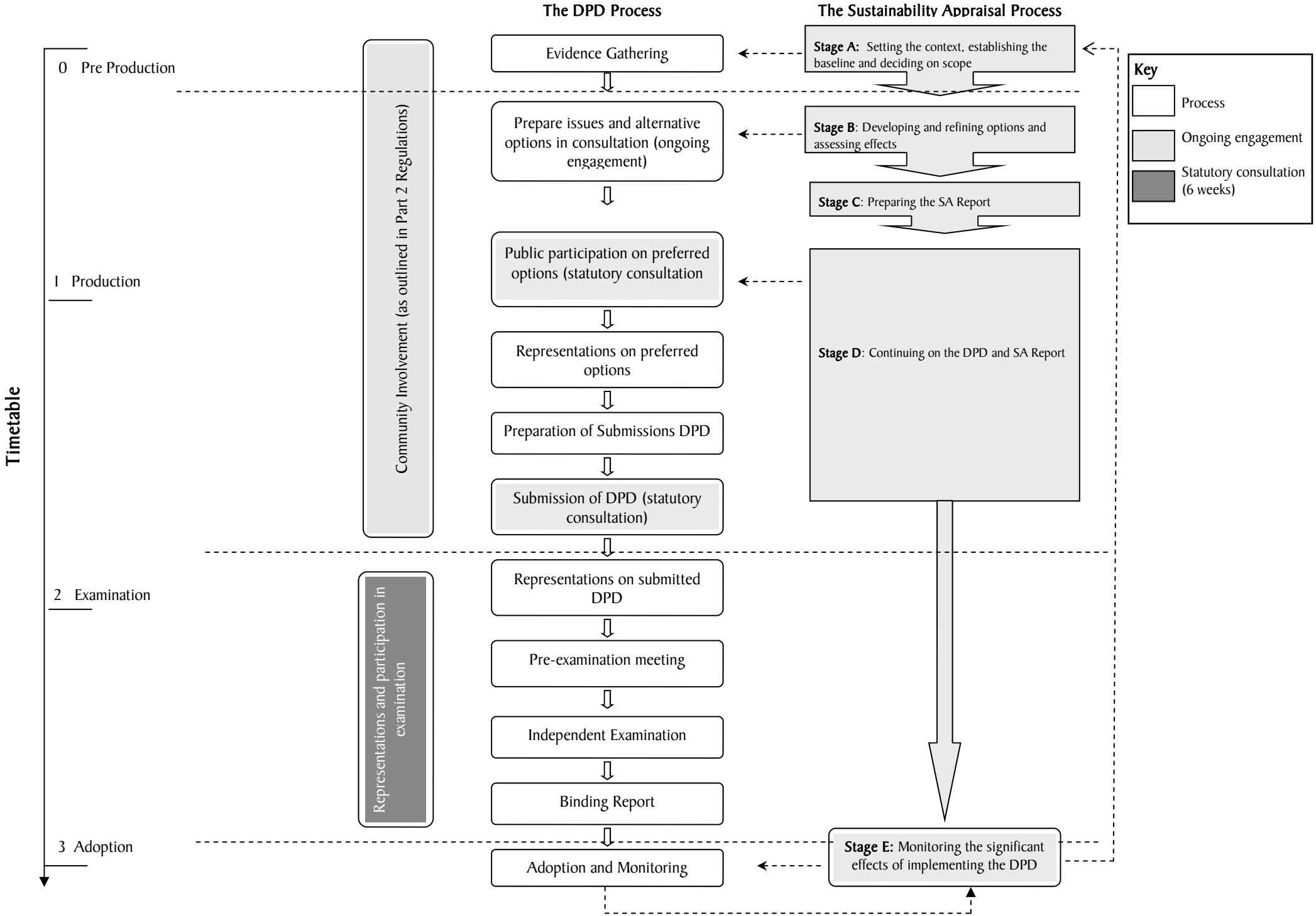APPENDIX 2: The DPD Preparation Process