

# Circular Economy - How Governments can Strategize CE Developments

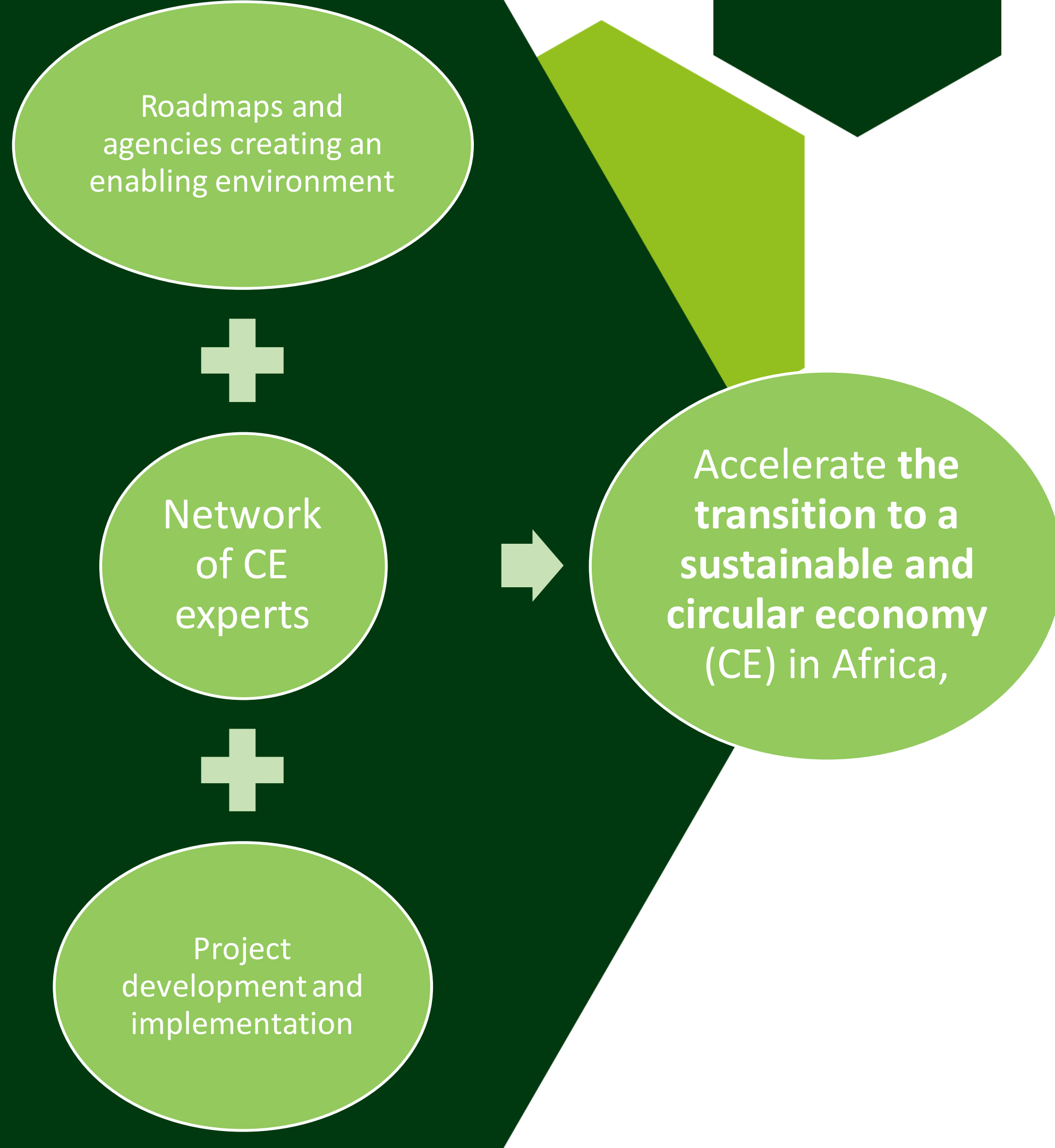
*To accelerate the just transition to an inclusive,  
circular and sustainable economy in Africa*

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- Capacity development in the African continent on every level
- Support and broaden our network of CE experts
- **Develop circular economy roadmaps and set up agencies that drive the roadmap implementation** Facilitate and implement CE project on the ground

# Our projects

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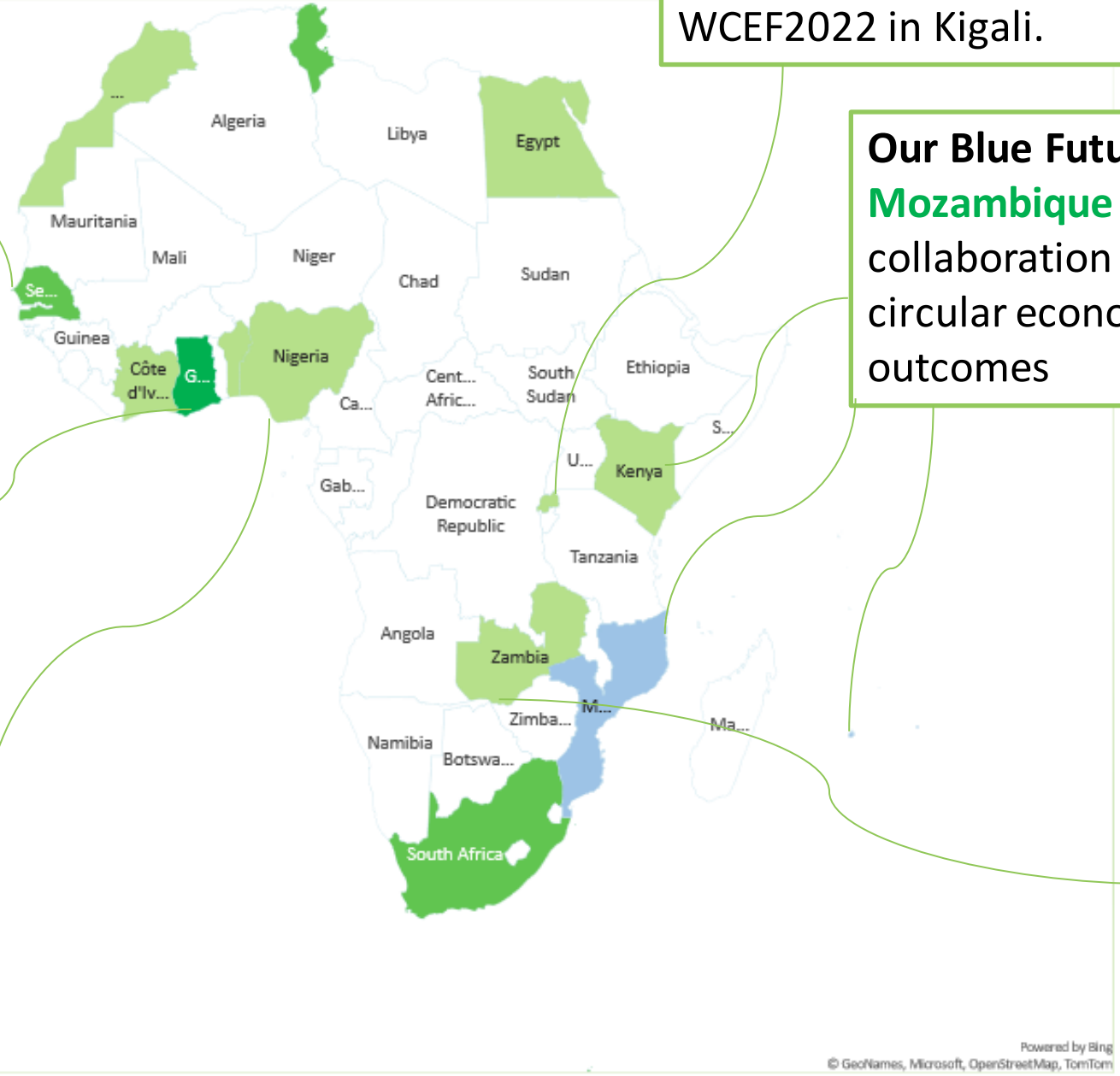
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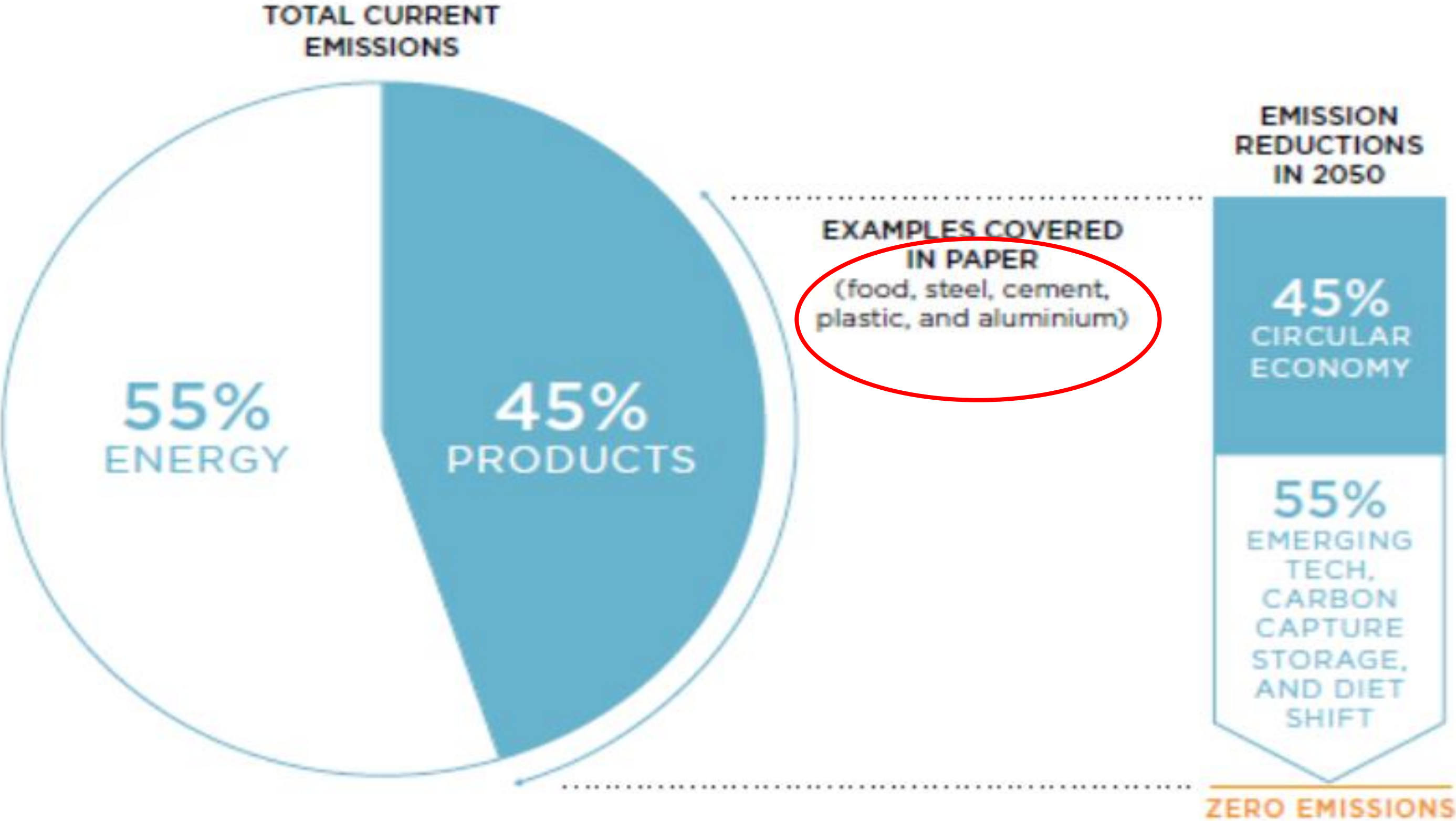
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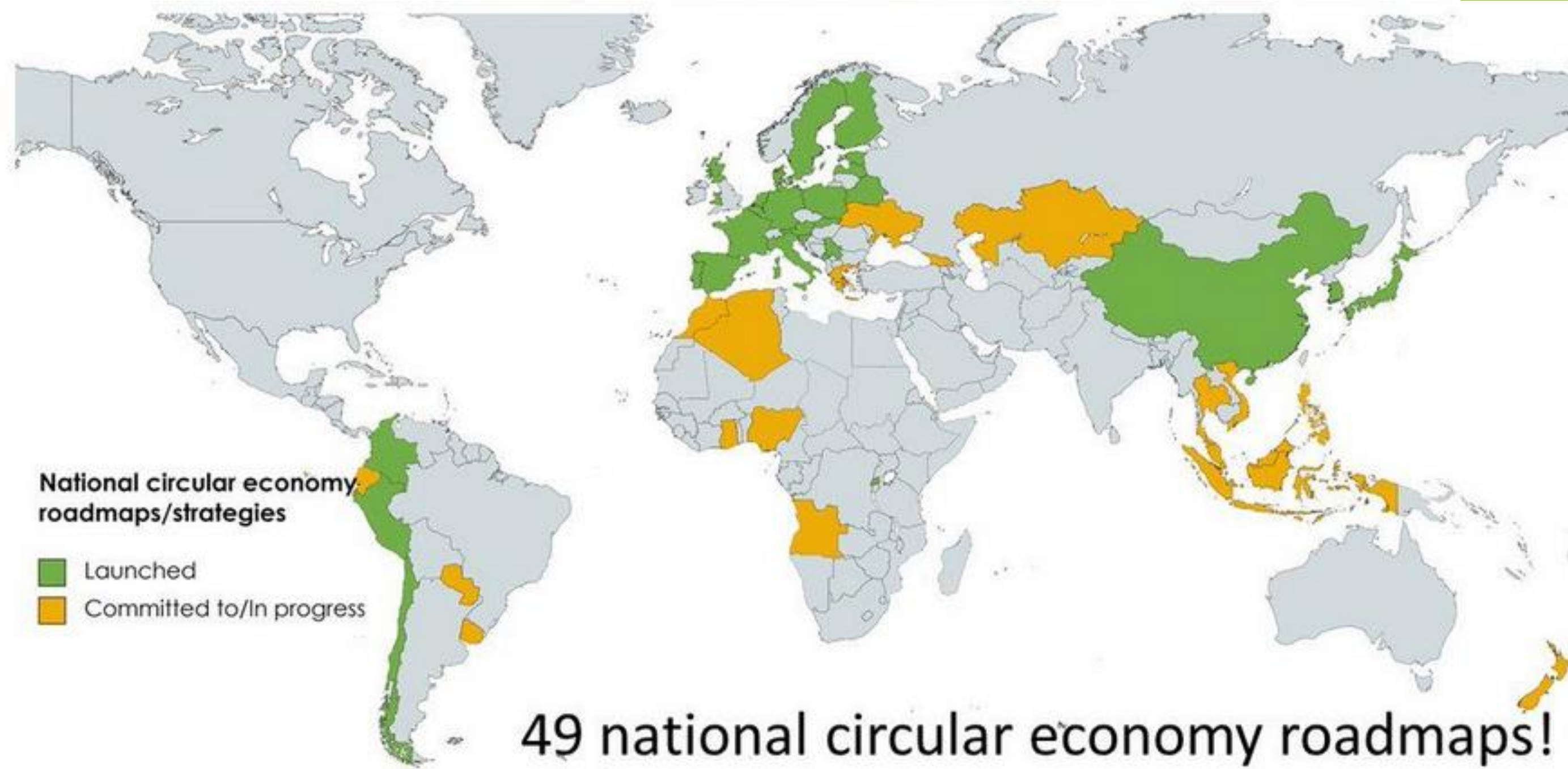
# COMPLETING THE PICTURE: TACKLING THE OVERLOOKED EMISSIONS



Source: Ellen MacArthur Foundation, Material Economics.

# Circular Economy Roadmaps

- **systemic change** towards a circular economy.

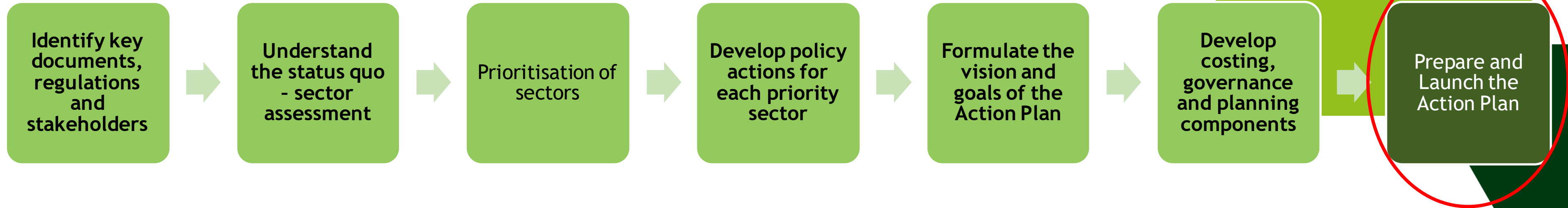


African Circular Economy Facility (AfDB + ACEA) program for roadmaps  
AUC developing the continental roadmap.

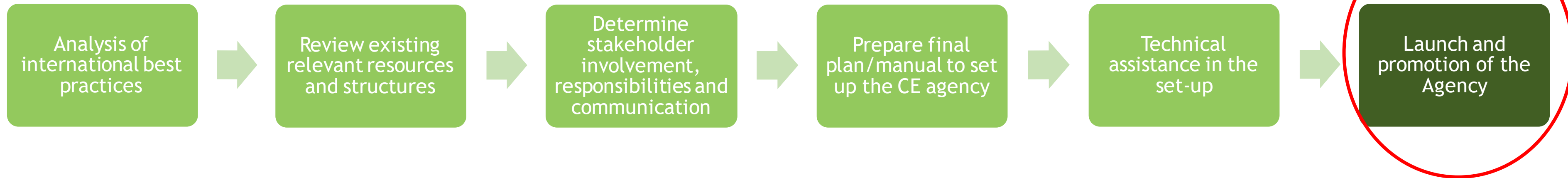


# Our approach – Circular Economy Roadmaps

The development of a circular economy roadmap/action plan:



The development of a circular economy multi stakeholder platform/agency:



# CE Roadmap

A **CE roadmap** is a strategic instrument to facilitate a systemic change towards a circular economy.

Such a strategic approach is helpful to:

- create a **common mindset** and **ownership by the stakeholders**
- **ensure inclusivity** (all perspectives taken into account and analysed A stakeholders mapping and a plan, developed together with all the stakeholders (inclusivity), led by governmental authorities (leadership embedded in law) with the concrete and practical solutions tailored to the countries' unique context
- set up a **timeline**
- plan the **costs of actions** - to enable funds mobilisation
- anticipate the milestones, sequence
- improve the communications between the stakeholders along the value chain and between different sectors
- pave the way **for resilience and a more sustainable economy**
- consider relations and contributions to other strategic policies (ie SDGs NDCs)

# Project I: The Continental Circular Economy Action Plan for Africa

For the African Union Commission and financed by the European Union



- **Snapshots on the national context** of the circular economy in all the African countries
- **Regional snapshots** on the circular economy
- Vision and mission of the Action Plan
- **Policy goals and actions for 10 priority sectors and 3 cross-cutting priorities**
- **Institutional arrangements, governance and resource mobilization strategy**

Workshops on Action Plan with government representatives from African member states:

- 1<sup>st</sup> workshop in Mombasa: **Attended by 33 representatives from 21 African countries**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop in Addis Ababa: 3-4<sup>th</sup> of October 2023 **Attended by 42 from 27 African countries.**



## Project II: Study on CE in Tunisia

The objective of this study is to promote the understanding of the circular economy in Tunisia by

- (i) establishing the state of play of the circular economy in Tunisia;
- (ii) identifying the opportunities, issues and socio-economic challenges that the circular economy represents in Tunisia
- (iii) popularizing the concept, in order to promote its understanding for policy makers, the private sector, civil society or any other actor.

- **Stakeholder Mapping**
- **Sectors Investigated:** Agriculture, Building, Packaging, Tourism and Textile.
- **Policy framework analysis**
- **Gaps and recommendations**

# Project III: CE Action Plan Rwanda

- Time horizon: until 2035
- Costing: USD 211 million
- 17 policy interventions
  - Priority sectors: agriculture, construction, waste and water
  - Cross-cutting elements: awareness, capacity, collaboration...
- Private Sector Engagement Model
- Governance & institutional arrangements

## Foreword



Dr Jeanne d'Arc MUJAWAMARIYA  
Minister of Environment



## Rwanda National Circular Economy Action Plan and Roadmap



Link to the roadmap published:

<https://www.environment.gov.rw/index.php?eID=dumpFile&t=f&f=395aa568ceac5346426c5d29864bced>

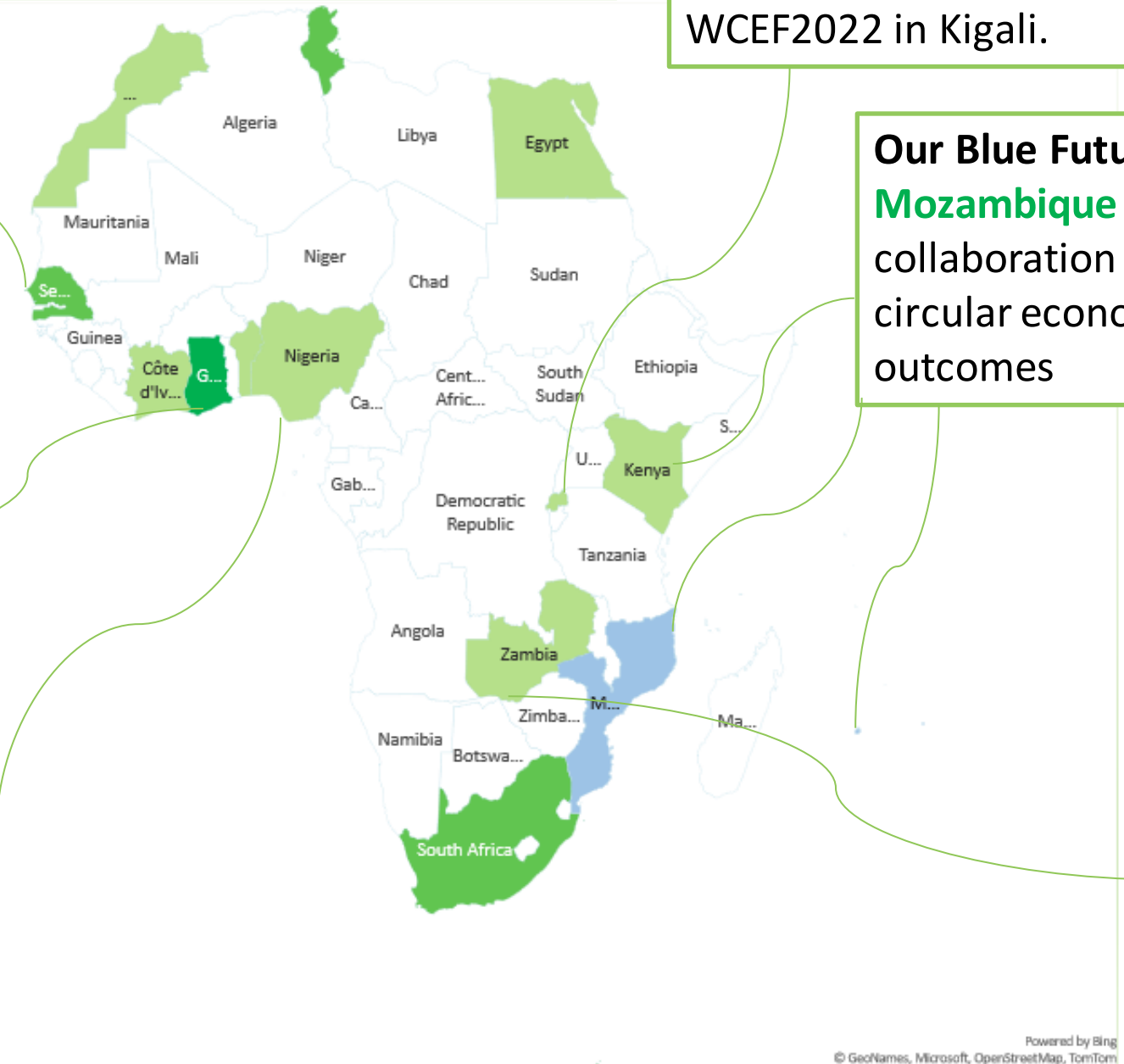
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# EU Circular Economy Action Plan

A new vision for Europe



***35 actions along the entire life cycle of products, to:***

Make **sustainable products** the norm in the EU

**Empower** consumers and public buyers

**Focus also on key product value chains:** electronics and ICT; batteries and vehicles; packaging; plastics; textiles; construction and buildings; food; water and nutrients

Ensure **less waste**

- Make circularity work for **people, regions** and **cities**

- **Lead global efforts** on circular economy



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*Thank you*

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