Policy Seminar
Ageing and the Sustainable Development Goals

INTEGRATING AGEING INTO THE NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEWS OF THE 2030 AGENDA
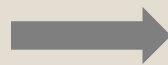
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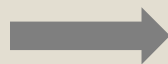*GENEVA, 21 NOVEMBER 2018*

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SDG implementation

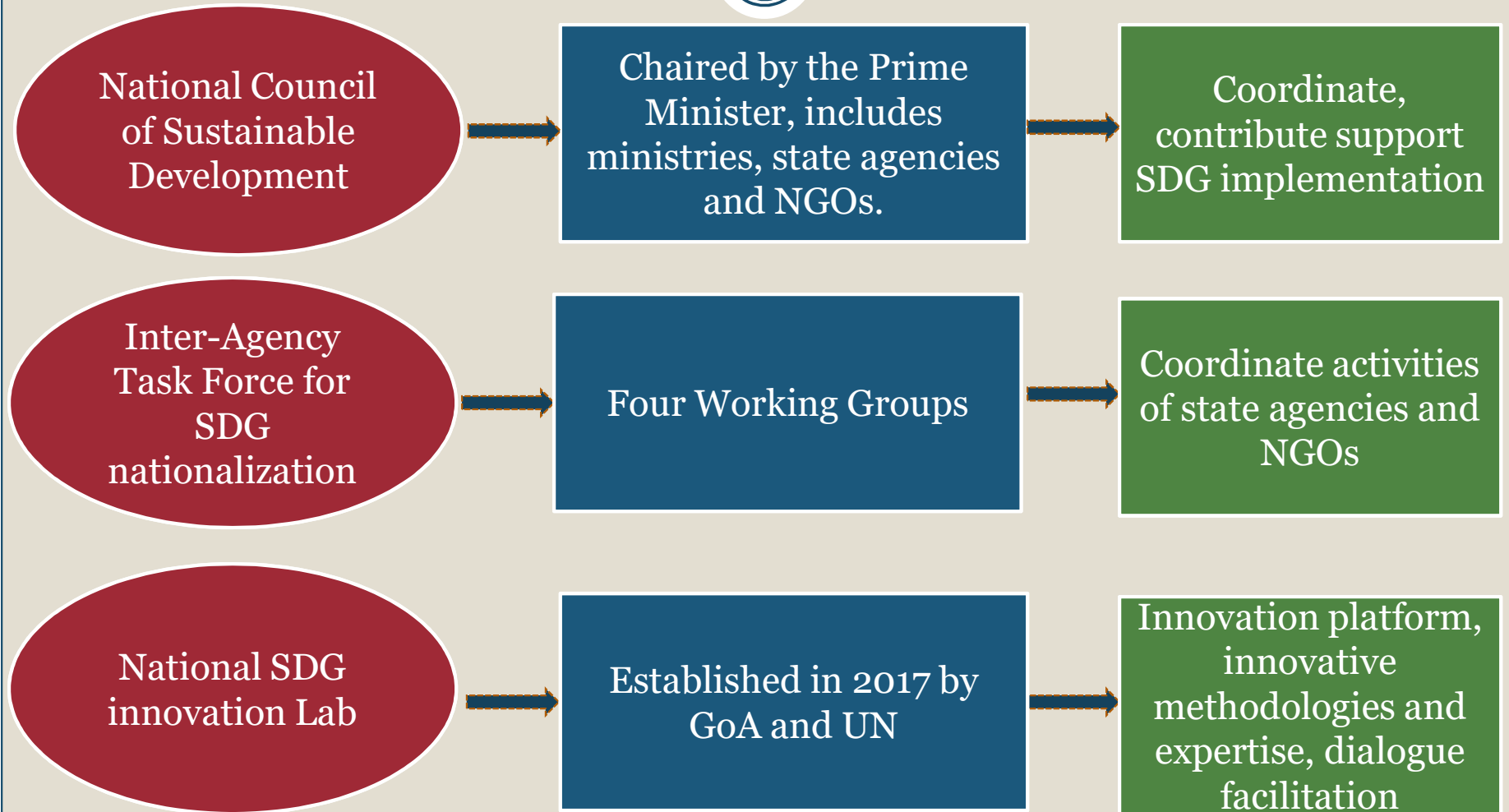Start of SDG nationalization and implementation-2015

SDG implementation Voluntary National Review (VNR) - 2017

VNR process and SDG implementation

o Institutional framework

o Policy framework

o Data framework

o Dialogue framework

Institutional Framework

National Council of Sustainable Development	→	Chaired by the Prime Minister, includes ministries, state agencies and NGOs.	→	Coordinate, contribute support SDG implementation
Inter-Agency Task Force for SDG nationalization	→	Four Working Groups	→	Coordinate activities of state agencies and NGOs
National SDG innovation Lab	→	Established in 2017 by GoA and UN	→	Innovation platform, innovative methodologies and expertise, dialogue facilitation

Policy Framework

- Effectively incorporate and reflect the SDG targets in national policies and strategies

- One of main challenges – insufficiency and/or lack of indicators

- Lessons learnt – effective links and consistency in policy targets and indicators should be ensured for effective M&E

Ageing Strategy and VNR

o Involvement of Ageing Strategy 2017-2021 in the VNR process

o Important tool to asses results, to find out the gaps and issues and to identify further necessary steps.

o SDG platform is one more space to raise the ageing issues, to bring more attention to the topic and to ensure that the ageing policy, as all other policy directions included in SDG implementation will pass further process of analyzing, monitoring

o To ensure that ageing policy is considered as an integral part of SDG.

Ageing Strategy and SDG

Improvement of care and social services system

(establishment of new social-health services, social protection, assistance to families, accessible transportation, relevant legislation and institutions, cooperation with civil society, etc.)

Ageing Strategy and SDG

- **Goal 1**
  - Target 1.3. (Implement nationally appropriate social protection systems and measures for all)
    - Indicator 1.3.1 (Proportion of population covered by social protection floors/systems, by sex, distinguishing children, unemployed persons, **older persons**, persons with disabilities, pregnant women, newborns, work-injury victims and the poor and the vulnerable)

- **Goal 11**
  - Target 11.2 (by 2030, provide access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all, improving road safety, notably by expanding public transport, with special attention to the needs of those in vulnerable situations, women, children, persons with disabilities and **older persons**)

- **Goal 16**
  - Target 16.6 (Develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels)
  - Target 16.B (Promote and enforce non-discriminatory laws and policies for sustainable development).

Ageing Strategy and SDG

Ensuring healthy and active ageing, promoting independence

(ensuring accessibility of health services, need assessments for evidence-based policies for older persons, establishment of specialized services, capacity development, etc.)

Goal 10 (Reduced inequalities)

- Target 10.2. (By 2030, empower and promote the social, economic and political inclusion of all, **irrespective of age**, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status)

Ageing Strategy and SDG

Ensuring participation of older persons in the community life and decision making process, ensuring social inclusion and lifelong learning
(implementation of life long learning programmes, creation of data base, ensuring cultural life, promoting use of potential of older persons and intergenerational relations, establishment of community groups for promoting economic and social activities, participation in decision making, etc.)

Goal 4 Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

Goal 16
- Target 16.7 (ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels)
    - Indicator 16.7.2. (Proportion of population who believe decision-making is inclusive and responsive, by sex, **age**, disability and population group)

Ageing Strategy and SDG

Ensuring necessary conditions for longer working life
(implementation of relevant analysis and surveys, ensuring necessary legislative basis, cooperation with employers, training programmes, etc.)

Goal 8 Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

Ageing Strategy and SDG

Public awareness, promoting a positive image of older persons, capacity development (awareness raising campaigns, events, trainings etc.)

- **Goal 16 Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development.**

Data Framework

o Effective and timely collection of age, sex and diversity-disaggregated data is crucial for analysis, M&E, evidence-based policy development

o Establishment of National SDG Statistical Platform in Armenia

https://www.armstat.am/am/?nid=655

Dialogue Framework

- Dialogue at different levels and formats to identify the concerns and perspectives of different stakeholders

- Common understanding of the issues

- Ideas for effective solutions

- Clarification of the roles of each stakeholder in implementing the SDGs.

Ageing related mechanisms

o Interagency Committee for ensuring the implementation of the Ageing Strategy and its Action Plan - some of the members of the Committee are involved in the working groups of SDGs.

o The Network on ageing issues which includes state bodies, civil society and international organizations.

Ageing and Sustainable Development Goals

- Space where we can raise aging related matters, challenges, visions.
- Platform where the problems of older persons should be considered.
- Framework which should ensure that no one is left behind with a special attention to the issues of older persons.
- Role of national focal points to bring more attention to aging issues within the framework of SDG implementation in all – institutional, policy, data, dialogue levels.

To ensure the realization of the principle-Ageing with dignity!

Implemented activities in line with Ageing Policy and SDGs

Conference on "The role of Social Protection in the Sustainable Development Agenda: Leaving No One Behind in Armenia"
31 October – 2 November 2018, Yerevan

More than 300 participants from the Government of Armenia, representatives of Associations of Social Workers from more than 6 countries, local government authorities, NGOs and community-based organizations, development partners, international and local experts, practitioners, private sector representatives, academia, youth and the media came together at the conference

The goal of the conference was to make a clear case for the important role that social protection can and should play in sustainable development of Armenia, particularly in reducing the effects of poverty on families, children, **older persons**, building human capital and leaving no one behind.

www.socialprotection2030.am

Thank you for attention!