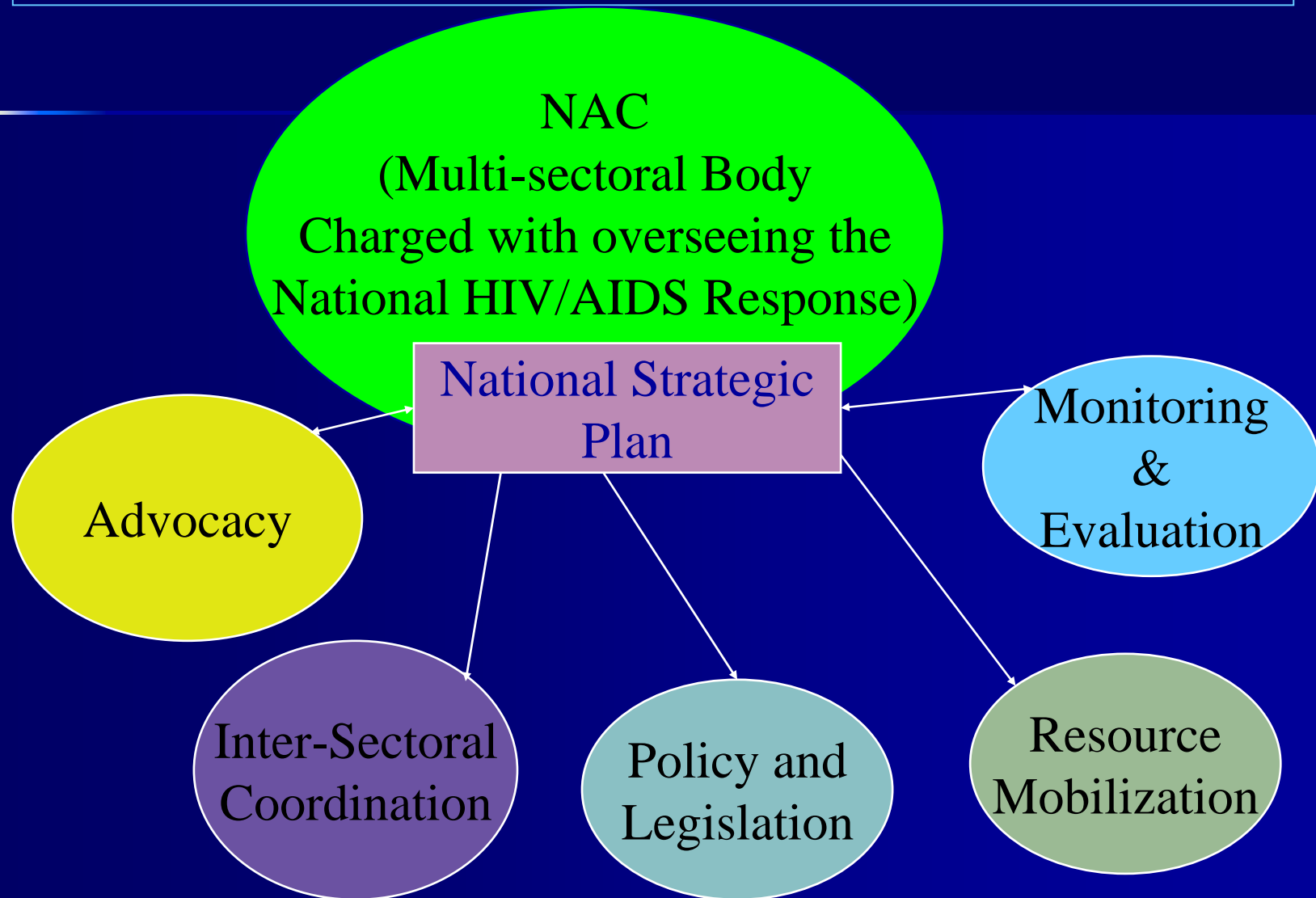


National Response to HIV&AIDS

Key Priority Areas

Belize, 2006- 2011

The Critical Role and Function of the NAC



Three Priority Areas

- PREVENTION
- MITIGATION
- HARMONIZATION

PREVENTION

- Safe Blood Products
- Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission Services
- Improved distribution and access to condoms (MOH, BFLA, PASMO)
- Expansion of Voluntary Counseling and Testing Services ("Know your Status Campaign")

Prevention Continued: Behavioral Change

- Improved reach of programs addressing Knowledge, attitudes and practices among youth:
- YWCA: Barber shop, BRC: Together We Can, Faces Campaign, YFF, BFLA: Youth Friendly services, Women's Department: Gender and HIV and Violence and HIV
- Improved reach of programs addressing KAP among high risk and vulnerable groups (MSM, CSW, Uniformed Services, Prison population, and young women)

Mitigation:

- Improved Delivery of support services

(long-term counseling, spiritual and psychological support, home-base care, terminal care). FBOs: Pastoral counseling, AAA: Hotline Services, outreach services, Positive lives: Support Group, Cornerstone Foundation: Home-base care, Dangriga AIDS Society: HIV Friendly Town's initiative.

- Improved quantity and quality of services offered to Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVCs) Hand in Hand Ministries and Human Development

- Improved access to services and programs targeting PLWHA (income generating, microfinance, food support, housing, support groups for PLWHA) : AAA, Red Cross, Hand in Hand, BFLA, Living with Hope.

Harmonization:

- Creation of supportive environment to protect against stigma and discrimination
- Policy development and legal framework
- Strengthen capacity for NAC and partners to Advocate for programs and policies in support of PLWAs
- Improved leadership and empowerment of PLWAS
- Greater involvement of other partners: Media, Government sectors (Tourism, Economic Development etc, private sector and civil society)