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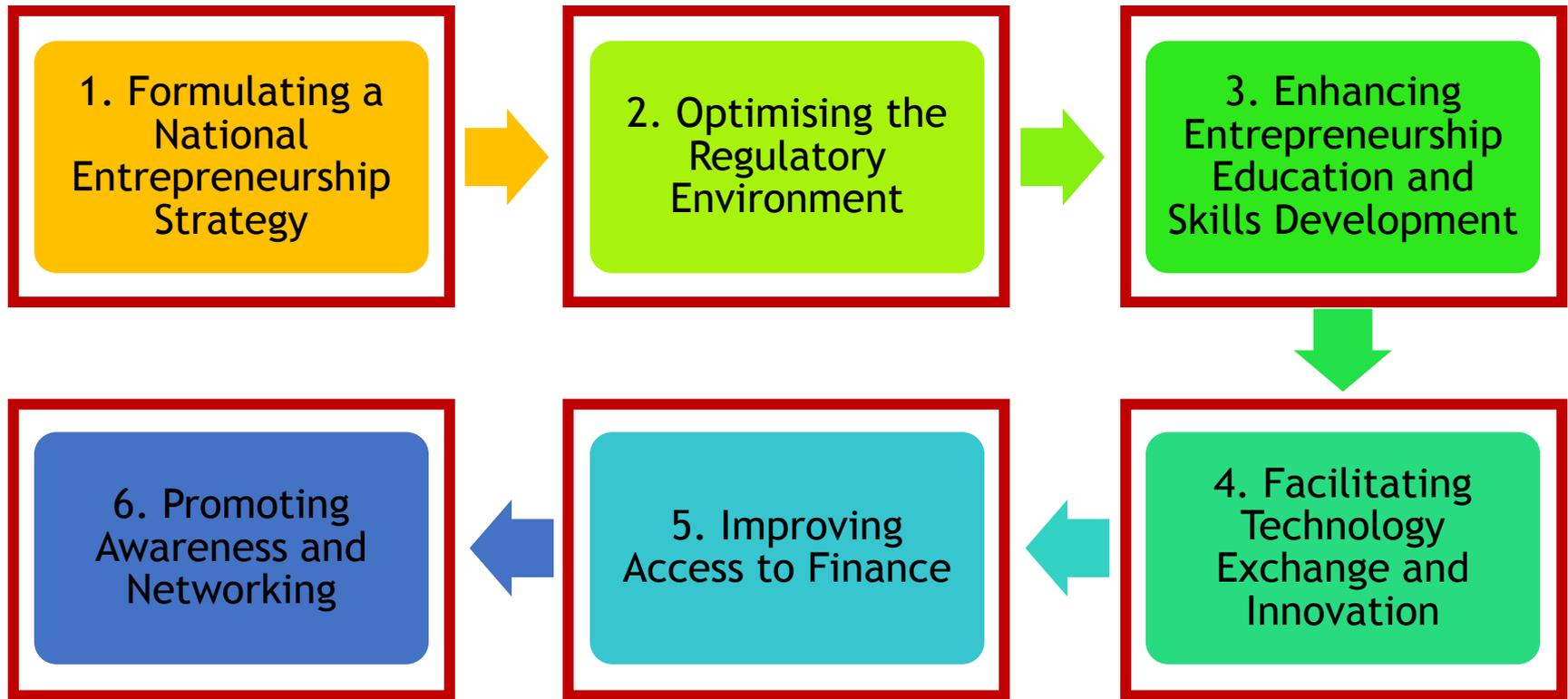
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- For policy makers
 - and intergovernmental & international organisations, NGOs & development agencies
- Identifies key priority areas & specific measures for policy focus
- Recommends actions to create an enabling ecosystem for youth entrepreneurship
- Gives examples of good practice & lessons learnt
- Provides indicators to measure effectiveness of youth entrepreneurship policies

Policy Guide on Youth Entrepreneurship - Key Components



For each Key Component:

Policy Objectives

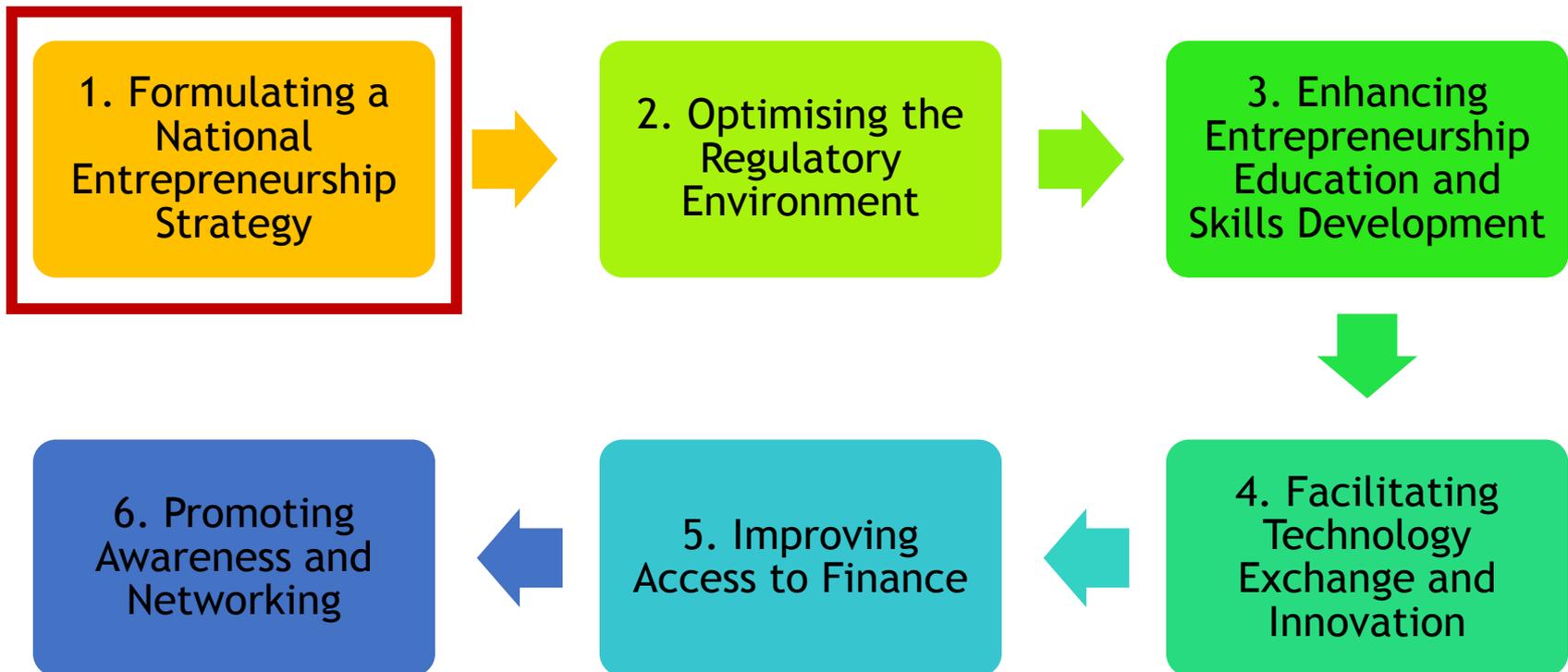
Recommended Actions

Youth Specific Measures

Examples of policies and initiatives

Checklist of key questions

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1. Formulating a National Entrepreneurship Strategy

Policy Objectives

- e.g. #4. Strengthen the institutional framework

Recommended Actions

- e.g. Set up an effective inter-agency coordination mechanism and clarify mandates

Youth Specific Measures

- e.g. Engage young entrepreneurs and youth-led networks in the development of the strategy

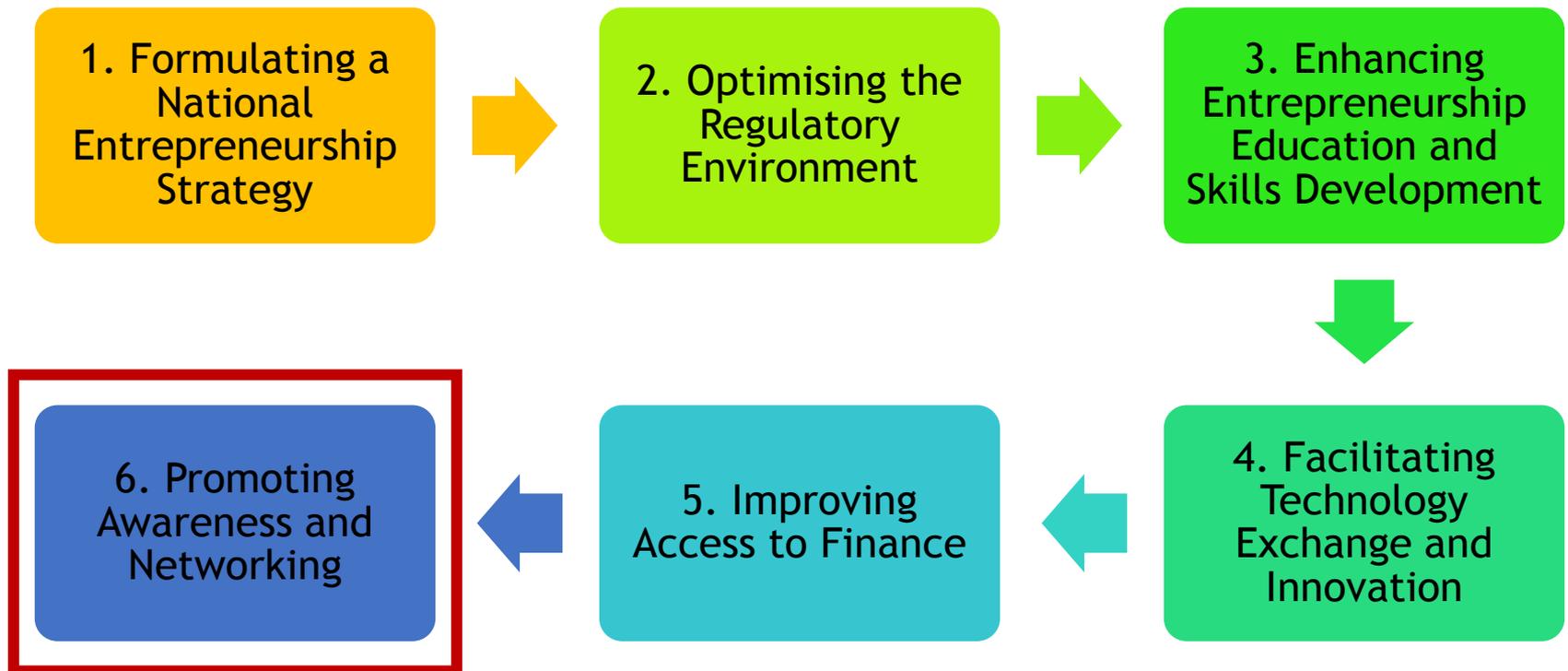
Examples of policies and initiatives

- e.g. Botswana: Ministry of Youth responsible for youth entrepreneurship as integral part of NYP

Checklist of key questions

- e.g. Is there an advisory body to advocate for the needs of young entrepreneurs?

Youth Entrepreneurship Policy Framework - Key Components



6. Promoting Awareness and Networking

Policy Objectives

- e.g. #1. Highlight the value of entrepreneurship to society and address negative cultural biases

Recommended Actions

- e.g. Publically celebrate entrepreneur role models, and involve them in policy dialogue processes

Youth Specific Measures

- e.g. Encourage the development of young entrepreneurs' and peer networks

Examples of policies and initiatives

- e.g. Commonwealth-Asia Alliance of Young Entrepreneurs, advocating for and developing young entrepreneurs

Checklist of key questions

- e.g. Are there efforts to promote cross-border networks and activities?

Possible Next Steps

- Official launch of Policy Guide on Youth Entrepreneurship
- Ongoing advocacy re youth entrepreneurship ecosystems
- Technical assistance projects to develop national youth entrepreneurship strategies and action plans
- Engagement of multiple stakeholders in collective action model at national level
 - Policy makers, private sector, regulators, financial institutions, NGOs, entrepreneurs' networks, etc

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