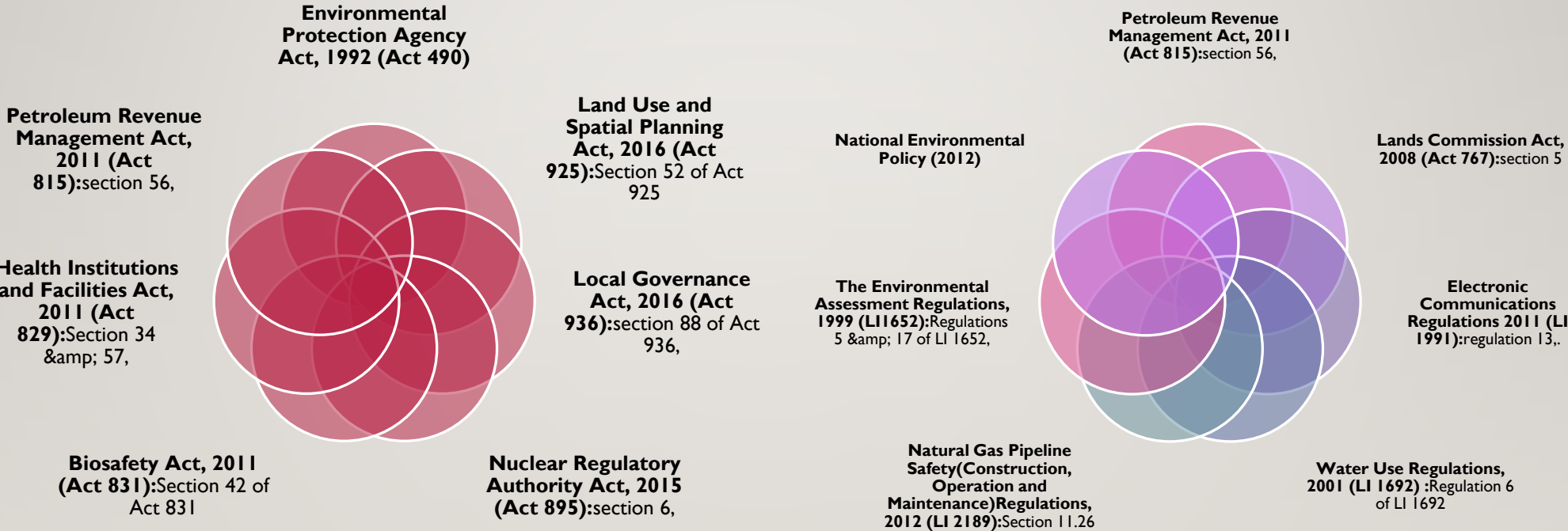


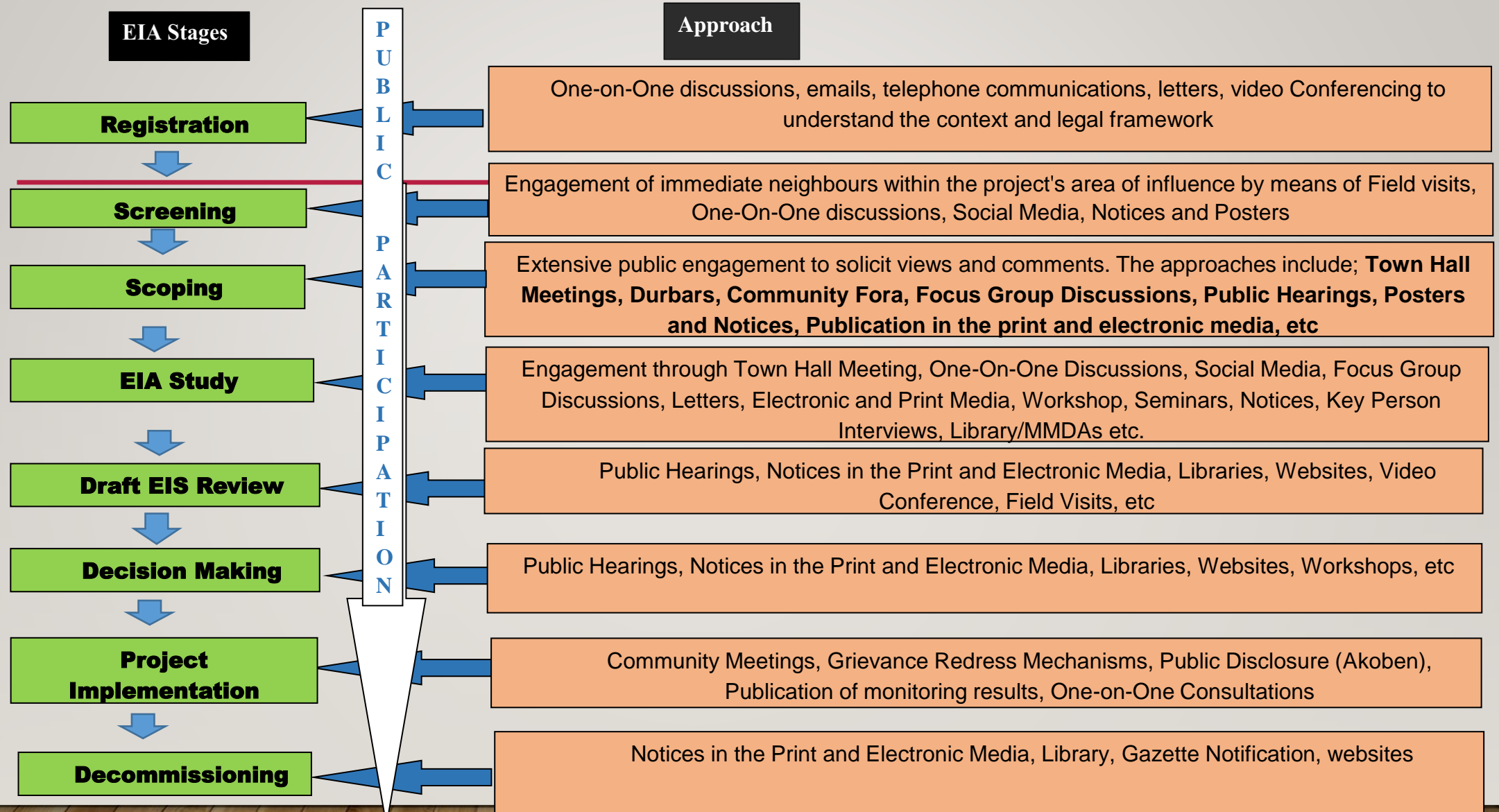
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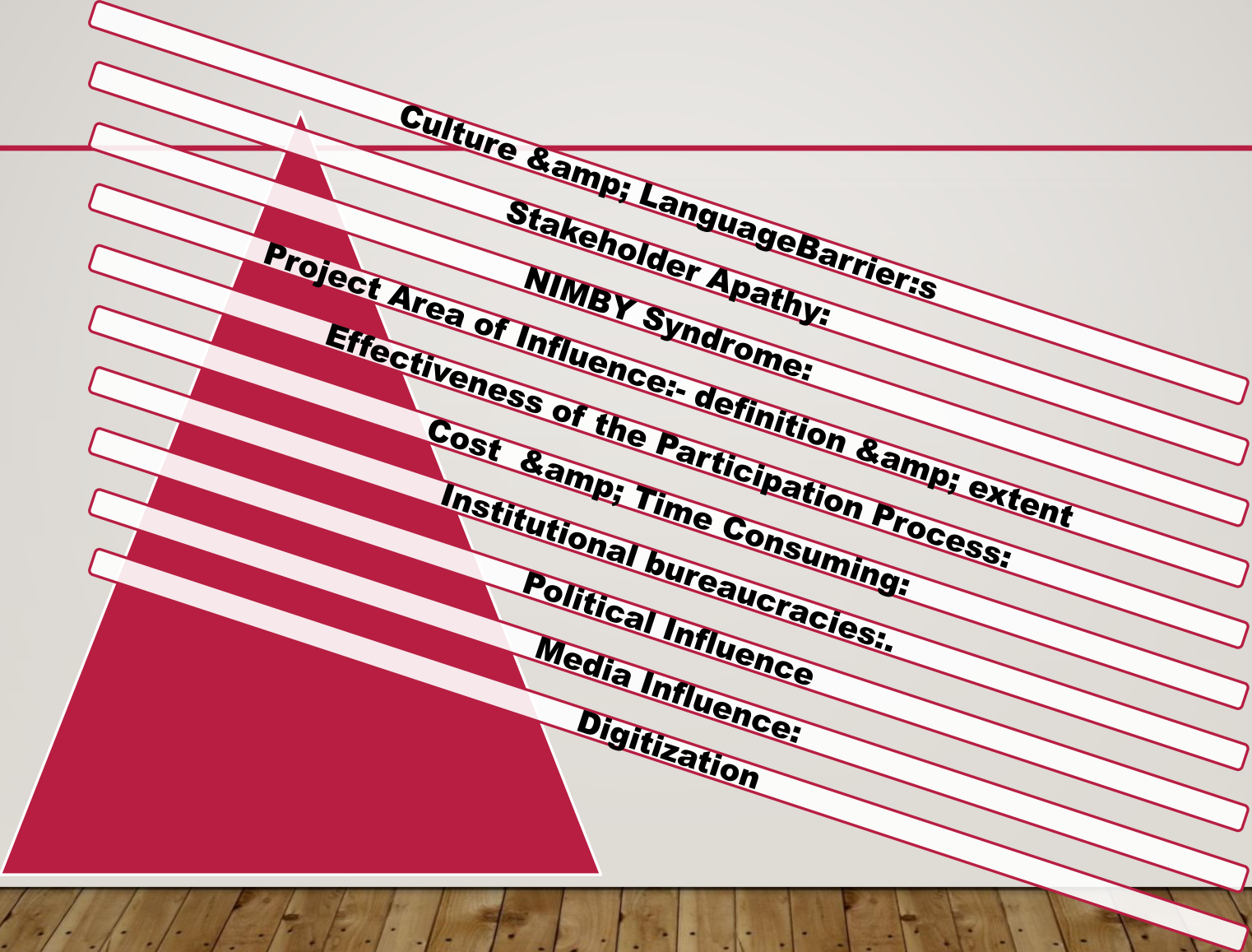
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CHALLENGES TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION



CASE STUDY

No	Proposed Project	Public Objections	Impact on Project
1.	A Fuel Service Station to be constructed near a sacred site in Accra	Traditional Authority objections related to the site being a buffer to their sacred pond adjacent to the project site and potential for the site to be desecrated	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Delays in project implementation- Redesign of the site layout to prevent pollution of the pond- Additional costly safeguards introduced – use of fibre coated underground Storage tanks- Stringent Monitoring Requirements

RESPONSES

Development of clear public participation guidelines

Awareness Creation & Capacity building among key Stakeholders

Involvement of Local CSOs

Further development of PP tools (modern platforms)

Review of legal instruments to reflect practice and culture eg. Use of gazette notices, print media etc

Documentation of best practices

CONCLUSIONS

- **Defining stakeholders and the adequacy of consultations**
- **Lack of consultations lead to public protest and lawsuits which has the potential to stall a project**
- **It is important to get the buy-in of all stakeholders during project planning to execution**
- **Socio-cultural issues must be given priority in project development and implementation**
- **Selection of the project sites must always involve the beneficiaries/users of the facility**
- **Stakeholders must be involved in resolution of complaints and decision making.**
- **Maintaining a balance between sound technical considerations and public concerns**
- **Developing a more effective feedback system**



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- *Thank You for
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