

Leaving no one behind: Seizing an opportunity to combat ageism



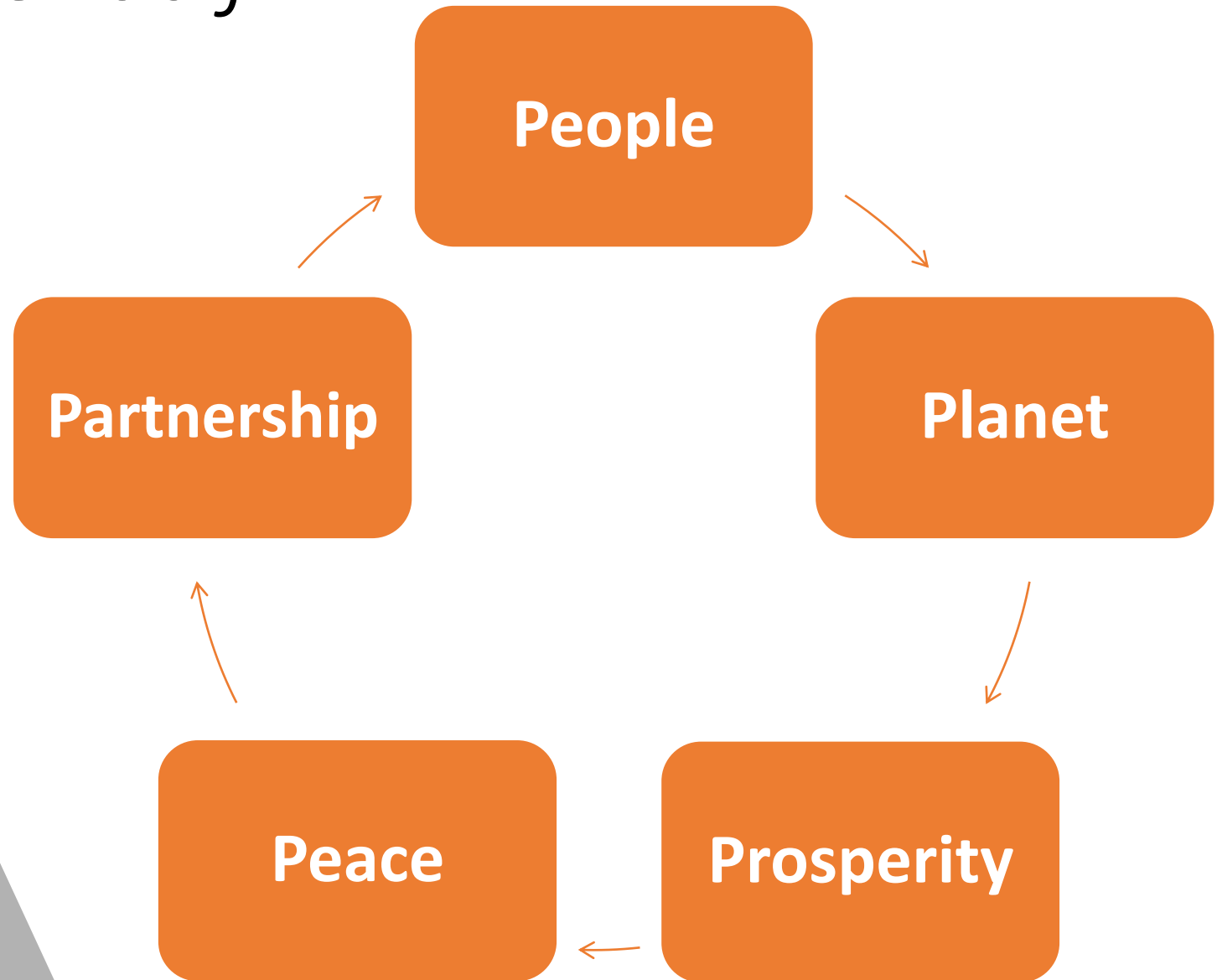
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Ageism in society: practices, policies and interventions

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2030 Agenda *for*



The potentials of the 2030 Agenda for ageing-related policy

- Older persons are largely invisible in the 2030 Agenda
- Ageing-related policies and sustainable development—convergence in 9 of 17 SDGs



No poverty in advanced age and social protection for all



End poverty in all its forms everywhere

- Adequate pensions to ensure societies are free from old-age poverty
- Social protection systems that encompass the needs, capacities and expectations of older persons at the national, sub-national and local level.

Healthy ageing and access to care services



Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

- Physical, mental and social wellbeing
- Tailored care to adapt to the changing needs of older persons
- Maintaining dignified, independent living arrangements with a holistic approach

Lifelong Learning



Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

- A multigenerational discourse and intergenerational learning of all stakeholders in society
- A life-course perspective to build skills and give sufficient developmental opportunities

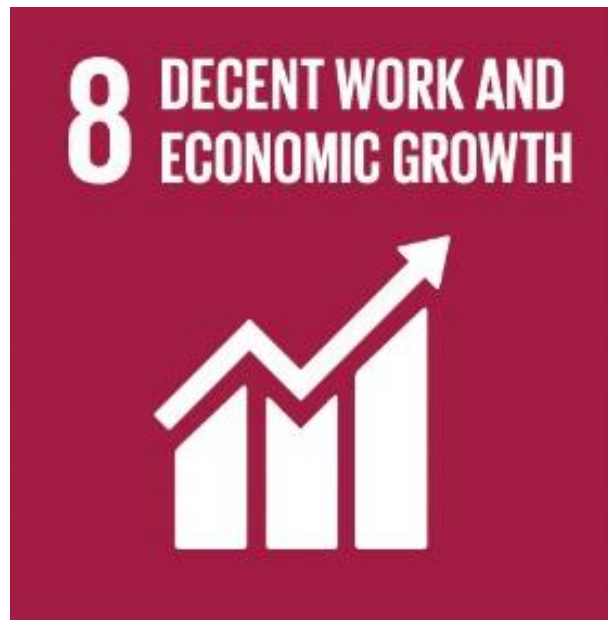
Achieve gender equality in old age



Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

- Preventing violence against older persons
- Valuing unpaid care
- Reducing gender inequalities and discrimination across the life course

Longer working lives and ability to work



Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.

- Recognizing the potential of older workers ensuring productive work
- Labour market policies which support rehabilitation, reintegration and retaining senior workers
- Promoting safe, age-friendly work environments
- Flexible policies for retirement, part-time work and community work

Reduced inequalities in later life



Reduce inequality within and among countries

- Empowering older individuals to contribute to society regardless of sex, age, disability or race
- Develop future-oriented strategies to increase intergenerational fairness leaving nobody behind
- Design social protection policies that reduce inequalities across life course and in older age

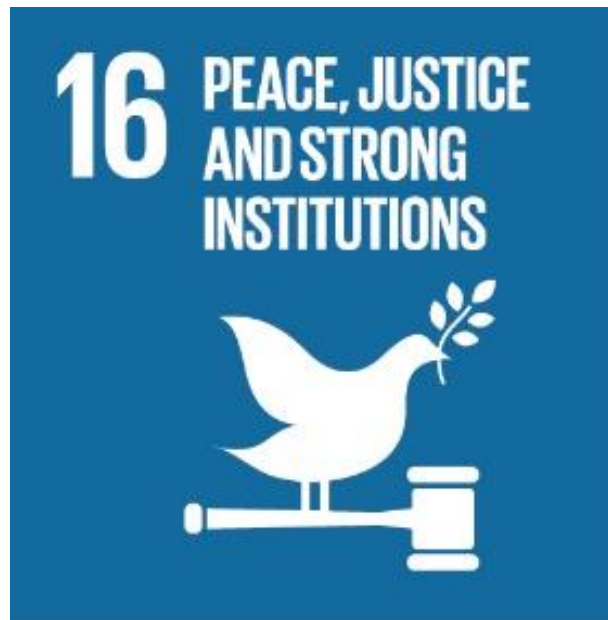
Age-friendly cities and communities



Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

- Constructing age-friendly environments that integrate and allow full participation in society
- Housing and transport policies which prevent isolation and give special attention to the needs of older persons and persons with disabilities.
- Strengthening the urban-rural links to maintain independent living including one's health and well-being

Voice for older persons, no ageism and no elder abuse



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

- End all older abuse, violence and neglect
- Foster effective consultation with and involvement of older persons in decision-making at all levels
- Promoting non-discriminatory policy to safeguard older persons' human rights

Ageing-related statistics



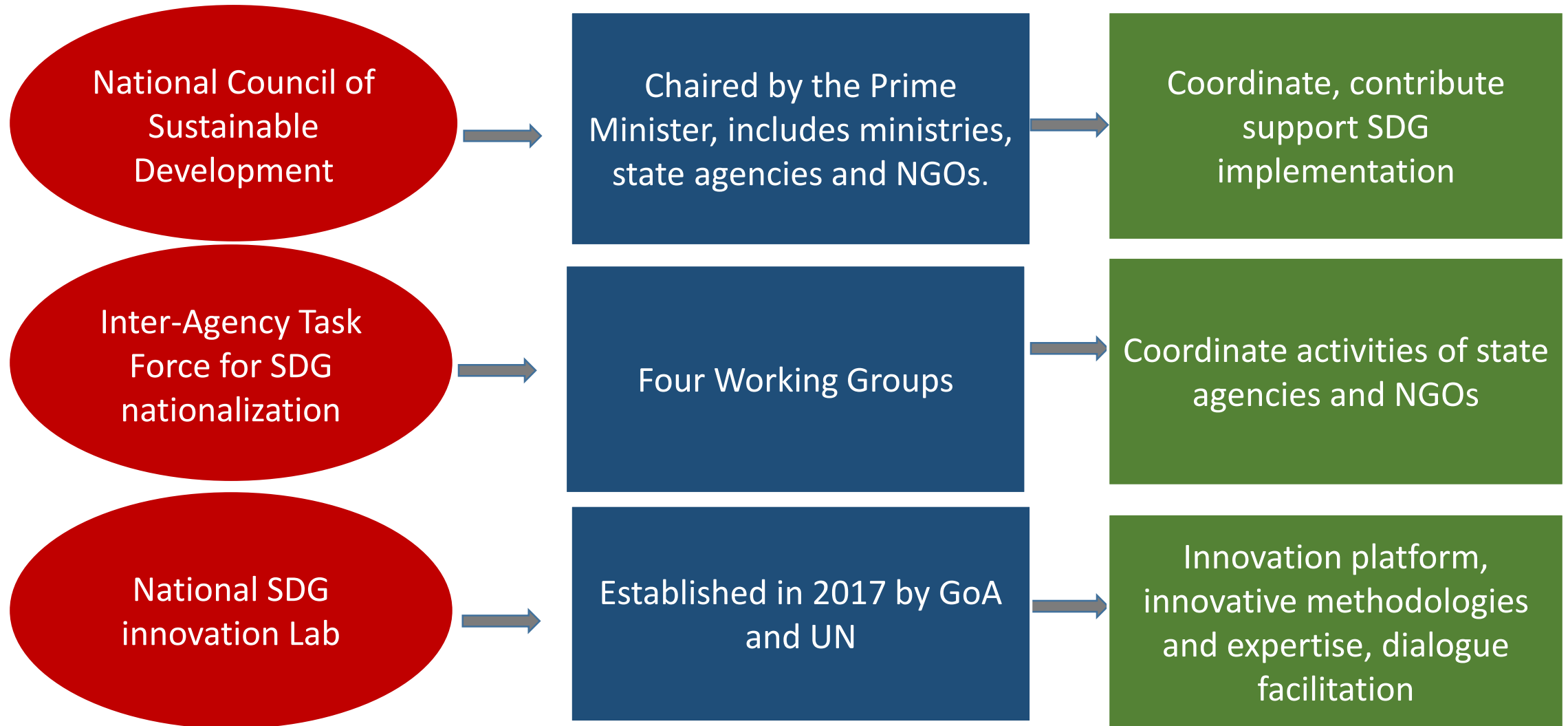
Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

- Enhancing the availability of data at the national, sub-national and local levels.
- Improving data collection methods to better disaggregate age, gender, race and disability.
- Promoting regional strategies and cooperation in the view to achieve sustainable development

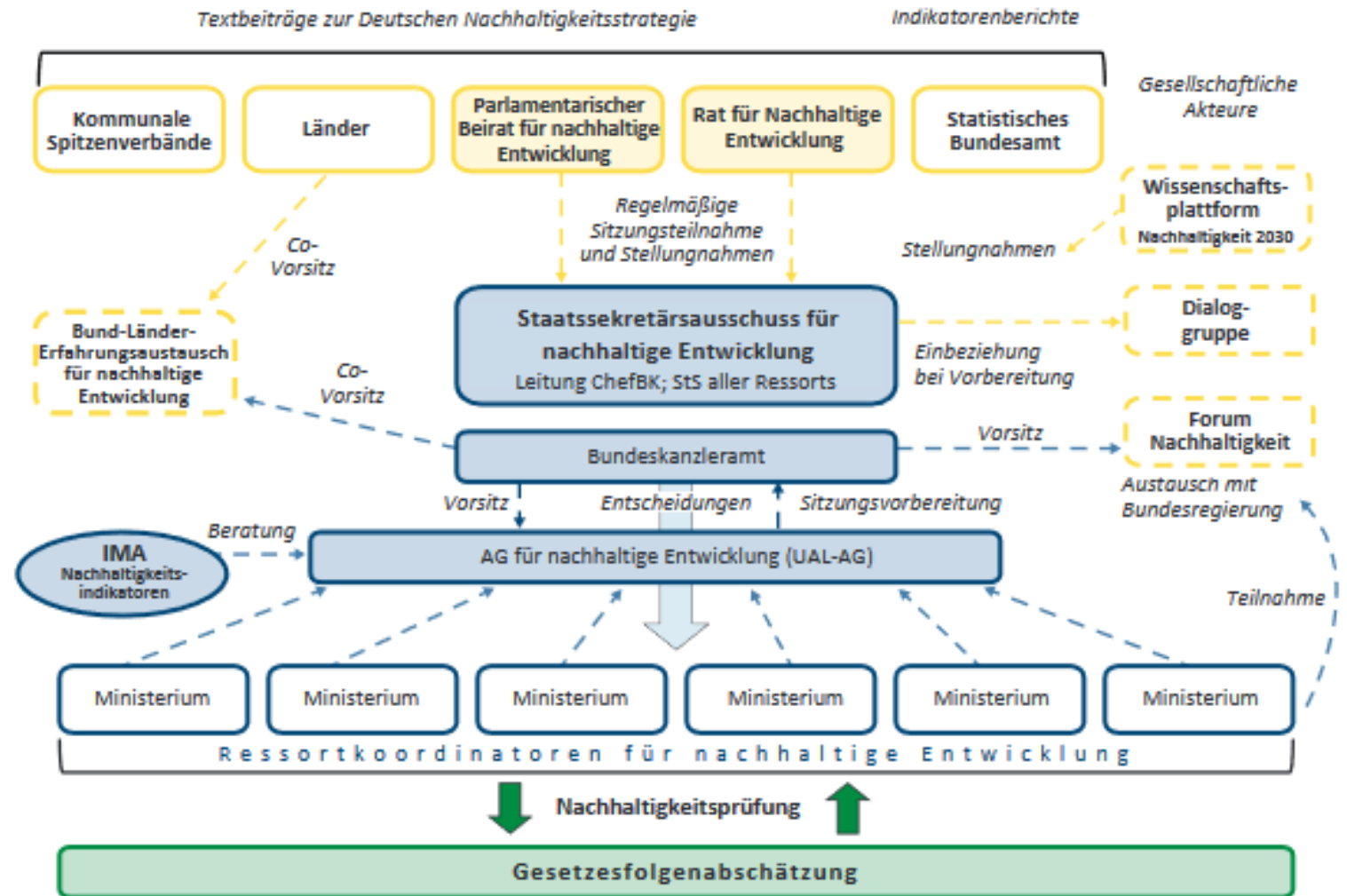
Areas of
intersection



Armenia: Institutional Framework



Germany: Participatory process to implement 2030 Agenda



Source: German Sustainability Strategy 2018

Ageing aspects covered

Adaptation to demographic change

Example: sustainable public finance/ law to strengthen occupational pensions

SDG3: Live longer healthy lives— reduce proportion of smokers and obesity among adults as well as premature mortality

SDG4: Participation in lifelong learning (beyond age 34 is not referred to)

SDG8: Increase the proportion of older persons (60-64) in employment to 60% by 2030

Ageing-related objectives are not named among the priorities by the responsible ministry



Realizing potentials....

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Increase visibility of ageing-related policies, address ageism

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Use consultation processes better to gain attention for ageing-related policy objectives & age-discrimination

3

Measure and report on progress – include ageing-related indicators and collect data

What's next this year?



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