

Progress in integrating forests in the SDGs and implications for UNECE

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Outline of presentation



What has been proposed?

by ECE members and international organisations

What is needed?

based on existing forest-related frameworks

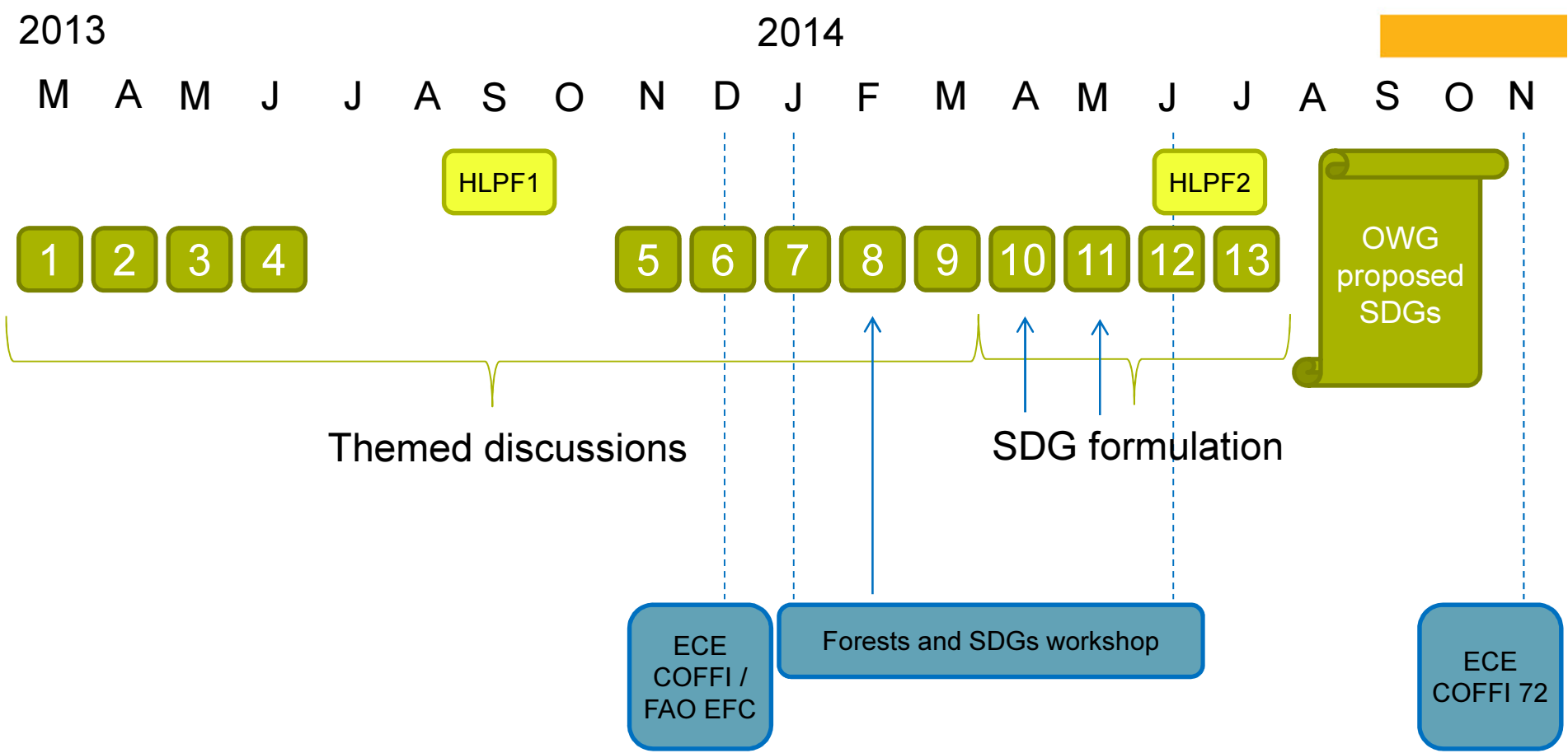
What progress has been made?

by UN OWG in setting SDGs

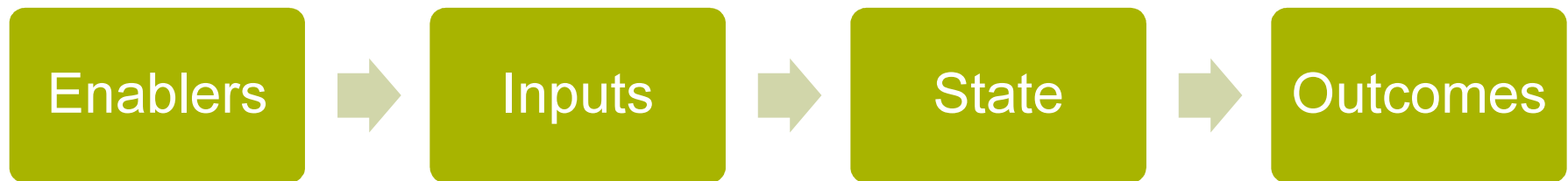
What next?

emerging issues and implications for ECE

OWG and UNECE



SDG-forests framework



Proposed formulations

Inputs, State, Outcomes

| | ECE/FAO (OWG8) | CPF (OWG12) | FAO/UNFF (OWG13) | Climate Advisors | IIED |
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| Sustainable managed forests | | | | | |
| Financial resources & investment | | | | | |
| Forests and tree resources | | | | | |
| Land and soil | | | | | |
| Income & employment | | | | | |
| Food security & nutrition | | | | | |
| Biodiversity | | | | | |
| Water quantity & quality | | | | | |
| Climate resilience & mitigation | | | | | |
| Air pollution | | | | | |
| Energy | | | | | |
| Efficiency of resource use | | | | | |
| Contributions to green economy | | | | | |



Proposed formulations

Enablers

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| Rights, tenure, governance | ■ | | | ■ | ■ |
| Inclusive decision making | | | | | ■ |
| Accountability and transparency | | | | ■ | ■ |
| Sustainable agriculture | | | | ■ | ■ |
| Land use planning | | | | | ■ |
| SMEs & producer organisation | | | | | ■ |
| Market access and diversification | | | | | ■ |
| Sustainable practices and reporting | | | | ■ | ■ |
| Metrics, national accounting | | | | ■ | ■ |
| Capacity and coordination | | | | | ■ |



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- Sweden



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| Land degradation, productivity | ■ | | ■ | | | ■ | | ■ | | ■ | |
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| Food security & nutrition | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Biodiversity | ■ | ■ | ■ | | | ■ | ■ | | | | |
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| Sustainable lifestyles | | ■ | | | | | | | | | |
| Benefit sharing | | | | | | | | ■ | | | |

Defining the needs for forests

Lessons from MDGs regarding forests:

- Capturing value and integrating externalities
- Tackling drivers of deforestation
- More focus on social balance

SDG core concepts:

- Transformative: address systemic drivers/barriers; ensure equity; build resilience
- Universality: leave no one behind; ensure policy coherence, collective action, all countries and actors
- Integrated: cover social, economic and environmental dimensions; enable inter-linkages

Enabling conditions for forests

Assessing existing frameworks:

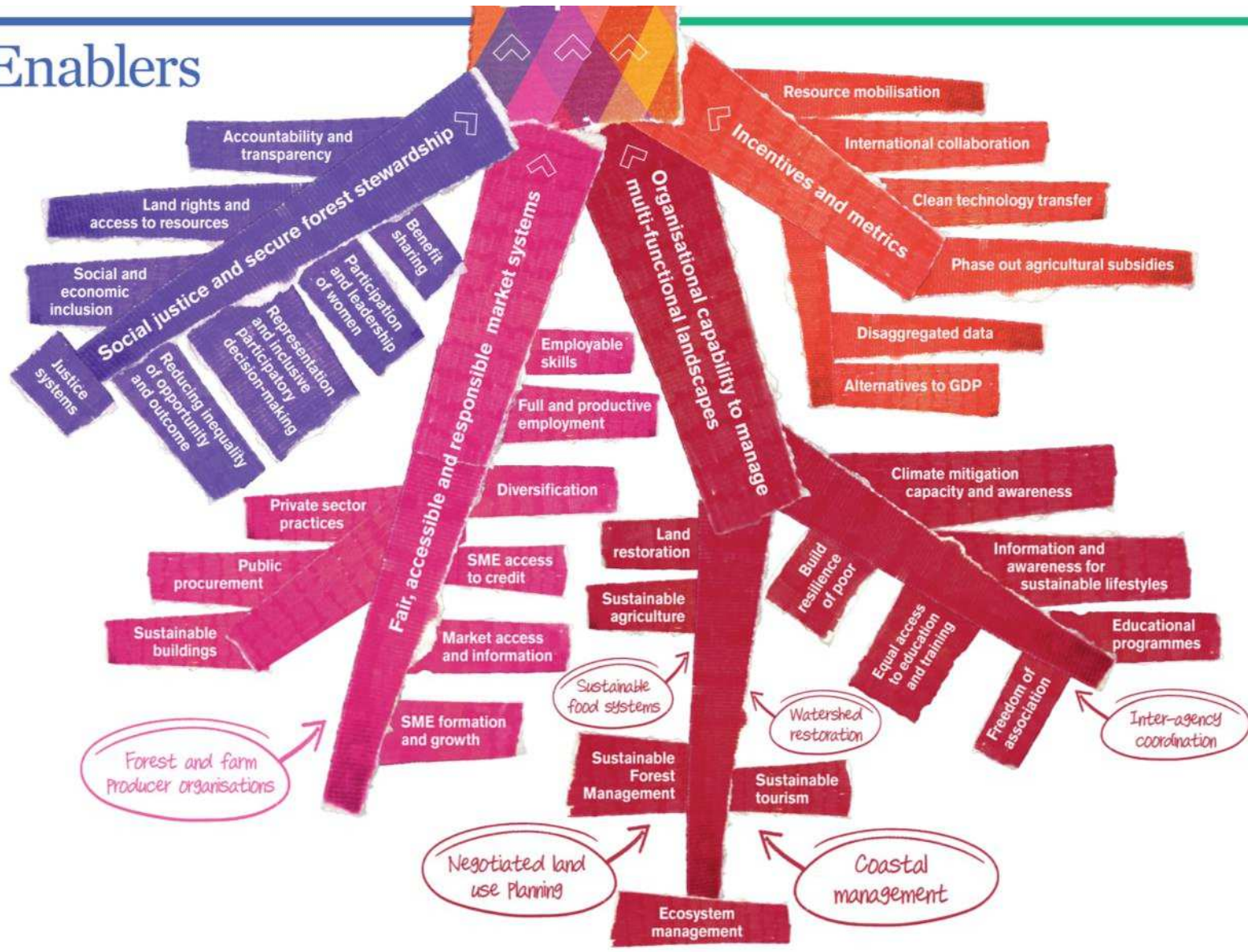
- Sustainable forest management
- Sustainable landscape management
- Locally controlled forestry
- Forests in green economy

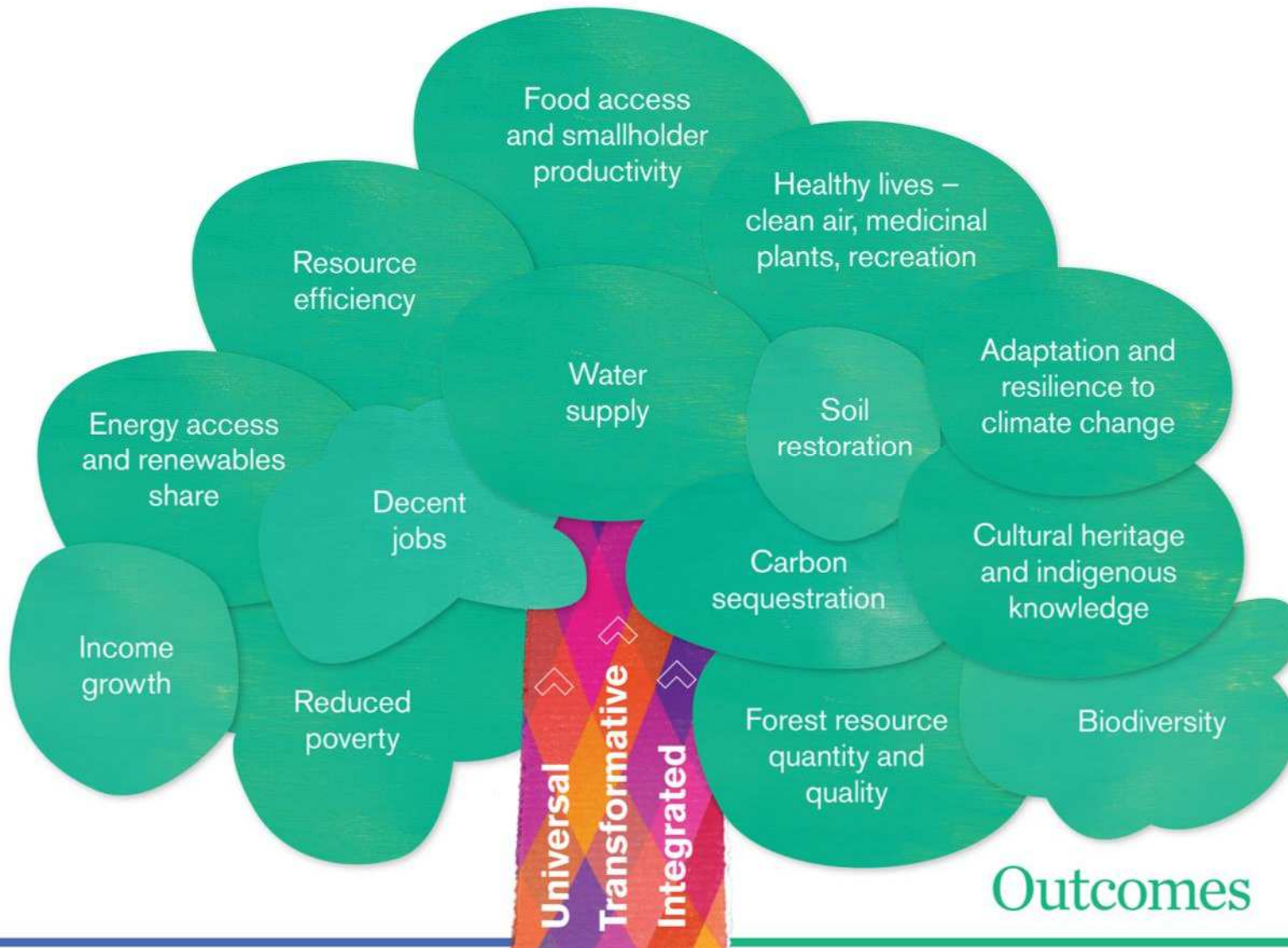
To identify categories of 'enabler':

- Good governance and social justice
- Well managed multi-functional landscapes
- Fair and responsible market systems
- Metrics and means of implementation

Enablers

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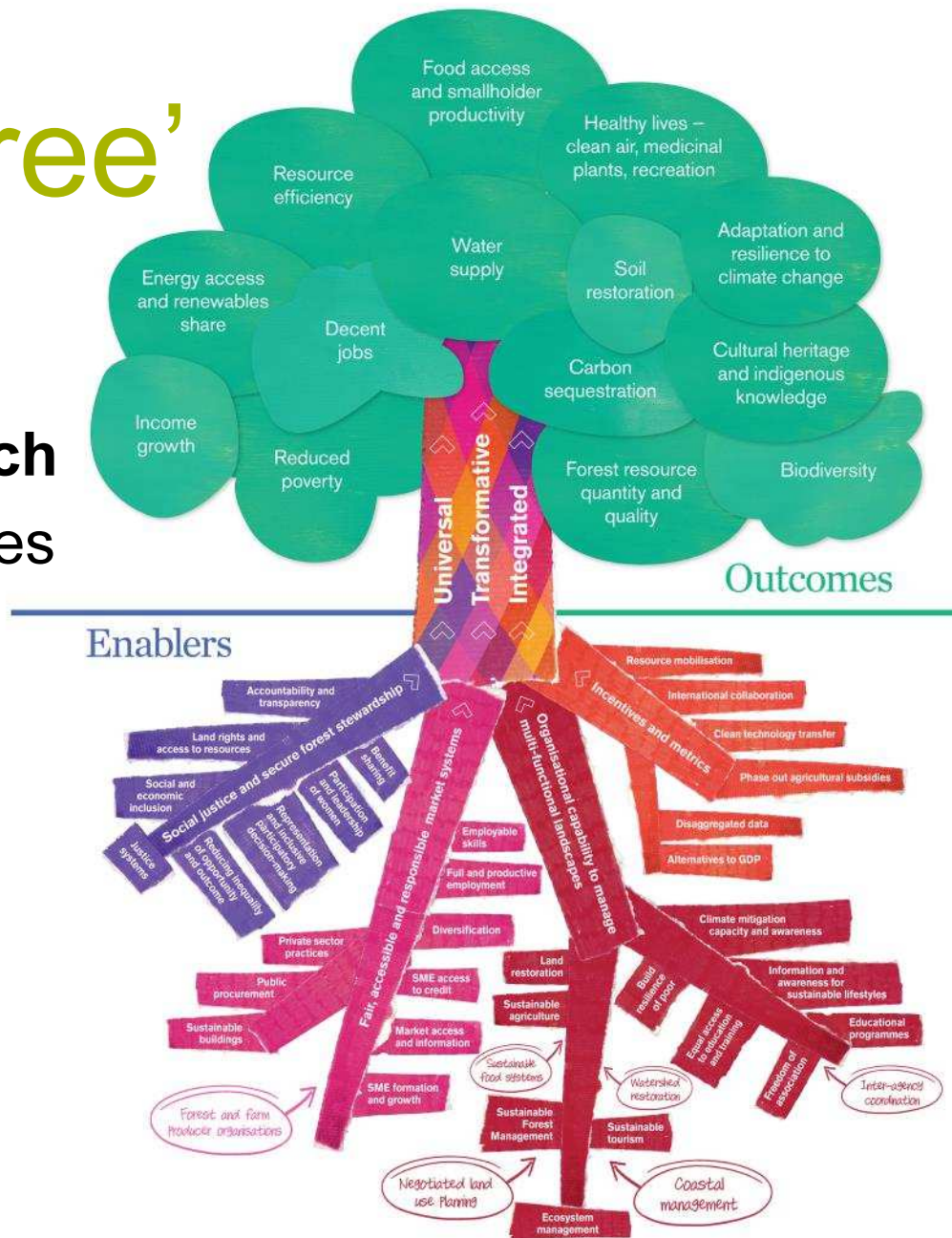




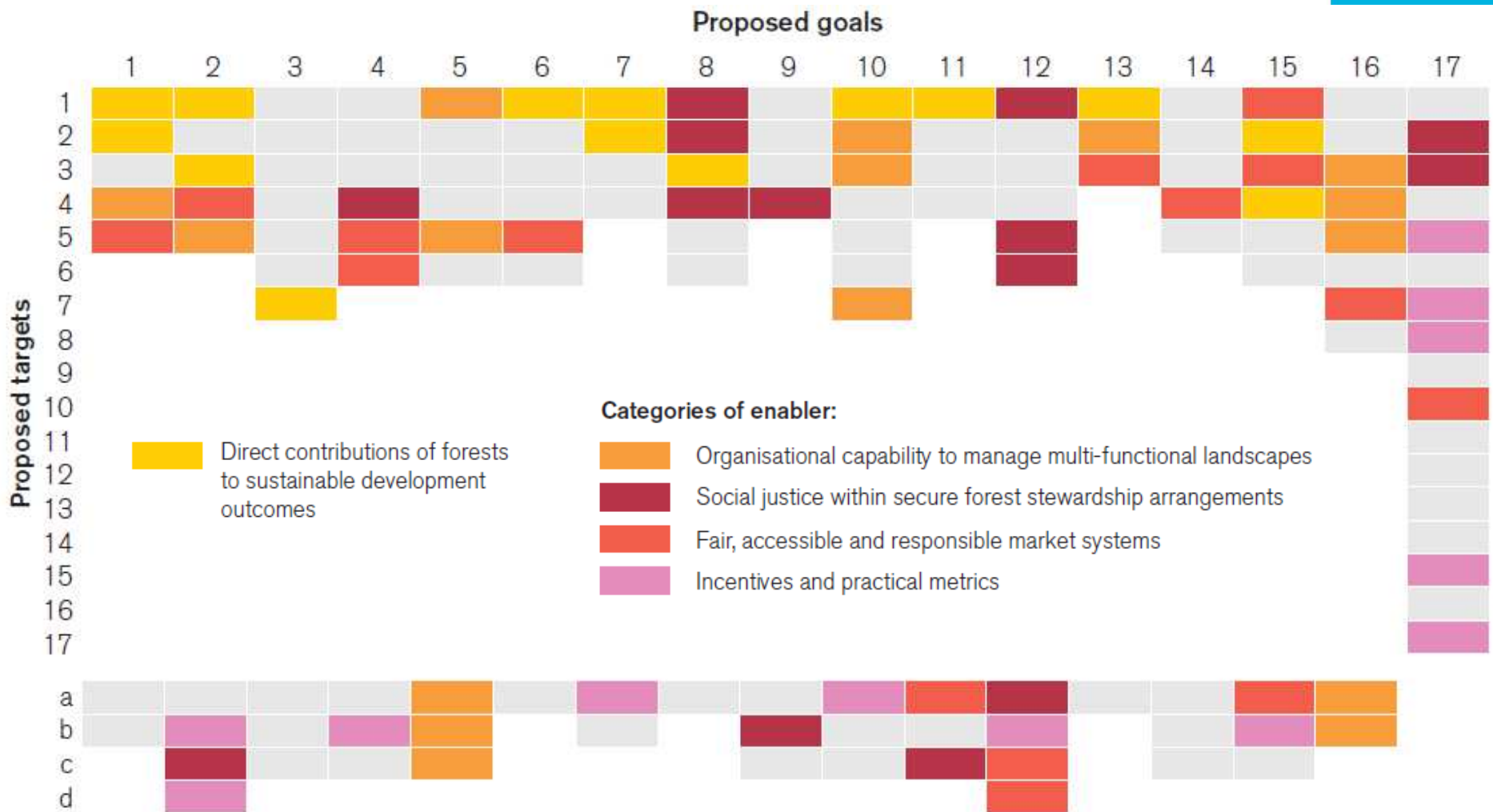
'Target Tree'

Illustrating the **integrated approach**

- canopy of outcomes
- supported by enabling roots



SDG 'forest module' July 2014



Perceived priorities for forests and SDGs – survey and consultation results

Good governance and social justice

- Equitable rights to control, own and access land, property and natural resources
- Inclusive decision-making processes and equal opportunities
- Accountability and transparency

Well managed multi-functional landscapes

- Sustainable management of forests and other natural resources
- Sustainable agriculture and food systems, integrated water mgmt.
- Negotiated land use planning

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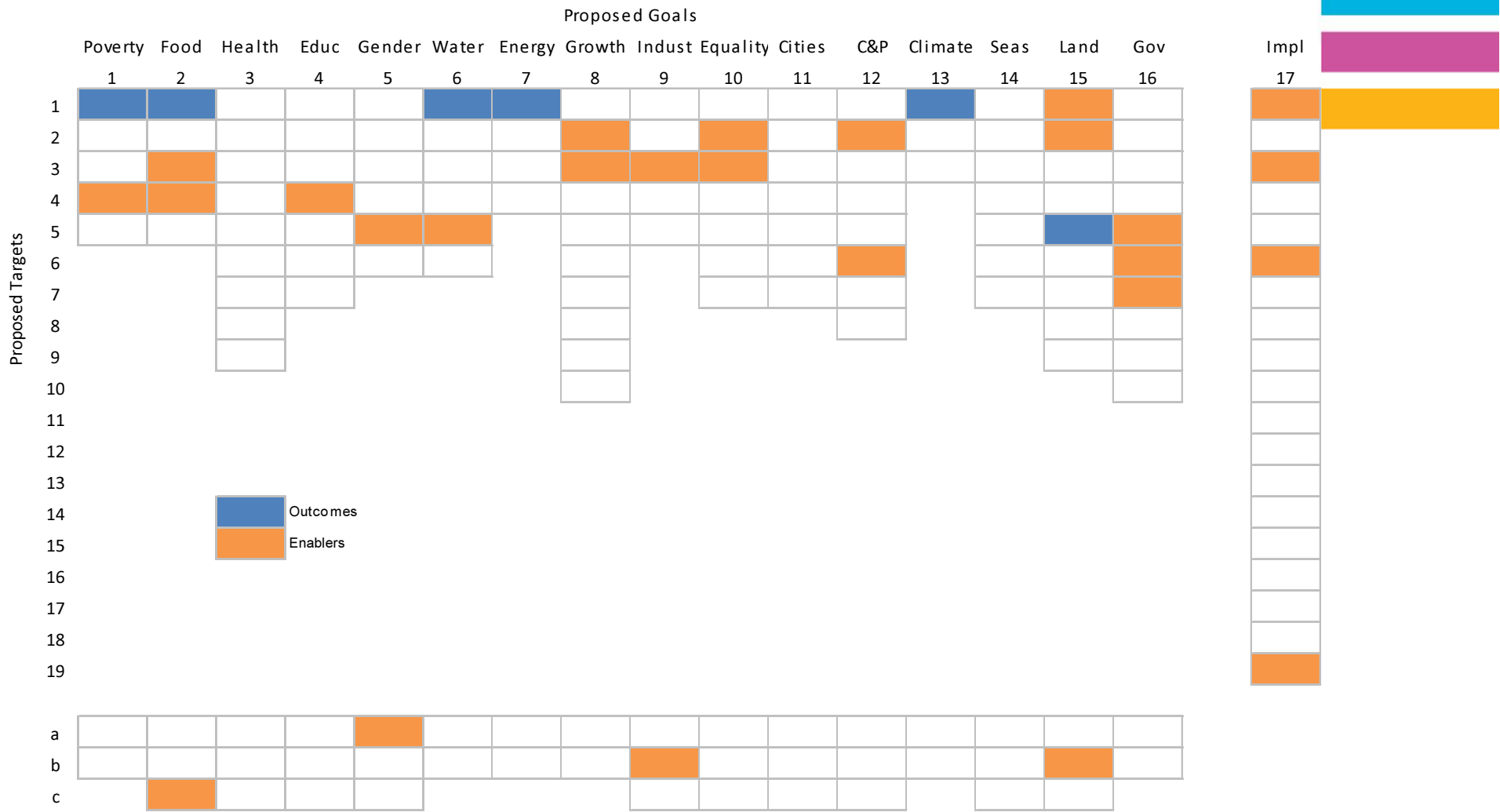
Fair and responsible market systems

- Support for small enterprises and producer organisations
- Access to markets and product diversification
- Responsible and sustainable private sector practices

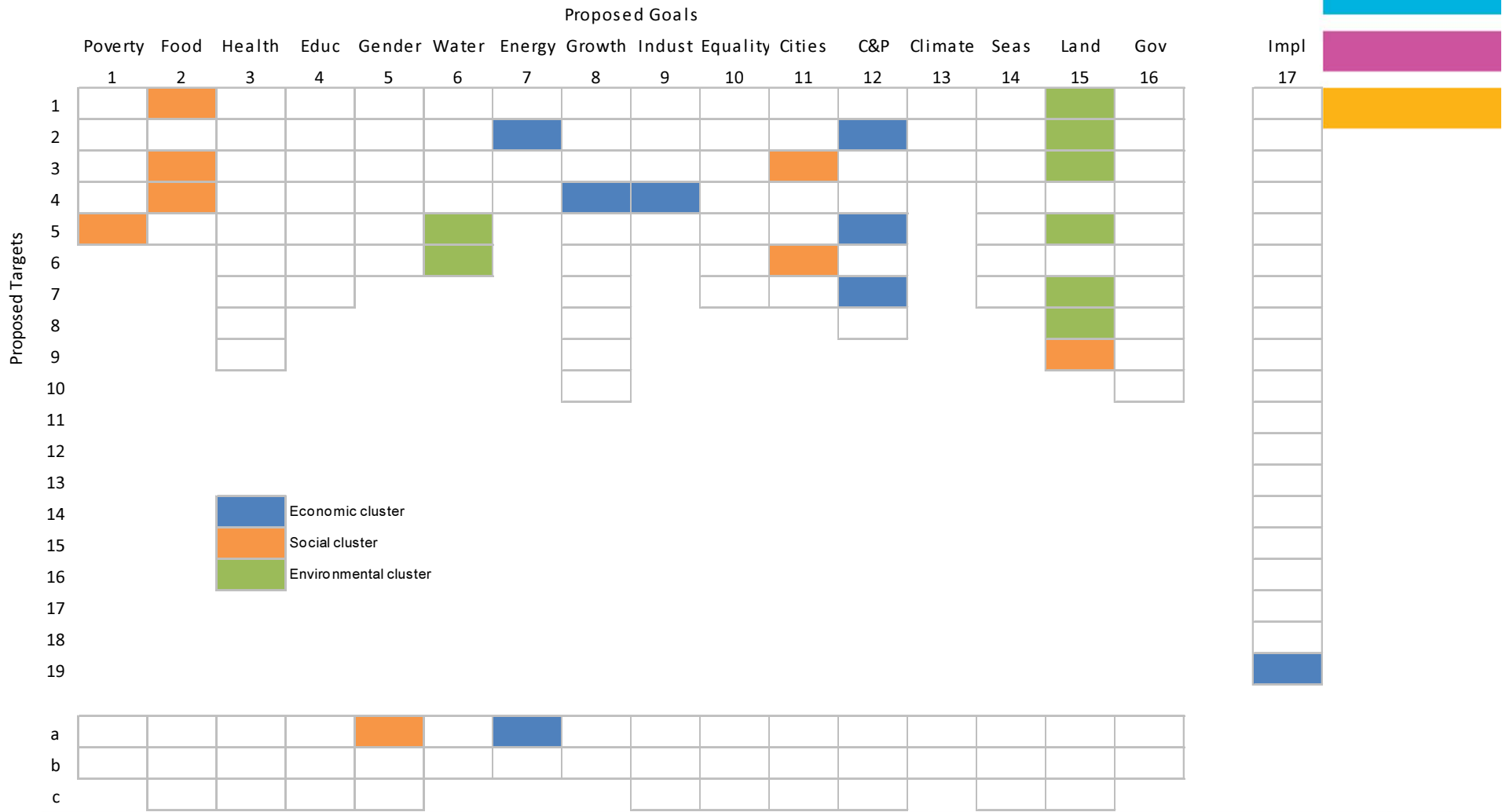
Metrics and means of implementation

- Broader measures of progress beyond Gross Domestic Product
- Resourcing and incentives
- Capacity, knowledge and coordination

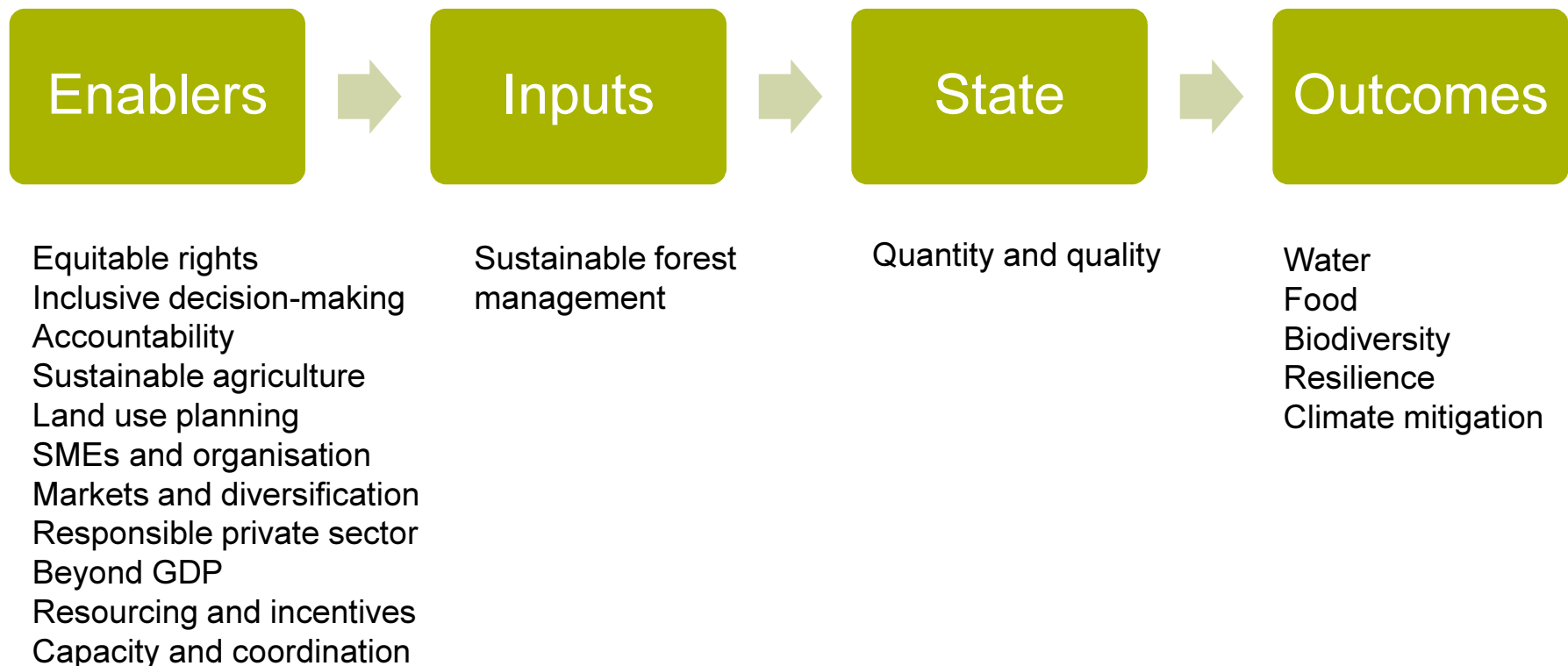
Global survey and consultations



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SDG-forests framework



OWG outcome document



Goal 15: Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forest, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss

Target 15.1 ... sustainably manage forests ...halt and reverse land degradation ...

Target 15.2 ... promote implementation of sustainable management of all types of forests, halt deforestation, restore degraded forests and increase afforestation and reforestation ...

Target 15b ...mobilize significantly resources from all sources and at all levels to finance ...

OWG outcome document



Positive changes:

- **Forests** at Goal level (goal 15) and inclusion of forest **restoration** (15.2)
- Sustainable **management** of water (goal 6) and restoration of **forests** (6.6)
- Rights, access, **control, ownership** of land (1.4, 5a)
- Recognising **Indigenous Peoples** (2.3, 4.5)
- Sustainable **food production systems** and resilient agricultural practices (2.4)

OWG outcome document



2.1 by 2030 end hunger and ensure access by all people, in particular the poor and people in vulnerable situations including infants, to safe, nutritious and sufficient **food** all year round

6.1 by 2030, achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking **water** for all

7.1 by 2030 ensure universal access to affordable, reliable, and modern **energy** services

13.1 strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to **climate** related hazards and natural disasters in all countries

15.5 take urgent and significant action to reduce degradation of natural habitat, halt the loss of **biodiversity**, and by 2020 protect and prevent the extinction of threatened species

Emerging issues

- Integrated approach achieves transformative change
- Missing issues considered high priority (e.g. forest and farm producer organisation, and negotiated land use planning)
- Commitment on agricultural drivers of deforestation
- Linking parallel but related international processes
- Identifying potential policy trade-offs
- Monitoring and accountability
- National level implementation

Summary



- OWG has given opportunities to engage
- ECE has mobilised and engaged
- Systemic issues vs transformative agenda
- Priorities for forests are becoming clearer
- OWG proposed SDGs show improvements
- Regional roles are apparent