

# Thematic Discussion: Data and Statistics

## Kick-off presentation

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# Introduction

## From Monday

- All countries in the Pacific are struggling with meeting their national Data & Statistics demands
- But you can still tell a good story without data and statistics
  - Availability of data should not influence the stories being told in your VNR

## However .....

- Data and Statistics, if reliable and timely, can help provide evidence and add value to your stories
  - Can support telling the story of where your country stands now
  - Can tell a good story which direction progress is going
    - Are your policy and planning interventions working?

# This session focus

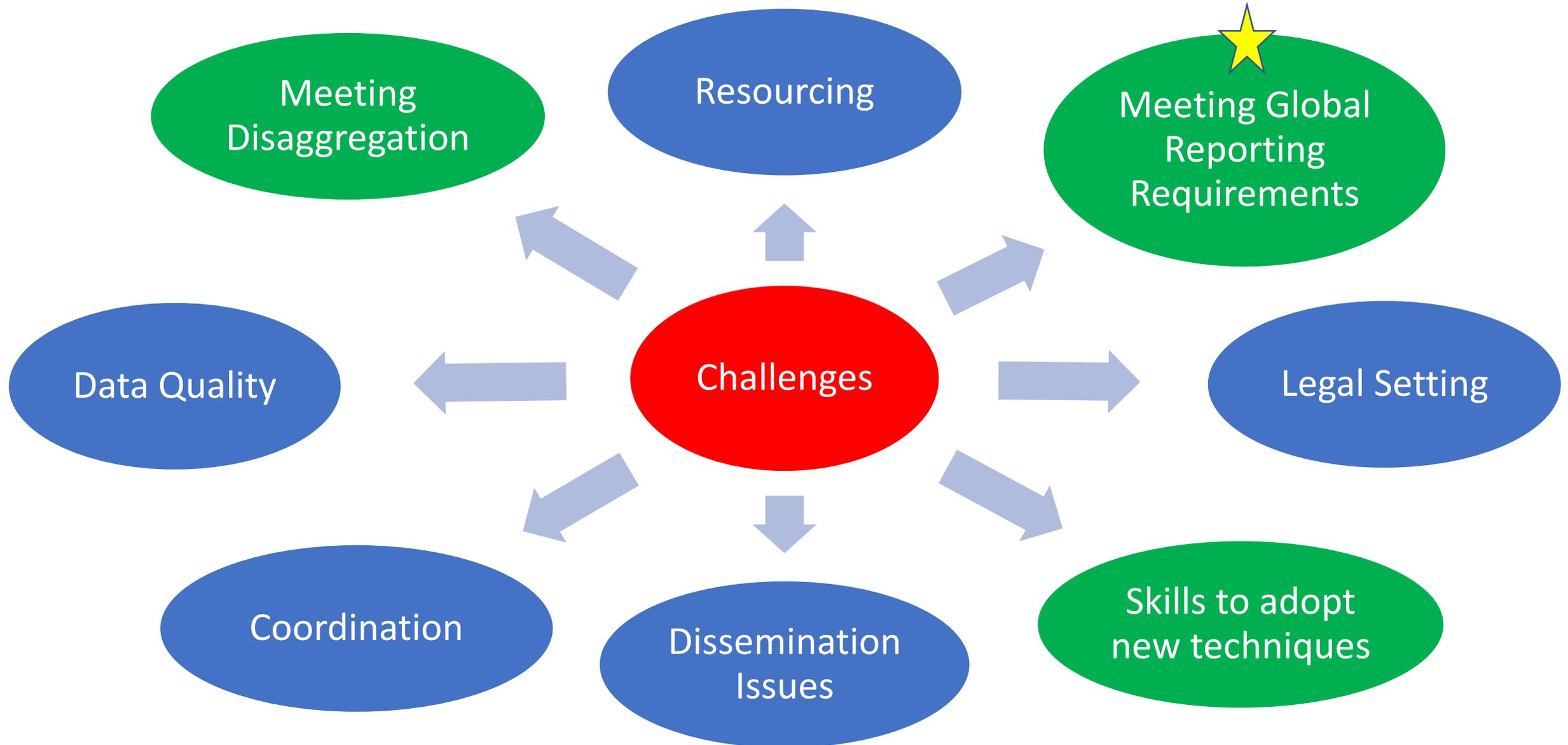
1. What are some of the critical challenges faced by Pacific Island Countries in producing data and statistics

*Worthwhile focusing on new challenges since the introduction of the 2030 Agenda*

2a. What good practices are being adopted in your countries to address these issues which are working successfully?

2b. What were the key factors to enable this success in implementing these new good practices

# 1) Statistical Challenges facing PICs



# UN Guidelines to support country reporting on SDGs

## What the guidelines say

*“The 2030 Agenda recognizes that each country decides how the aspirational and global targets of the SDGs are to be incorporated into national planning processes and development strategies.”*



## What the guidelines **MEAN**

Countries decide how they incorporate SDG indicators in their National Processes

*“Country ownership of the Agenda and its universality point to the need for countries to consider their national circumstances, guided by the global ambition of the agenda. They may have to adapt some of the globally agreed indicators and/or complement them with additional ones.”*



*Modify SDGs if it makes them more nationally relevant*

*Don't have to adopt irrelevant SDGs*

*Adopt non-SDGs if highly relevant*

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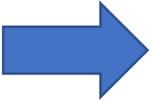
## What the guidelines say

*“Data may fall in one of three categories:*

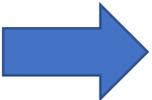
- 1) Currently available with sufficient quality, frequency and disaggregation;*
- 2) Not available on a regular basis or at the necessary frequency, or not of sufficient quality or disaggregation, requiring improvements; and*
- 3) Missing, requiring substantial capacity-building and investments”*

*“A well-defined process is needed to prepare national indicators. The national statistics office should initiate and lead a process of consultation with all stakeholders, including planners and policy makers representing all relevant ministries in the government, statistical focal points of all line ministries that are potential sources of data for national SDG indicators, the UN country team, civil society and other stakeholders such as private institutions.”*

## What the guidelines **MEAN**

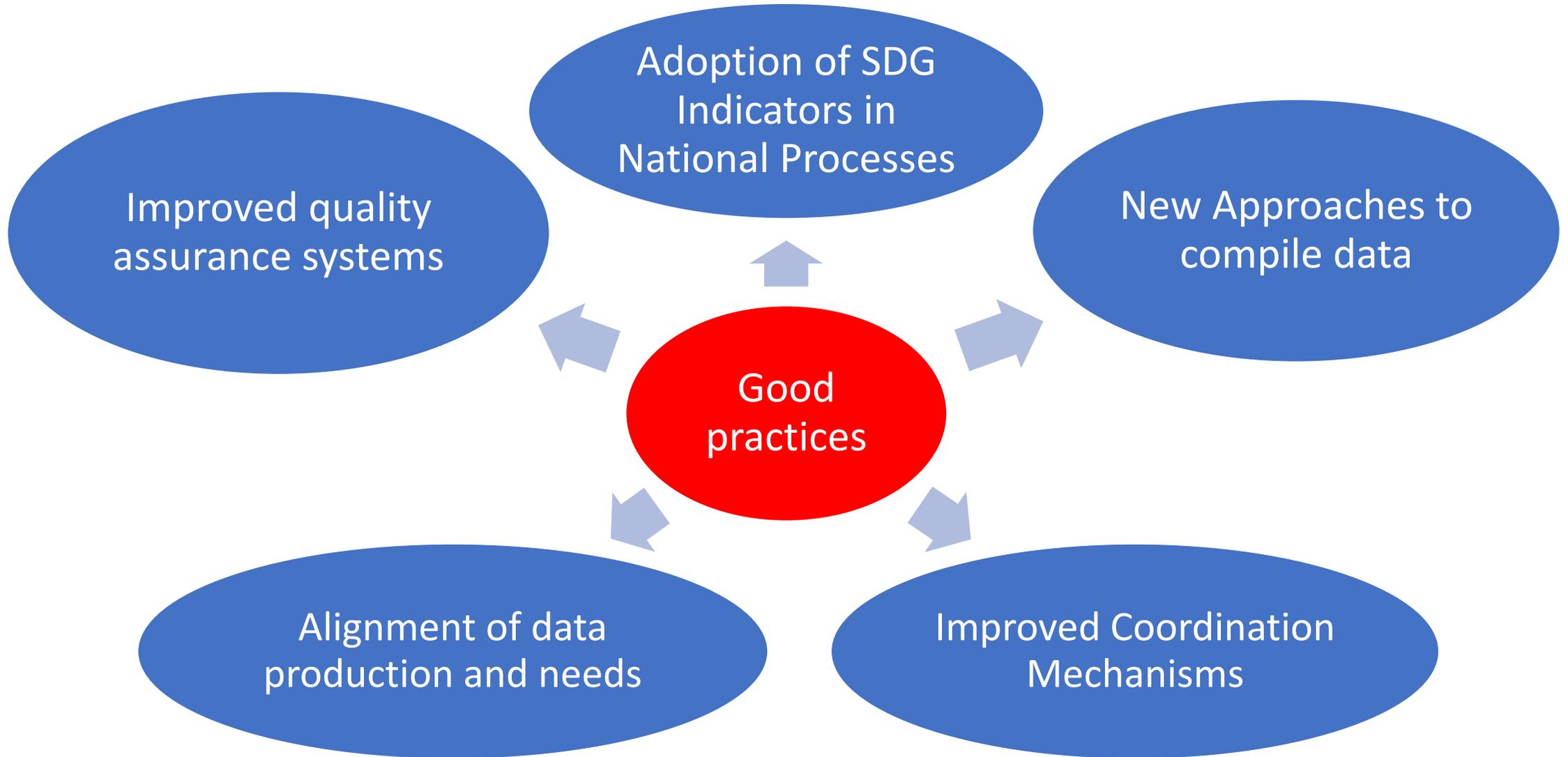


*Strategies will need to be developed to collect data for indicators not produced regularly or are missing*



*NSOs should lead the national indicator production process but other key stakeholder should be involved*

## 2a) New Good Practices



## 2b) Enabling Factors

