



## **SCOPE, CONTENT AND CONCEPTUAL APPROACHES TO A NEW GLOBAL AGREEMENT TO COMBAT MARINE LITTER AND MICROPLASTICS**

PRE-RECORDED PRESENTATION REGARDING POTENTIAL RESPONSE OPTIONS TO AHEG (29 MAY 2020)

- Opening remarks by Ingeborg Mork-Knutsen, Ministry of Climate and Environment, Norway
- Presentation by Niko Urho & Karen Raubenheimer, consultants

## NORDIC SUPPORT FOR STRONGER GLOBAL COMMITMENT TO COMBAT MARINE LITTER AND MICROPLASTICS

- Nordic leadership
- Nordic declaration before UNEA-2 in 2016
- Support for the implementation of relevant UNEA-resolutions, assessments and travel support to the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Expert Group

NORDIC MINISTERIAL DECLARATION  
19 APRIL 2019, REYKJAVIK, ICELAND



Calls for the development of a global agreement to more effectively and comprehensively deal with the issue of marine plastic litter and microplastics on a global level in an integrated manner.



Request the preparation of a Nordic Report to inform future decision-making, sketching out the possible elements and approaches of a new global agreement that would address the whole lifecycle of plastics



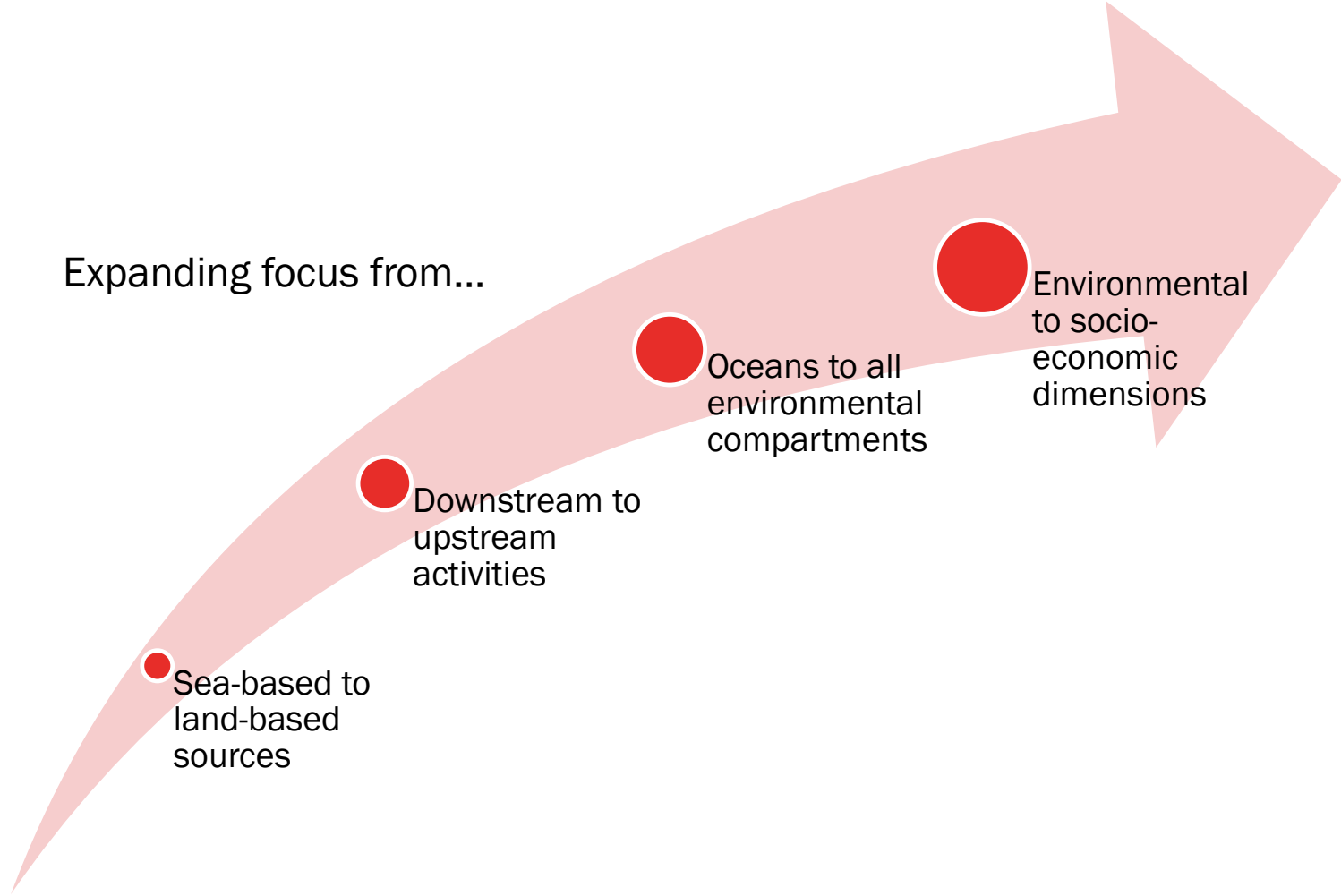
# PROCESS

- The drafting of the report aims to employ best practices from existing multilateral instruments, and tailor them to address the specificities of plastic pollution across the lifecycle.
- Review of literature published in academic and policy outlets
- Organization of the two technical workshops:
  - 1) Reykjavik, Iceland (September 2019)
  - 2) Copenhagen, Denmark (January 2020)



# MOVING TOWARDS A LIFE CYCLE APPROACH

Expanding focus from...



Sea-based to land-based sources

Downstream to upstream activities

Oceans to all environmental compartments

Environmental to socio-economic dimensions



The report discusses options for a global agreement, but this presentation focuses on one option that in our view best accommodates the above concepts



## WHAT IS THE ADDED VALUE OF AN AGREEMENT?



Generates a comprehensive approach to tackle plastic pollution across the life cycle



Helps to prioritize plastic pollution at the national level and leverage financial resources

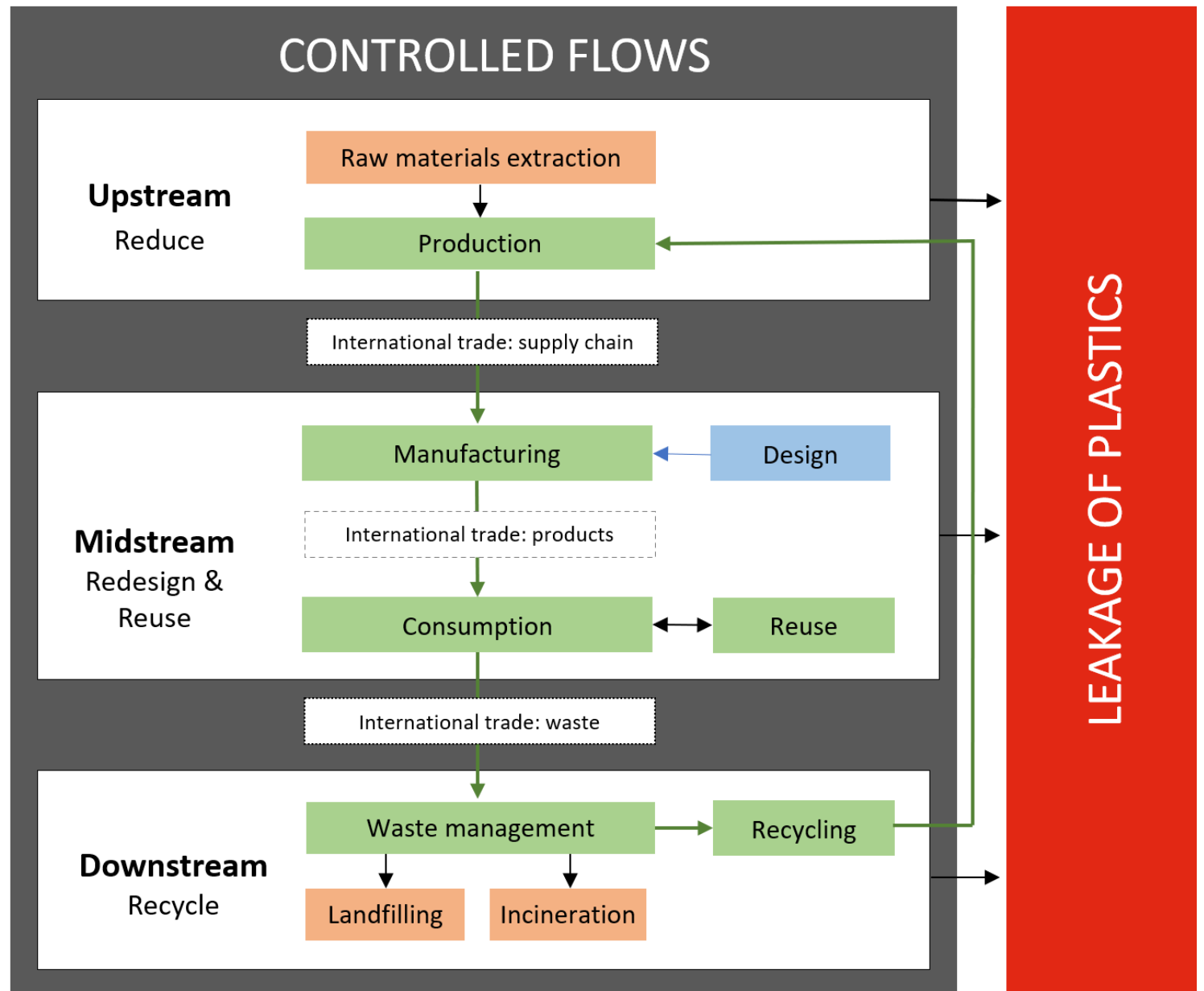


Enables coordination of actions and tracking of global progress



Galvanizes and harmonizes industry efforts across the life cycle

# THE LIFE CYCLE OF PLASTICS





ELIMINATION OF PROBLEMATIC  
AND AVOIDABLE PLASTIC  
PRODUCTS



SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT  
OF ESSENTIAL PLASTIC  
PRODUCTS



SUSTAINABLE WASTE  
MANAGEMENT

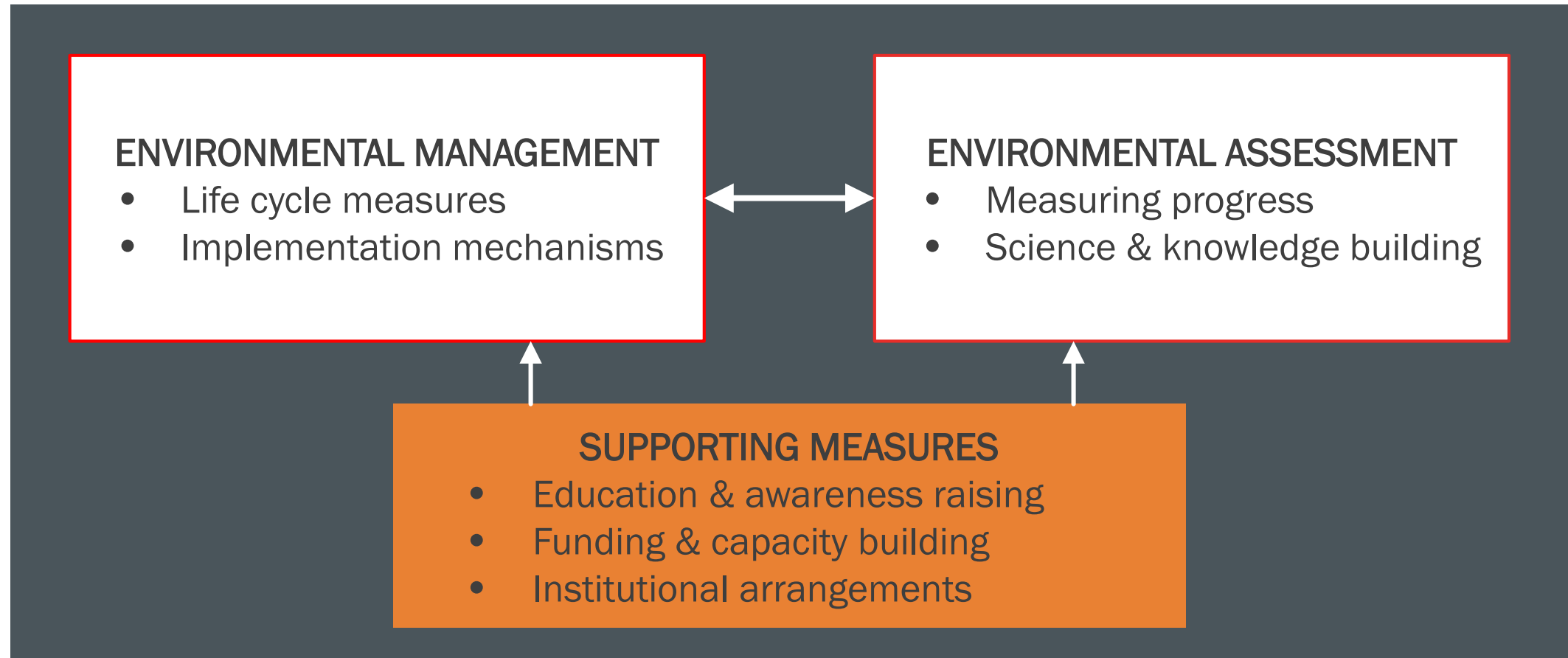


CHEMICAL HAZARD  
REDUCTION

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**POSSIBLE STRATEGIC GOALS FOR THE AGREEMENT**

# POSSIBLE ELEMENTS FOR A GLOBAL AGREEMENT TO COMBAT PLASTIC POLLUTION







# MANAGEMENT

## LIFE CYCLE MEASURES

- This includes all phases of the plastics value chain, as well as all sectors
- Trade, microplastics and chemical additives are cross-cutting measures

## IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISMS

- National Plastics Management Plans
- International Design Standards
- Regulatory and market-based instruments



# ASSESSMENT

## MEASURING PROGRESS

- Reporting and monitoring
- Global review
- National reviews

## SCIENCE & KNOWLEDGE BUILDING

- Subsidiary scientific body / expert working groups
- Research

# SUPPORTING MEASURES

## ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

- Life cycle measures
- Implementation mechanisms

## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

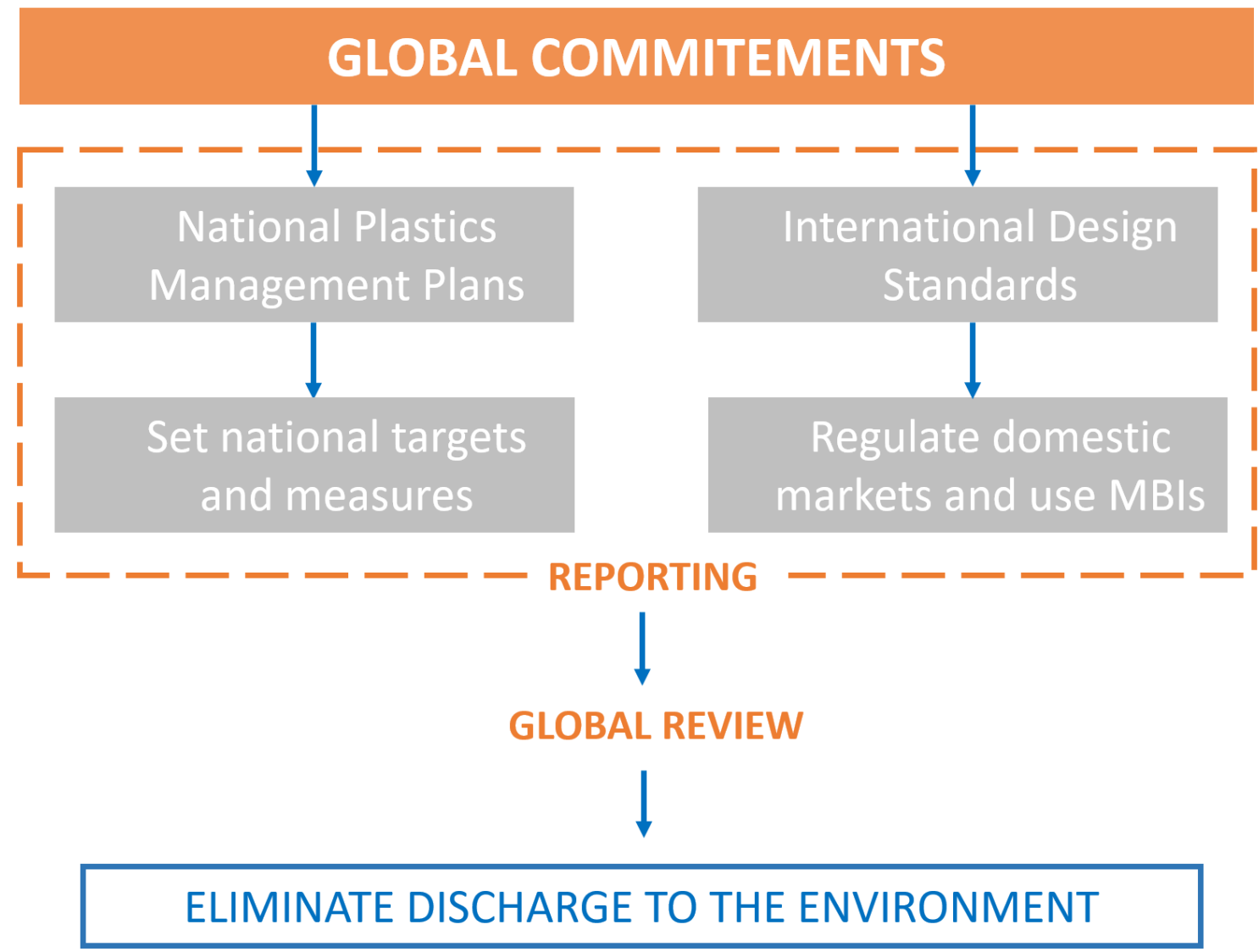
- Measuring progress
- Science & knowledge building

## SUPPORTING MEASURES

- Education & awareness raising
- Funding & capacity building
- Institutional arrangements



# LINKAGES BETWEEN IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISMS





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## THE WAY FORWARD

- Cross-sectoral review during July 2020
- Report will be finalized by the end of August 2020
- Launch in mid-September 2020
- Submissions for AHEG-5
- Ongoing outreach



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