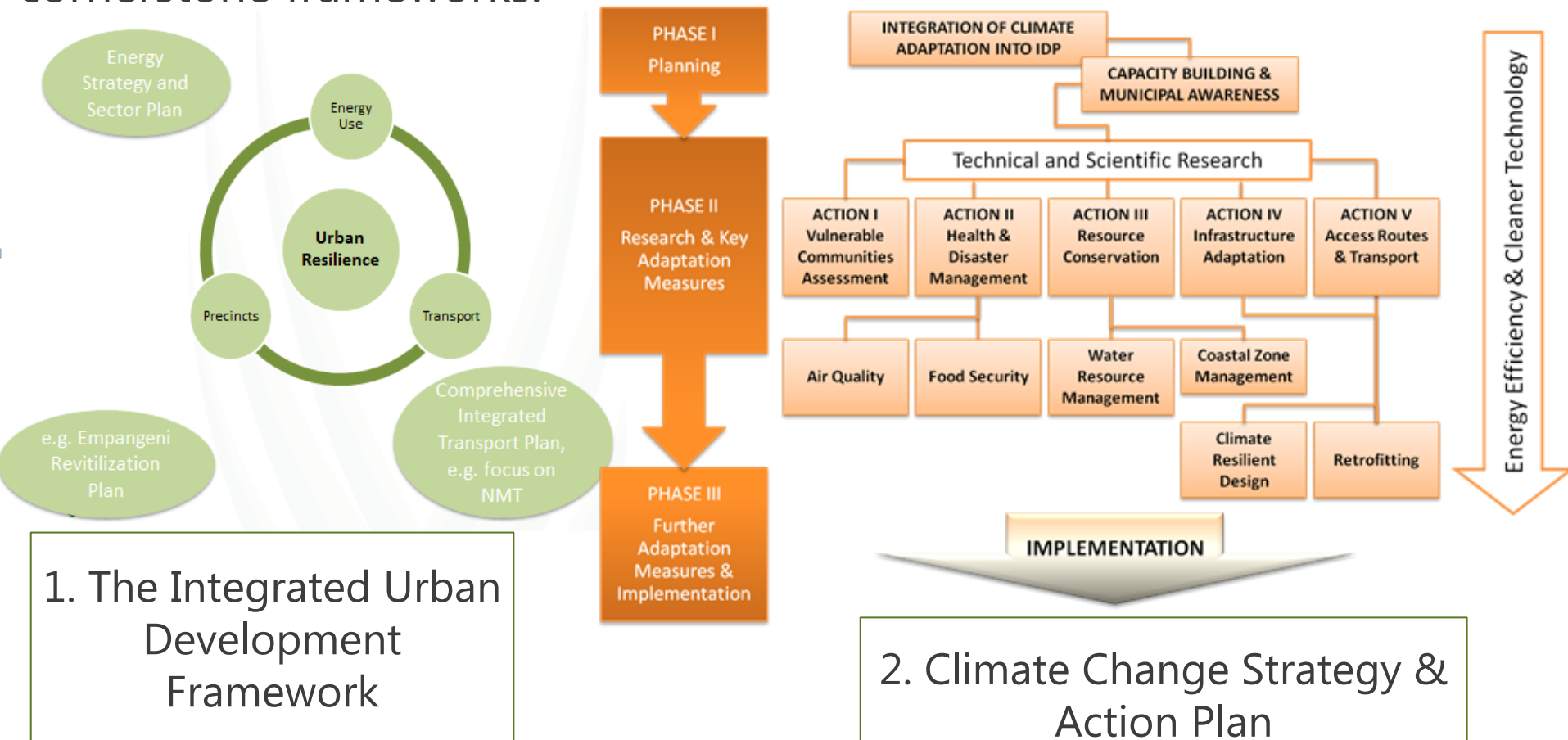


1. Institutional setting

In creating resilient urban centres, in the scourge of unprecedented urbanization and climate change impacts that are experienced at a localized level, the City of uMhlatuze has adopted enabling cornerstone frameworks.



1. The Integrated Urban Development Framework

2. Climate Change Strategy & Action Plan

2. Project Objectives

- ❑ Redress the urban form, urban renewal and densification inefficiencies.
- ❑ Introduce a public realm with active open spaces, landscaping and responsive street furniture.
- ❑ Create vibrant, organized informal markets from haphazard informal traders – majority marginalized, vulnerable women.
- ❑ Develop a functional public transport terminus and effective pedestrian linkages.
- ❑ Monitor and Enforce Municipal Bylaws in the Empangeni CBD through the Area Based Management program.
- ❑ Climate proof the revitalization plan to address adaptation and mitigation imperatives.

3. Approach



4. Outputs



5. Lessons

- Adopt a quadrant approach to channel resources accordingly to create bigger impact
- Mobilizing teams and financial resources requires extraordinary effort. This is mandatory however for extraordinary results
- Forging partnerships with role-players are critical for change management. Actions must yield an all-of-society-approach. Ensures greater accountability with civil society actors in urban management.
- Invest in research – qualitative and quantitative to adequately respond to urban trends.
- Enforcement of bylaws must be ensued with reasonable incentives to achieve better compliance.

6. Follow up

The revitalization plan for Empangeni has the potential to be scaled up to other decaying urban centres that are in need of renewal.

Success/effectiveness however lies in not changing the original sense of place and unique attributes of the study area, whilst introducing transformative elements.