

Role of Small and Medium Size Enterprises in green and "inclusive" transition in Africa

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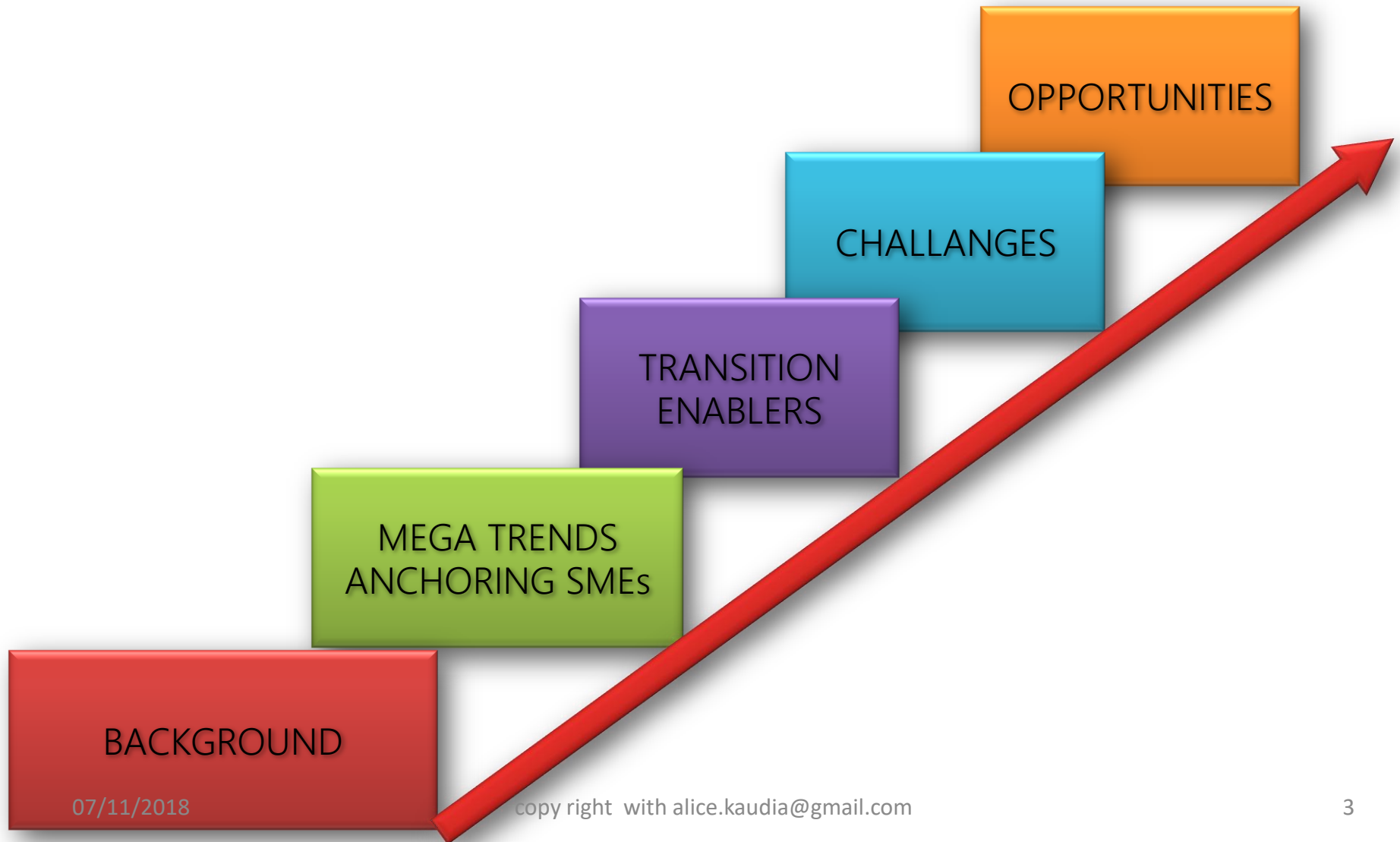
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WE MUST GO GREEN



Presentation Outline





**Background: Africa in
context: Development
disrupting elements**

DEVELOPMENT DISRUPTING ELEMENTS

High population growth rate and
youth - skewed
demographic structure

Climate Change

Natural capital
depletion and scarcity

Weak governance system

MAJOR GLOBAL TRENDS ANCHORING IMPORTANCE OF SMEs IN INCLUSIVE GREEN GROWTH



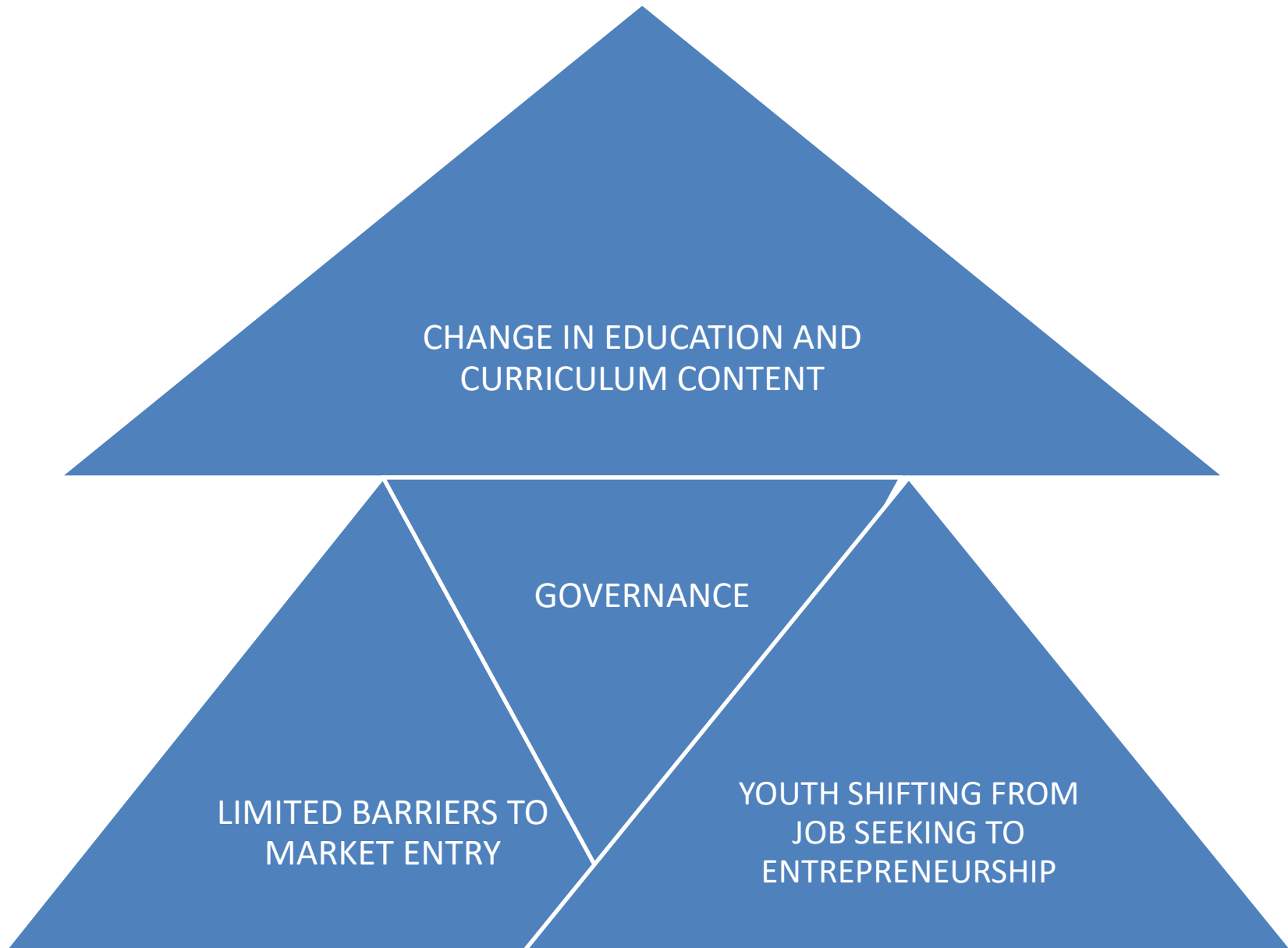
Paris Agreement and Associated NDCs

Sustainable Development Goals

Global Landscape restoration commitment
And ensuing AFR100

Citizens attention to quality of environment
And Food production systems

TRANSITION ENABLERS





CASE EXAMPLE: KENYA

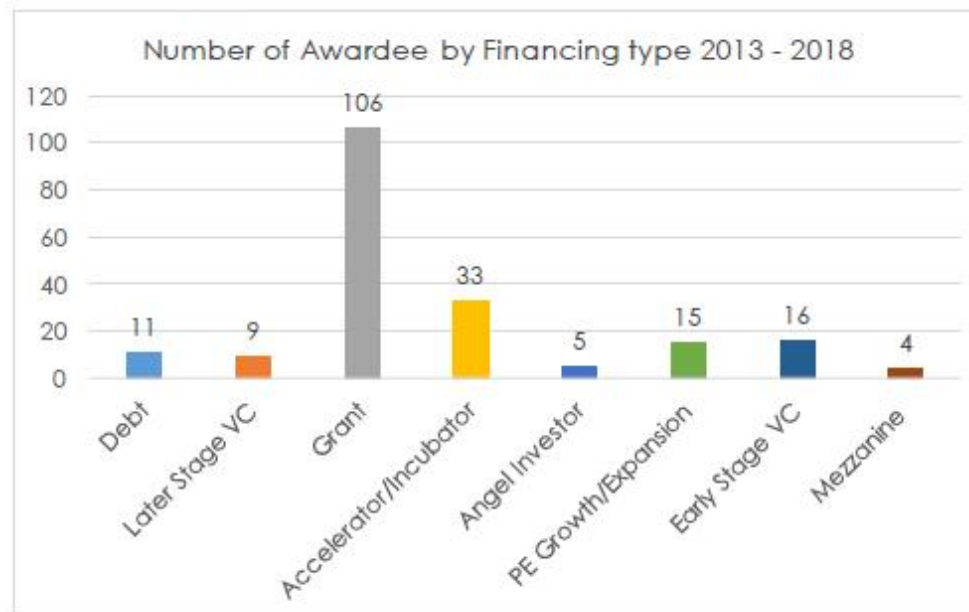
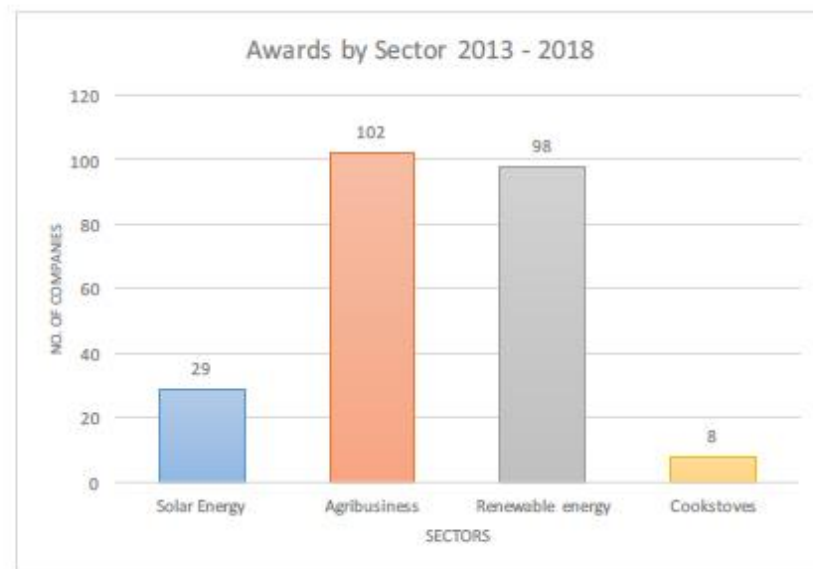
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Governance systems to support SMEs and Green Growth

- Strategies
 - Green growth strategy and action plan
 - Opportunities for SMEs access to funding and finance (Pitches, green wards, Online low cost loans)
 - Over-arching policy: Low carbon, climate resilient development
 - Micro, small and Medium Sized Enterprises Development Authority

SMEs Investments by value, sector and source of finance



CHALLENGES



Limited policies with long range impact (e.g. Research and innovation policies)

Limited Levels of funding and Financing ..do not benefit from economies of scale

Rigorous/exclusivity grant –making requirements

Citizens attention to quality of environment
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OPPORTUNITIES

- 1) Increasing political attention to SMESs as avenue for creating tailor-made jobs by youth
- 2) Continent-wide Entrepreneurship “boom”
- 3) Youth that dislike formal employment, with ICT and technology driven attitude

REALITY CHECK

GREEN GROWTH

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INCLUSIVITY



Action to strengthen role of SMEs in Green :Inclusive” Growth

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1. Improve access to knowledge and tools for measuring green And inclusivity
 2. Support SMEs to attain ISO 14001:2015 certification
 3. Create platforms for inter-continental exchange of experience
 4. Nexus of funding and financing models