

# **The Dubai Universal Accessibility Strategy (2020) and Action Plan**

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# Vision & Mission

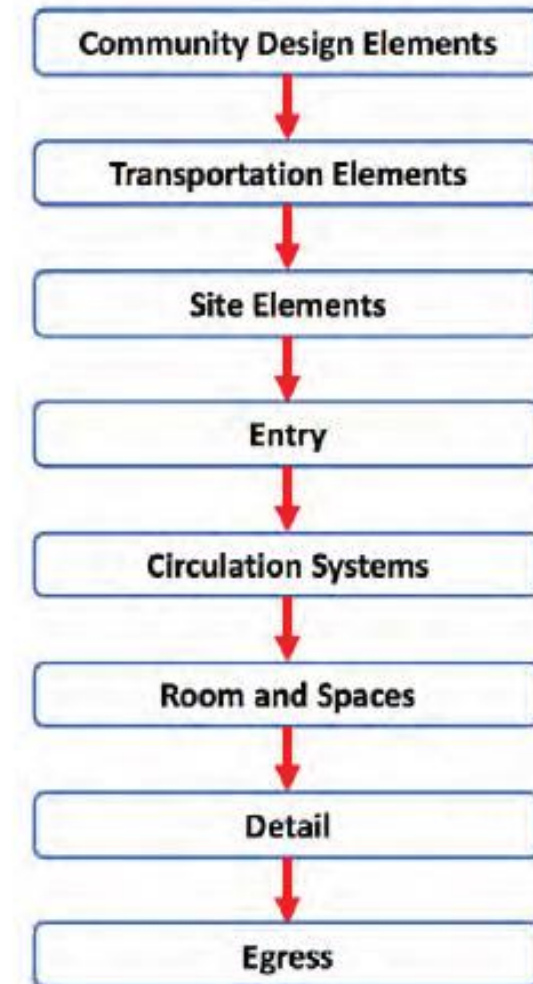
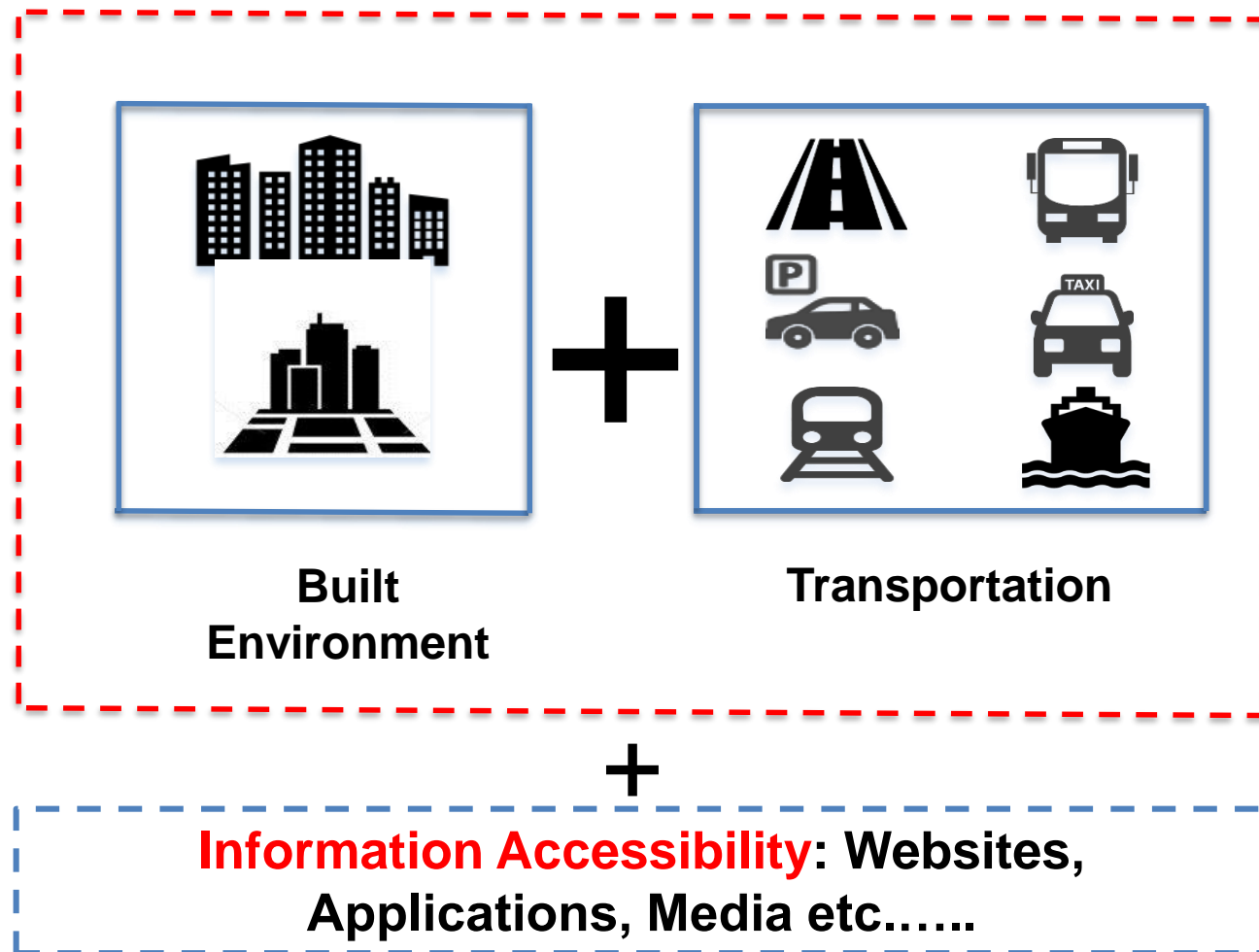
Dubai is an inclusive, barrier-free, rights-based society that promotes, protects, and ensures the self-determination of people with disabilities and *provides a universally designed and accessible environment for all residents and visitors.*



To implement policies and best-practices that empower *all residents and visitors to make choices in environments that are inclusive and ensure access to opportunities on an equal basis.*

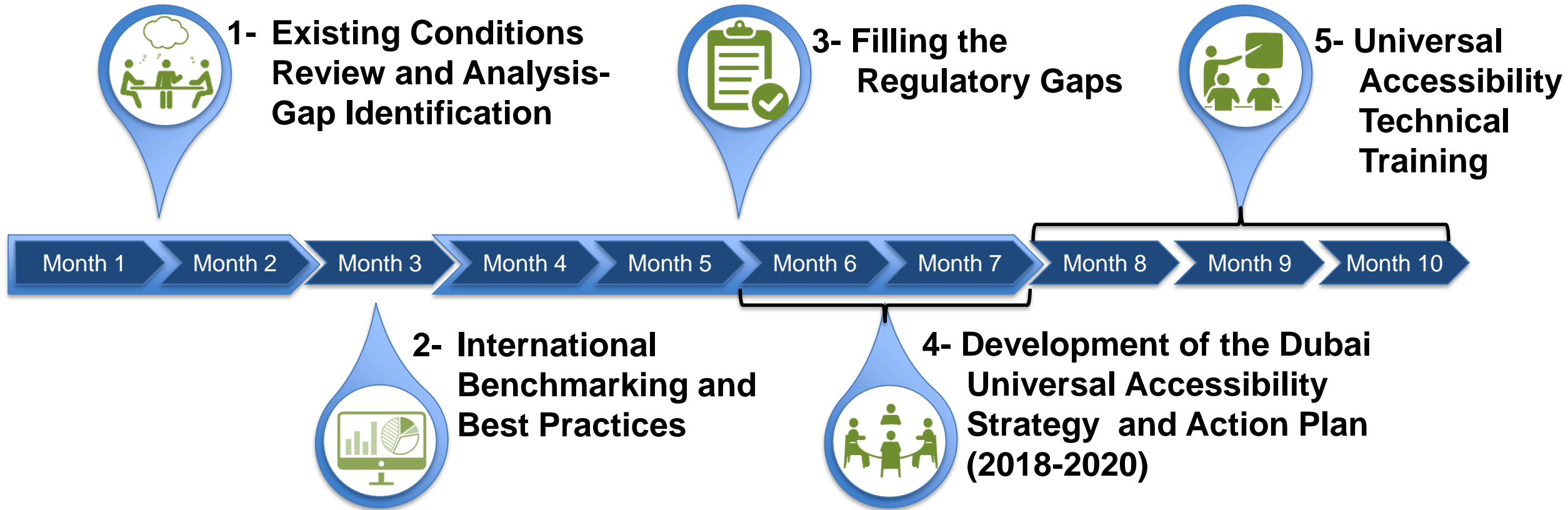


# Focusing on the Total Living Environment



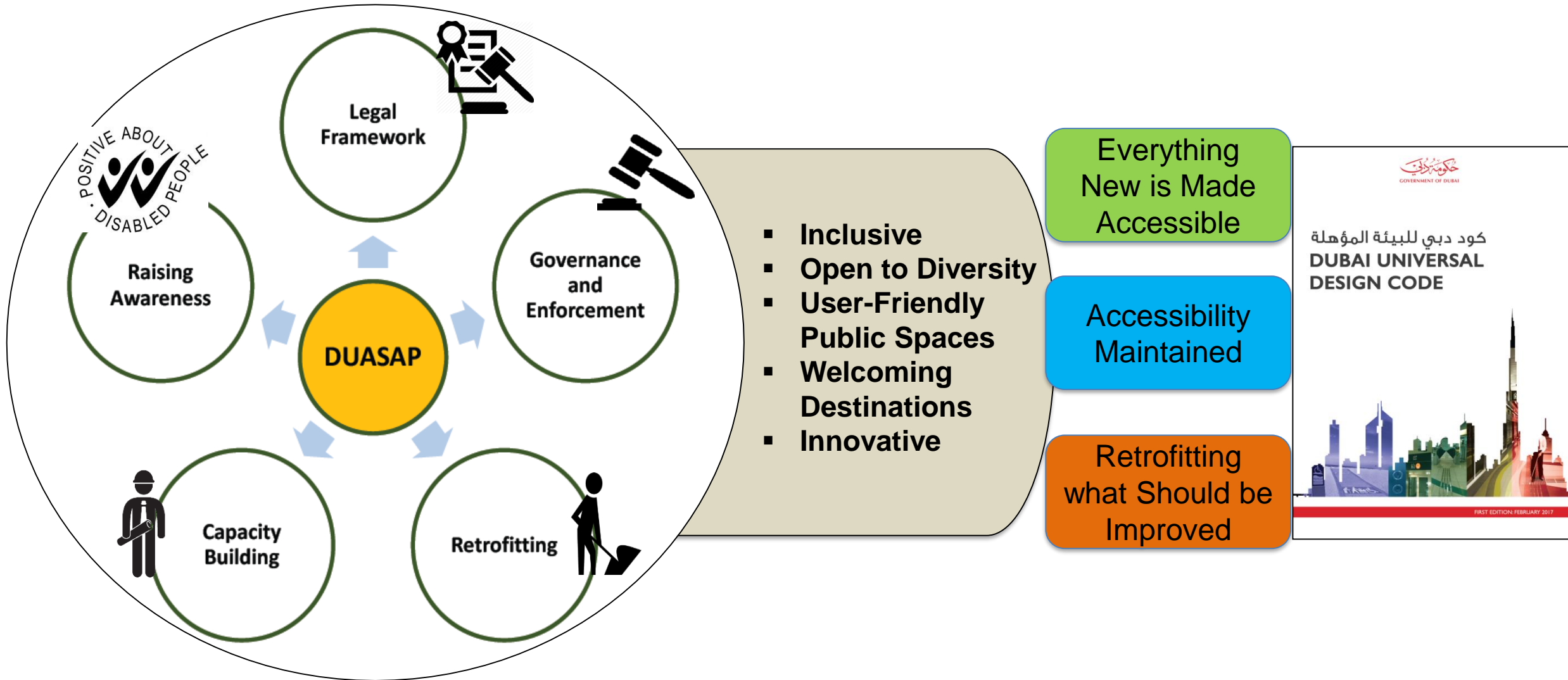


# Initiative Process and Engagement



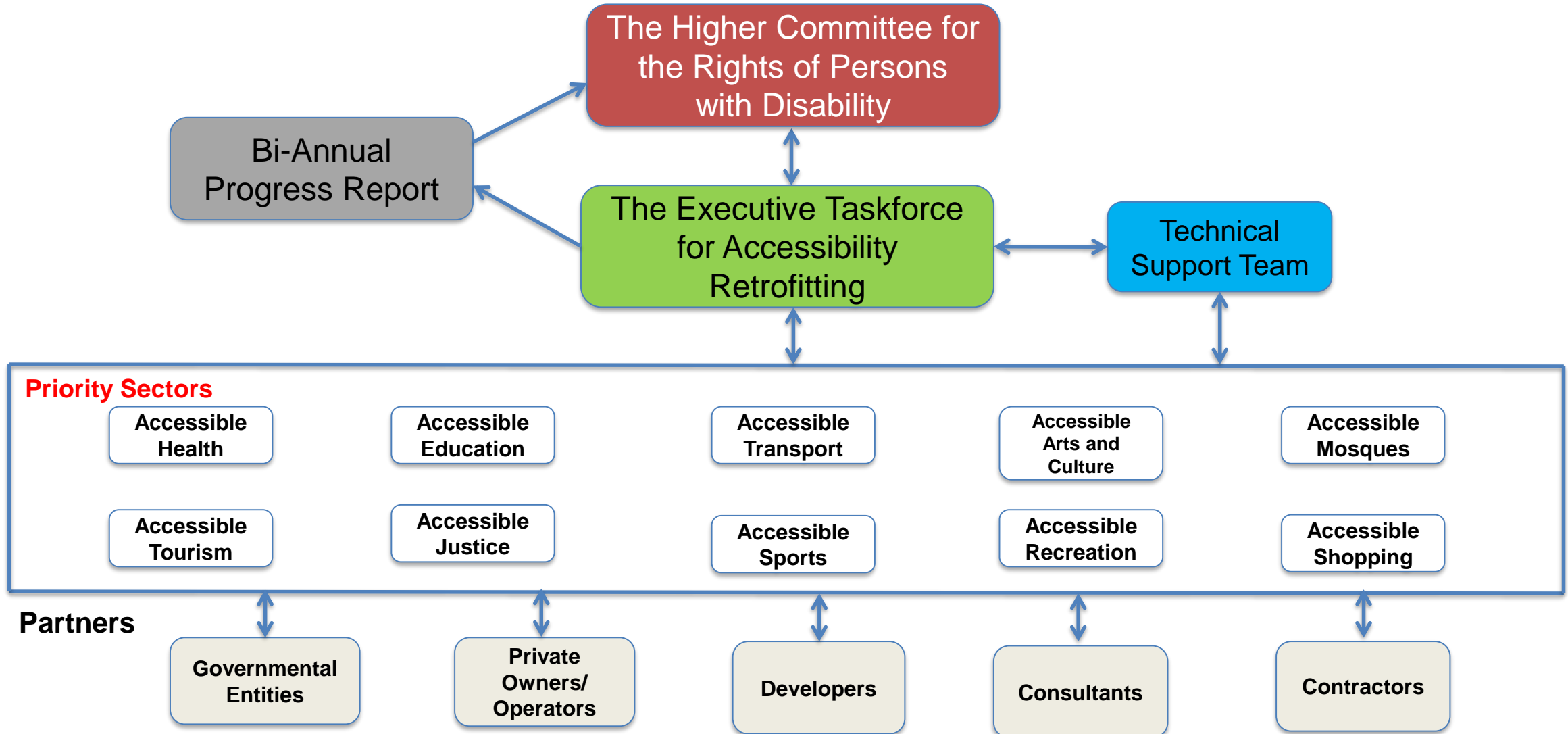


# Strategy Inputs and Outcomes



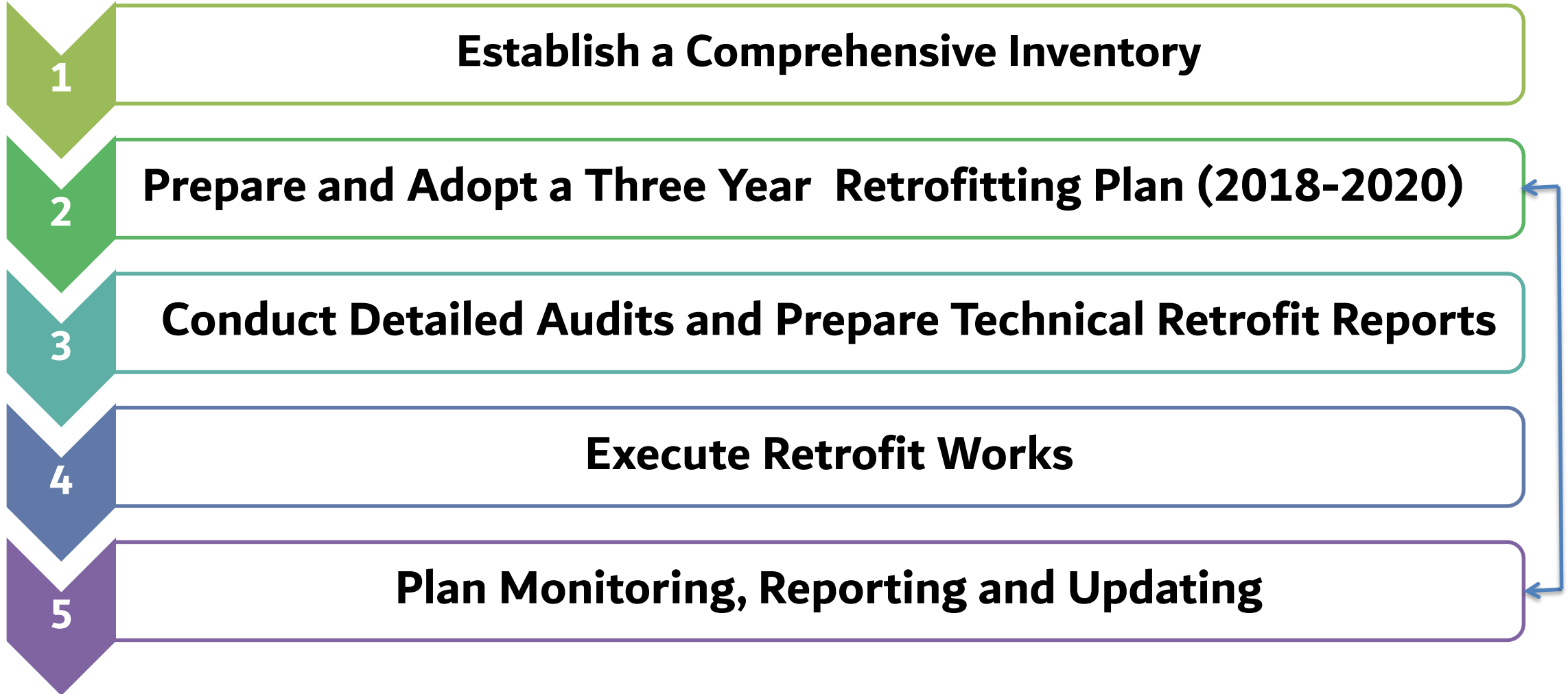


# Accessibility Retrofitting Structure





# The General Accessibility Retrofitting Process



# Summary- Success Factors, Challenges, Innobative Aspects and Potential Impact



## Success Factors

Political and Community Support

Effective Engagement of all Stakeholders

Hosting of World Expo 2020



## Innovative Aspects

Mandatory Annual Government Excellence Award (Disability-Friendly Entities)

Targeted Sectoral Incentives

Systems of Sectoral Performance Rating/ Ranking



## Potential Impact

Increase General Accessibility and Quality of Life for All

Improve Dubai's Competiveness and International Reputation

Achieve the Stated Vision



## Challenges

Changing the Mindset (Medical to Social and Right-Based)

Shortage of Technical Expertise

Cost of Retrofitting



# Samples of Accessible Facilities in Dubai

