



INTEGRATED POLICY FRAMEWORKS IN CITIES: LINKING SDGS AND CLIMATE POLICY

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NATIONAL GOVERNMENT COMMITMENTS

193 member states of the UN adopted the new **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in September 2015.

175 countries signed up to the **Paris Agreement**, with a commitment to address climate change.

- Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs)

Follow-up and review process

- *Agenda 2030*: High Level Political Forum (HLPF) and **Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs)**
- *Paris Agreement*: **Transparency Framework**

CITY GOVERNMENT COMMITMENTS

Durban Adaptation Charter

Signed by 950 local governments, 27 countries to advance climate resilience in cities, 2011

Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy

Brings together commitments by 7518 cities under Compact of Mayors and Covenant of Mayors, 2016

New Urban Agenda

Adopted by 170 countries to deliver SDG 11, 2016

Bonn-Fiji Commitment of Local and Regional Leaders to deliver the Paris Agreement at all Levels

60 countries committed to help implement the Paris Agreement, November 2017

NO DEARTH OF
HIGH-LEVEL
POLICY
COMMITMENTS

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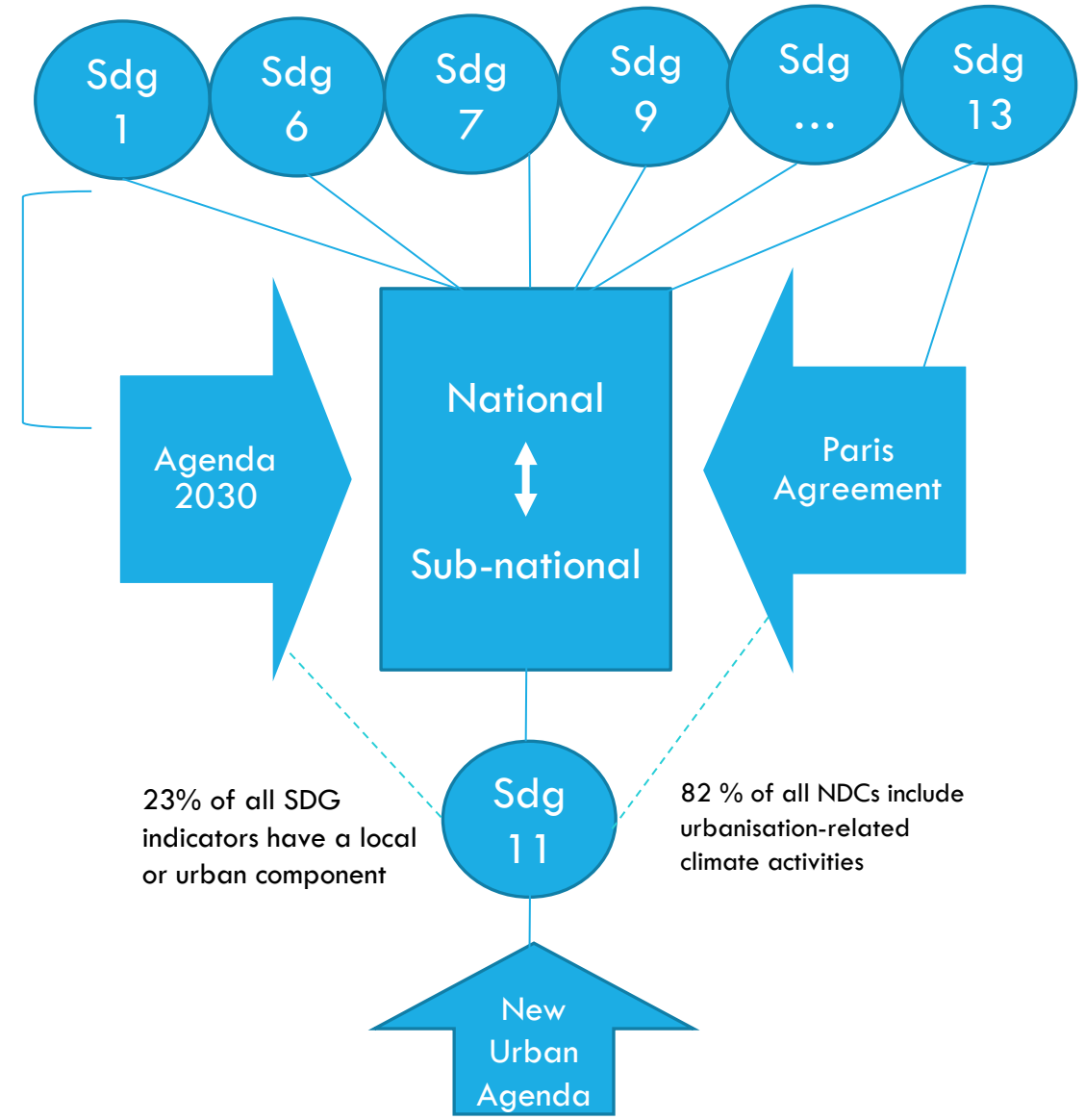
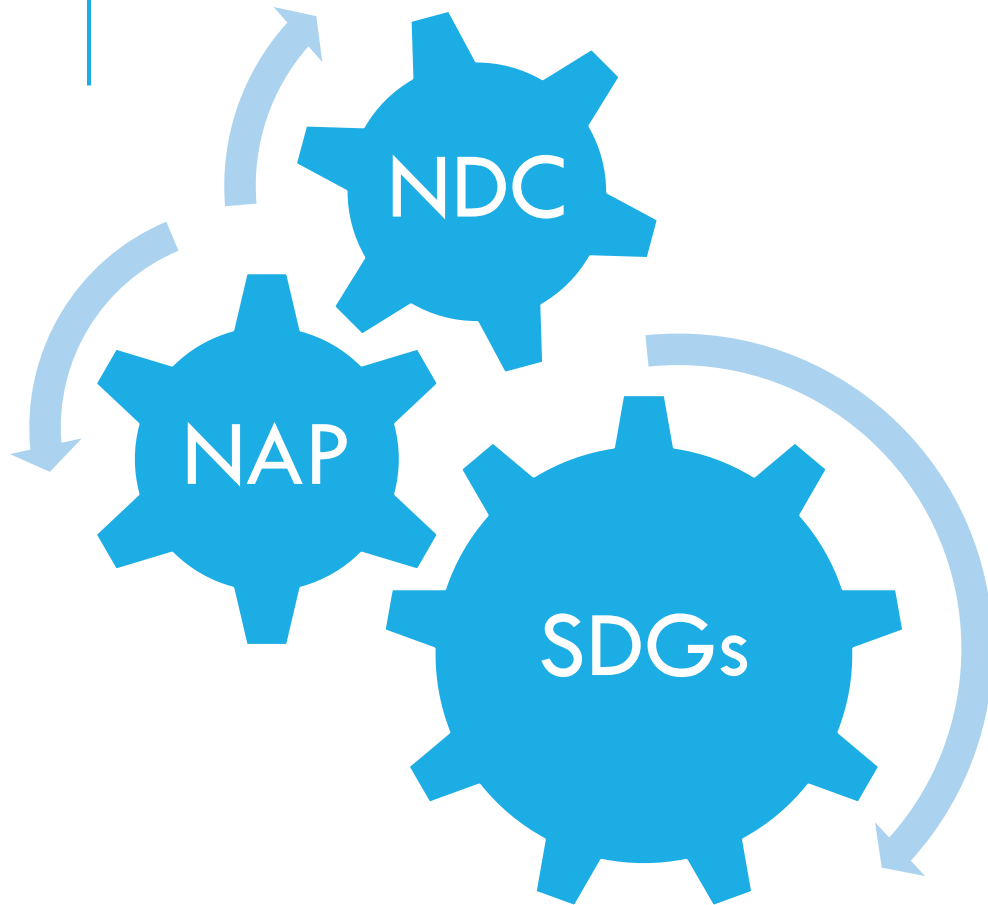
...BUT from an **efficiency, economics, effectiveness** perspective...

we have some way to go!



Call for Simplification and Harmonisation

ENVISIONING AN INTEGRATED POLICY FRAMEWORK



POLICY COHERENCE AND ALIGNMENT IN CITIES

Plethora of Tools and Frameworks to localise Agenda 2030

- ❑ [US Cities SDG index](#) (SDSN)
- ❑ [Localising the SDGs toolbox](#) (Global Taskforce, UN-Habitat, UNDP)
- ❑ [SDG Cities Guide](#) (SDSN and German Government)

Platforms to support and track city level climate action

- ❑ [CDP](#) (formerly Carbon Disclosure Project)
- ❑ [carbonn Climate Registry](#) (ICLEI)
- ❑ [City Prosperity Initiative](#) (UN-Habitat)
- ❑ [Deadline 2020](#) (c40)

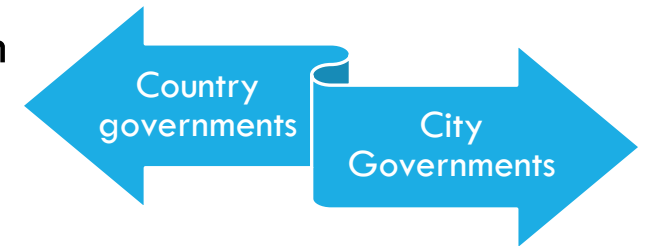


DECOUPLED POLICIES: AN ONGOING CHALLENGE

Cities are fundamental to the ability of countries to deliver their climate and SDG goals ...yet, there is a disconnect...

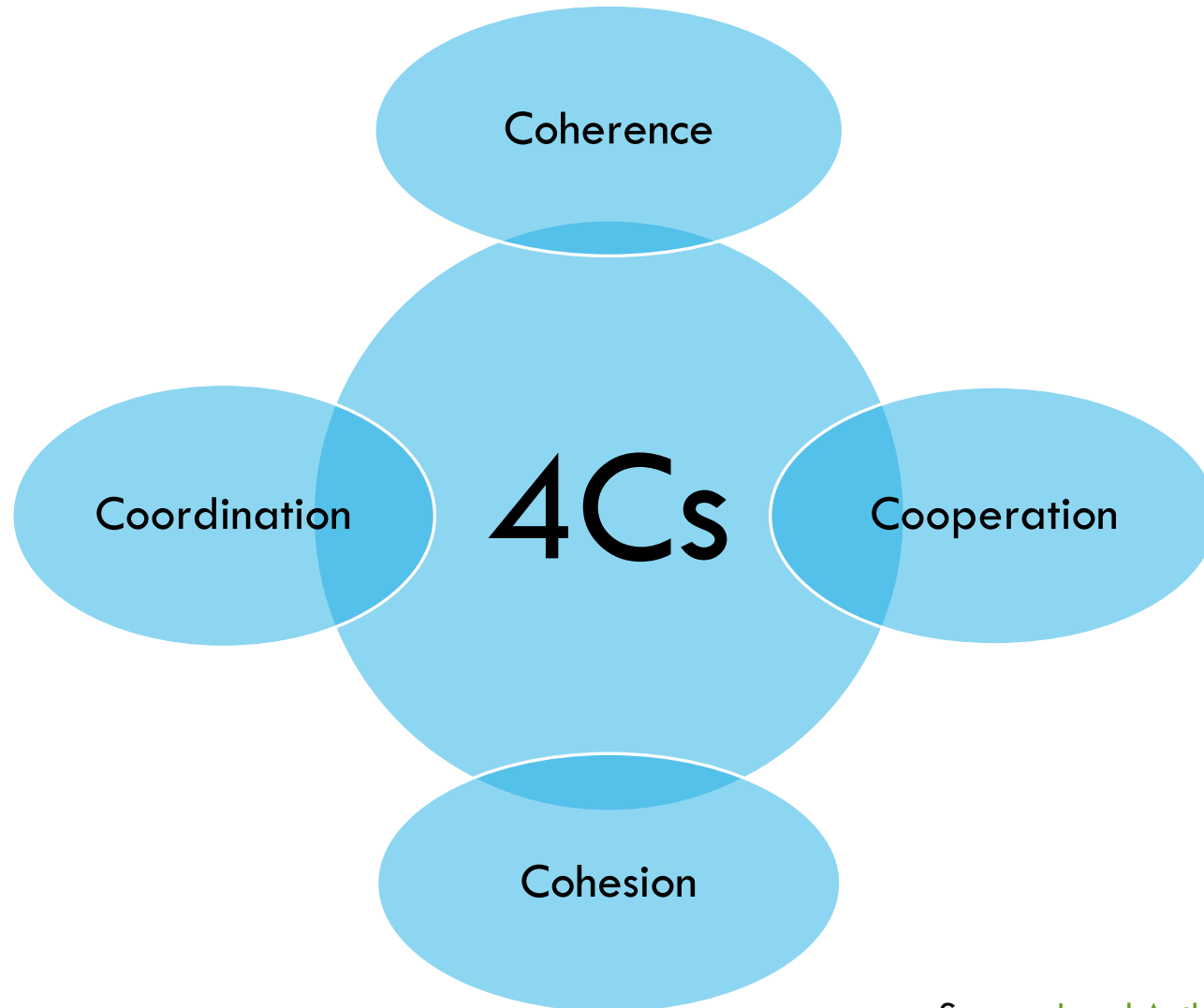
Key issues:

- ❑ alignment
- ❑ competition instead of collaboration
- ❑ vertical integration
- ❑ city-to-city conversations

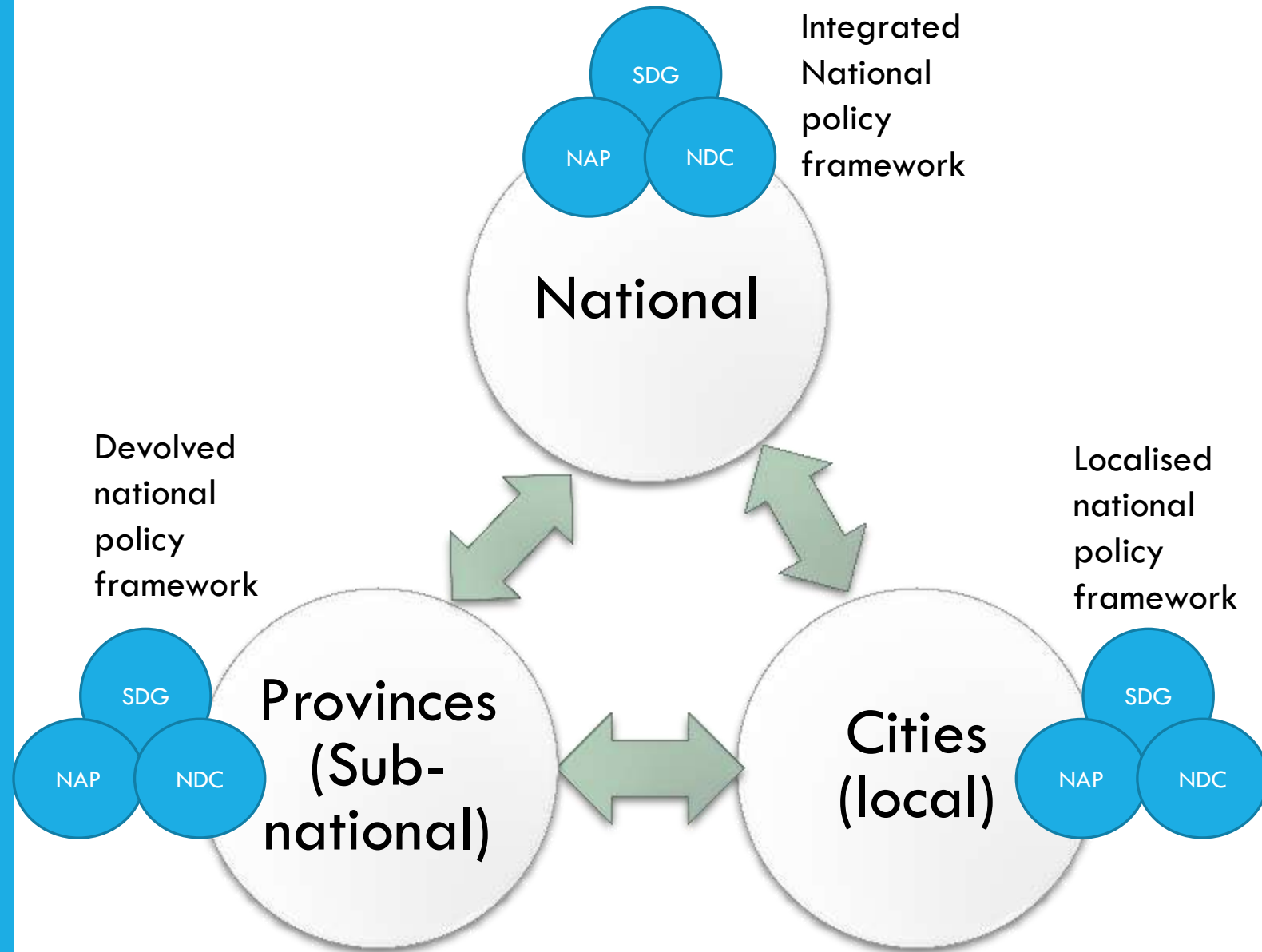


“Cities CANNOT achieve their goals without the right enabling environment from the State.” (Coalition for Urban Transitions)

MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE AND THE 4Cs



MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE AND THE 4Cs AS THE WAY FORWARD



4 Cs facilitating a negotiated and collaborative engagement at all levels

- Coherent and joined-up implementation
- Maximising benefits, minimising trade-offs
- Integrated reporting
- Peer to peer city networking
- Coordinated investments

More ambitious, effective and synced up national and sub-national climate change and sustainable development policy

THE END GOAL



Q&A

Thank you.

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