

Parliamentary engagement with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



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The role of parliaments in Agenda 2030 and the SDGs

“We acknowledge the essential role of national parliaments through their enactment of legislation and adoption of budgets and their role in ensuring accountability for the effective implementation of our commitments”

**Declaration of the 2030 Agenda
for Sustainable Development**

“Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all, and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels”

Goal 16

Some benefits of Parliamentary engagement on the SDGs

Increased National Ownership

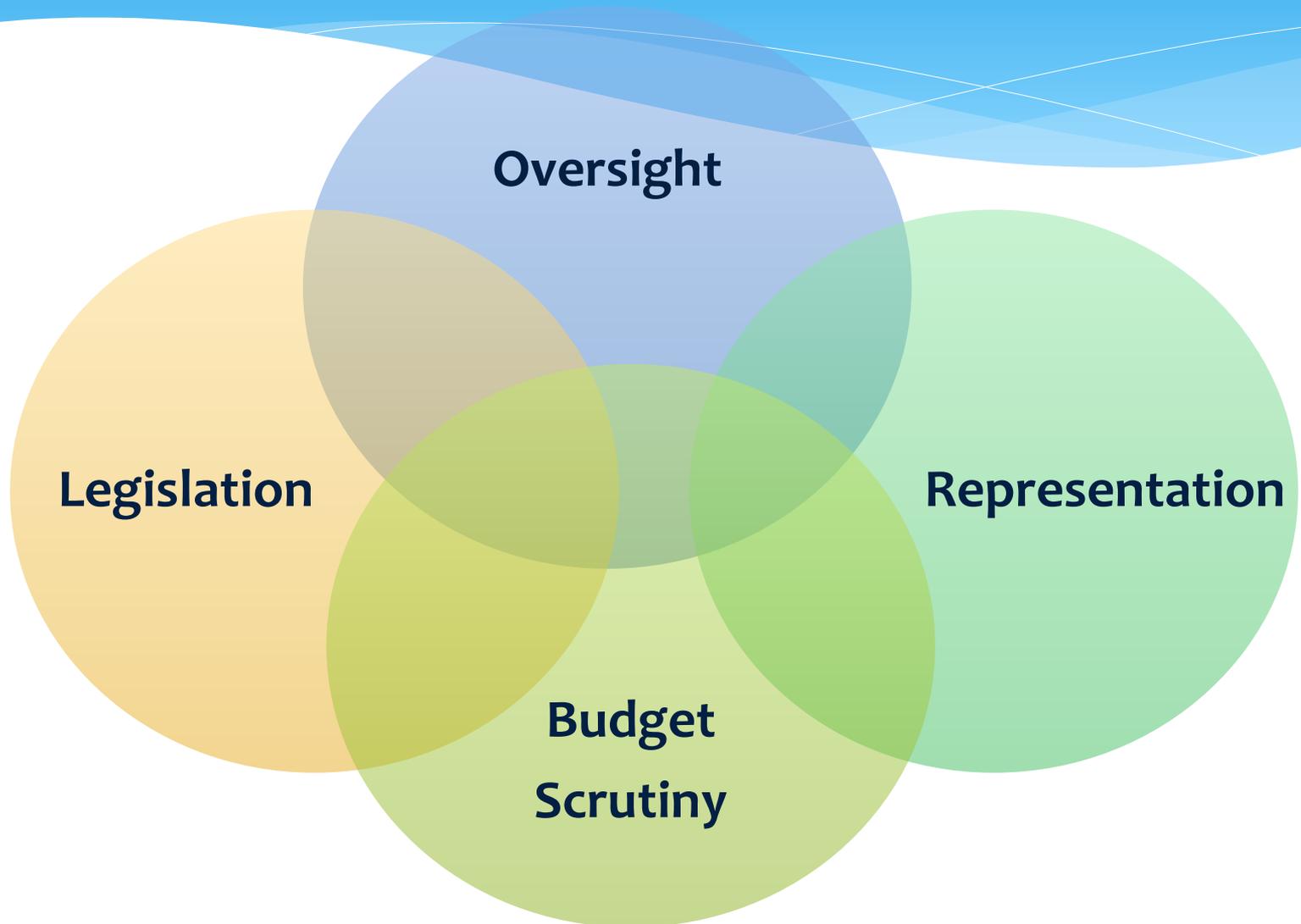
Platform for national discussion

Developing debate and consensus

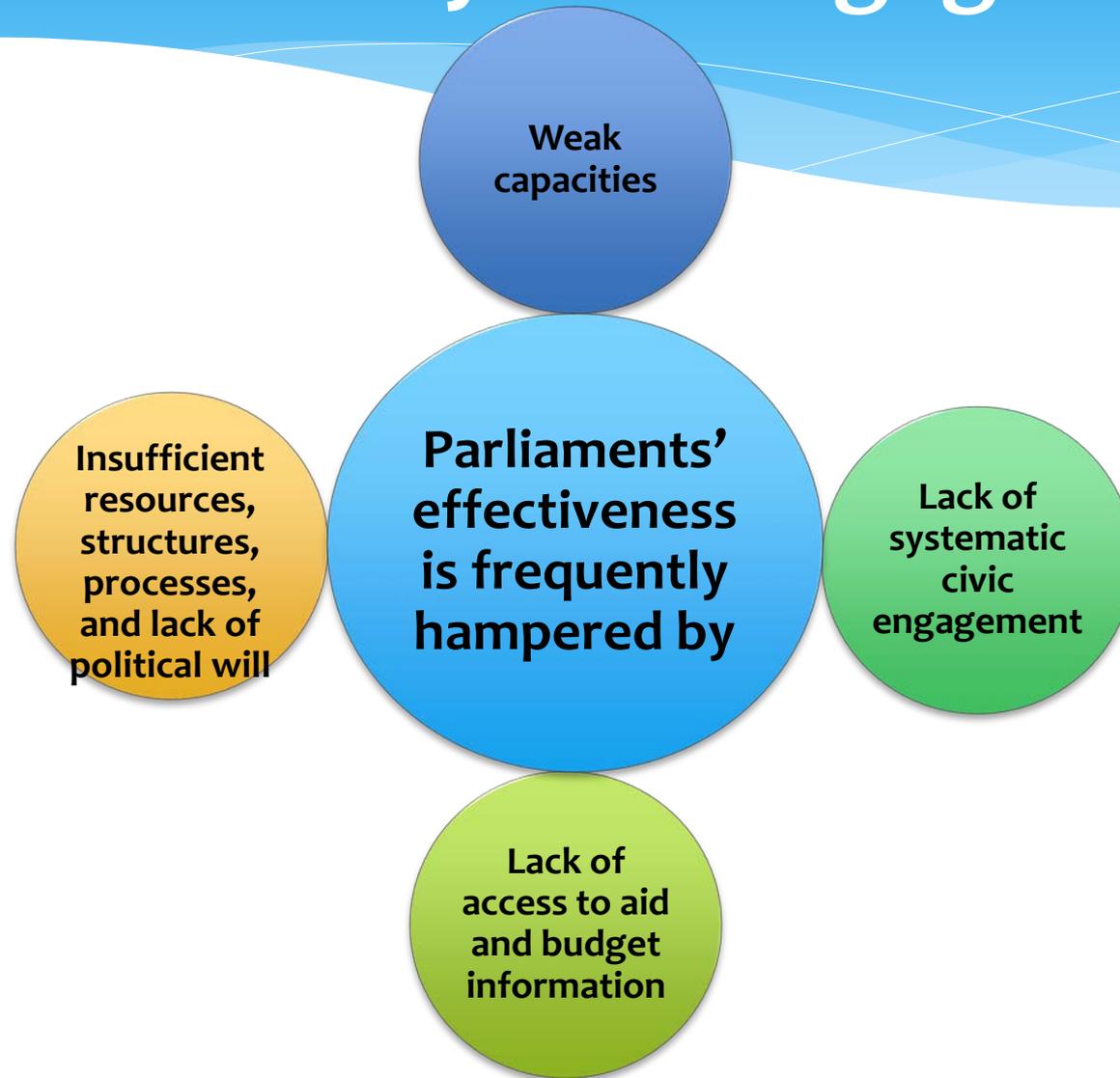
Allows for formal input from citizens and CSOs

Provides oversight and accountability to track progress

How parliaments can engage with the SDGs



Challenges to effective parliamentary SDG engagement



Capacitated parliaments for SDGs partnership



Project overview

Direct support for partner parliaments to assess and develop their capacities

Regional exchange and sharing of good practices and lessons learned.

Global knowledge development and network of practice for parliaments on the SDGs

OUTCOME:

Agreed number of Parliaments empowered to effectively and transparently enact legislation, adopt budgets, and monitor implementation of the SDGs in an inclusive and participatory manner

Parliamentary Handbook on Parliament's role in implementing of the SDGs.

UNDP's offer as main implementing partner

UNDP is the largest global provider of parliamentary assistance - providing support to around 1 in 3 parliaments worldwide

UNDP is the chief operational interface of the UN system with national parliaments, including with regard to the SDGs and the Sustaining Peace agenda

UNDP is a multilateral and impartial partner with experience in supporting implementation of MDGs

Timeframe

April 2017
Launch of
parliamentary
handbook.
Partnership
formed

July 2017
Launch of project to
support parliaments
on SDG
implementation and
regional and global
knowledge
development and
exchange

December 2020
Project fully
implemented:
Partner parliaments
strengthened;
Regional and Global
capacities enhanced.

The project is modular but is anticipated to cost \$10m (assuming 20 partner parliaments). IsDB has expressed interest to support on the basis that other IFIs provide matching resources

Sum up

Agenda 2030 places accountable institutions and inclusive decision making at the heart of achieving the SDGs

Project is modular but is anticipated to cost \$10m (assuming 15-20 partner parliaments): from July 2017 UNDP is ready to support global parliaments on SDG implementation

Parliaments' effectiveness is frequently hampered by challenges like weak capacities

UNDP is in a unique position to implement strengthening of parliaments and parliamentarians for SDGs

In a partnership with IsDB and other IFIs UNDP proposes a project to empower parliaments to be the SDG actors envisaged in Agenda 2030