INTEGRATED CRIME AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION STRATEGY

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

WHAT IS THE INTEGRATED CRIME AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION STRATEGY?

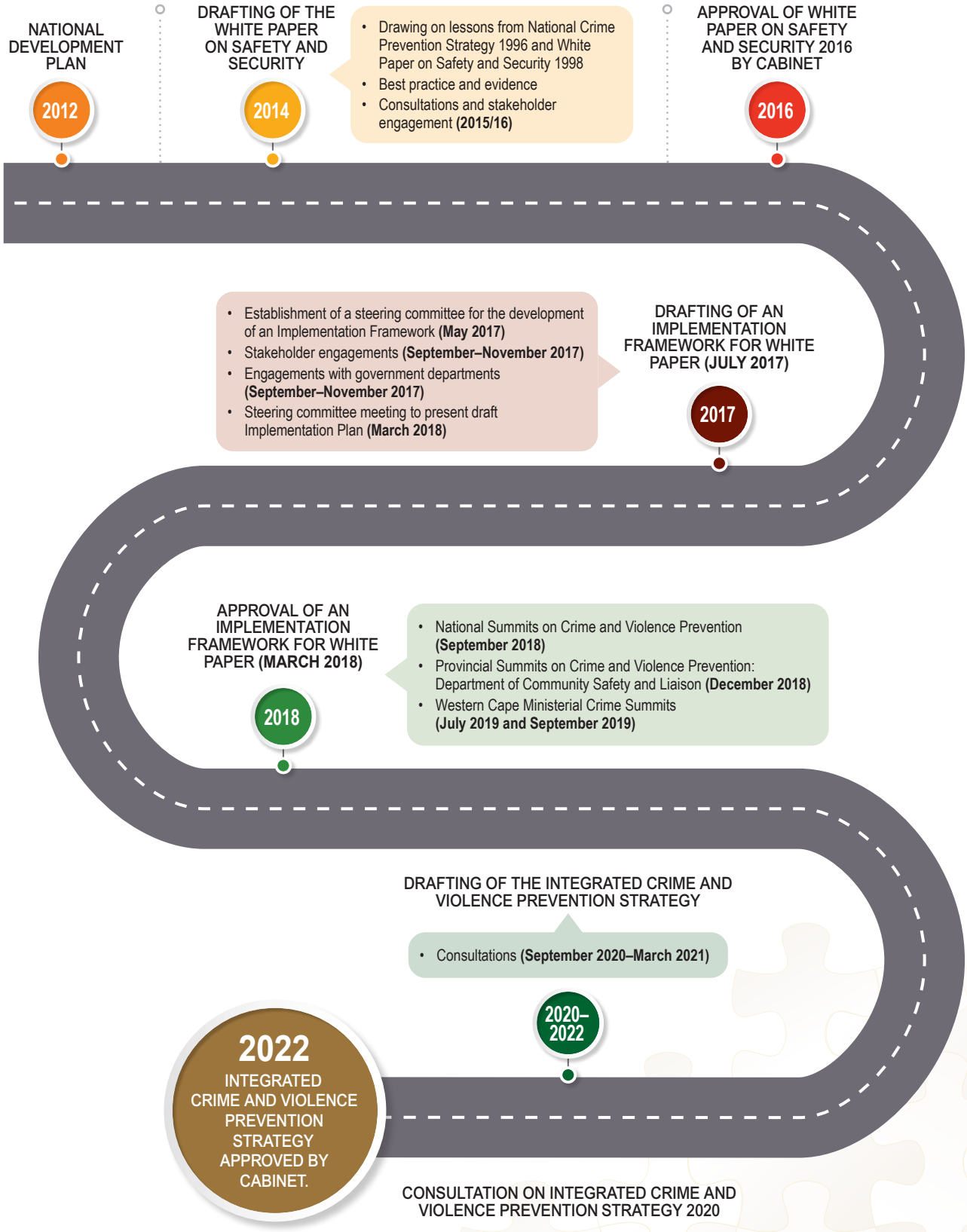
The Integrated Crime and Violence Prevention Strategy (ICVPS) is informed by the White Paper on Safety and Security 2016, which gives expression to the vision of safe communities (where people are and feel safe, at home, school, work and in their communities and where women can walk freely in the streets, and children can play safely outside) articulated in the National Development Plan 2030.

The ICVPS sets out a framework to guide the implementation of a comprehensive, holistic and integrated approach to community safety, crime and violence prevention, in South Africa. This Strategy advocates for a collective and collaborative approach between state and non-state actors across all three spheres of government to ensure integrated planning and delivery, and meaningful partnerships with communities and civil society.

The ICVPS further seeks to align with other new prevention policy developments and the National Strategic Plan on the Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (NSP GBVF) in particular, in order to ensure a coordinated approach which addresses the multi-faceted nature of crime and violence.

This strategy will contribute to achieving Social Cohesion and Safe Communities, which is a key outcome for Priority 6 of the Medium-Term Strategic Framework (MTSF) 2019–2024.

ROADMAP TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INTEGRATED CRIME AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION STRATEGY



The Structure of the ICVPS

The ICVPS draws on the 2016 White Paper on Safety and Security and its Implementation Framework, which builds on the lessons of the National Crime Prevention Strategy (NCPS) and 1998 White Paper on Safety and Security, by setting out a clear plan for implementation by addressing:

KEY FOCUS AREAS/PILLARS FOR CRIME AND VIOLENCE INTERVENTIONS
(primary, secondary and tertiary)

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS
(policy and legal coherence, roles and responsibilities of key government departments and different spheres of government; implementation and governance; budgets and resources; capacitated implementation and coordinated mechanisms, evidence-based planning and implementation; and community participation)

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Key Focus Areas

PILLAR 1: AN EFFECTIVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

A. An efficient, responsive and professional criminal justice sector
B. Effective rehabilitation and reintegration programmes
C. Effective restorative justice programmes and interventions

PILLAR 2: EARLY INTERVENTION TO PREVENT CRIME AND VIOLENCE AND PROMOTE SAFETY

A. A healthy start for infants and children, including the first 1000 days of life, preschool and school children, and their parents, caregivers and guardians
B. A safe and supportive home, school and community environment for children and youth
C. Context-appropriate child and youth resilience programmes
D. Substance abuse treatment and prevention
E. Context-appropriate interventions for vulnerable/at risk groups

PILLAR 3: VICTIM SUPPORT

A. The design of a comprehensive framework promoting and upholding the rights of victims of crime and violence
B. Comprehensive services delivered to victims of crime and violence

PILLAR 4: EFFECTIVE AND INTEGRATED SERVICE DELIVERY FOR SAFETY, SECURITY AND PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE

A. Access to comprehensive crime and violence prevention and safety and security services
B. Professional and responsive service provision

PILLAR 5: SAFETY THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

A. The integration of safety and CPTED (crime prevention through environmental design) into rural and urban design, planning, development and upgrading

PILLAR 6: ACTIVE PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

A. Sustainable forums for coordinated and collaborative action on community safety
B. Public and community participation in development, planning and implementation of crime and violence prevention programmes and interventions
C. Public and private partnerships to support safety and crime and violence prevention programmes and interventions

Key Principles

- Equality of access, protection and service
- Commitment to high-quality services
- Integrated planning and implementation
- Evidence-based planning and implementation

System Level Requirements/Critical Success Factors

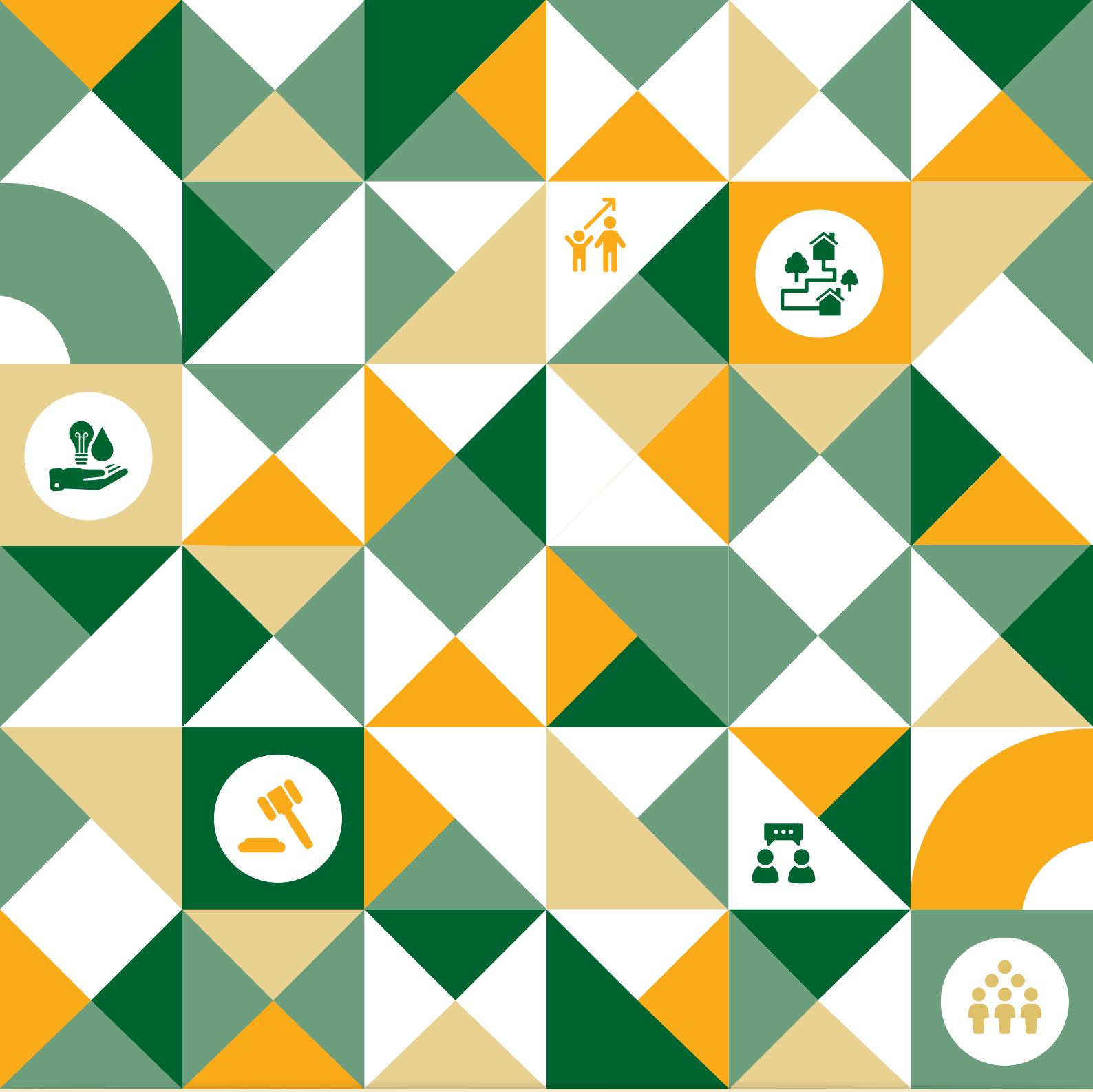
Monitoring and Evaluation

The ICVPS sets out the process to align monitoring and evaluation systems and reporting frameworks across government by institutionalising responsibilities and accountability.

Integration of compliance with strategic planning requirements, implementation and reporting frameworks into the scope of review of functions of the Auditor General.

Mandatory reporting to respective portfolio committees of Parliament, Provincial Legislatures and in the case of local government district and local councils.

Incentives by integrating deliverables into performance management systems and performance agreements of responsible staff members, heads of department and the Executive.



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