



**United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
Statistical Division**

UNECE Statistical Capacity Development Strategy



Capacity development is becoming more important for all countries, particularly in the context of the SDGs





New Strategy

- ❖ Modernising capacity development based on
 - New principles
 - New priority areas (demand-driven)
 - New tools and methods
- ❖ Not just training of people – more focus on development of organisational capabilities



8 Principles

- ❖ Demand driven
- ❖ Open to all
- ❖ Linked to UNECE's normative work
- ❖ Focused
- ❖ Results oriented
- ❖ Cooperation and partnerships
- ❖ Sustainability
- ❖ Flexibility

Tools and methods

❖ Capabilities



❖ Maturity models

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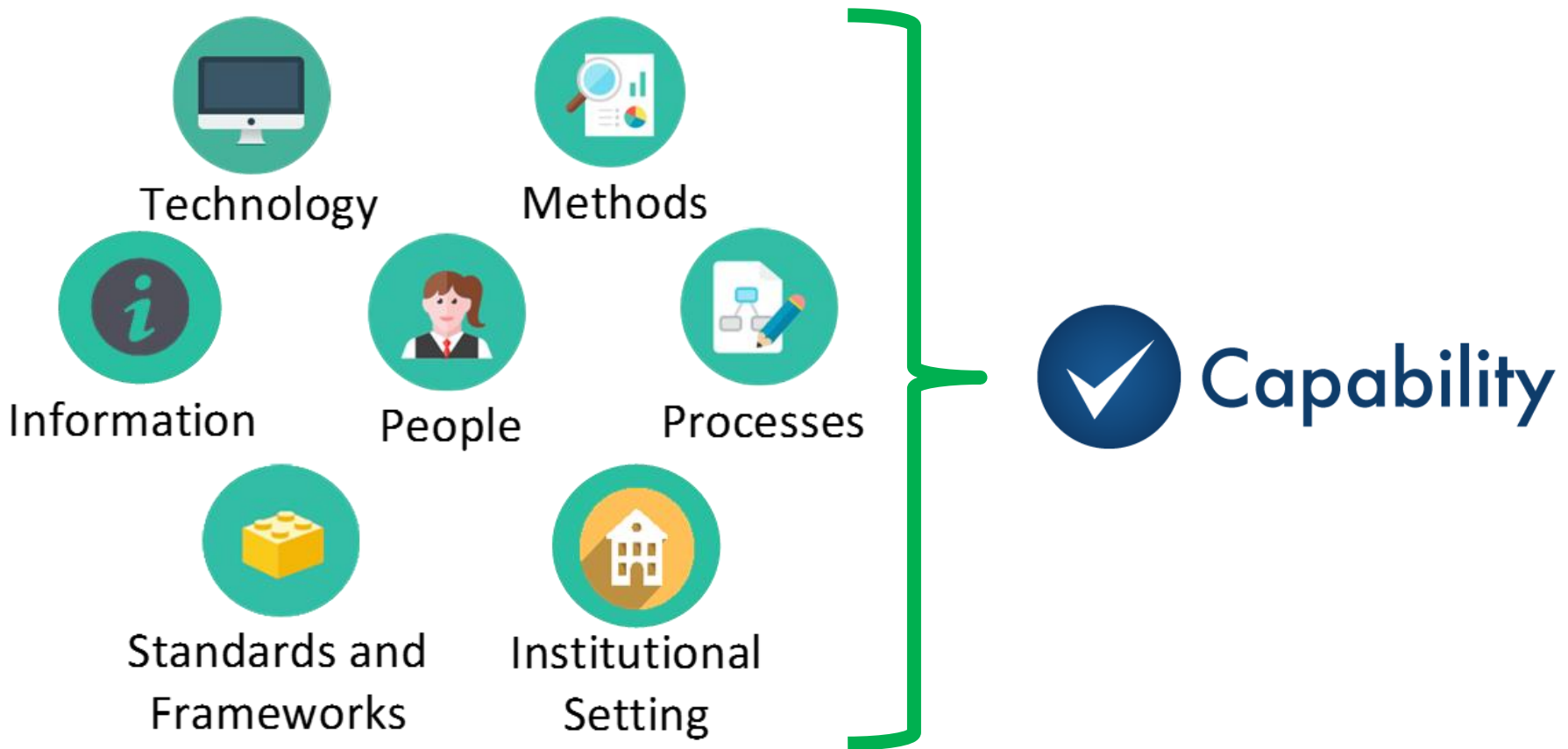
Linked to the best of the traditional methods:

❖ Global assessments

❖ Handbooks, guidelines etc.

Capabilities

❖ “An ability that an organisation possesses”



Example

- ❖ Seasonal adjustment requires:
 - People, methods, processes, technology, standards and information (i.e. data!)
 - In the context of the organisational setting (legislation, policy, etc.)
- ❖ If we only address one of these dimensions, e.g. training people, or providing software, this will not ensure that an organisation has the capability to do seasonal adjustment!

Maturity models

- ❖ For each capability, assess where you are now, and where you want to be

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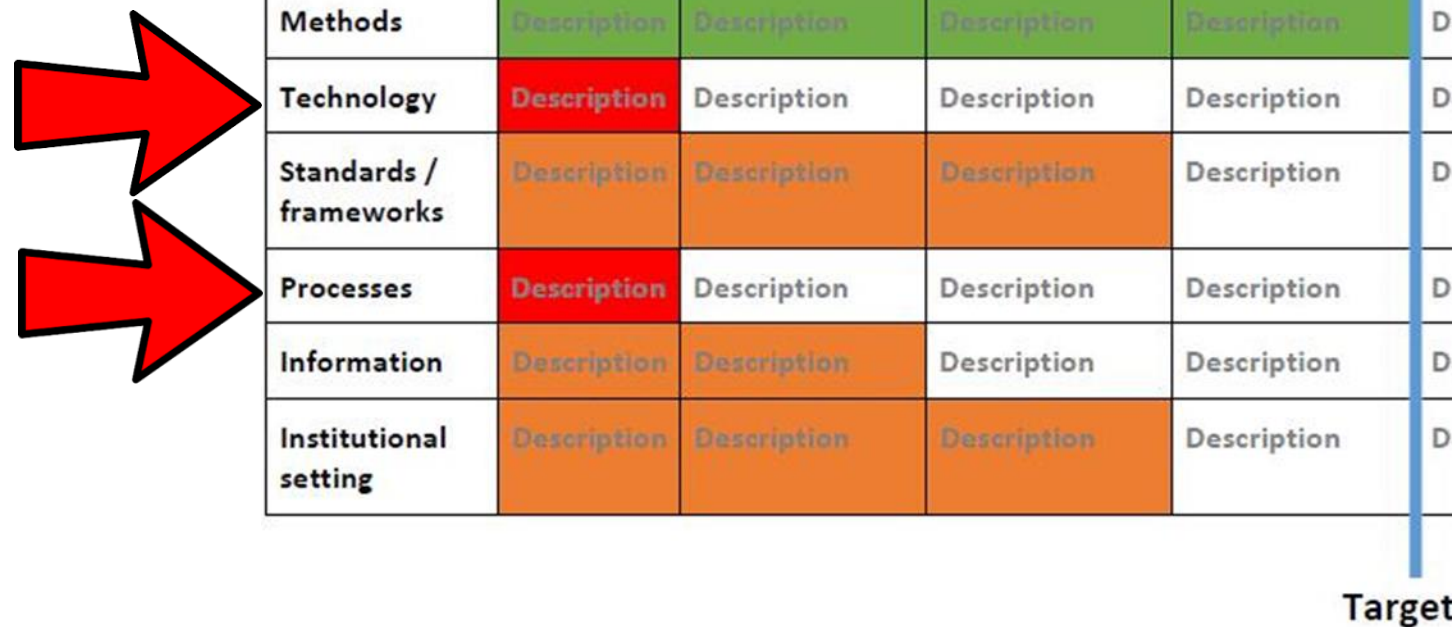
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- ❖ Focus capacity development where it is most needed

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Results of the consultation

- ❖ 43 replies
- ❖ Strategy is ready for endorsement
 - Subject to some minor changes / additions
- ❖ Coordination with other providers and initiatives
 - PARIS21 “Capacity Development 4.0”
 - CES Steering Group on Statistics for SDGs



Top priorities – All countries

- 1) Modernising official statistics
- 2) Statistics for SDGs
- 3) Population and housing censuses
- 4) Economic statistics, including impacts of globalisation and digitisation
- 5) Geospatial information management



Implementing the strategy

- ❖ Mechanism for gathering needs and assessing national priorities by topic and capability dimension
- ❖ Match demand with supply – involving partners where appropriate
- ❖ Deliver and evaluate



Questions

- ❖ Does the CES Plenary Session endorse the UNECE Statistical Capacity Development Strategy?
- ❖ Are there any comments on the priorities identified in the survey?