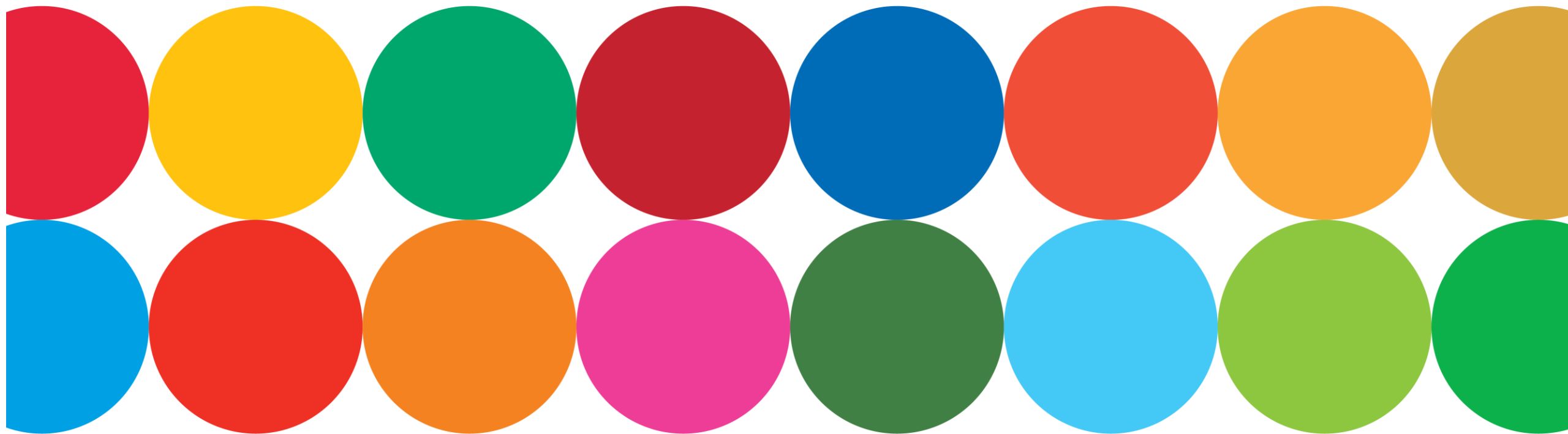




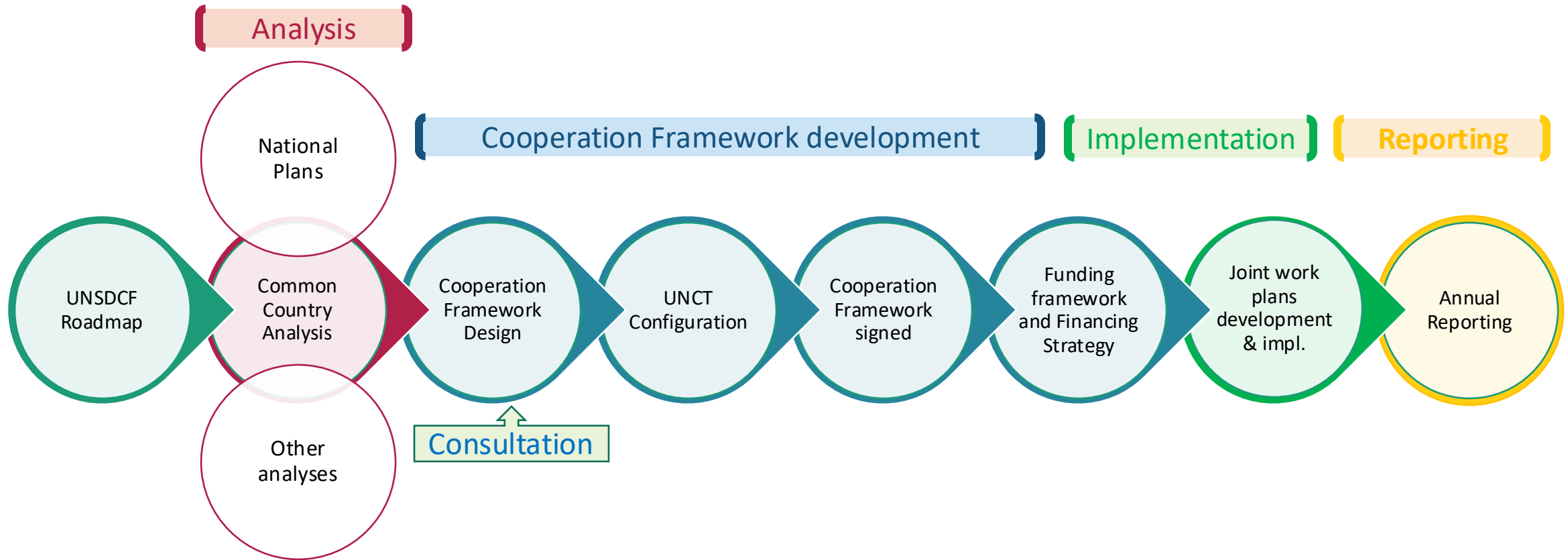
# The Nepal United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2023-2027



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# Cooperation Framework Process



# Context

Federalisation

Post-pandemic recovery

Mitigating impact of global economic downturn

Harnessing economic opportunities and mitigating social impacts of LDC graduation

Mitigating impact of advancing climate change

# UNSDCF – Process, Progress, Priorities & Key Themes

- **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, National Development Plan and sector plans guiding UNSDCF**
- **Common Country Analysis (CCA)**
- **Four priority areas emerged from analysis and visioning & strategic prioritisation with diverse stakeholders**
  - Sustainable and Inclusive Economic Transformation
  - Inclusive and Transformative Human Development
  - Environmental Sustainability, Climate and Disaster Resilience
  - Governance, Federalism, Participation & Inclusion
- **Three cross-cutting UNSDCF themes:**
  - Federalisation
  - Sustainable Development
  - Inclusive LNOB / women / youth

# Theory of Change (based on CCA)

Social and Economic Prosperity for sustainable and inclusive development in Nepal (sustainable and shock-resistant LDC Graduation)

## **STRUCTURAL causes**

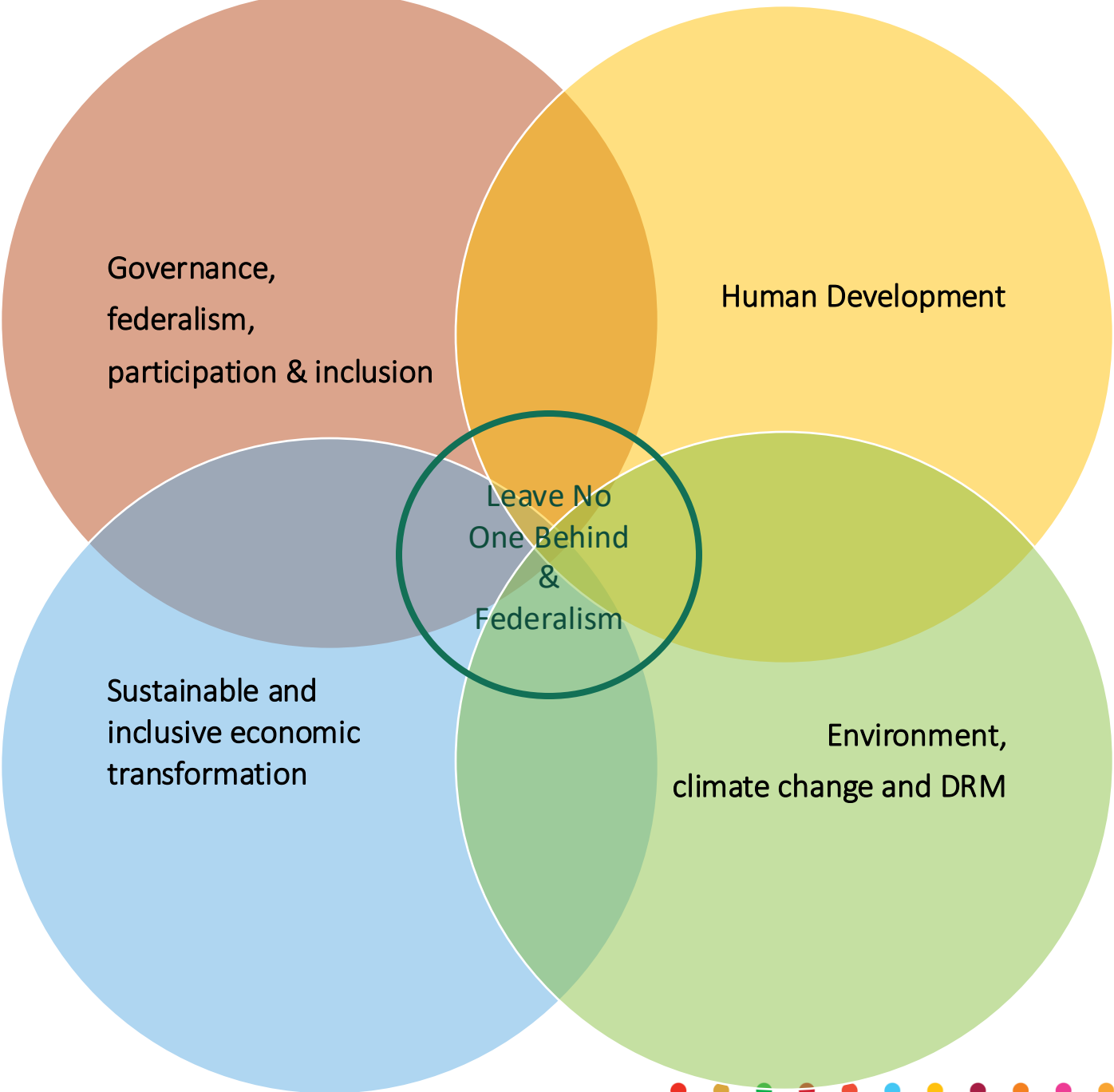
- Slow economic transformation, including a strong dependence on agriculture, tourism and remittances (low-skill/productivity).
- Large informal economy with social security coverage to be increased.
- Quality and reach of basic public services impact human development.
- Stronger coordination, planning and financing needed across the three tiers of governance
- Rapid unplanned urbanisation.
- Environmental degradation (air, water, land), including GHG emissions.
- Further strengthening of the legal frameworks and implementation of laws and policies required to advance universal standards.

## **ROOT causes**

- **Multi-dimensional poverty experienced by a significant minority of the population, exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.**
- Perpetuation of inequalities, vulnerabilities, marginalization, discrimination and exclusion.
  - This includes: gender inequality and violence against women; the marginalization of young people and people with disabilities; and other forms of discrimination based on class, caste, religion, language, geography and sexual orientation.
- Harmful practices and adverse social norms
- High exposure to disaster and climate risk.

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## Interconnected Priority Areas



# Sustainable and Inclusive Economic Transformation

*By 2027, more people, especially women, youth and the most marginalized increasingly contribute to and benefit from **inclusive, resilient, and sustainable socio-economic transformation***

- **Focus Area 1:** Enhance business environment for a just transition towards a greener, more competitive, and sustainable economy
- **Focus Area 2:** Promote inclusion and access to income opportunities and security, and the creation of higher-productivity and quality jobs
- **Collaborating Agencies** – *FAO, IFAD, ILO, IOM, ITC, UNCDF, UNDP, UNESCAP, UNESCO, UNFPA, UN Habitat, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNODC, UNV, UN Women, WFP*

# Inclusive and Transformative Human Development

*By 2027, more people, especially women, youth, children and the most marginalized increasingly [participate in?] and benefit from **equitably improved quality social services***

- **Focus Area 1:** Survive and Thrive. Women, men, children affordably enjoy better health and nutrition status, starting with the youngest and most vulnerable
- **Focus Area 2:** Maximize Human Potential: Children, Youth and adults meaningfully participate in and benefit from educational services to fulfil their full potential
- **Focus Area 3:** Minimize Gender-Based Violence and Harmful, Traditional Practices and Promote Positive Norms
- **Collaborating Agencies** –ILO, IOM, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNESCO, UNFPA, UN Habitat, UNICEF, UN Women, WFP, WHO



# Environmental Sustainability, Climate and Disaster Resilience

*By 2027, more people, especially women, youth and the most marginalised, increasingly benefit from and contribute to **building an inclusive, sustainable, climate-resilient and green society** and **reduced impacts of disasters***

- **Focus Area 1:** Healthy, clean, green and productive environment and climate change mitigation
- **Focus Area 2:** Climate adaptation, resilience and disaster risk reduction, preparedness and response
- ***Collaborating Agencies*** – *FAO, ILO, IOM, UNDP, UN Habitat, UNESCO, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNOPS, WFP, WHO*

# Governance, Federalism, Participation & Inclusion

*By 2027, more people, especially women, youth and the most marginalized increasingly **participate in** and benefit from coordinated, inclusive, participatory, transparent, and gender-responsive governance, access to justice and human rights **at federal, provincial, and local levels.***

- **Focus Area 1:** Strengthening institutions, legal and policy frameworks across the three tiers of governance
- **Focus Area 2:** Participation, inclusion, dialogue and partnerships across all levels of governance and within key sectors
- ***Collaborating Agencies*** – *FAO, ILO, IOM, UNDP, UNESCO, UNFPA, UN Habitat, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNODC, UN Women*

# UNSDCF in 2025

- 1. Alignment with 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> plan and national priorities**
- 2. Transitions for SDG Acceleration**
  - Government Accelerators**
  - UN Support for acceleration**
- 3. Pact for the Future**

# UNSDCF and SDG localisation in practice

- 1. Joint Workplans**
- 2. UNINFO for reporting and monitoring**
- 3. Annual Results Report**