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# Collaboration for the Common Good - SDGs in Georgia

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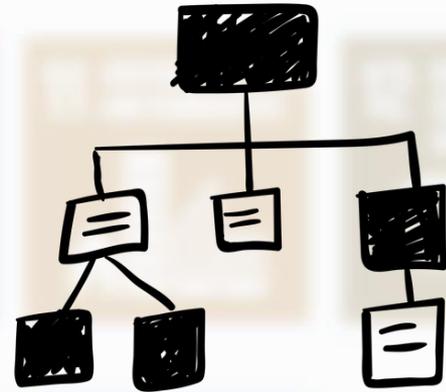
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# Structure

- *Background*
- *Getting organized around SDGs*
- **Collaboration between IDFI and public entities**
- *Remaining challenges*
- *Needs*





## Getting organized around SDGs

No experience from the implementation of MDGs

No sufficient institutional framework and experience

*Needs:*

! *Data sources (benchmark and target indicators)*

! *Institutional setup*

! *Ownership and policy linkages*



## Role of IDFI in Setting up the Mechanisms of SDGs Nationalization

Collaboration between IDFI and public entities:

- *Strengthening the data collection and coordination capacities*
- *Monitoring SDGs implementation*
- *Public awareness tools*
- *The Open Parliament Georgia Acton Plan 2018-2019*



# Results

- ✓ **SDGs ‘Matrix’**
- ✓ **SDGs Council and working groups**
- ✓ **Electronic Monitoring System**
- ✓ **Awareness raising**





# Remaining Challenges

## Institutional Setup

- ✗ Title and the Mandate of the Council
- ✗ The Council Composition
- ✗ Process of Composition
- ✗ Transparency and Accountability of the Council Activities



## Remaining Challenges

### Voluntary National Review and the effects of COVID-19

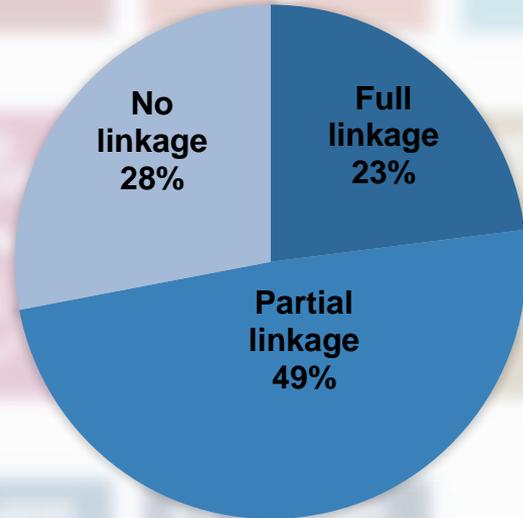
- ✗ Lack of stakeholder engagement in the process of SDG
- ✗ Lack of awareness raising activities
- ✗ Lack of public participation in policy development



## Remaining Challenges

### Linkages

- ✗ Report of the State Audit Service
- ✗ MAPS study
- ✗ Study of IDFI



For the successful implementation of the Agenda 2030 it is crucial that all nationalized target indicators are fully reflected in relevant state strategies and action plans.



## Needs/Recommendations



Ensure engagement of relevant stakeholders in the process of SDGs integration in Georgia;



Raise public awareness on SDGs



Increase representation of the legislative branch in the SDGs Council



Increase the transparency and accountability of the SDGs Council



Internalize insisting problems in the area of linkages between SDGs and national policy documents and take relevant steps to tackle the problem.



Ensure public participation in policy development.

Thank you for your attention!



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