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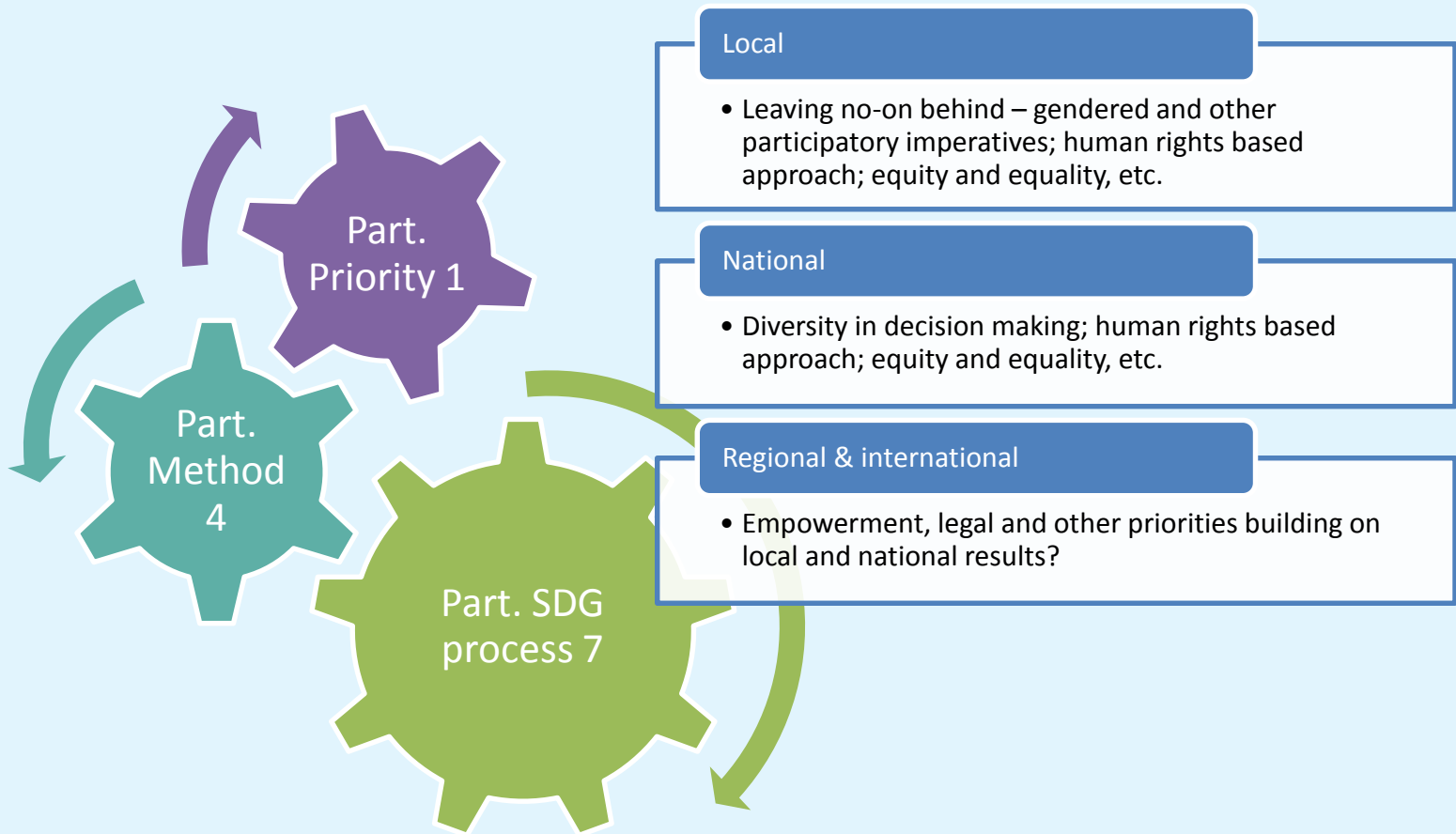
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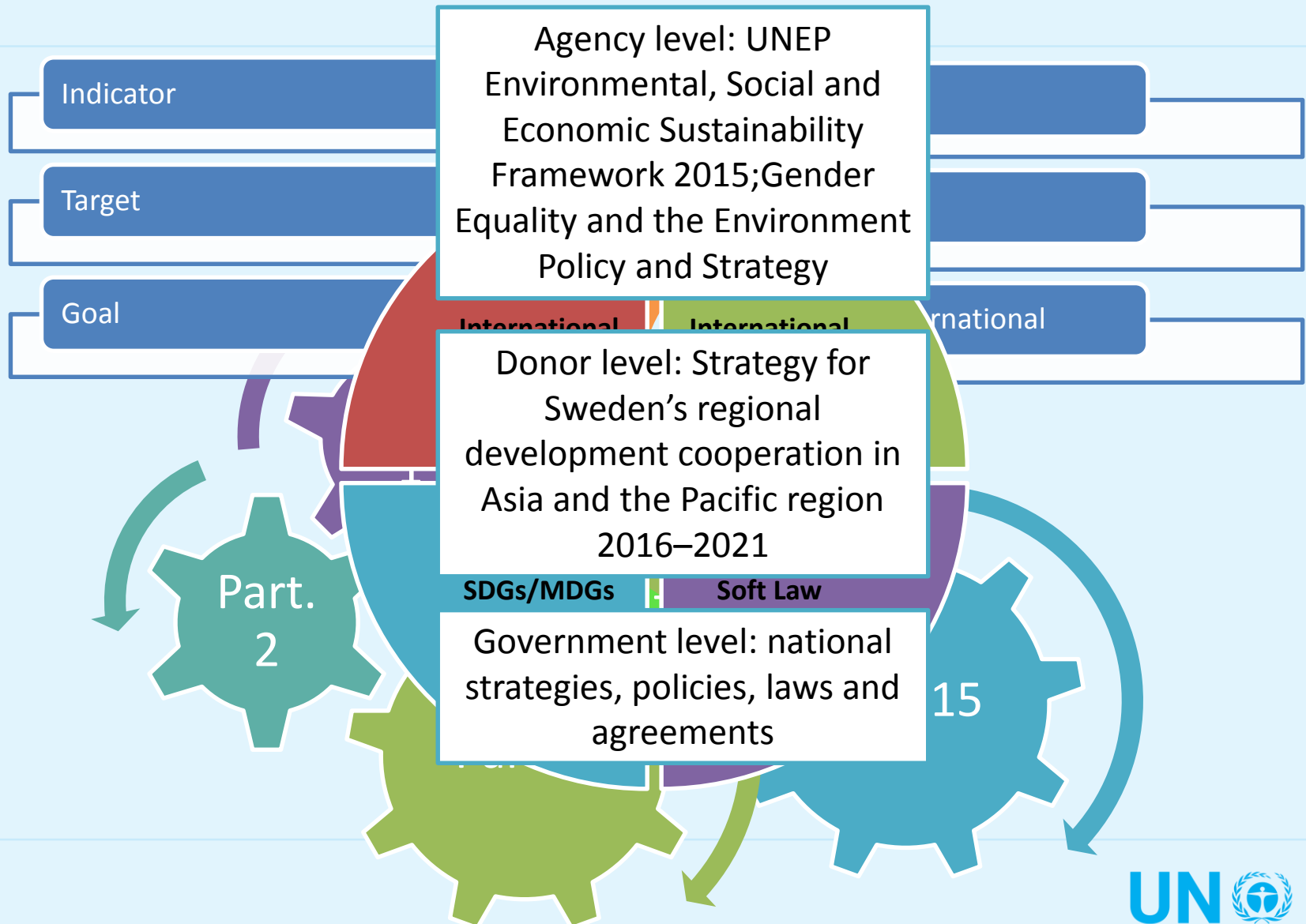
Targets	6.1	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.6
4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.5... ensure that all ... complete ... primary and secondary education ... / ... have access to quality early childhood development, care and pre-primary education ... / ... to ... technical, vocational and tertiary education , including university / ... eliminate gender disparities in education ...						
4.7 ... all learners acquire the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development...						
5.1, 5.2 End all forms of discrimination against all women and girls ... / ... violence against all women and girls ...						
5.4 Recognize and value unpaid care and domestic work ...						
5.5 Ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities ... at all levels ... in political, economic and public life						
7.1, 7.2 ... ensure universal access to ... energy services / ... increase substantially the share of renewable energy ...						
7.3 ... double ... improvement in energy efficiency						
8.1 Sustain per capita economic growth ...						
8.2 Achieve higher levels of economic productivity ...						
8.4 Improve progressively ... global resource efficiency in consumption and production and ... decouple economic growth from environmental degradation ...						

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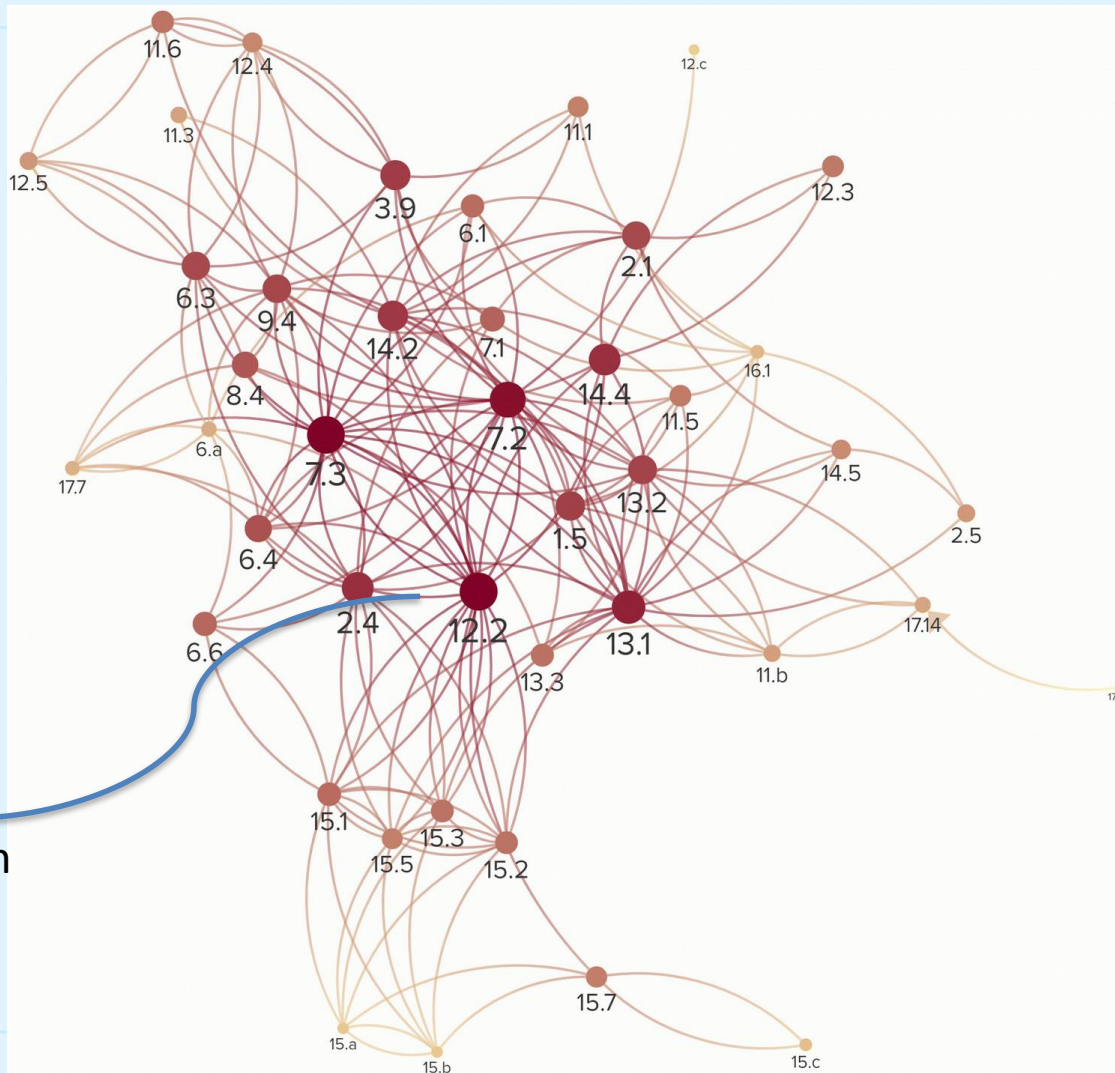
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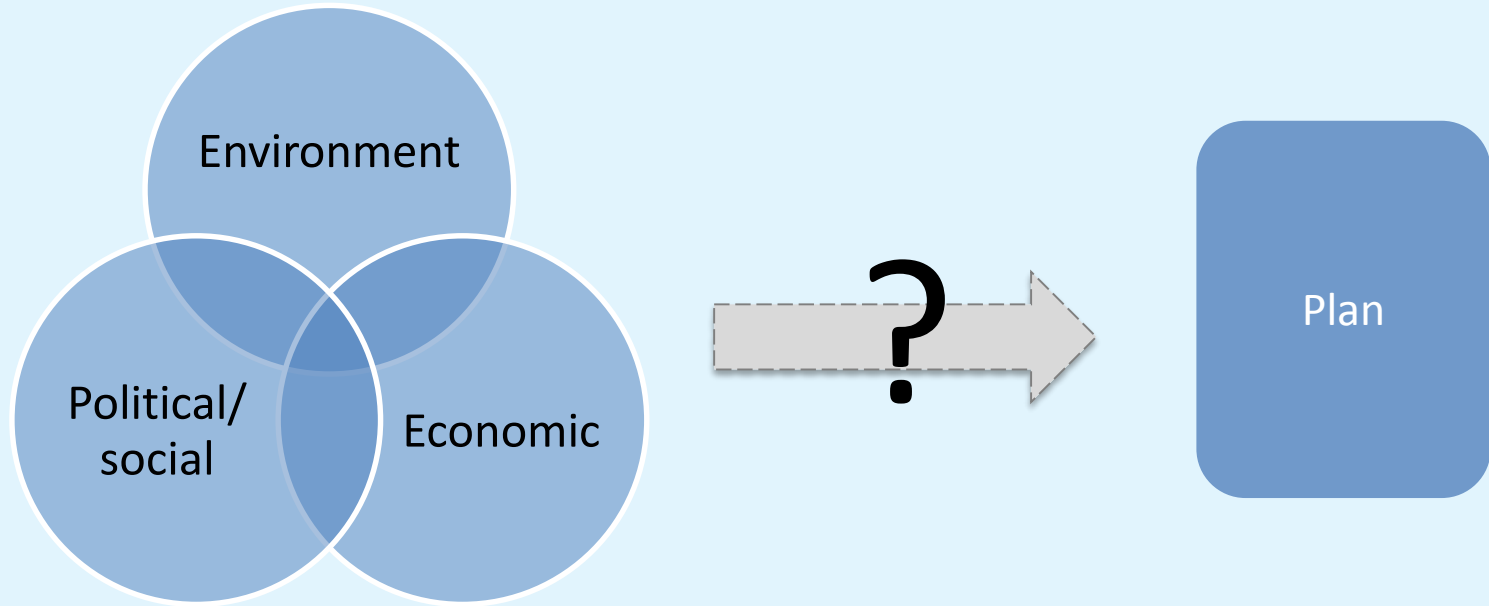


Challenge 1: Complexity, SDGs & Participation



Participation priority?

Challenge 2: Diverse participant opinion



Mechanisms and tools with which regional inter-governmental bodies, national governments or local governments can manage this process are largely still lacking in SDG guidance and process.

Challenge 3: All aiming for one outcome?



There were consultation in developing the Sustainable Development **Goals** and **targets**. However, developing the **indicators** – which is where “the rubber hits the road” – was in the hands of experts and statisticians.

Many countries are racing to address indicators – which is what they will be judged on – but are all groups in agreement with indicator priorities?

Conclusion

Three challenges have been highlighted in seeking to clarify the interconnected nature of participation and of SDGs.

- Complexity
 - Diversity of participant opinion and competing interests
 - Diversity of opinion on desired outcomes
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- ‘Leaving no-one behind’ implies that these challenges can and should be addressed
 - However, there are as yet few tools as yet that work on participation in the interconnected linkages between goals and few guidelines on how to apply local, national and international agreements, laws and so on in this space.

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