

We have new Sustainable Development Goals – Now what?

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Roadmap to this presentation



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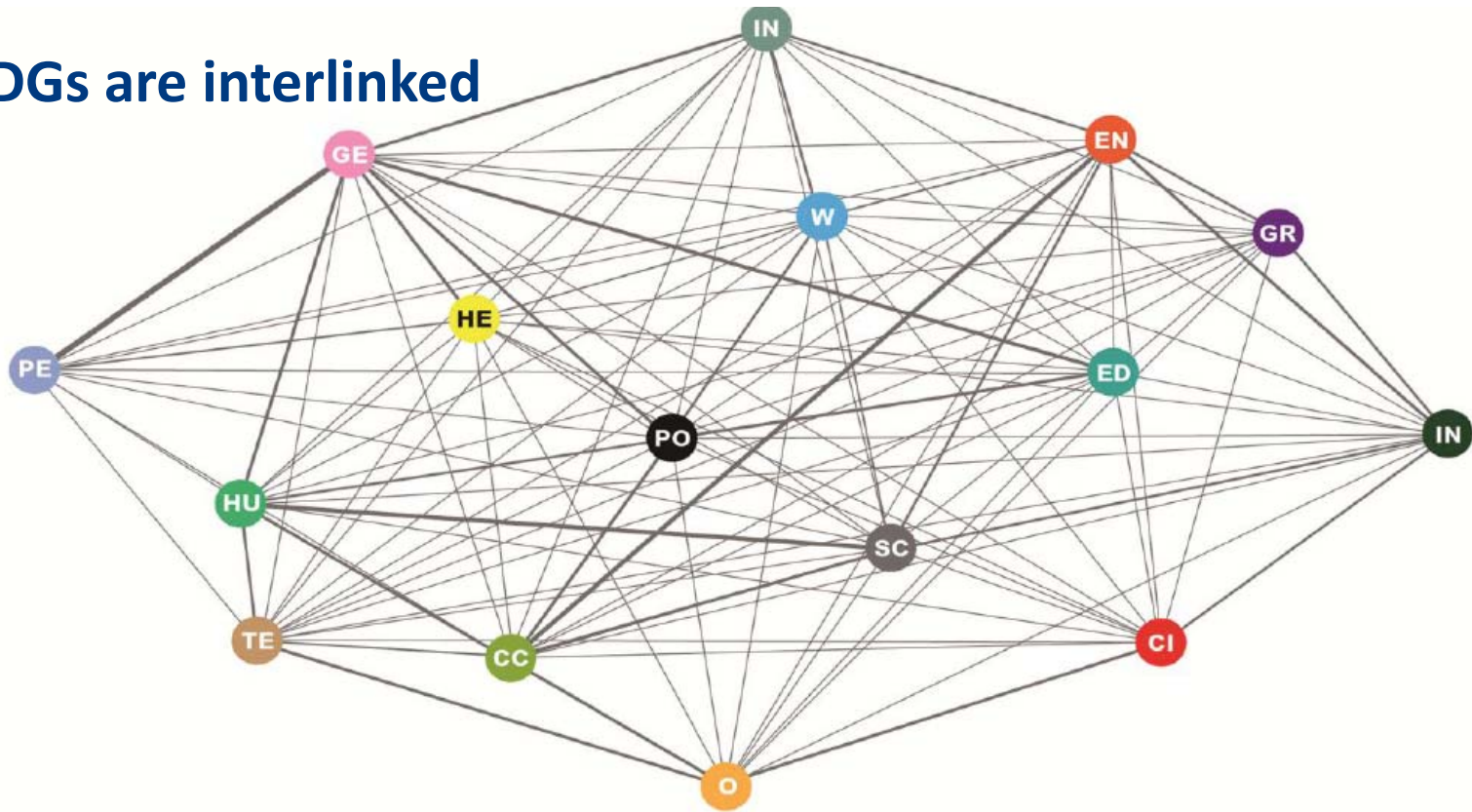


1. UN Summit and what comes next

- Confirmation of main characteristics of the 2030 Agenda:
 - Universality
 - Need to begin now with implementation
 - Political will is key
 - Process should be inclusive and participatory
 - The SDGs are an indivisible package



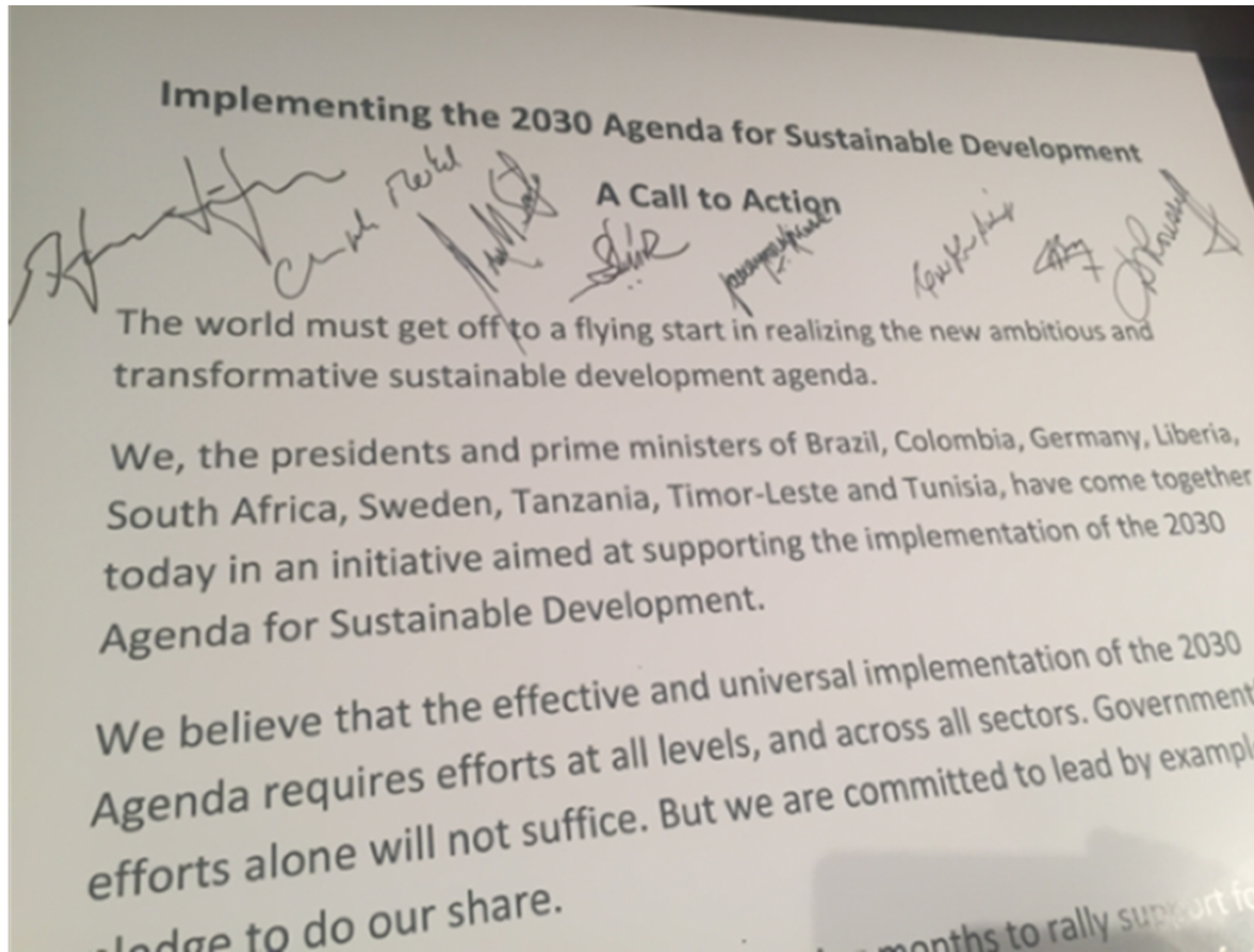
The SDGs are interlinked



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| CI | CITIES | IN | INEQUALITY |
| CC | CLIMATE CHANGE | IN | INFRASTRUCTURE & INDUSTRY |
| ED | EDUCATION | O | OCEANS |
| EN | ENERGY | PE | PEACEFUL & INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES |
| GE | GENDER | PO | POVERTY |
| GR | GROWTH & EMPLOYMENT | SC | SCP |
| HE | HEALTH | TE | TERRESTRIAL ECOSYSTEMS |
| HU | HUNGER | W | WATER |

Source: Global Sustainable Development Report 2015

First signs of leadership



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- **Sweden's** "Policy for Global Development" aims at enhancing policy coherence and making sustainable development the responsibility of all ministries
- The “Law on Sustainable Development” of the Republic of **Gabon** seeks to define growth pathways that also sustain the environment
- **Ethiopia** and **Colombia** have set up Inter-Ministerial Committees and Commissions to coherently implement sustainable development policies
- **Switzerland** and **Germany** have national sustainability strategies that will guide the implementation of the SDGs.

Will everyone adhere by these principles?



- Aside from the ‚first movers‘, general lack of concrete strategies
- Unclear how civil society will play a role
- Actors constellation is likely to change at national and local level
- How to ensure accountability?
- How to engage the private sector?
- How to overcome silo thinking?

The SDGs – Cherry picking?



Current process: Indicators




- UN Stats Commission
- Preliminary list

Support from National Statistical Offices and UNTST



2 indicators per target (= ca. 330 indicators) expected to go down to 100

- Also  SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SOLUTIONS NETWORK
A GLOBAL INITIATIVE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS
- Concerns regarding: ability to measure complexity, costs and capacities in national statistical offices
- Civil society concerns: transparency, lack of access and ambition – cherry picking!

2. Implementing the SDGs in, by and with Germany

- Agenda 2030 fights the causes of the refugee crisis
- Strong commitment to achieve the SDGs
- Doubling climate financing until 2020
- Strong increase in ODA
- Review and adjustment of national sustainability strategy



2. Implementing the SDGs in, by and with Germany

Adapting the National Sustainability Strategy “Globale Ziele – nationale Verantwortung”

- The inaugural conference will take place in Berlin on 29 October 2015th
- Federal Minister Peter Altmaier and other high-ranking representatives from politics, science and society will participate
- In the four months that follow, four regional Citizens' Consultations are planned: in Dresden, Stuttgart, Bonn and Hamburg



2. Implementing the SDGs in, by and with Germany



- The different ministries in Germany are developing their strategies for implementation and review
- Council for Sustainable Development as facilitator?
- Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development will play a key role
 - Mainstreaming of SDGs in portfolio
 - Support to countries with financing and policy advise
 - Statistical support

But no one can act alone!

German civil society reports



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- Parliaments of the Member States have role to play when the new targets are implemented at national levels they are well placed to address trade-offs - thanks to their culture of debate



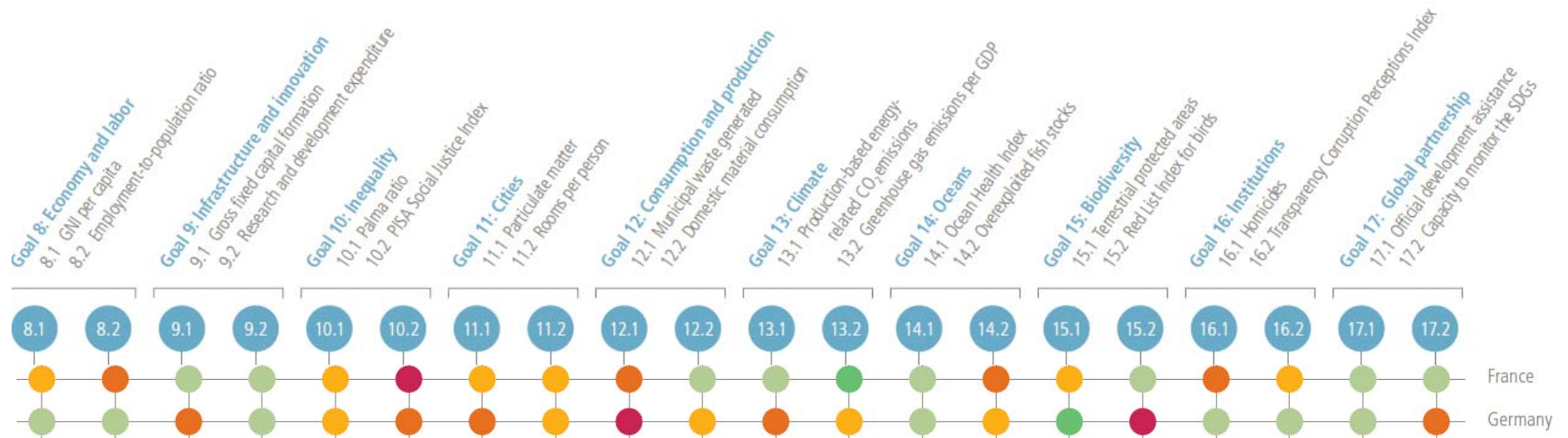
- key actors (governments, the UN system, other stakeholders), interlinkages (within UN structures and outside of them) and ambition (in design and commitments)... The accountability challenge

Germany – France and SDG index



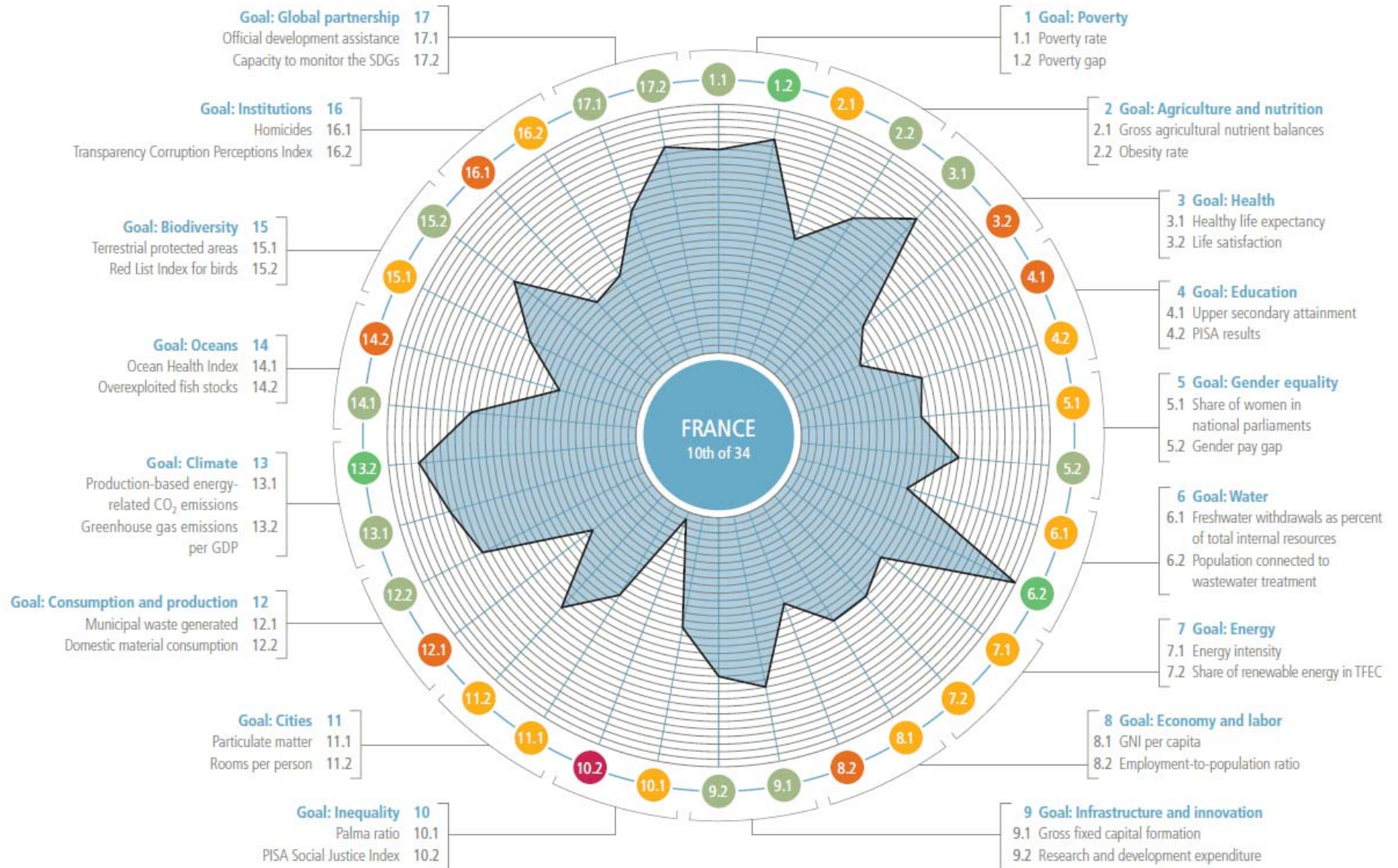
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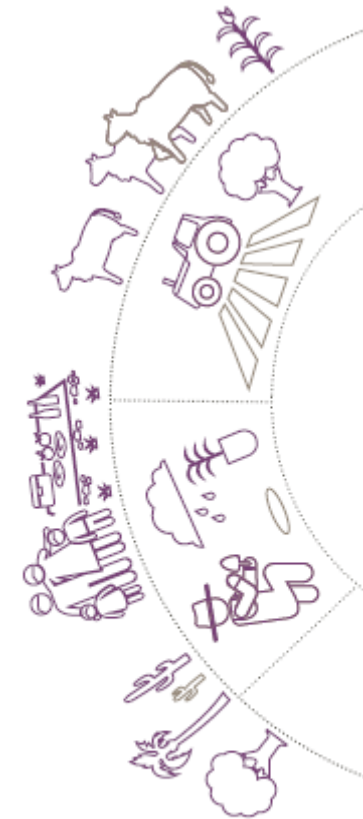
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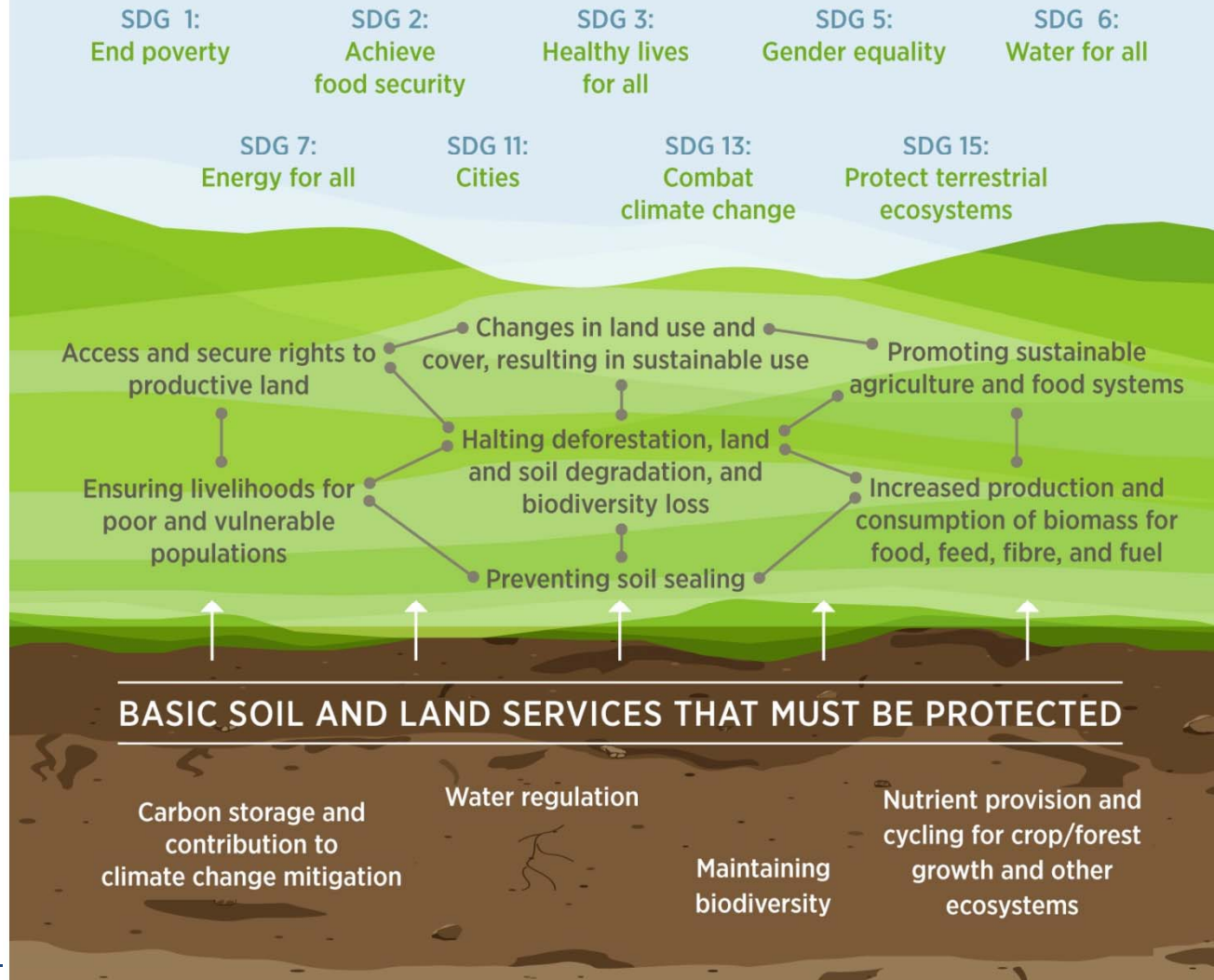
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- To ensure that progress on some goals does not limit or challenge the achievement of others, an integrated and inclusive approach that considers and analyses the combined impacts on natural resources and users is necessary
- An example of this is managing the demand for food and energy while protecting the tenure rights of women, men, local communities and indigenous peoples; and while maintaining ecosystems and the quality of their soils and land



SOILS AND LAND PLAY A FUNDAMENTAL AND CROSS-CUTTING ROLE IN ACHIEVING THE SDGs*



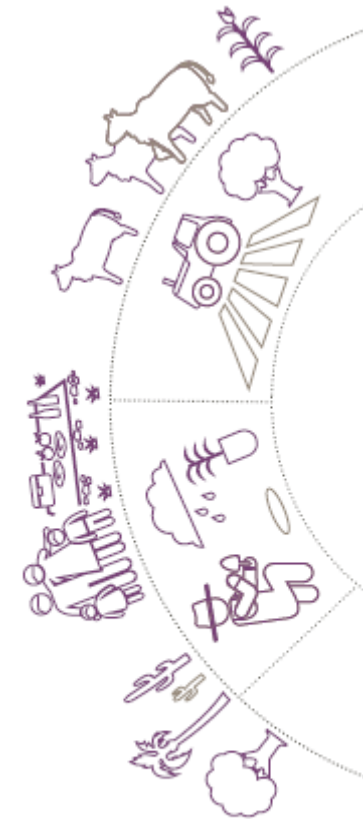
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Global Level:

- Thematic reviews of progress may also take place at the HLPF and in other inter-governmental forums, including the ECOSOC functional commissions and other relevant subsidiary bodies and mechanisms. These should include reviews that address cross-cutting issues, such as natural resources and tenure rights, which are critical to the effective implementation of the SDGs. These reviews should be aligned with the cycle and work of the HLPF, where possible.

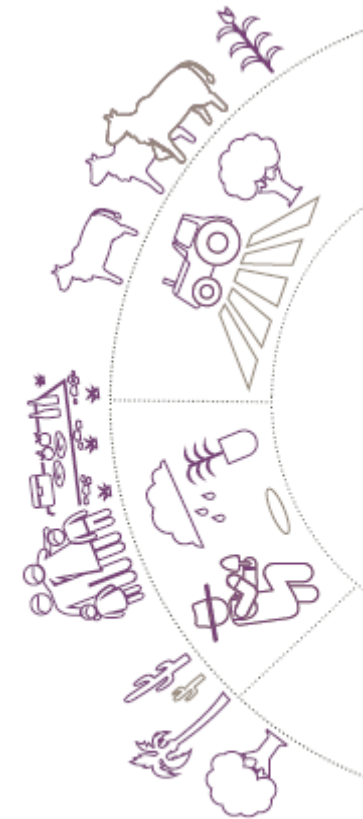


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Regional Level:

- UN Economic Commissions
- African Peer Review Mechanism
- Other regional bodies – European Commission for Europe – collaboration with UNECE?
- How to use this level to link global and national progress?

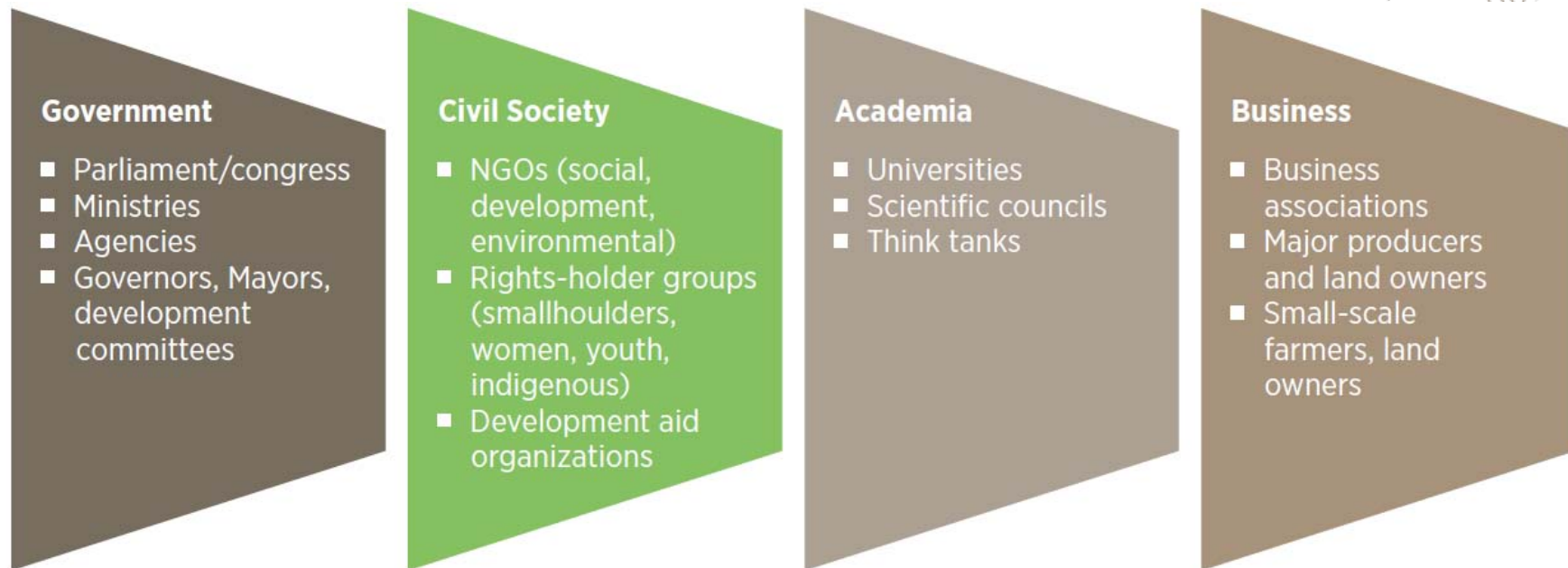


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(Sub) National Level

- National multi-stakeholder and rights-holder initiatives for follow-up and review, within the context of a renewed global partnership for development, should be established or strengthened



4. Issues to keep in mind



1. Countries need to take a look in the mirror and also assess their impacts on other countries and the 2030 agenda in general – review national sustainability strategies when available and peer review
1. “Everything that can be counted does not necessarily count; everything that counts cannot necessarily be counted” Albert Einstein – Natural resources offer the perfect example – Multi-stakeholder and participatory approaches are needed to achieve an overview of progress
2. Need to break through the silos of the SDGs for monitoring
3. This implies strengthening or setting-up national level initiatives

Thank you for your attention!

