

“Climate Services” Tilting at Local Governance Windmills

(revive chivalry, undo wrongs, and bring justice to the world)





More than a billion people live in low lying coastal regions



Local priorities are often different from those of central government

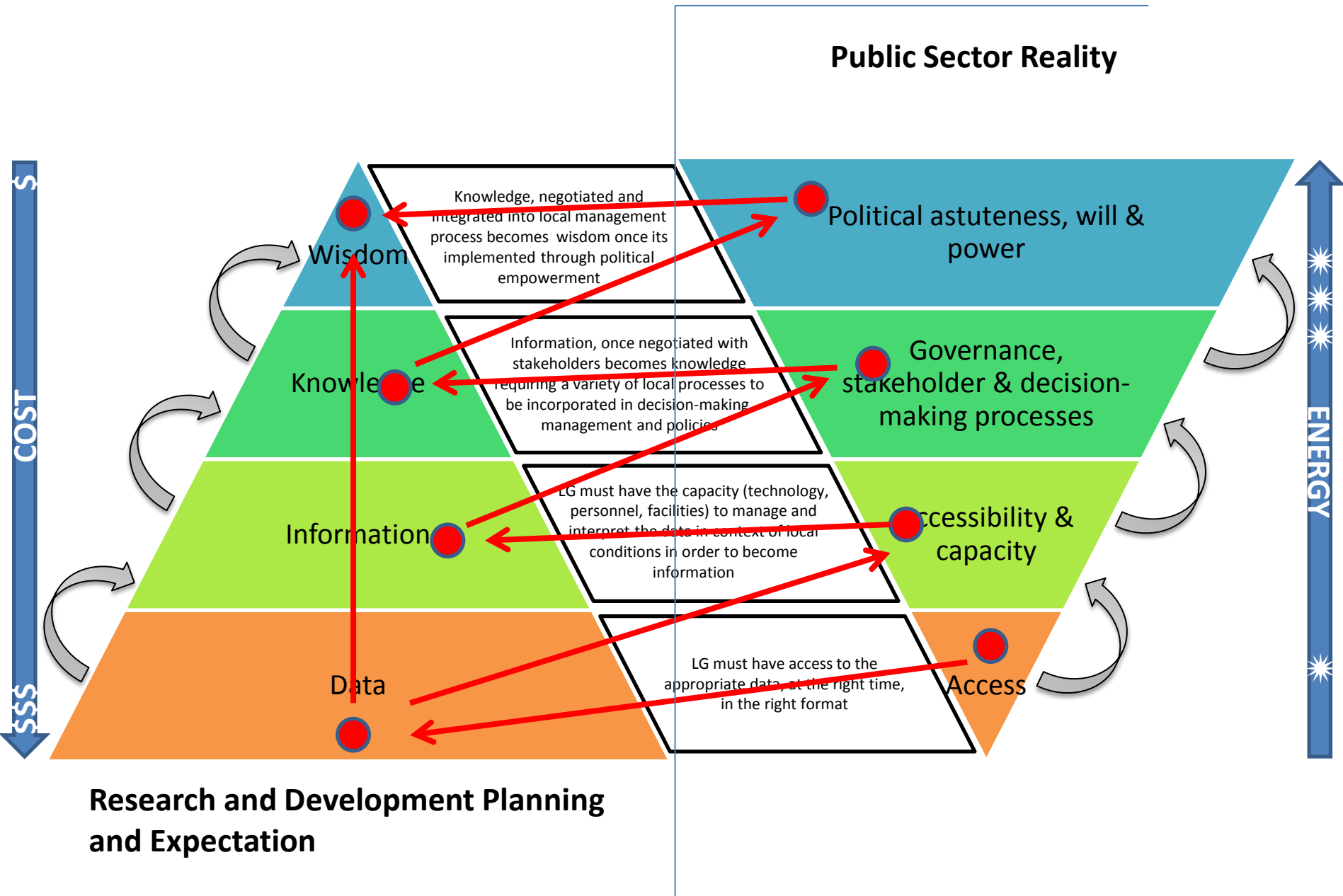


Focus on supporting local adaptive management approaches



Climate services to local governance in WIO states are still limited

Climate Service – Public Sector Interface



Reflections & Challenges

- Wisdom is a better climate-wise decision-making by people;
- Understand your audience;
- CS can enable better decision-making and improve the condition and well-being of coastal communities;
- Science cannot supply wisdom even though stakeholder consultation may be part of the process;
- CS & its products cannot be offered, they must be co-approached;
- The role of boundary agents are undervalued;
- CS success is a long-term venture (plan and budget appropriately);
- Include local/indigenous knowledge.

R&D Planning and Expectation

Public Sector Reality

- CS must support local actions & adaptations – requires trust, confidence, relationship;
- Local people and local systems have different, often non-linear priorities;
- CS can enable better decision-making and improve the condition and well-being of coastal communities;
- CS must be integrated into existing management and planning mechanisms of local areas, not only offered as top-down information;
- CS must have a local climate champion;
- Political will and priorities will to a large extent determine the effective the use of CS; and,
- CS without capacity building at local level impedes uptake.