

The Tonga Energy Bill 2021

Presentation to the Energy Stakeholders
and Development Partners Meeting

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

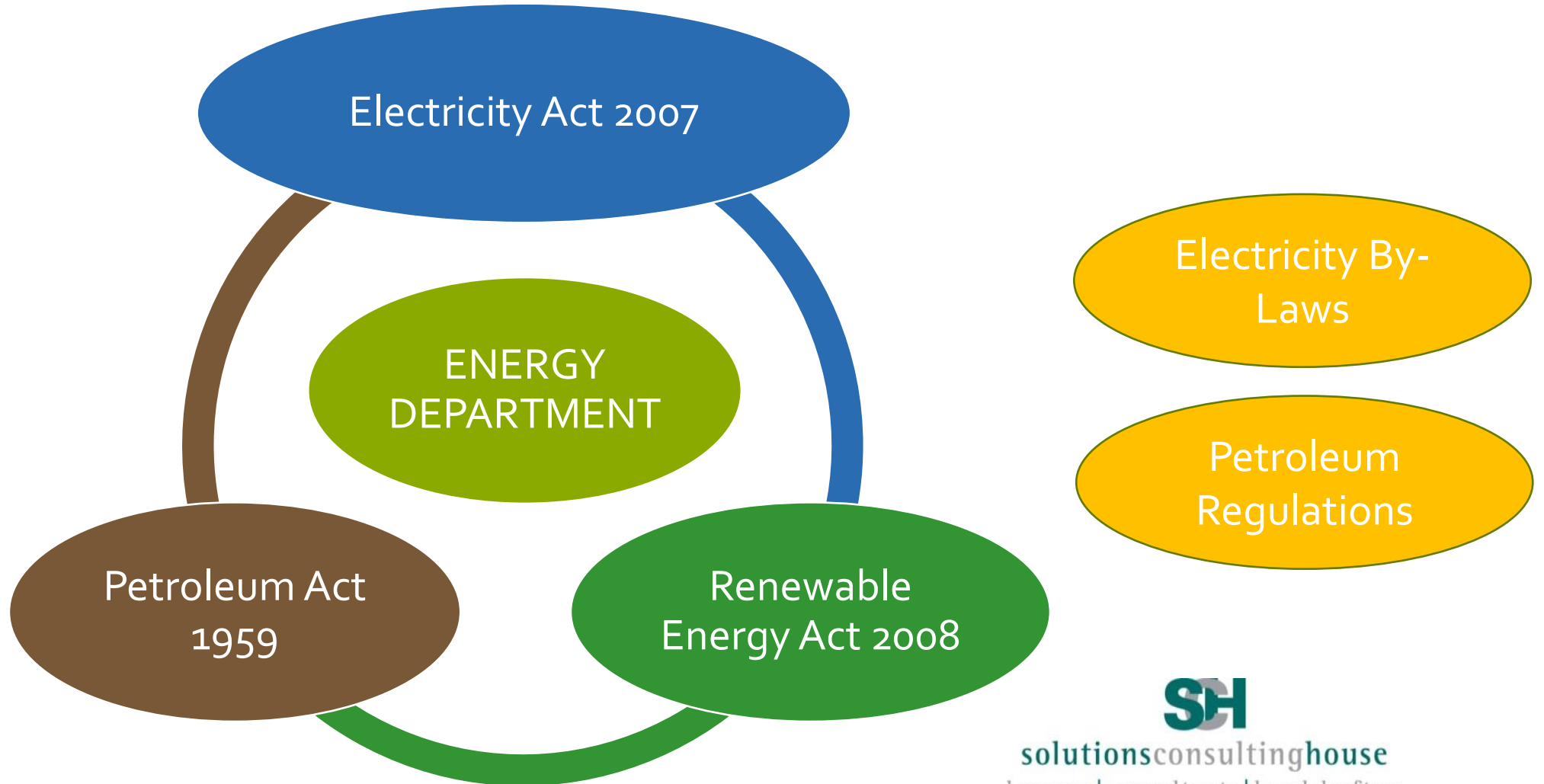
1. Government of Tonga's objectives for the Energy Sector
2. Status of the Energy Bill 2021
3. Key objectives
4. Overview of key governing bodies
5. Key areas for implementation

GOVERNMENT OF TONGA'S OBJECTIVE FOR THE ENERGY SECTOR



“The Government’s objective is to develop a coherent institutional and policy framework for the Tongan energy sector that will support its objectives of energy resilience, affordability, security and safety, access and reliability, and sustainability.”

FRAGMENTED LEGISLATION

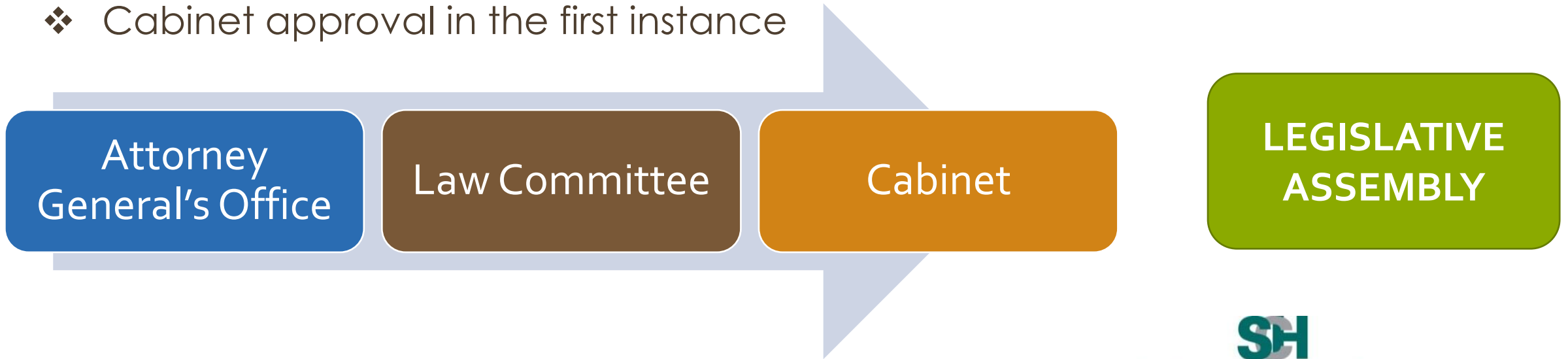


STATUS OF ENERGY BILL 2021

(EU FUNDING - EDF 11)



- ❖ Consultations were completed in August 2020
- ❖ Cabinet approval in the first instance



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KEY OBJECTIVES



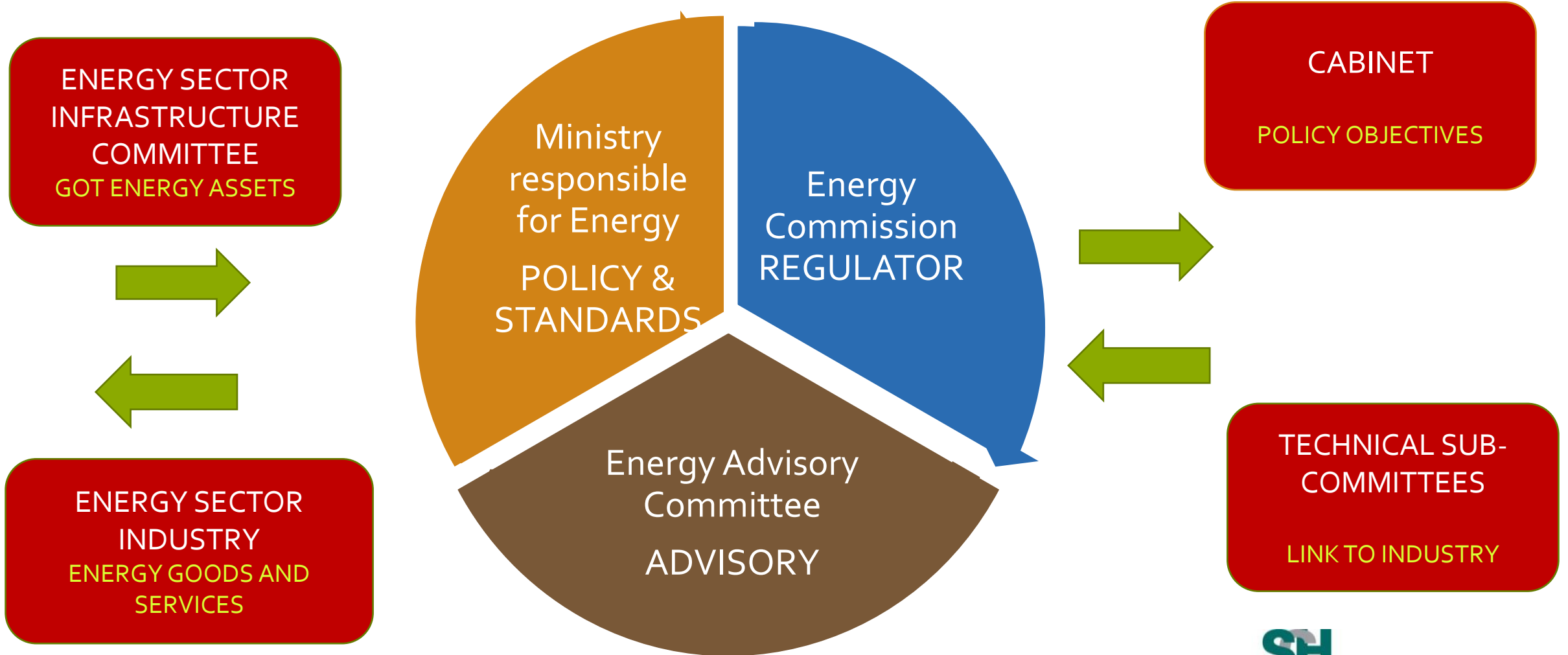
The Bill seeks to establish –

- **Effective policy oversight** of the energy sector by the Ministry responsible for energy
- **Clarity of functions** of Ministry and key governing bodies
- A new **Energy Commission** to be responsible for regulation of the energy sector
- A **robust legal framework** for the regulation of the energy sector, including over electricity, gas, petroleum, RE and other energy sources
- **Greater coordination** between Government and non-government stakeholders



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MAIN GOVERNING BODIES



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KEY AREAS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

- Ensure capacity of Ministry and key governing bodies established under Act
- Establish Energy Commission
- Facilitate implementation of MEPSL
- Establish database and registers of Ministry



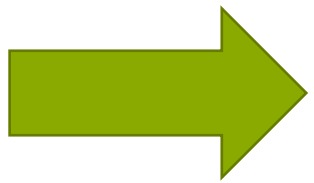
KEY AREAS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

- Facilitate private sector incentives
- Facilitate development of Industry Codes of Practice and Policies
- Training and designation of enforcement officers
- Development regulations and standards for promulgation under the Energy Bill 2021



WAY FORWARD

- Legal issues to be confirmed
- AGO vetting and translation of Bill completed
- Law Committee & Cabinet Approval



Energy Bill 2021 to be tabled in
Legislative Assembly



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