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# Evaluating Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change

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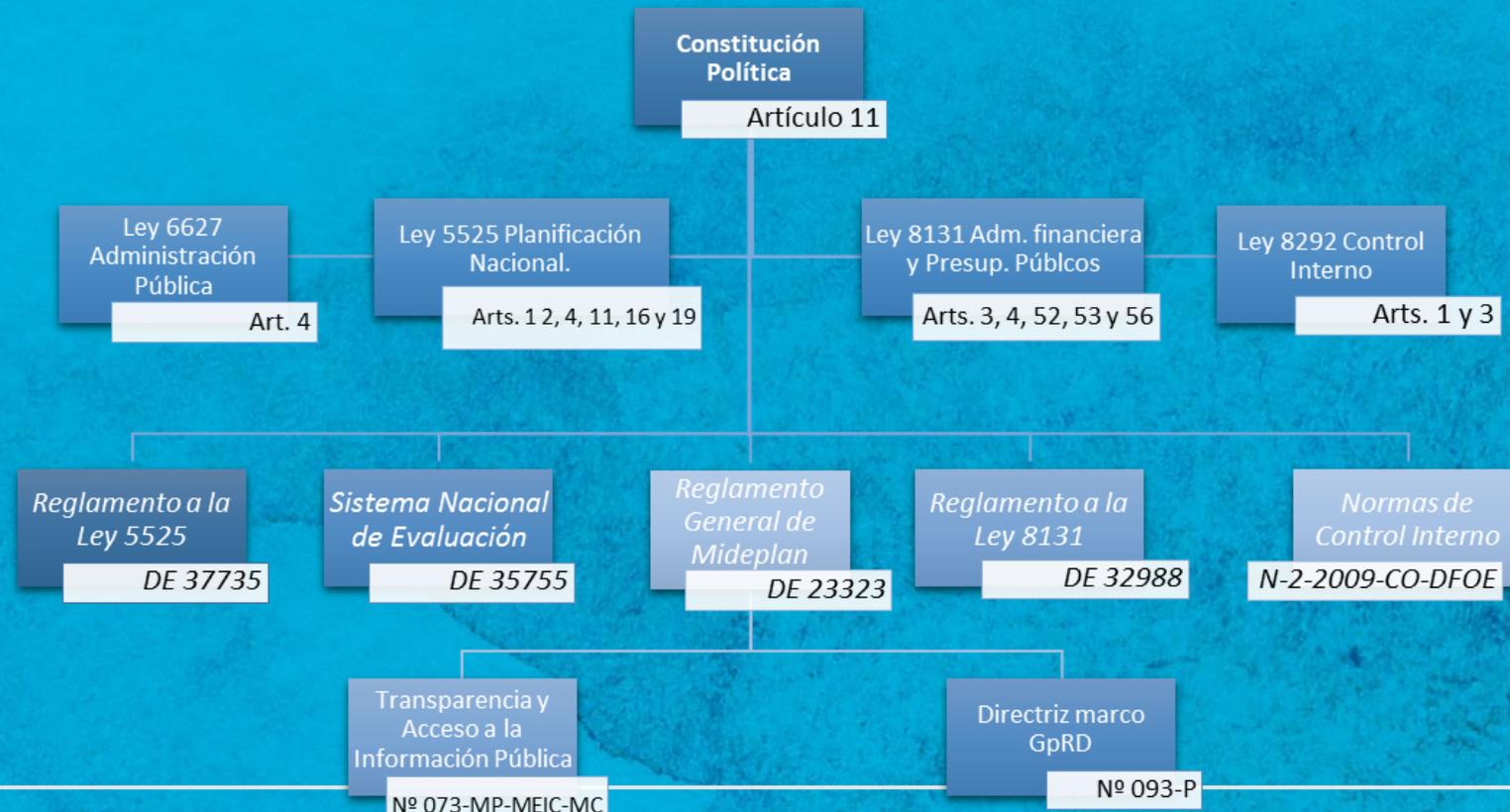
National Evaluation System framework

# What do countries need to do to climate-proof national M&E systems?



# Legal and institutional framework

- We have different laws that regulate evaluation function in the public sector (Political Constitution, Planning, and Budget)
- Evaluation in Costa Rica is linked to National Planning System



- Mideplan has the mandate to lead the system (5525 Planning Law)

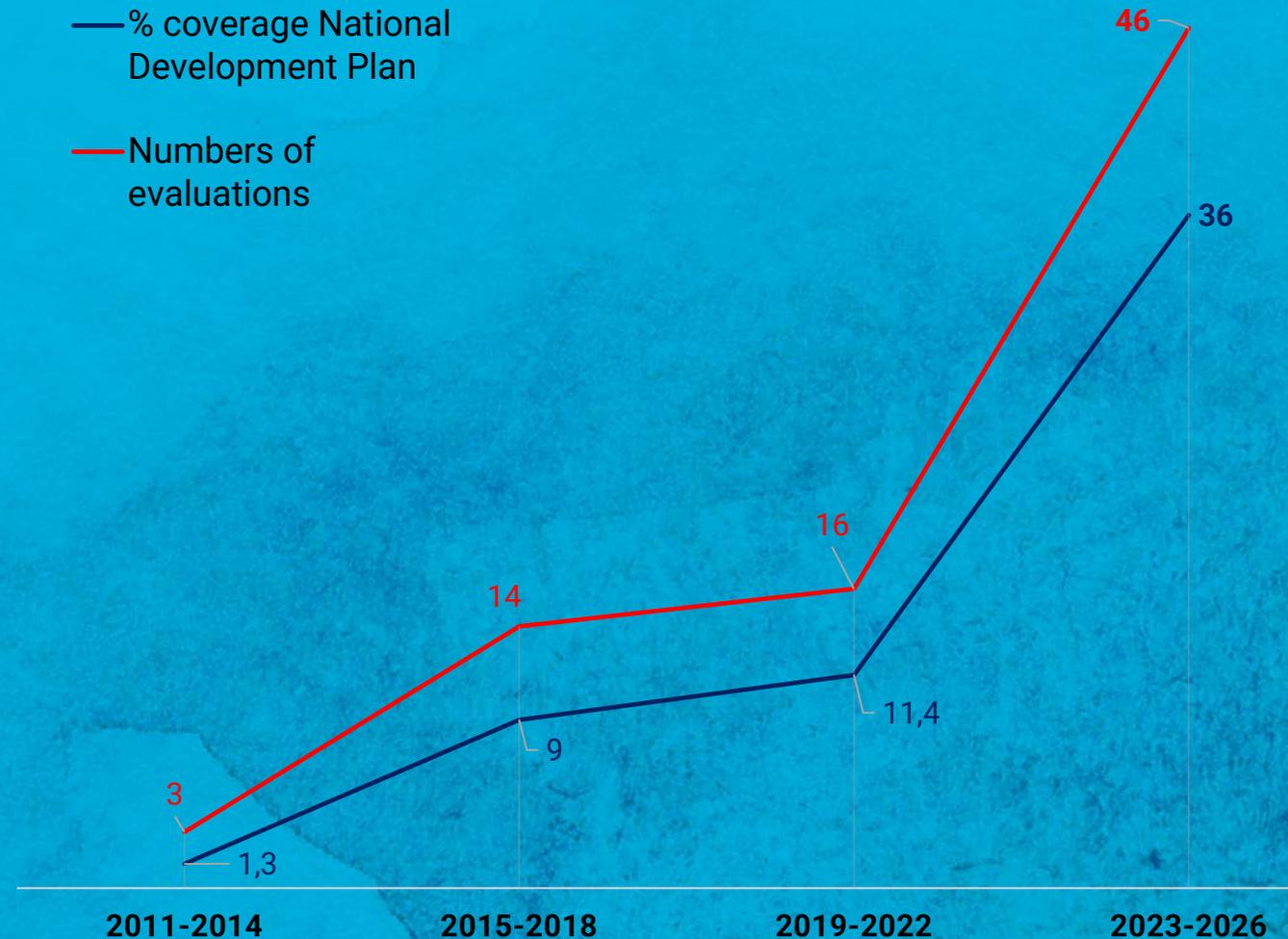
- The M&E system originated in 1994, and was initially oriented to the measurement of goals and indicators of the National Development Plan.

- The development of the evaluation function began in 2009. Executive Decret 35755

# Principal instruments

## National Evaluation Policy / National Evaluation Agenda

- In the 2011-2014 period, 3 pilot evaluations were conducted, financed with international cooperation resources mostly which laid the groundwork for the development of the processes in practical and methodological terms.
- The NEA stems in 2015 from a recommendation of evaluation process to strengthen the evaluation system in accordance with the regulatory mandate.
- NEA originates from the NDP which is formulated every 4 years and is the set of NDP public interventions selected for evaluation according to the priorities established by the government.
- The country begins to invest resources from the national budget for National Development Plan evaluations.





Preparación



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Ejecución



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The evaluation process is conducted by Mideplan with the active participation of the line ministries

- Identificación de responsables
- Definición del objeto y justificación
- Identificación de actores
- Análisis de evaluabilidad

- Descripción de la teoría de intervención
- Formulación de objetivos y preguntas
- Delimitación del alcance
- Elaboración de TdR y selección de evaluadores

- Análisis del Plan de Trabajo
- Supervisión del trabajo de campo
- Valoración de informes
- Difusión de resultados

- Análisis de Recomendaciones
- Elaboración del Plan de Acción
- Implementación del Plan de Acción
- Análisis de incidencia del Plan de Acción

- We define a work team who is responsible to transit in the evaluation process.
- This team is integrated by personal of the Evaluation Unit (2 persons), personal involved in the implementation of the program, planning department and others actors who are relevant for the institution (Political Staff, Directors)



# What do countries need?

- Someone who **coordinate and lead** the process (Mideplan), between different stakeholders and interest.
- **Political will** and technical support, to steer actions in a direction that is useful and relevant for decision making.
- **External alliances**: in order to take advantage of the knowledge and expertise that often doesn't exist within the institutions to carry out the necessary methodological innovations.
- **Developing causal theories and designs** of public interventions from an environmental perspective? Ensuring the existence of metrics and information linking a public action with a consequence to the ecosystem.

# Example

Intervention / institution	Sector	Goals	Development Plan Indicator	Comments	SDGs related
<b>National Strategy for STEAM education / Ministry of Education</b>	Education	Promote the development of 21st century skills and competencies in the students, from a gender perspective, so that they can explore and value STEAM areas in their vocational projects. Update education programs	Quantity of educational centers schools that implement the National STEAM Education Strategy.	STEAM adds Arts to STEM  Sustainability – curriculum, teaching aids such as rain gardens, participation of key orgs in curriculum design and implementation	4-5-8
<b>Housing subsidy fund / Ministry of Housing and Hypothecary Bank for Housing</b>	Housing, City and territory	To contribute to improve the quality of life of low-income families or those in poverty, providing them with a housing solution, poor families, providing them with a housing solution.  Financial transfer for the acquisition of a housing solution or the repair, expansion, improvement or completion of the family home.	Quantity of housing solutions housing solutions granted to the income population income middle	Environmental effects from materials and design, construction methods, incentives towards more sustainable options, neighborhood actions such as for flood management, water management – provision of sustainability technical advice to builders including self-build, ensuring that sustainable materials are available	11
<b>Stimulus fund for socio-cultural organizations / Ministry of Culture</b>	Culture	Execute support mechanisms for ventures and initiatives associated with the cultural subsectors, through economic stimuli that contribute to reactivate and promote the cultural and creative and creative economy.  Finance social innovation projects in the country's socio-cultural organizations linked to the promotion of cultural diversity, the social solidarity economy and the safeguarding of cultural and natural heritage.	Number of projects benefiting from competitive funds	Extent of Nexus recognizing and promoting importance of natural systems in socio-cultural	8
<b>Social care for families / Social Support institute</b>	Welfare, labor and social inclusion	Promotes the satisfaction of basic needs for food, health, housing and basic public services, among others, through comprehensive and articulated attention, and an economic contribution to family income, promoting better living conditions	Number of households living in poverty that have an economic contribution for basic necessities	Climate risk as eligibility factor, M&E could assess resilience promoting behaviours and sustainability adverse actions (e.g. by smallholders)	2