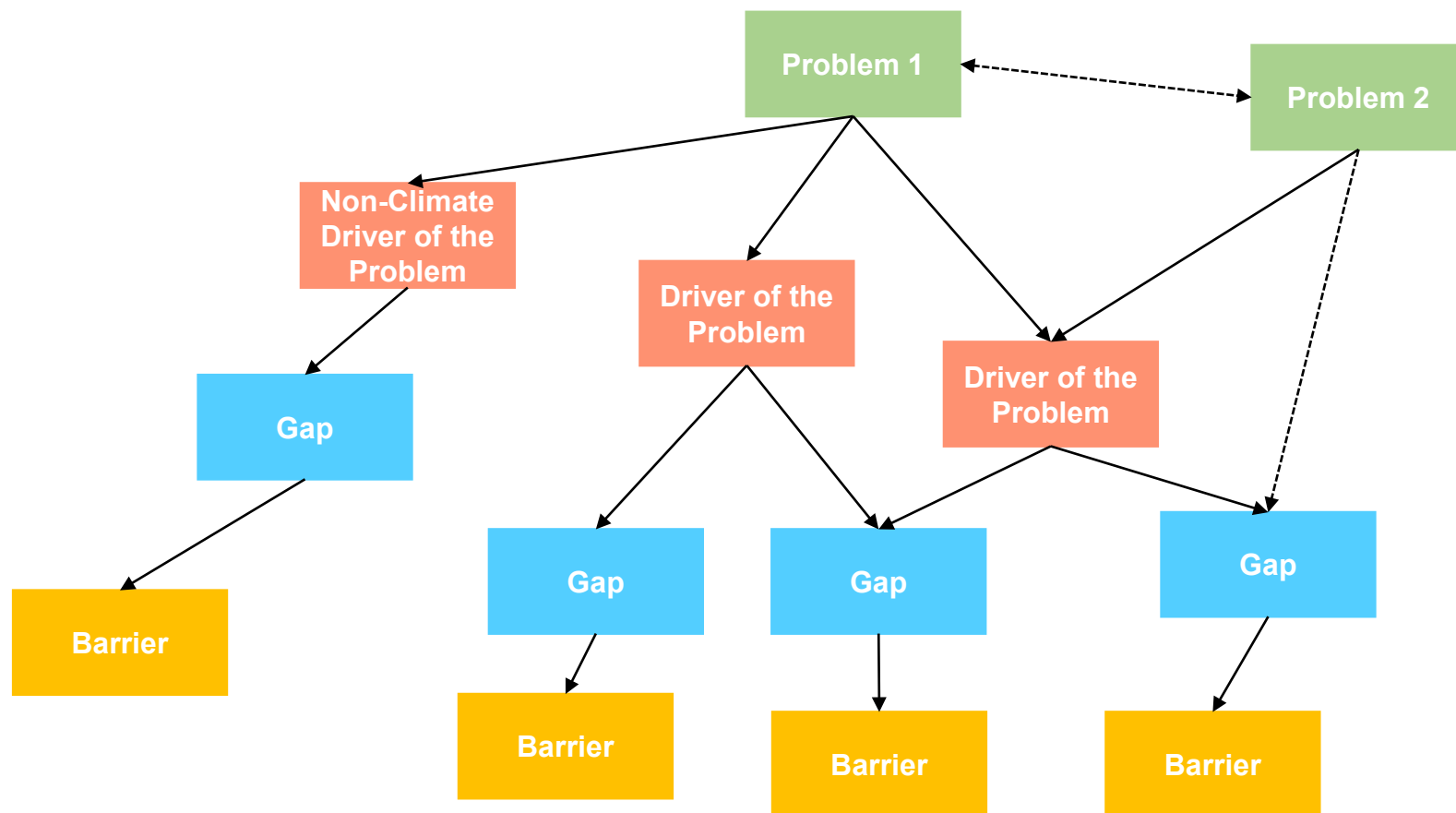
- Results can be categorized into three levels: Impact, Outcome, Output.
- Activities address identified barriers and can generate changes (results).



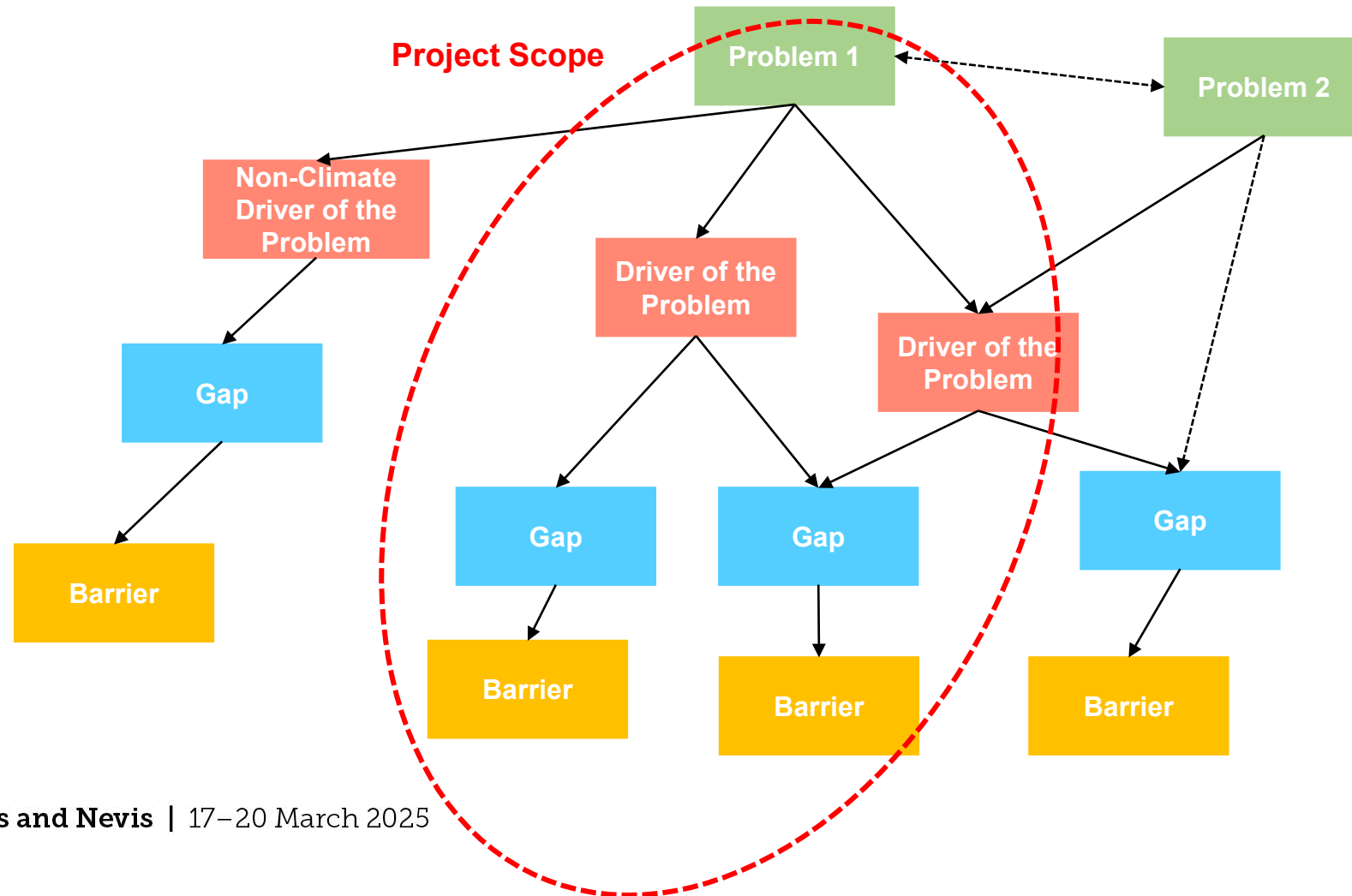
GCF IRMF Result Structure



Climate Narrative



Climate Narrative with Project Scope



How to Convert Climate Narrative into ToC

- Converting Problems into Outcomes

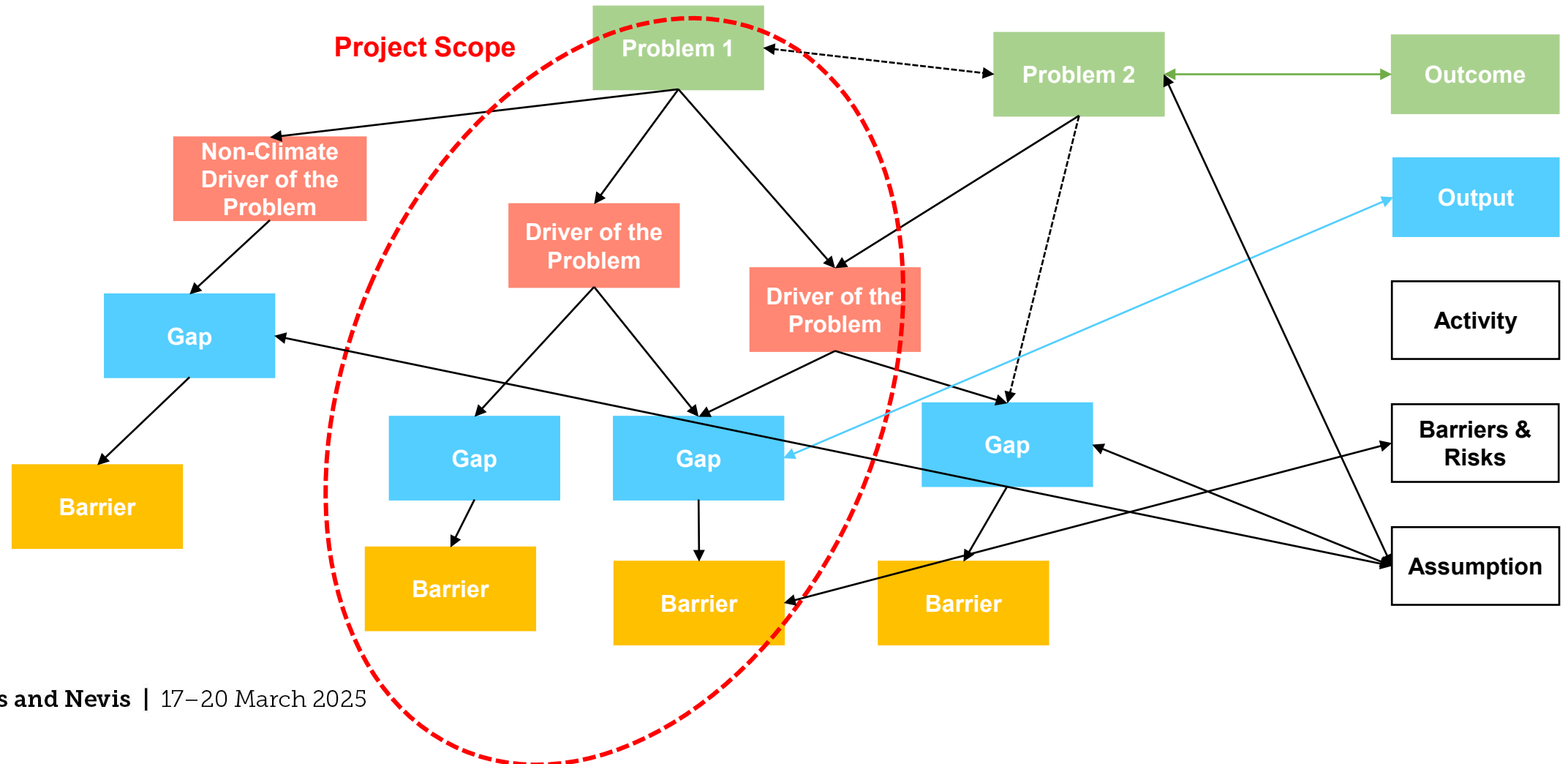
=> *Outcomes need to represent specific measurable mitigation and adaptation benefits.*

- Converting Gaps into Outputs

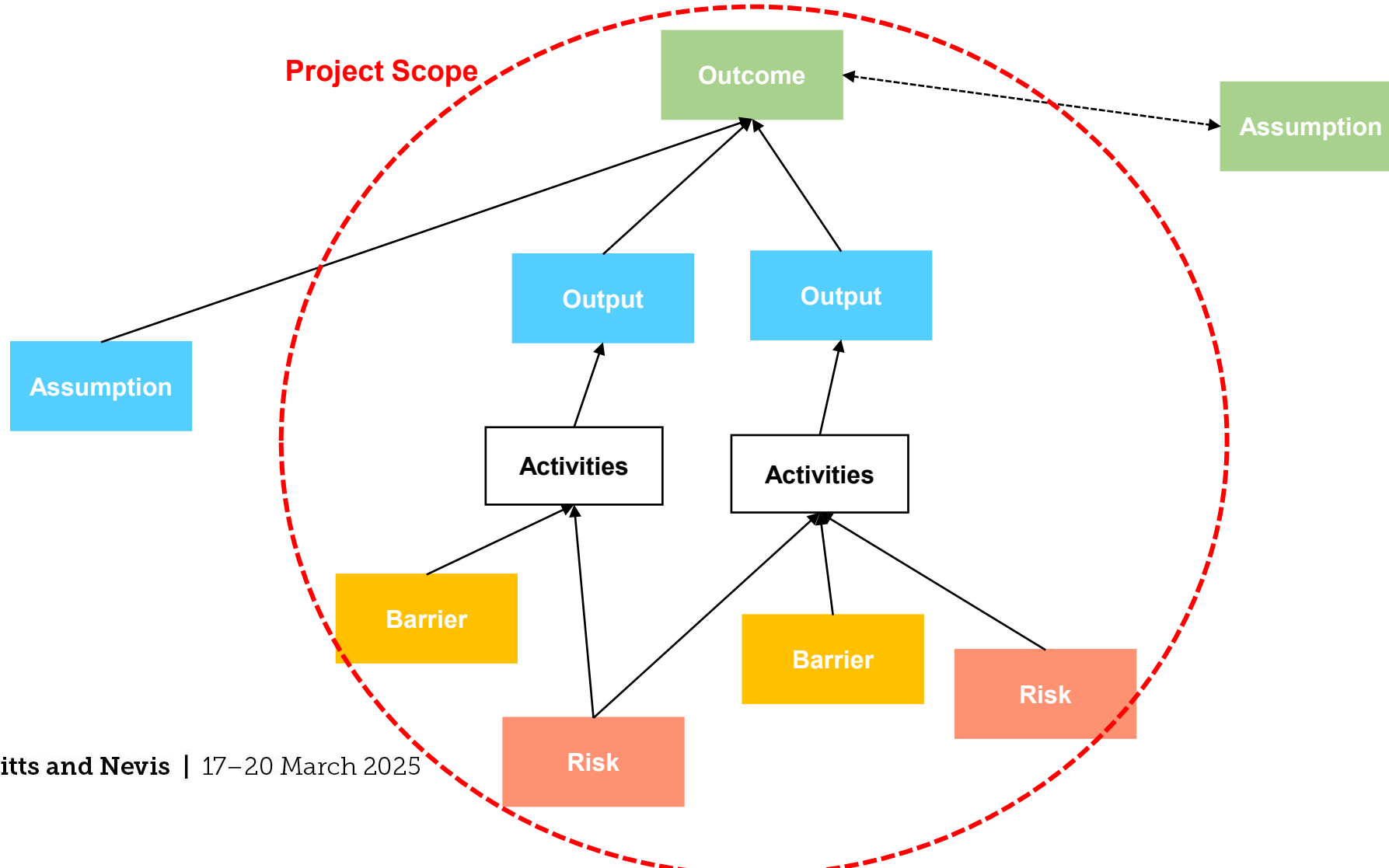
=> Outputs are direct consequences of activities which are between Outcomes and Activities

- Converting Drivers into Climate Risks
- Determining the scope of a project

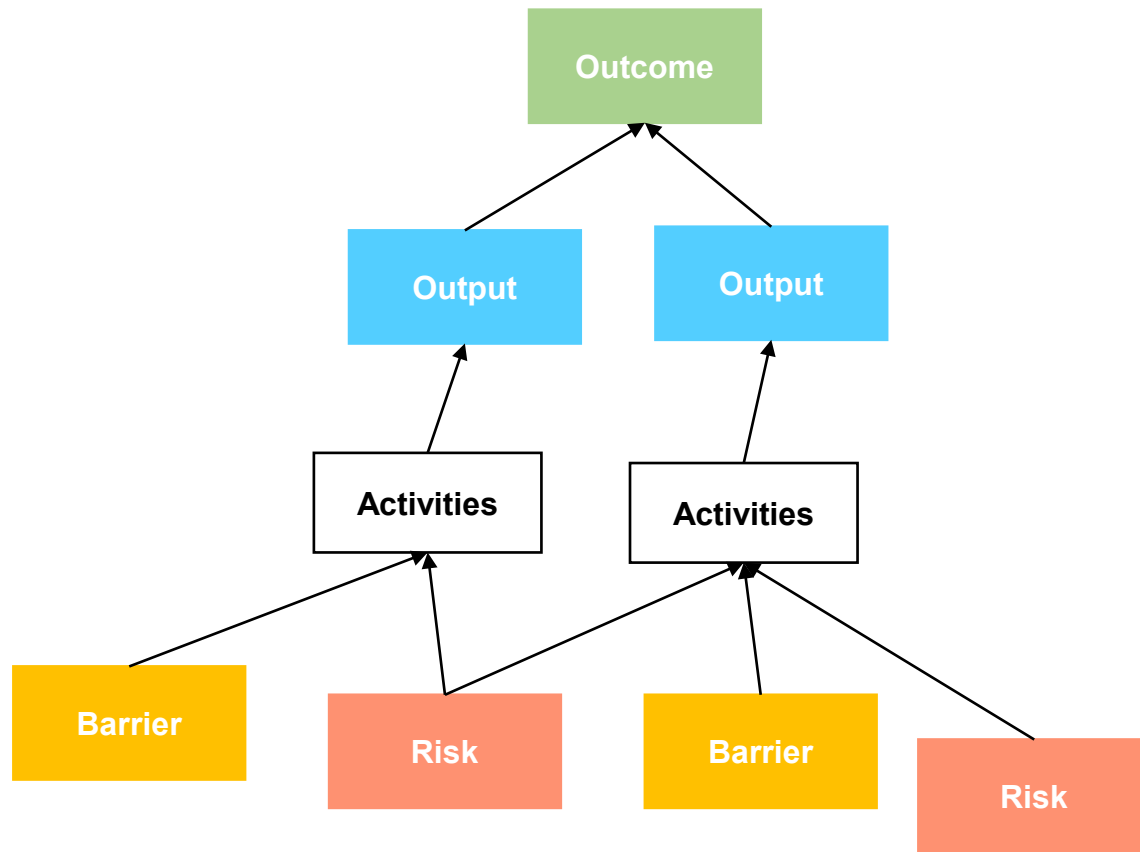
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ToC Outcomes & GCF Result Areas



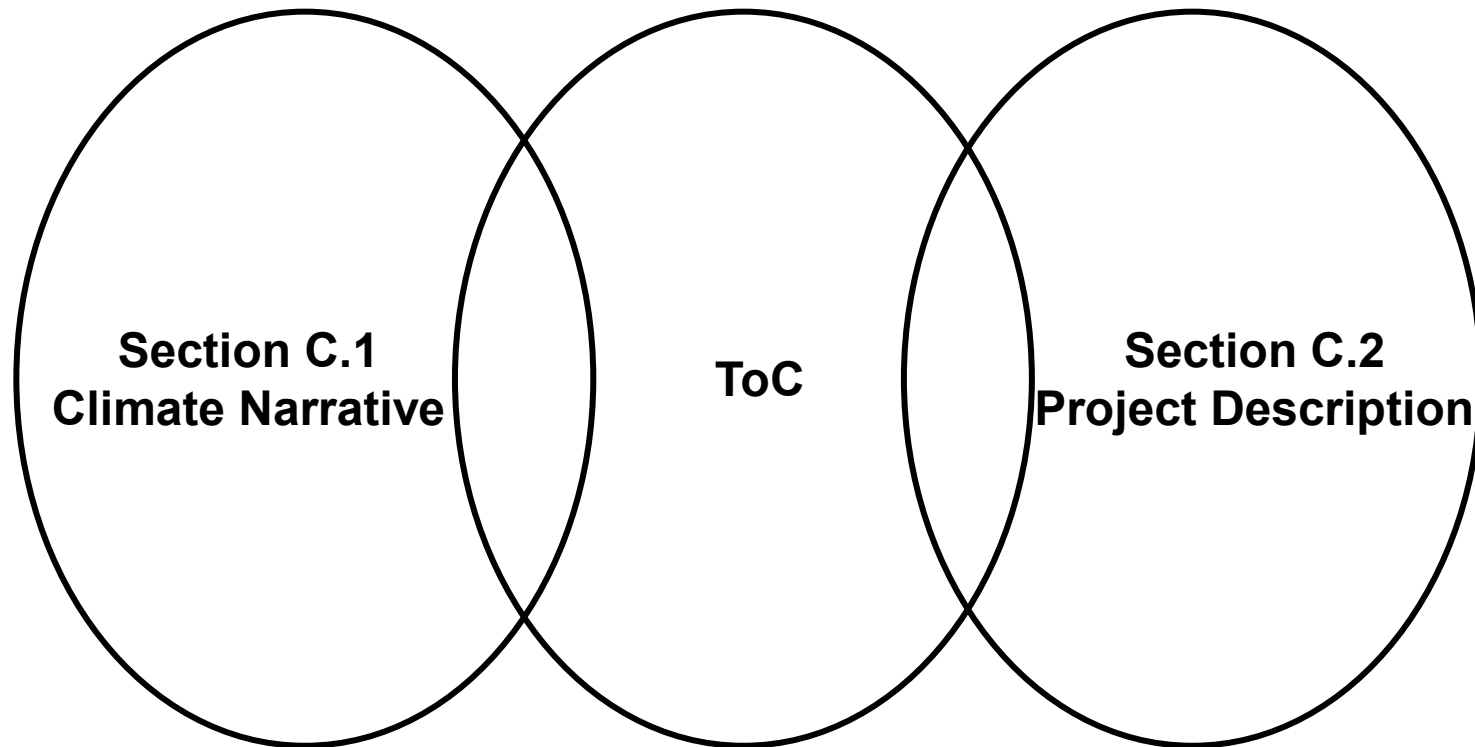
Mitigation results areas (MRA)



Adaptation results areas (ARA)



ToC as a link between Section C1 & C2



Climate Narrative: General feedback



- The climate narrative is the problem statement
- The climate narrative should be succinct and relevant to the project
- Describe the problem, and how it is related to climate change with evidence
- Describe the adaptation or mitigation gap

A linkage to the Logical Framework

- Project results need to be monitored and reported by **SMART indicators** – Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Time-bound – in the logical framework.
- Relevant **GCF IRMF indicators** must be chosen from the list.
- **Detailed methodologies** should be presented for indicators along with baseline data and targets.
- **Project specific indicators** are to be developed to monitor output-level results and outcomes as well when GCF IRMF indicators cannot cover multi-faceted aspects of project outcomes.



Thank you