

Introduction to the State of the Climate Negotiations

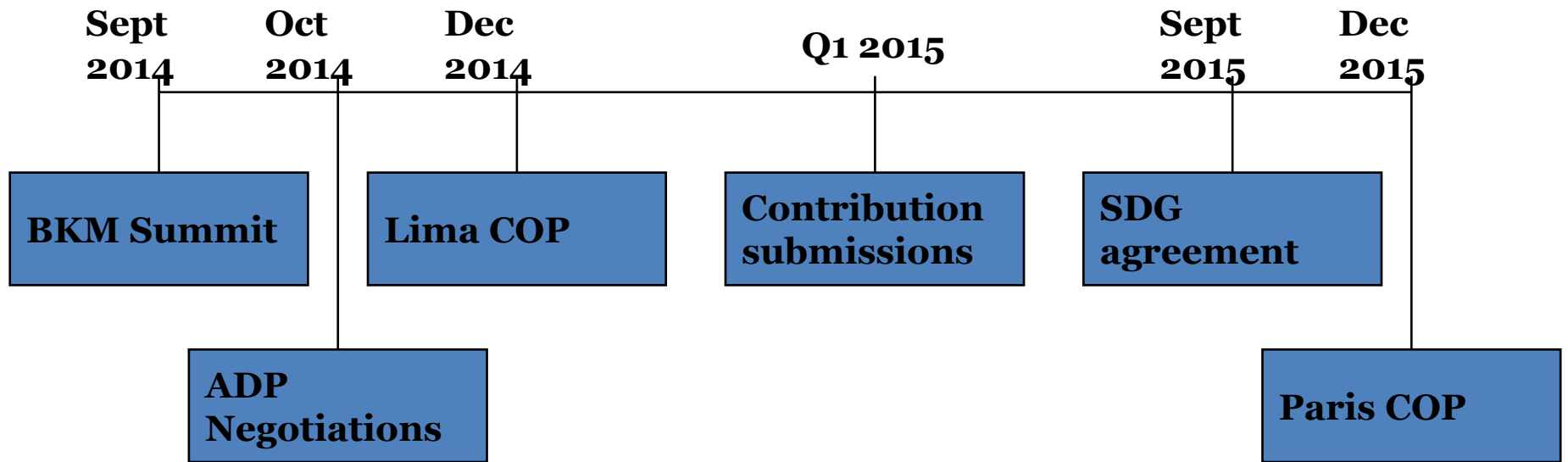
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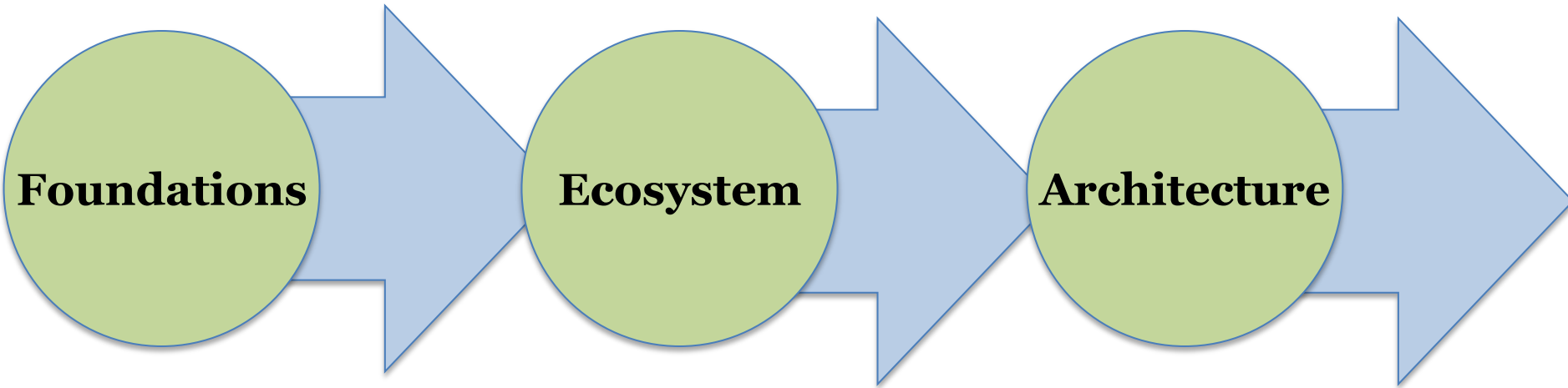
What is the importance of Paris 2015?

- Must avoid locking in failure
 - Path dependency of high carbon infrastructure choices
- Reframe success to focus on implementation of a low carbon trajectory
- Embed an understanding of climate risk

Timeline of selected events on the road to Paris



Key factors in assessing progress on the climate negotiations



Aligning the politics and securing high level objectives

Impact of broader events (SDGs, WTO, Ebola etc.) and momentum going into Paris

Design and structure of the agreement

Interplay with green growth across all three factors

Progress on political foundations

- Investment in US-China-EU diplomacy
- But need for stronger engagement to draw in other key countries e.g. India?
- Understanding of risk and opportunity
 - Stronger focus on climate risk
 - Mismatch of expectations on developed and developing country finance
 - Equity
- Engagement with progressive groups
- Blocking the blockers?

State of play on broader ecosystem

- UN climate summit – mobilisation of public opinion and momentum
- Sustainable development goals
- Progress on low carbon economy – but global economy remains fragile
- But significant broader risks
 - WTO negotiations stalled
 - Global response to ebola?
 - Security concerns in Ukraine and ME

Progress on architecture of the agreement

- Implementation goal of ‘net zero’ alongside avoidance goal of 2°C
- iNDC – separate timelines for mitigation, adaptation and finance?
- Ratchet mechanism and review of ambition
- Finance – public contributions? Role of the private sector?
- MRV framework – levels of transparency and accountability

Thank you
