

# Collaborative workshop on Evidence-based Policy Making in South Africa

## WELCOME

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# Welcome

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- UK DELTA
- Environment Canada
- Australian National University (Retd)
- British High Commission
- Dept Minerals and Energy
- Dept Environmental Affairs and Tourism
- Dept Water Affairs and Forestry
- Dept Science and Technology
- National Research Foundation
- Human Sciences Research Council
- SA National Biodiversity Institute
- University of the Witwatersrand
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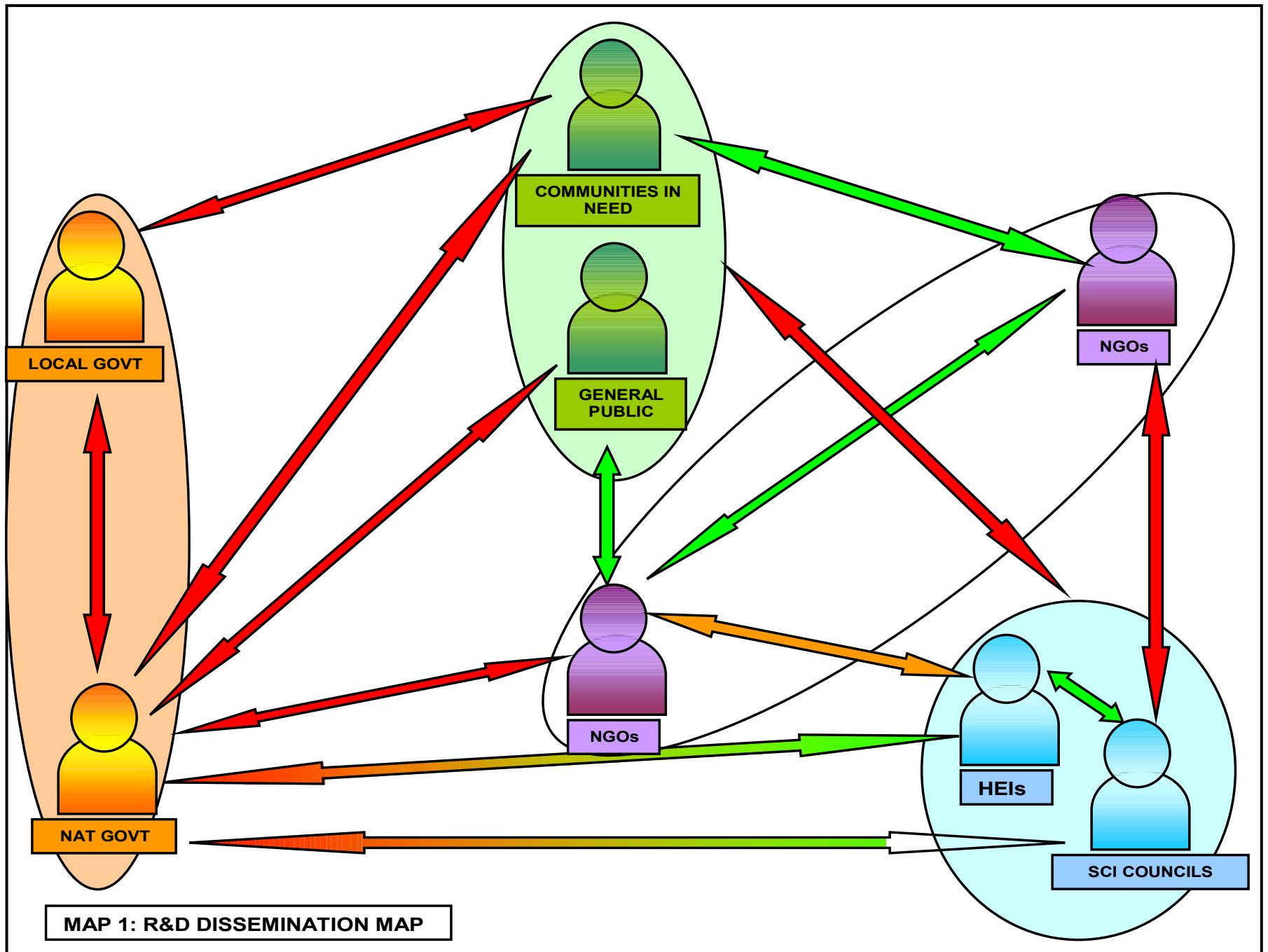
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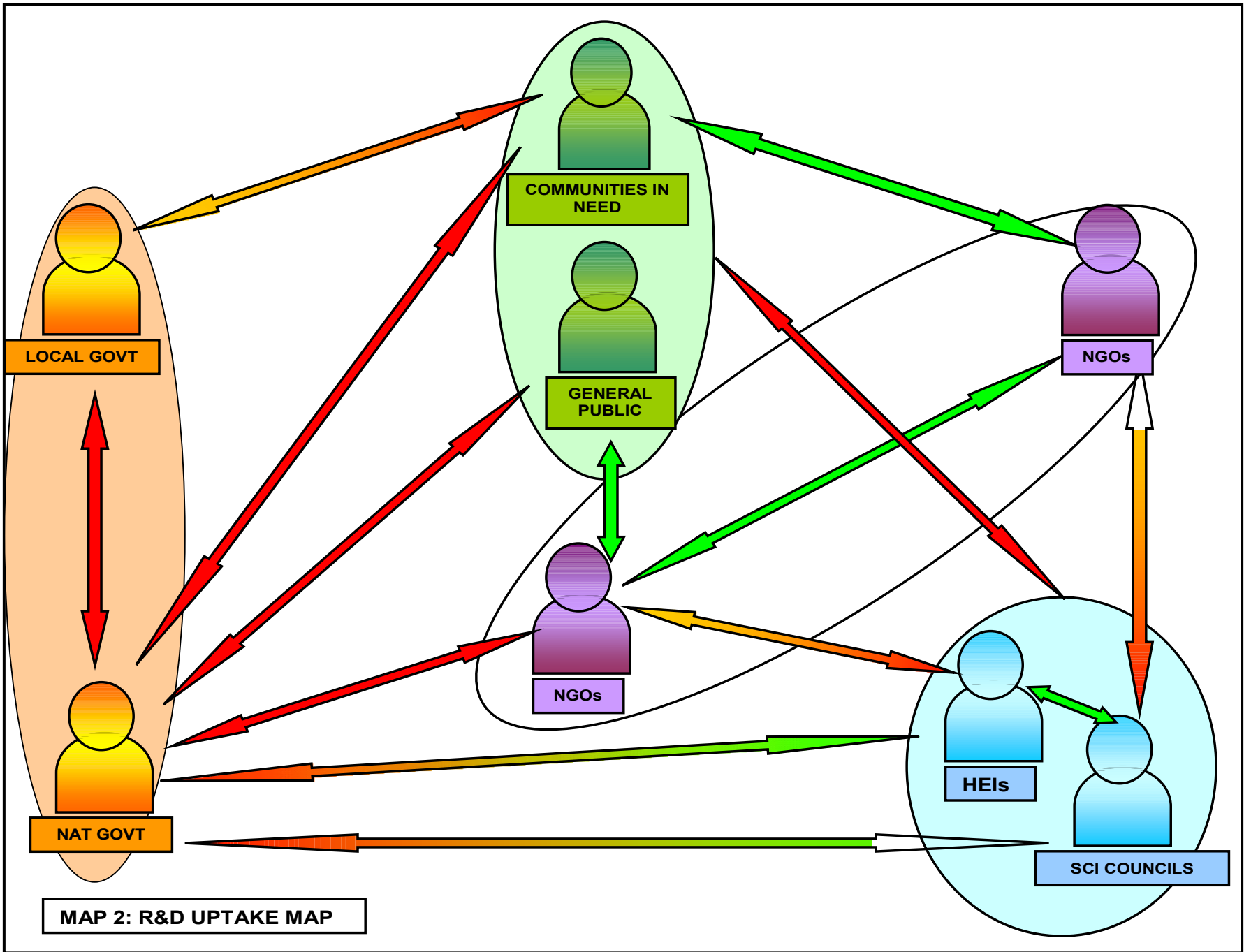
# Some thoughts....

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MAP 2: R&D UPTAKE MAP

# Currently..

## Assumes:

- Research capacity is available to respond to needs,
- Research skills are appropriate to needs
- Policy makers can identify research needs
- Policy makers can interpret & assimilate research inputs

Policy development & implementation community

Policy and implementation issues  
(Operational focus,  
Short term, secondary research)

Research community

New knowledge to review existing / planned policy  
(Long term, primary research)

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# Way forward?

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## Communication structures:

- Ensure alignment of research
- Joint interpretation of inputs

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## Joint development of R&D strategies:

- Agree on current and future priorities
- Identify (new) capacity required

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# Why are we here?

- Your input will be used to make a difference in the way evidence-based policy is developed and implemented
- We will develop the outline of a report that will detail practical recommendations to improve the uptake of evidence into policy
- Your four case study groups will be vital in constructing this outline

Thank you

... and best wishes for a fruitful workshop

