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Health data governance frameworks *In the era of AI*

Forum on Harnessing Artificial
Intelligence for Health Equity

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**Transform
Health**

HEALTH FOR ALL IN THE DIGITAL AGE



Transform Health - a global coalition of **215 organisations** dedicated to achieving UHC by 2030 by harnessing digital technology and the use of data.

We bring partners and networks together, to shape policy agendas, develop tools, and provide technical support for governments and others to deliver health for all in the digital age.



Goal: A robust enabling environment for the equitable, inclusive, sustainable, and rights-based digital health transformation to deliver UHC.



Health data governance objective: Equity and rights-based **national, regional and global health data governance frameworks** endorsed and implemented.

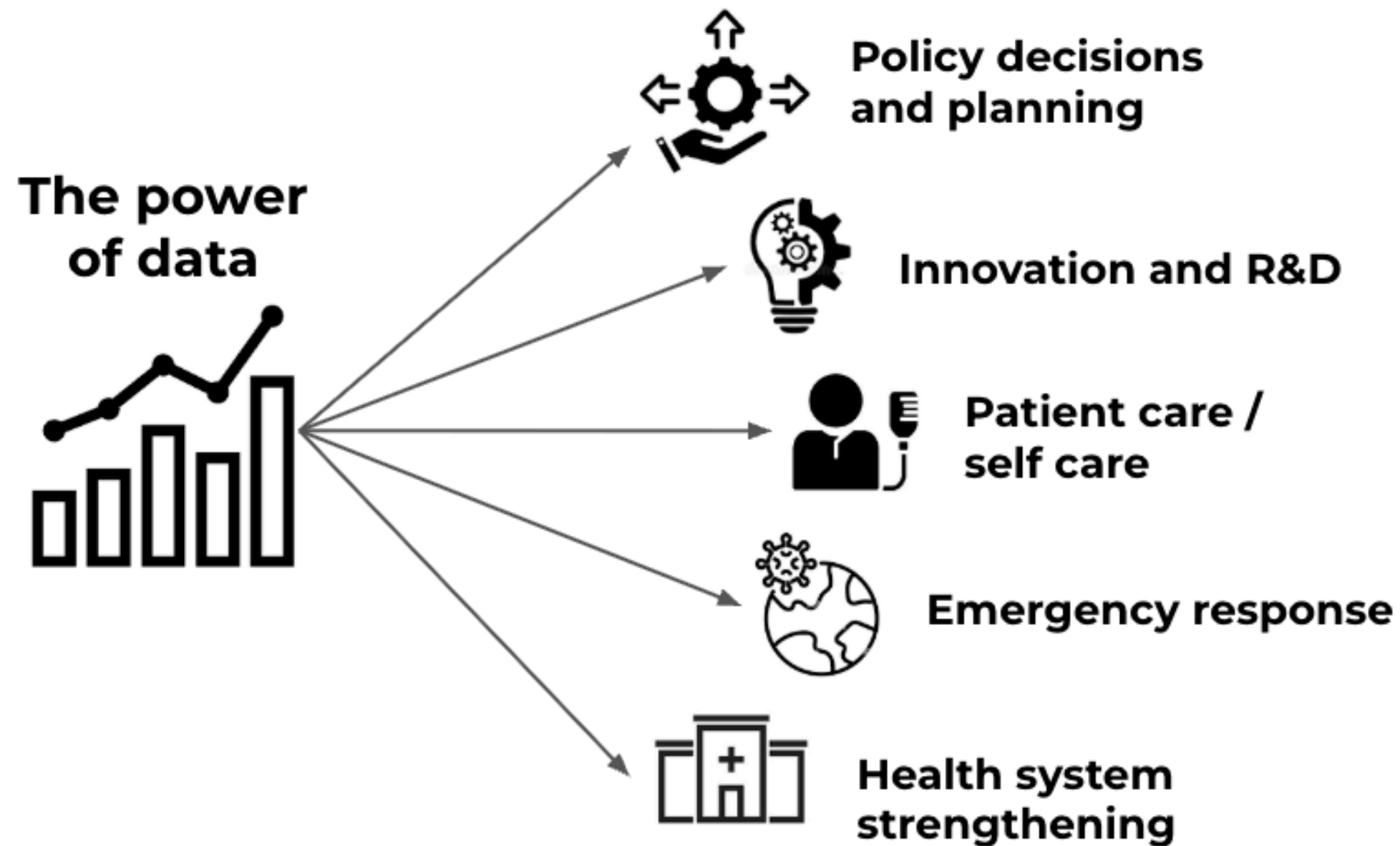



48% OF OUR PARTNERS ARE CHAMPIONING THE VOICES OF YOUNG PEOPLE, WOMEN, AND THOSE FROM MARGINALISED BACKGROUNDS!





Harnessing data through better governance - *An enabler for AI ambitions*



 **AI is changing the game**

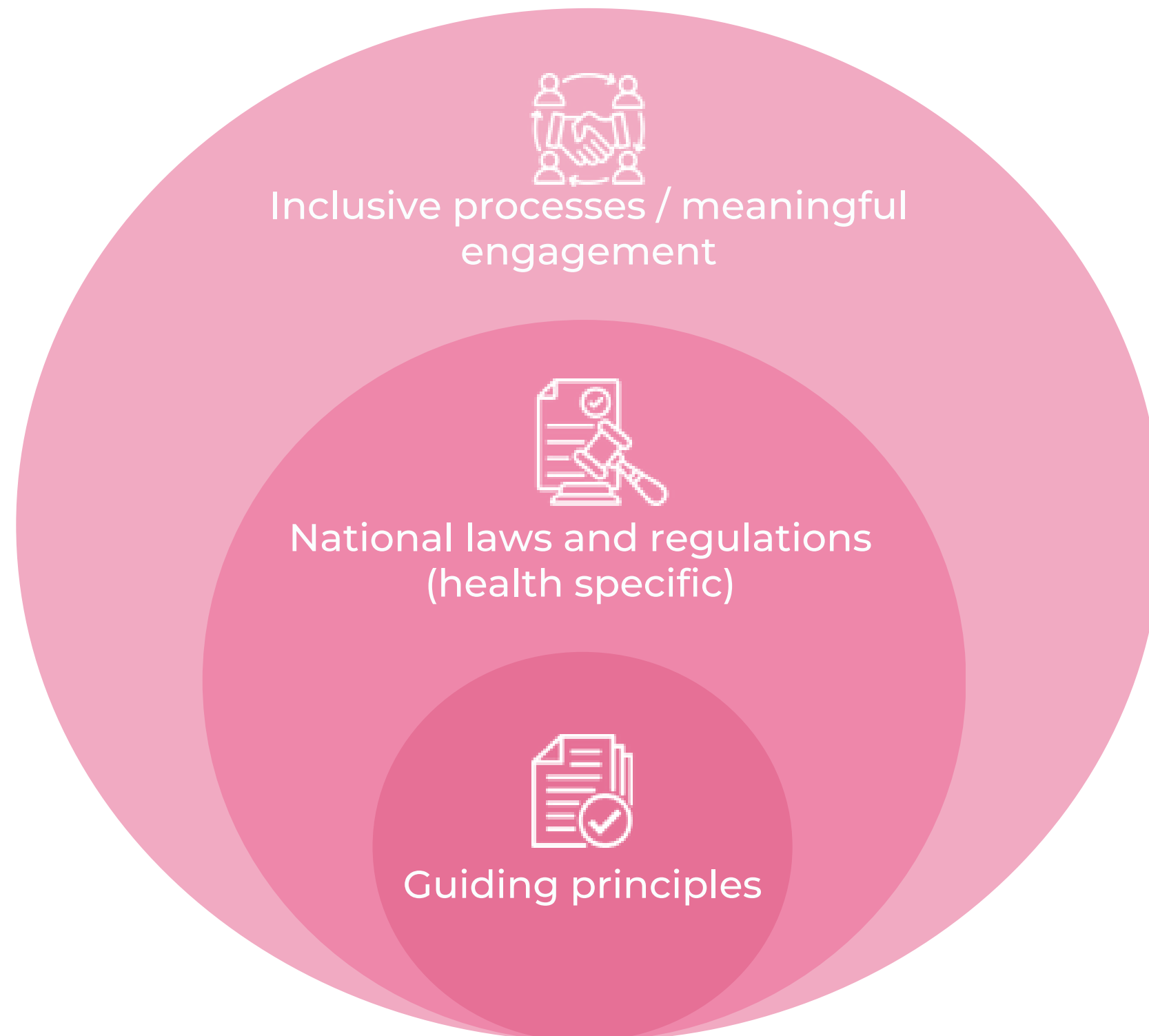
 **Governance gap**

 **Risks of inaction**

 **Data governance foundation**



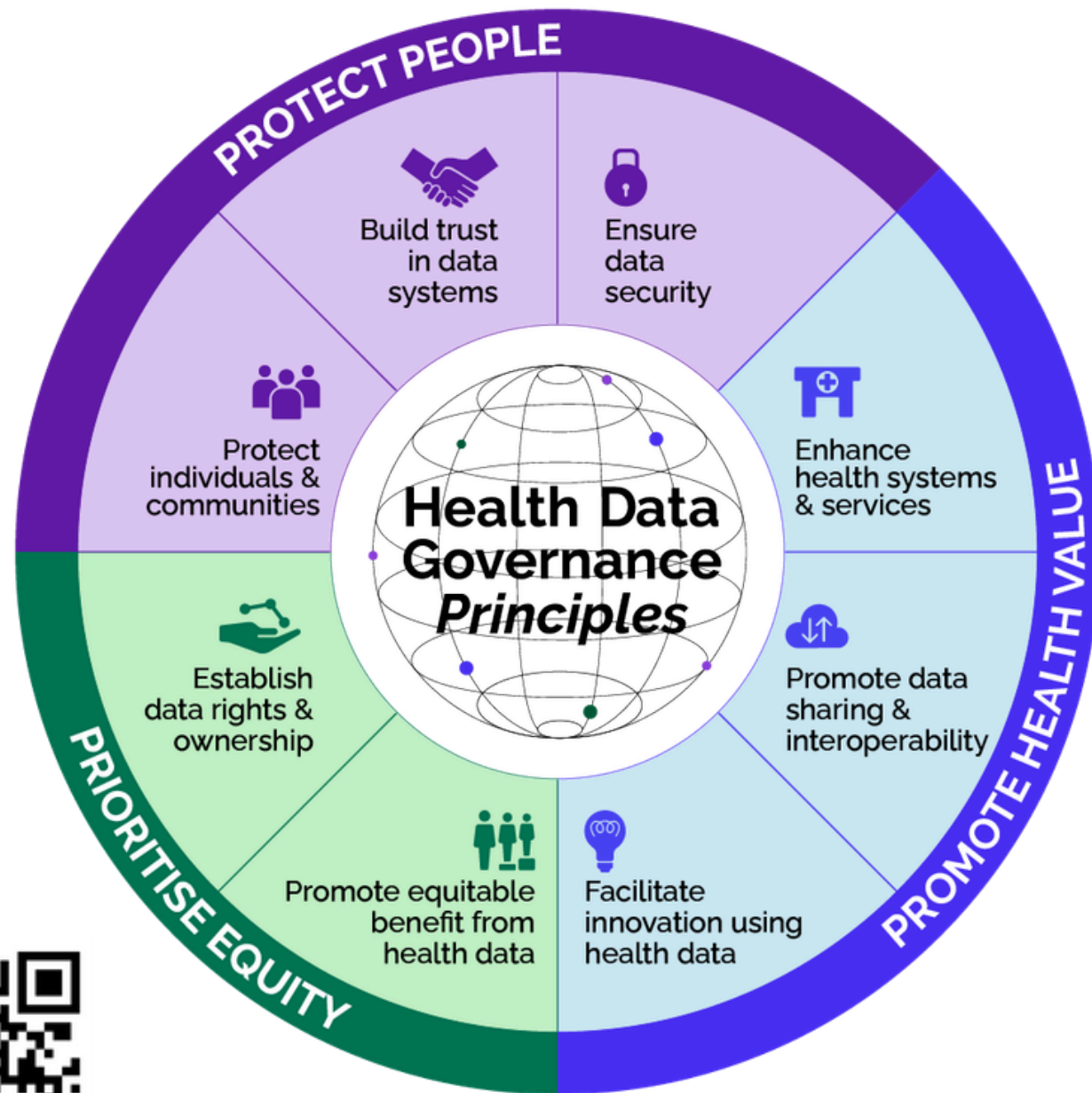
Rights-based, equitable, people-centred governance





Equity and rights-based foundations (guiding principles)

170+ endorsers



healthdatagovernance.org/principles



Strengthening laws and regulations



National laws and regulations

Clear rules around the collection and use of health data, balancing protection and ethical/responsible use - fit for the digital age and AI.



Health-specific legislation

Responding to needs and elevated risks associated with sensitive health data - safeguard data, prevent discrimination, uphold rights.

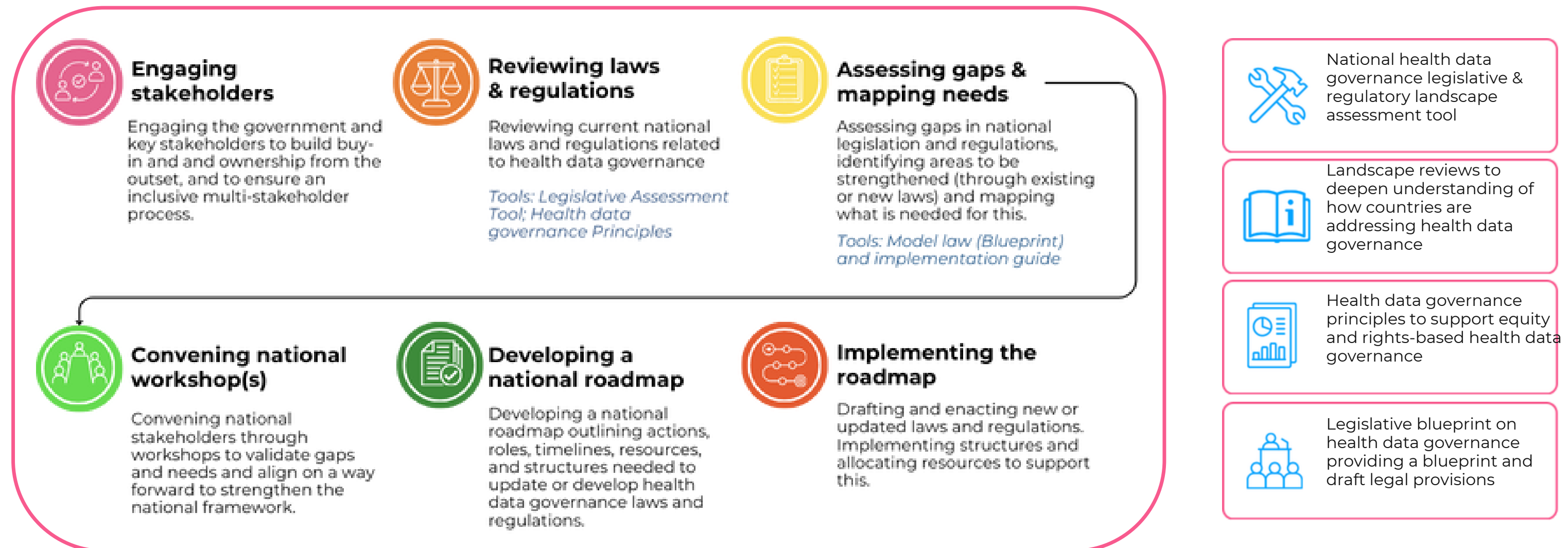
Legislative blueprint (and implementation guide)
To strengthen national legislation and regional/global frameworks



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Supporting national efforts



National engagement to date

Africa: Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Malawi, Rwanda, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia.

Asia: Mongolia, Nepal and Vietnam. **Latin America:** Ecuador and Mexico.



Regional and global cooperation



A Global / regional Health data governance framework

- Consensus on legislative considerations
- Compatibility and legal coherence
- Blueprint to strengthen national approaches
- Cross-border data sharing protocols

Working with regional stakeholders to strengthen regional health data governance

Asia: Partnering with the WHO Western Pacific regional office and partners on health data governance.

Africa: Working with Africa CDC to support the development, adoption, and implementation of a **Continental Health Data Governance Framework**.



Building support for a WHA health data governance resolution

Engaging Member States to support a global framework.





Government leadership and action

Recommendations for Member States:






- **Action at the World Health Assembly (May) - Agenda 12.10**

- a. Support a WHA resolution on health data governance, ensuring it includes commitments on a global standard that harmonises essential legislative provisions and protocols for responsible cross-border data sharing.
- b. Commit to strengthening national health data legislation and regulation.
- c. Ensure national and global health data governance frameworks are grounded in equity and rights-based principles and developed through an inclusive process.
- d. Establish reporting and accountability mechanisms to track progress on commitments (through the World Health Assembly and the next Global Digital Health Strategy).

- **Strengthen national legislative frameworks** - *including endorsing the health data governance principles as the foundation*
- **Support regional cooperation and alignment**





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