



#### Department of Economic and Social Affairs

## SDG financing in Seychelles

SDG Budget tag & VNRs

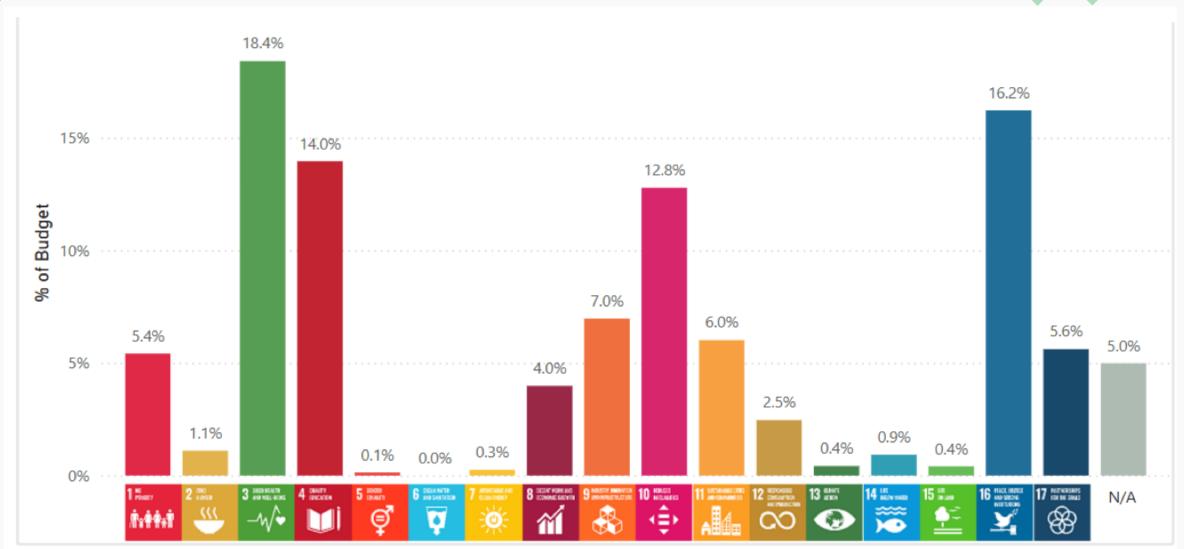
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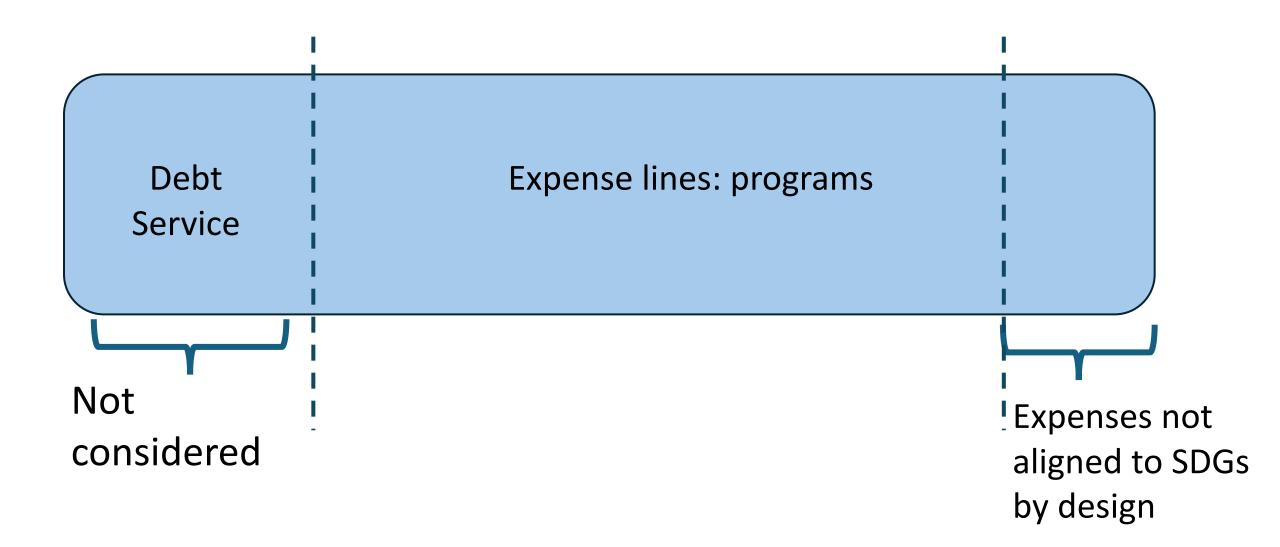


# 270 government programs in 18 Portfolios

Portfolio	# Programs
Constitutional bodies	11
Education	14
Employment and social affairs	9
Finance	24
Fisheries and blue economy	2
Foreign affairs and tourism	7
Health	13
Internal affairs	21
Investment, Entrep. & industry	17
Lands and housing	7
Local government	3
Agriculture, env & climate change	19
Non-MDA resource allocation	66
Other statutory bodies	4
President's office	24
Transport	8
Vice-president office	8
Youth, sports & family	13
	Total 270

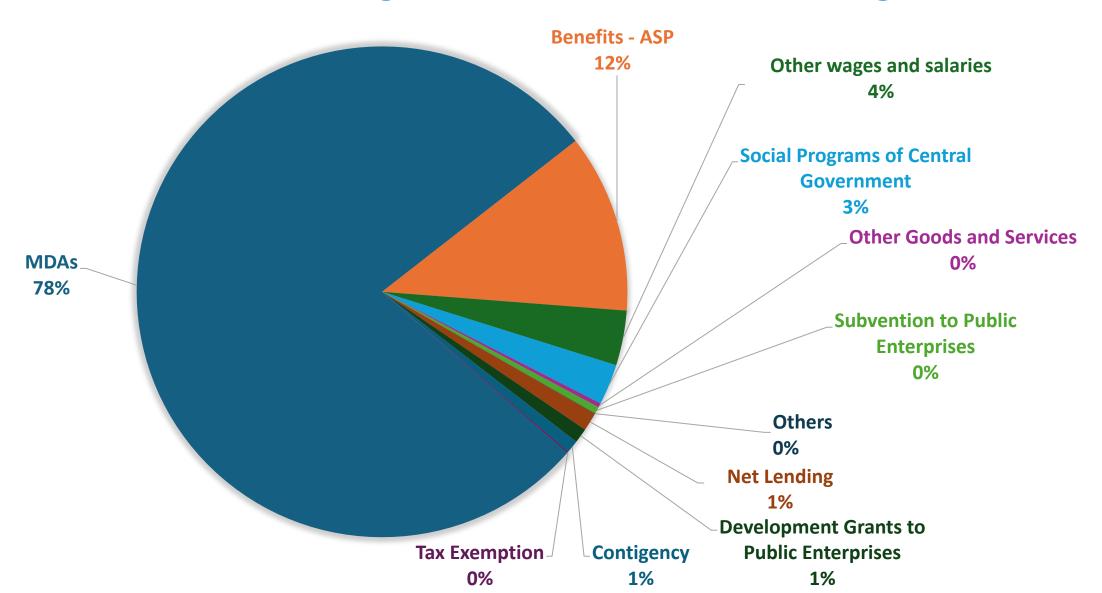


## How to look at the entire budget





## 97% of the Budget was allocated to SDG targets





### MANUAL MATCHING - EXAMPLE

Institution	titution Sector Budget line Commitm	Commitment (\$)	Alignment with SDG nt (\$) Targets			
				Main	<b>S1</b>	S2
Institution A	Sector B Non-admin Project	\$100 M	9.1	16.6	6.1	
		Project	ject	(\$75 M)	(\$12.5 M)	(\$12.5 M)

## Seychelles 2024 budget:

- 18 portfolios sectors.
- 81 MDAs.
- 270 Expenses in PbB-format

#### SPECIFIC METHODOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS

#### Innovations of the methodology

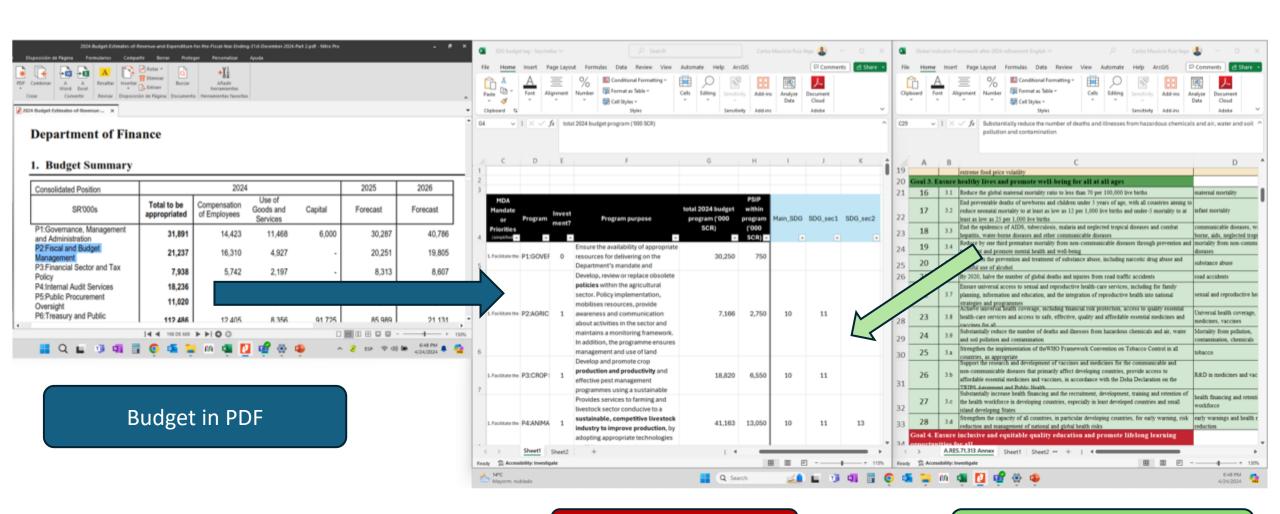
- Replicates Public Policy: multi-purpose.
   Allows a single budget line to finance multiple SDG → synergies between SDGs.
- 2. Beyond simple label 17 SDGs: alignment at *the 169 SDG target* level.
- 3. Treatment of ADMIN EXPENDITURES, using financial distribution of NON-ADMIN projects.

#### **Applications beyond public budgets**

- Regional budgets, royalties, and inter-government transfers.
- Development cooperation projects: donations and multilateral loans.
- IFC: interoperability with Taxonomies.



## How it looked ...



Result



## The Excel file compiled

1	Portfolio	Ministry	MDA Mandate or Priorities (simplified)	Program	Program purpose	total 2024 budget program ('000 SCR)	Main_SDG	SDG_sec1	SDG_sec
89	HEALTH	Health Care Agency	provides preventive, primary, secondary and tertiary care through the Seychelles Hospital	P1:Governance, Management & Administration	ensure efficient performance and compliance to rules and regulations	69,514	27		
90	HEALTH	Health Care Agency	provides preventive, primary, secondary and tertiary care through the Seychelles Hospital	P2:Hospital and Specialised Services	overseas medical services; specialised services including elective and emergency; inpatient;	781,450	23	18	19
91	HEALTH	Health Care Agency	provides preventive, primary, secondary and tertiary care through the Seychelles Hospital and the Community Health Services. Its objectives are to promote, protect and restore the health of the public by taking appropriate	P3:Community Curative and Preventive Service	preventative and curative health services closer to the people at district and regional level. These include: consultations; out patients; emergency services; maternal health; family planning; pre-	219,921	23	18	19
92	HEALIH	Health Care Agency	provides preventive, primary, secondary and tertiary care through the Seychelles Hospital	P4: Health Support Services	provide non-clinical services to support the delivery of safe, high quality health care services	132,375	23	18	19
93	HEALTH	Professional	ensure that all health professionals are qualified and competent to practice, and to	P1: Regulatory Services	regulates the performance of AHPs to promote and uphold the highest possible standard of	1,418	27	23	
94	HEALTH	Ministry of Health	responsible for macro health policy formulation and the monitoring and evaluation	P1:Governance, Management and Administration	provide health sector policies, provide stewardship and strengthen governance and	32,114	144	23	
95	HEALTH	Ministry of Health	responsible for macro health policy formulation and the monitoring and evaluation	P2:Training and Professional Development	produce the right quality and quantity of human resources for the health and social care needs of	32,369	27		



# 10 examples of expenses that DO NOT contribute to SDGs

#### **Expenses NOT-Aligned to SDGs**

- 1. Provide <u>landscaping</u> services
- **2.** Register all medical practitioners and dentists
- Support talent development and optimize <u>athletes</u>' performances.
- 4. High-quality **broadcast** news, programs and services on radio, tv, online and through emerging media.
- Coordinate and liaise with all external and internal intelligence activities.
- Management of public leases, maintenance, and beautification of public infrastructure.
- 7. Enforce <u>standards</u> and certification of products, processes and systems in industry and commerce.
- 3. Consider and <u>propose to the President</u> the appointment of senior appointments.
- 9. Contribution to <u>Political Parties</u> & Contribution to Religious Organizations
- In-house advisory services for civil engineering projects,
   other services required for <u>maintenance of</u> <u>government buildings</u>.



SDG ALIGNMENT AND BUDGET TAGGING: TOWARDS AN SDG TAXONOMY

Analysis for Colombia









## The Recipe/Guidebook:

#### <u>Detailed recipe</u>:

- Criteria
- Treatment of CAPEX and OPEX
- Step-by-step guidance
- Roadmap to SDG taxonomy
- Warnings to avoid SDG Washing.

<u>Applications</u> to Public Budgets, Development Cooperation, SOEs, and Private Sector.





#### **SDG Budget Tagging:**

A proposal to measure SDG Financing

by Mauricio Ruiz, Luis Palacios, Diana Quiroga and Oscar Sanchez<sup>1</sup>

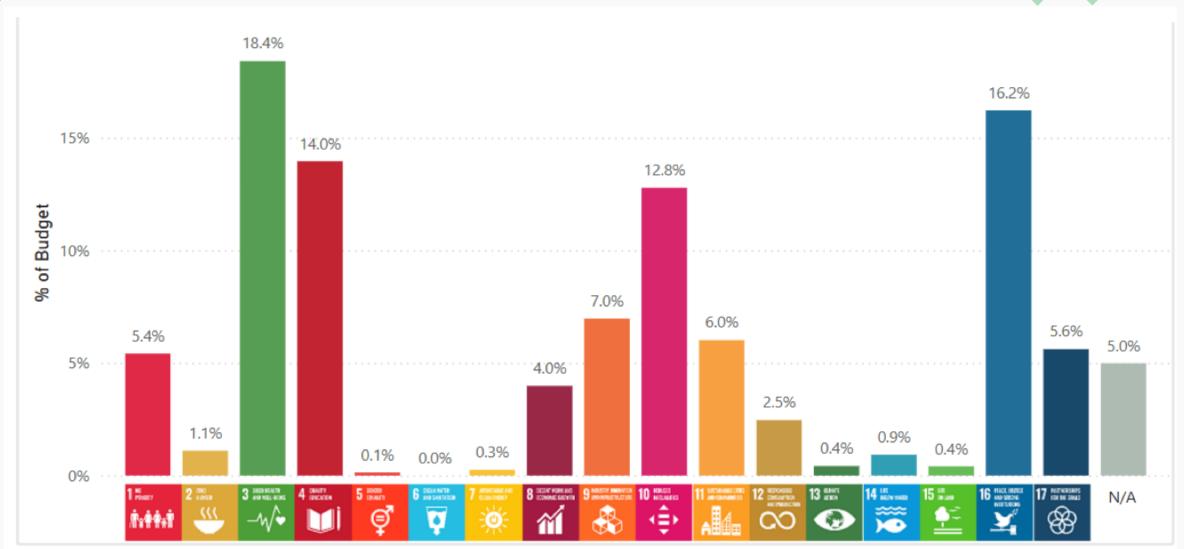
Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) financing is gaining global interest in the Decade of Action (2020–2030). Without an adequate assessment of the SDG financing flows, government actions can fail to accelerate SDG achievement. This document presents an SDG budget-tagging methodology to measure and strengthen countries' SDG financing diagnostics. The methodology can be olied to (i) national and subnational budgets; (ii) international development eration to strengthen its monitoring; and (iii) identifying potentially projects in private financing strategies. In addition to strengthen ing diagnostics, when accompanied by data visualization aging can strengthen fiscal transparency by community to the public using the 17 SDGs and information.

# Policy Brief – summarized version

- Easy-to-follow Policy Brief:
  - Importance and context.
  - Methodology in brief.
  - Results.

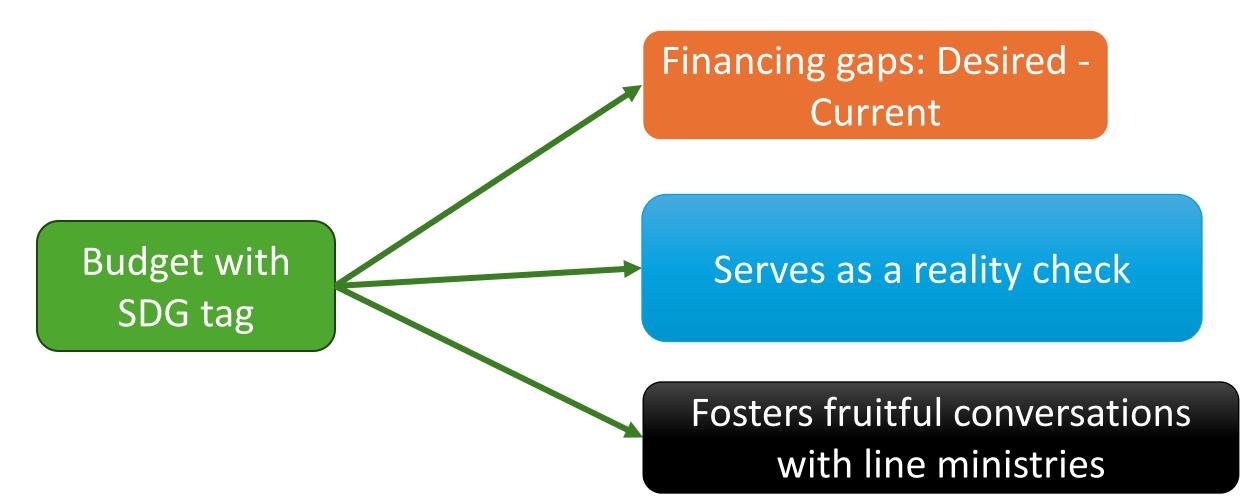


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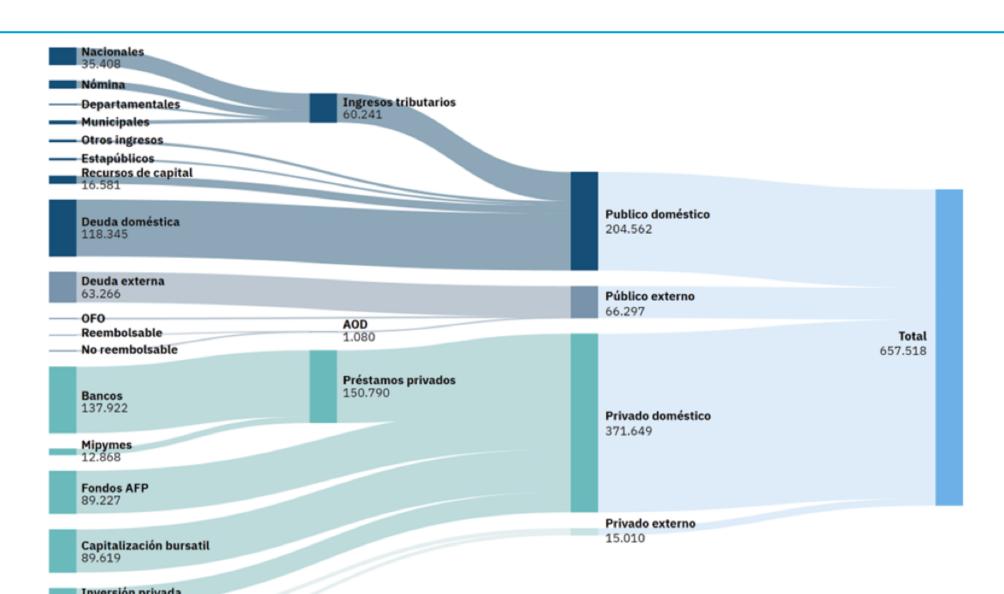


## What can a country do with an SDG Budget tag





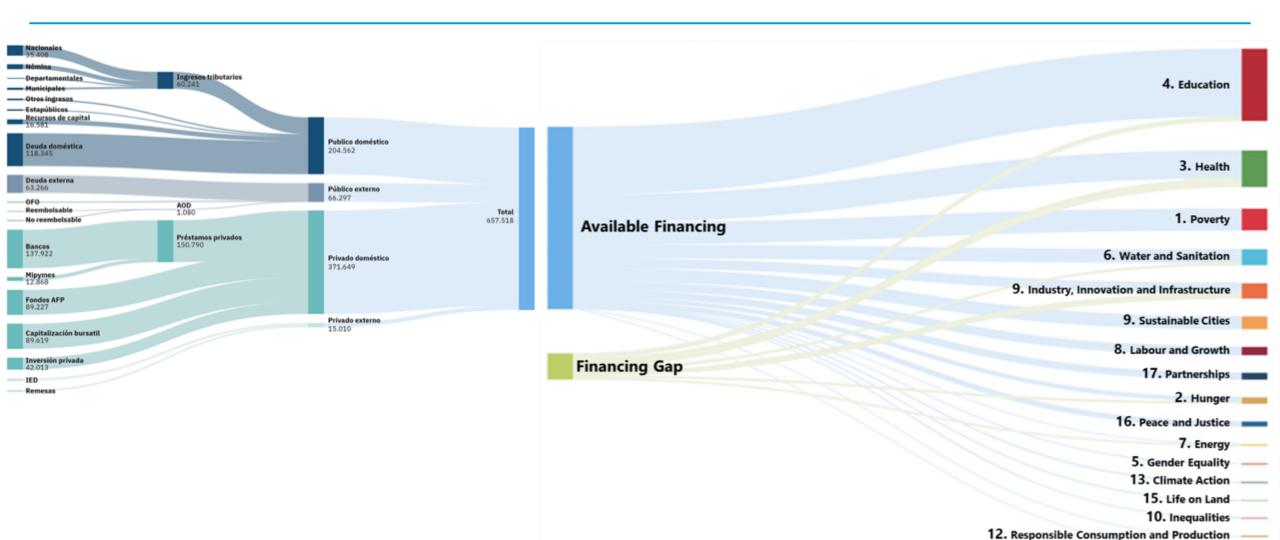
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## From SDG Diagnostics to SDG-informed budgetary allocations





## **VNRs & INFF**

 Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) – <u>SDG progress</u> at the national and/or sub-national level.

- VNR provide the opportunity for governments to reflect on the alignment of national priorities with the SDGs and to prioritise goals and targets accordingly.
- VNRs aim to facilitate the sharing of experiences, including success factors, challenges and lessons learned,
  - to strengthen relevant policies and institutions, and to enhance support for national priorities and partnerships.

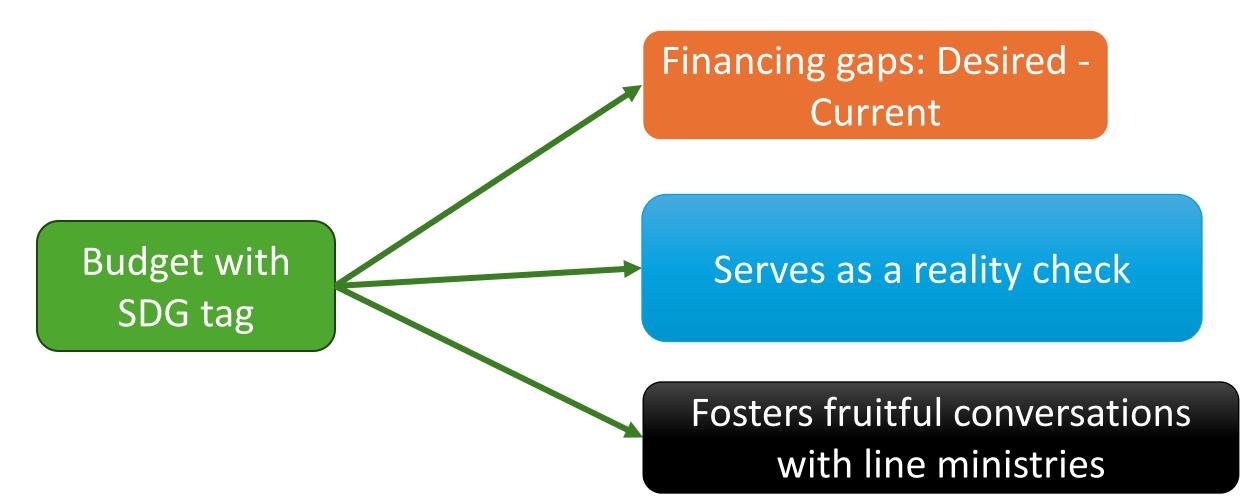


## **VNRs & INFF**

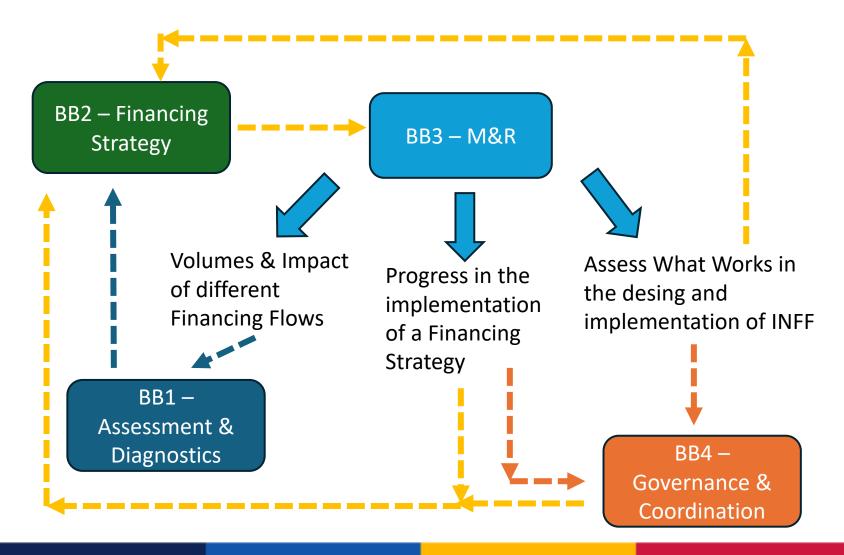
- In terms of INFFs, <u>VNRs are an output</u> rather than an outcome.
- Increase global credibility if VNRs have references to financing means of implementation.
  - SDG/INFF-infused VNRs serve as a tool for resource mobilization at the global level.
- Data and information collected through INFF BB3, for example, data on volumes and allocation of <u>different financing flows</u> can highlight specific governance challenges and capacity constraints.



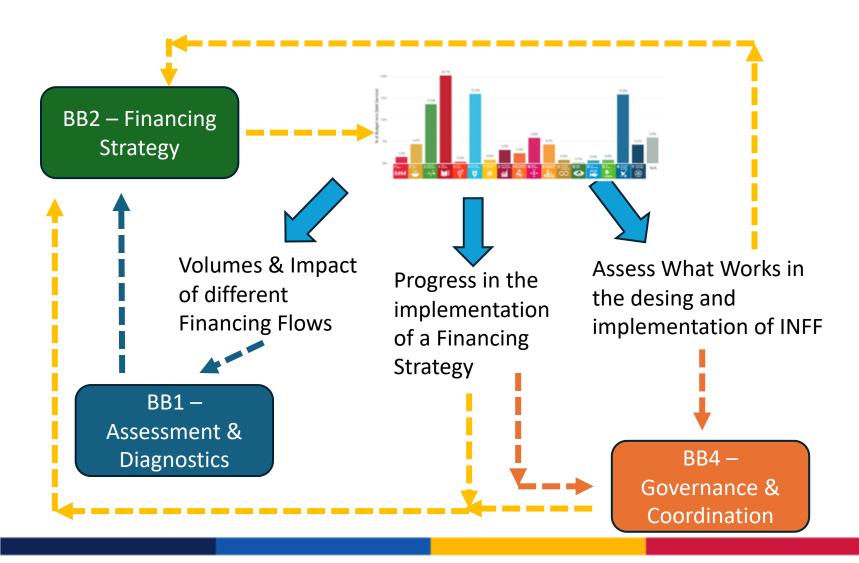
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## Why is it important?



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## Thank you!

You can access the IATF global guidance on Building Block 3 Monitoring and Review at:

https://inff.org/inff-building-blocks/monitoring-and-review







# INFF Building Block 4 Governance and Coordination

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## Why is it important?





## Governance & Coordination: Why is it important?



#### Driver of overall effectiveness

- Guides entire INFF process
- Ensures country ownership and leadership
- Strengthens intra-governmental collaboration and multi-stakeholder participation
- Enhances coordination with development partners
- Overcomes silos and increases coherence and integration of existing approaches and processes

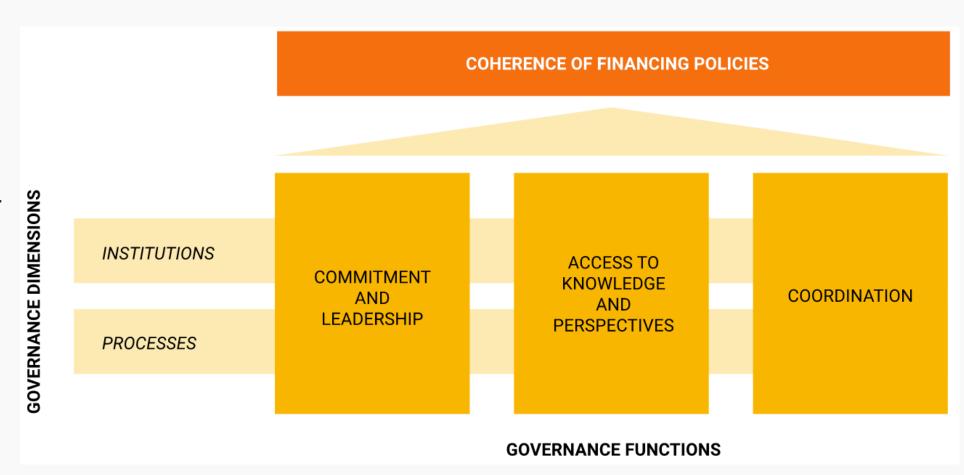
# Scope





#### Dimensions and Functions of INFF Governance

- **Form** of governance arrangements will vary across contexts.
- Functions will be common, to support increased coherence of financing policies.







### Relevant Actors and Typical Challenges

## Potential roles and contributions

## Head of state/govt

- Provides high-level political leadership
- Custodian of national priorities
- Ensures political buy-in

## Ministry of Finance

Government

- Allocates domestic public finance
- Costs policies + identifies financial needs
- Implements fiscal policies + revenue strategies

#### Line Ministries

- Provide leadership on sector-specific outcomes + related resource requirements
- Development regulatory frameworks

## Potential challenges

- Competing priorities
- Focus on achievements can be recognized within electoral cycle
- Lack of visibility on financing beyond on-budget resources
- Planning may lack clout with line ministries
- Limited coordination with MoF
- Often limited capacity to consider financing-specific issues





### Relevant Actors and Typical Challenges

## Potential roles and contributions

Development Partners

 Provides resources including technical assistance, capacity building, and expertise

Private Sector

Non-Government

- Contributes to DRM
- Creates jobs and provides investment

**Civil Society** 

- Provides resources
- Holds governments and other providers of finance to account

## Potential challenges

- Priorities not always in line with government
- Fragmentation and lack of coordination
- Sectoral approaches
- Misaligned investment incentives
- Can create risk
- Power dynamics and rentseeking
- Diverse and fragmented
- Limited capacity and resources
- Limited access to government
- Sectoral thinking

## What steps can be taken?





## Suggested approach

#### STEP 1

## IDENTIFY AND ASSESS EXISTING GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

Identify and assess the institutions and processes that exist to guide, enable and support (coherent) financing policy making:

- Commitment and leadership
- Access to knowledge and perspectives
- Coordination

[Self-assessment questions are included in the guidance].

#### STEP 2

#### ENHANCE COHERENCE, CLOSE GAPS IF NEEDED

Establish how to strengthen existing arrangements, based on:

- Appropriate level of ambition
- Available capacity and resources
- Objectives identified in the financing strategy.

[Typical challenges and steps to overcome them are included in the guidance].





### Step 1: Identify and assess existing governance arrangements

#### Commitment & Leadership

- Clear commitment and mandate from highest political level
- Sustainability features
- Institutional catalyst with required authority and convening power
- Capacity building measures for state and nonstate actors

## Access to Knowledge & Perspectives

- Commitment and rationale for INFF
- Mechanisms for information exchanges within government and with other partners
- Transparent reporting on financing
- Mechanisms to assess and review financing policies

#### Coordination

- Clearly defined roles and responsibilities
- Intra-governmental mechanisms
- Mechanisms for coordination with development partners
- Mechanisms for aligning private finance with national priorities
- Use of national processes to encourage an integrated approach to financing





### Step 2: Enhance coherence, close gaps if needed

## Commitment & Leadership

- Sustaining interest and buy-in
- Addressing capacity gaps

## Access to Knowledge & Perspectives

- Dialogue & participation
- Transparency & accountability

#### Coordination

- Clearly defined roles and responsibilities
- Encouraging effective collaboration among actors
- Aligning all types of finance with national priorities





## Challenges to ensure commitment and leadership

- Reluctance from the political level to engage and/or difficulty to sustain commitment over time
- Lack of buy-in from key ministries and departments (potential rivalry)
- Weak centres of government as well as broader capacity gaps and resource limitations

## Key factors to **increase** commitment and leadership

- Sustaining interest and buy-in
  - Capacity building and ongoing dialogue on INFF implementation
  - Establishing oversight
  - Securing leadership
  - Complementing political commitment
- Addressing capacity gaps
  - International community
  - Technical assistance and capacity building
  - Preparedness assessments
  - Peer exchanges





#### Levels of commitment and leadership: stylized examples

#### HIGH LEVEL OF COHERENCE Commitment from the highest political level, complemented by strong buy-in LIMITED COHERENCE and leadership from the technical level in key ministries -----There is interest from the highest This translates in an effective oversight political level and buy-in from the mechanism to guide the INFF process technical level (e.g., MOP or MOF). and involve all relevant stakeholders from But: within and beyond government · No institutional 'catalyst' to bring Measures are in place to build capacity together and sustain participation of civil servants and parliamentarians to ..... of all relevant actors within government effectively engage in, and support, the Limited ability to engage key non-state INFF process, and for private sector actors actors (including the private sector) on to enhance alignment with national sustainable development financing sustainable development objectives Capacity gaps to effectively support **INFF** implementation INCREASED COMMITMENT AND LEADERSHIP





## Challenges to ensure knowledge & perspectives

- Misaligned priorities and lack of interest or capacity to engage in integrated approaches
- Multistakeholder fora turning into lobbying platforms
- Lack of trust in government
- Lack of reporting and/or monitoring and review mechanisms
- Reluctance of development partners to share info, especially forward-looking expenditure plans

## Key factors to **increase** knowledge & perspectives

- Dialogue and participation
  - Mandated inclusive approaches in policymaking processes
  - Dedicated agencies or permanent structures
  - Consultative committees or fora
  - Networks and campaigns
- Transparency and accountability
  - Formal institutions
  - Peer reviews
  - Open government initiatives
  - Citizen budgets
  - Development cooperation results frameworks





#### Levels of access to knowledge & perspectives: stylized examples

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#### LIMITED COHERENCE

- Awareness of INFF is limited across government ministries/ departments.
- Access to information on the budget and taxation is limited for the public, as is availability of information on other types of finance.
- Some intra-governmental consultations take place as part of the national budget process, but no mechanisms are in place to ensure effective multi-stakeholder dialogue and participation.
- Monitoring and review of progress in implementation of the financing strategy is limited, and so are learning and feedback loops between implementation and policy design.

#### HIGH LEVEL OF COHERENCE

- The commitment to integrated financing policies, and the value add of an INFF, is effectively communicated across government and among other stakeholders.
- Mechanisms exist to enable regular exchange of information among government ministries/ departments, and between central and local governments.
- Perspectives from multi-stakeholder dialogues inform policy formulation and decision-making.
- Information on all types of finance is accessible to those who need it, including policymakers and the public.
- Mechanisms are in place for regular and timely monitoring and review of progress in the implementation of the financing strategy, to encourage learning and effective practice policy feedback loops.

INCREASED ACCESS TO KNOWLEDGE AND PERSPECTIVES





## Challenges to improve coordination

- Entrenched ministerial, departmental, sectoral silos
- Unwillingness to collaborate and reluctance to change
- Lack of harmonization between central and local governments
- Administrative burdens caused by proliferation of coordination structures
- Non-participation of key development partners

## Key factors to **increase** coordination

- Defining clear roles and responsibilities
- Encouraging effective collaboration among actors
  - To implement national development plans
  - To focus on specific sectors/thematic areas
  - To ensure alignment between central and local governments
- Aligning all types of finance with national priorities
  - Annual budget processes
  - Public procurement processes
  - Specific financing instruments





#### Levels of coordination: stylized examples

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#### **LIMITED COHERENCE**

The annual budget process is linked to the national plan and sustainable development objectives, and is used to encourage consideration of key priorities across government. But:

- There are no formal mechanisms in place to facilitate coordination with development partners and to encourage alignment of private finance and investment.
- Policy formulation and implementation processes related to development cooperation, private sector development, investment promotion, if present, are treated as separate to the national budget process, and take place autonomously.

#### **HIGH LEVEL OF COHERENCE**

- There is a clear division of labour among all relevant stakeholders, and mechanisms are in place to enable effective collaboration and coordination among them

   both within government (e.g., different departments, central and local governments) and beyond (e.g., development partners).
- Mechanisms also exist to align private finance with sustainable development priorities and foster complementarities between public and private financing.
- The national budget and public procurement processes mainstream national priorities.
- Government adopts a holistic approach to formulating financing policies in different areas, encouraging integration of all relevant processes (e.g., national budget, public investment, development cooperation, private investment promotion, etc.).

INCREASED COORDINATION





## **Guiding Principles**

- Enhancing coherence is a moving target: appropriate level of ambition will depend on context, resources, capacity and financing strategy objectives
- Build on what is already in place, only add if there are gaps: opportunity to identify, assess and streamline existing governance and coordination structures and mechanisms
- Consider both top-down institutional structures and other complementary mechanisms: such as specific tools, incentives, financing instruments
- Overcome silos: process must be country-led, mandated from the highest political level and supported by senior technical officials across relevant ministries

## Thank you.

For more information:

INFF building blocks:

INFF e-learning course:

INFF technical guidance:











## INFF Training Workshop: Closing

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# Final TIP





- What is the **TASK**?
- Is it related to Assessment & Diagnostics, Financing Strategy, Monitoring & Review or Governance & Coordination?

- **IDENTIFY** existing work and build from there what has been done before, what is currently being done, what are the gaps?
- **INTEGRATE** all perspectives of sustainable development what are the economic, social, environmental, political/governance implications?
- What-IF risk analysis what are the risks and will they materialize?

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- **PRIORITIES**: what should be prioritized and does it need to be done in phases?
- **PARTNERS**: who can help or needs to be engaged within and beyond my organization?
- PROCESS: are there existing processes to facilitate the task or should new ones be developed?

# Survey



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