



An introduction to Chapter 6 Just Transition

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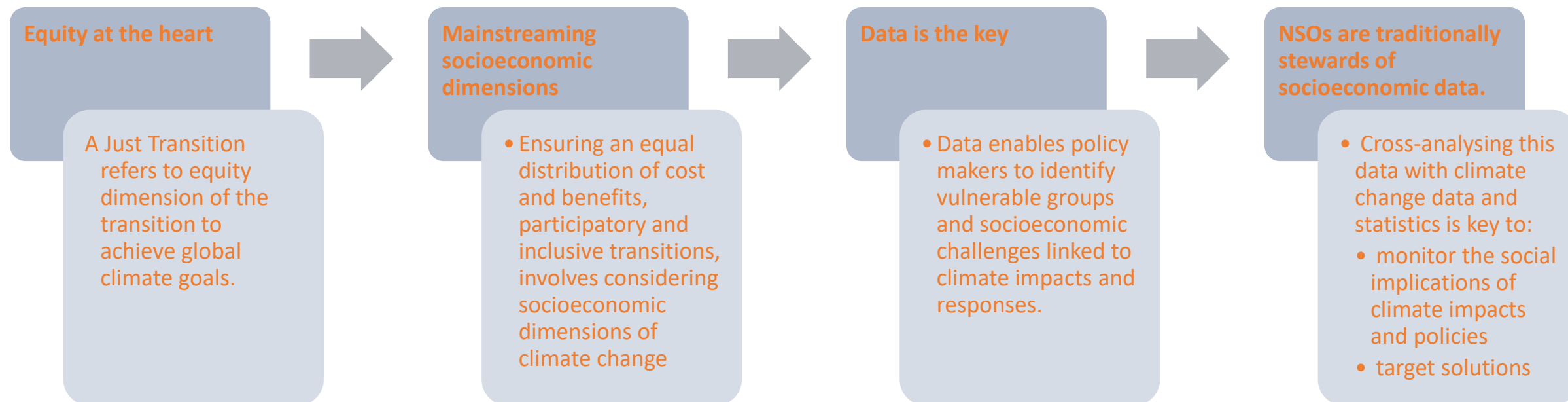
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6.1 Introduction

Data needed to support a just transition



To ensure that no one is left behind, it is essential that the transition towards net-zero emission economies and climate-resilient societies happens in a fair and equitable way.



6.2 Why do we talk about a just transition?



- Historical responsibilities and unequal distribution of the adverse impacts of climate change and related losses and damages
- “Mainstreaming effective and equitable climate action now will reduce losses and damages for nature and people.” (IPCC, [2023](#))

6.2 What is a just transition?



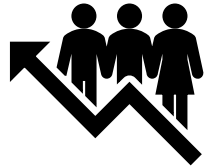
- There is no single definition for the concept of a “just transition”
- Broadly defined as “an economy-wide process that produces the plans, policies and investments that lead to a future where jobs are green and decent, emissions are at net zero, poverty is eradicated, and communities are thriving and resilient” (Just Transition Center, [2018](#)).
- With two dimensions:
 - 1) emissions reductions and
 - 2) inclusive sustainable development
- And three crucial enabling factors to consider:
 - Recognition
 - Meaningful participation
 - Fair sharing of benefits and burdens

6.2 Why is data key to promote a just transition?



- Populations are diverse and have varying needs → timely, accurate, disaggregated climate change data are crucial to understand how the complex **environmental, social and economic interconnections** linked to climate change will affect differently societies, and especially the most vulnerable.
- Proliferating climate change data from public and private sector actors has unlocked new solutions, yet **coordination, governance and data quality** challenges prevail.
- Adopting a **holistic approach** to climate change enables governments to:
 - Monitor, analyse and anticipate climate change impacts
 - Understand heterogeneous populations' needs and assess risks and vulnerabilities
 - Guide investment decisions
 - Drive informed and inclusive actions from private and public actors

6.3 The role and contribution of NSOs



- NSOs have an **unique position** to collect and analyze data on **social and economic impacts** of climate change and mitigation measures.
- NSOs can **contribute** to just transitions by
 - developing indicators to measure progress towards a just transition,
 - conducting surveys to gather data on impacts and vulnerabilities,
 - using of administrative data to gather existent socioeconomic information,
 - collaborating with other stakeholders to ensure data are used effectively.
- **Key challenges and opportunities**
 - (a lot of data already exists today, but there is a need for better cross-analyzing data and data sharing)

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6.3 Case Studies

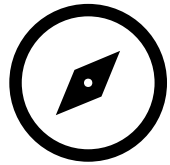


- Present **case studies** that illustrate the role of NSOs in advancing Just Transition in different contexts (e.g., urban-rural divide, energy transition)
 - Potentially selected from the call of contributions to the UNECE Expert Forum
- Discuss the **challenges and opportunities** encountered by NSOs in these cases.

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6.4 Conclusions and recommendations



- Provide **recommendations/best practices** for NSOs looking to incorporate a Just Transition angle through their work on climate change data and statistics, including
 - how to engage with stakeholders,
 - how to incorporate equity considerations into data collection and analysis,
 - how to ensure data are used effectively to support policy and decision-making.
- Highlight the **importance of collaboration and engagement** with stakeholders, as well as the need for capacity-building and data governance frameworks that prioritize Just Transitions
- Emphasize the importance of advancing Just Transitions in the context of climate change, and the **critical role of NSOs** in this effort.

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Thank you!

