

A Waste Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) Roadmap for South Africa

Developing RDI capabilities in support of Waste Sector development



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The Waste RDI Roadmap

A 10-year Roadmap to guide Government and Industries investment in waste RDI

The **Goal** of the Waste RDI Roadmap is -

Acknowledging the goals of the NWMS, *“the South African waste sector can achieve a 20% reduction (by weight) in industrial waste and a 60% reduction (by weight) in domestic waste, to landfill by 2024”*



The Waste RDI Roadmap

- The **Vision** of the Waste RDI Roadmap is to stimulate –



- Through the **investment in science and technology** and in so doing, support the development of SA's Green Economy

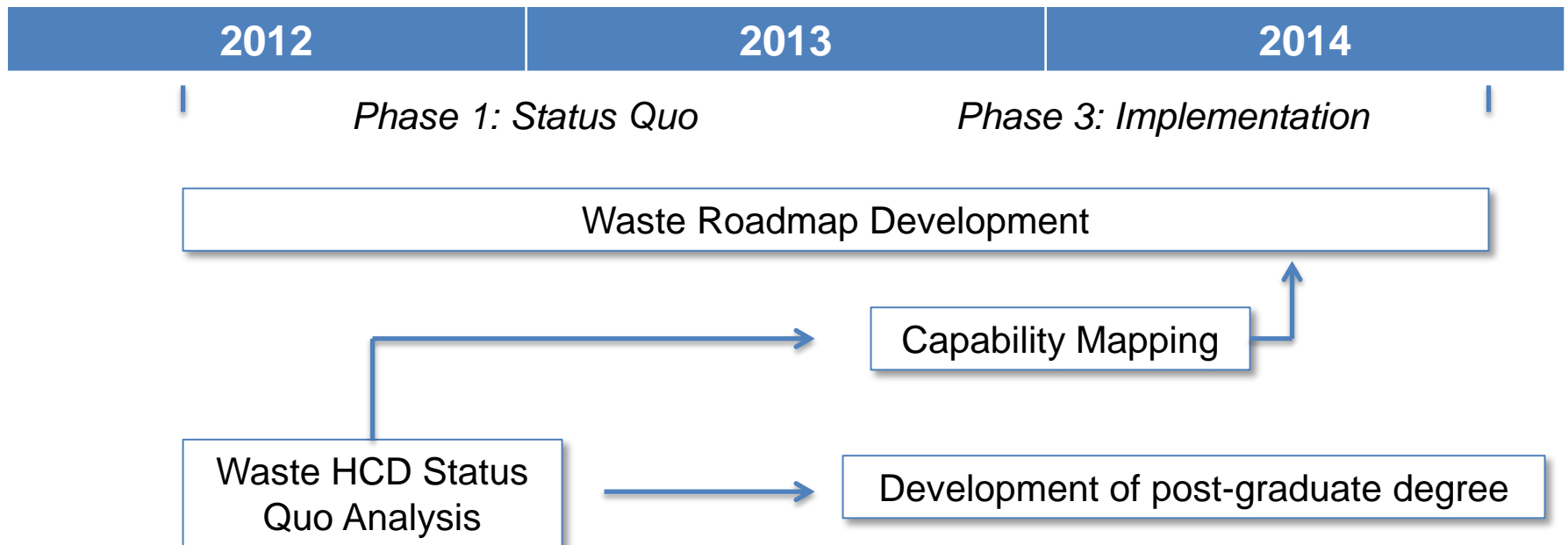


Green jobs
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Waste skills



Skills Development: The Process

- Human Capital Development activities –
 - Focus on NQF levels 8+ (Hon, Masters, PhD)
 - Unlock downstream potential to achieve Roadmap objectives



Waste RDI skills development

'Specialist' Waste Skills Development

Strategic HCD
objectives

Create
workplace-
ready
graduates
(post-graduate
specialisation)

Up-skill
existing waste
management
practitioners

Develop waste
educators at
all levels to
increase
supervisory
capacity

Outcomes

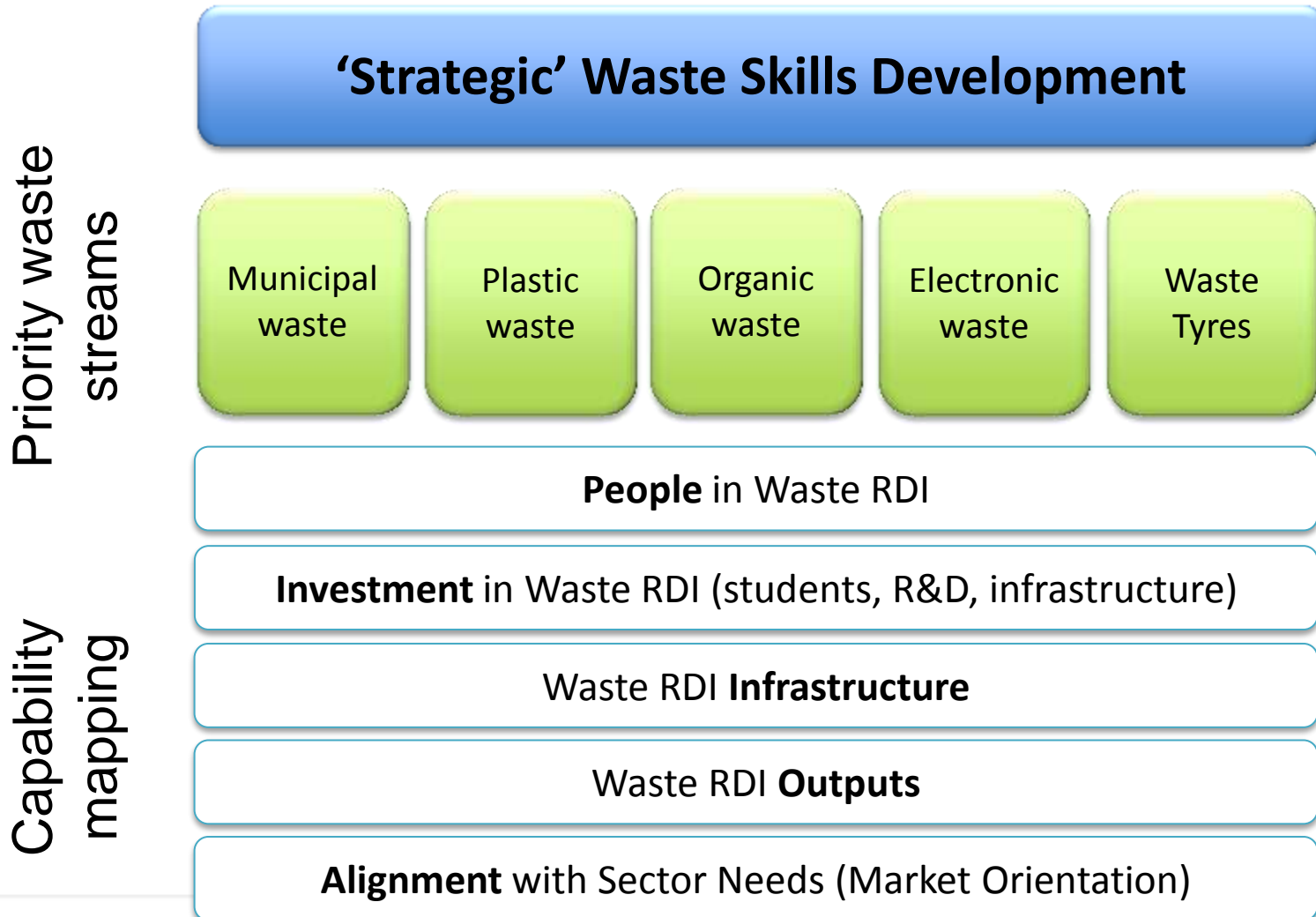
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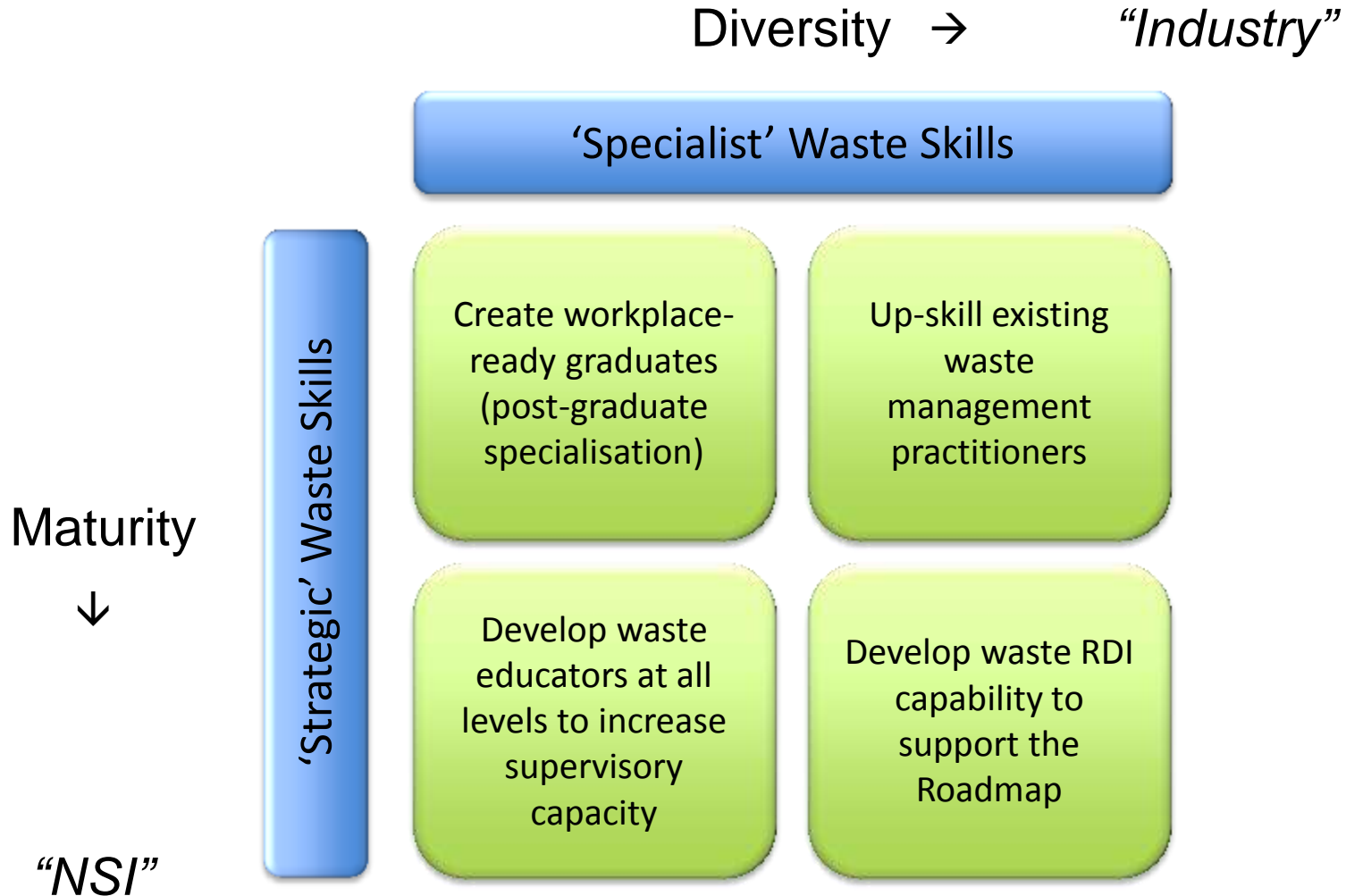
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Waste RDI skills development



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Conclusions

- Outcome of a 2 year process (2012 - 2014)
 - *Strengthen:* Develop specialist waste management skills that will feed the sector and academia (via two new post-graduate degrees in waste management)
 - *Focus:* Develop strategic, focussed capability in support of key R&D needs (via the Roadmap)
- Assist in achieving the goals of increased diversion of waste from landfill in support of a secondary resources economy
- As part of a basket of waste skills development programmes



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