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**Capacity Development and Funding Challenges:
A Small NSO Perspective -
Belize**

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Our experience so far:

No dedicated Environment & Climate Change Statistics unit.

ESSAT (2018) conducted on behalf of the Department of Environment.

NSDS (2025) includes a climate change component to address statistical gaps.



Limited resources (financial and human).



Competing national priorities → environment often sidelined.



Lack of specialized technical expertise within NSO.

Navigating Challenges

Partnerships with line ministries
(Department of Environment, Climate Change Office).

Regional & international support
(CARICOM, UNSD, UN agencies).

Incremental integration through **NSDS** instead of standalone projects.

Lessons Learned



Partnerships are essential for progress.



Donor-funded technical assistance has been critical.

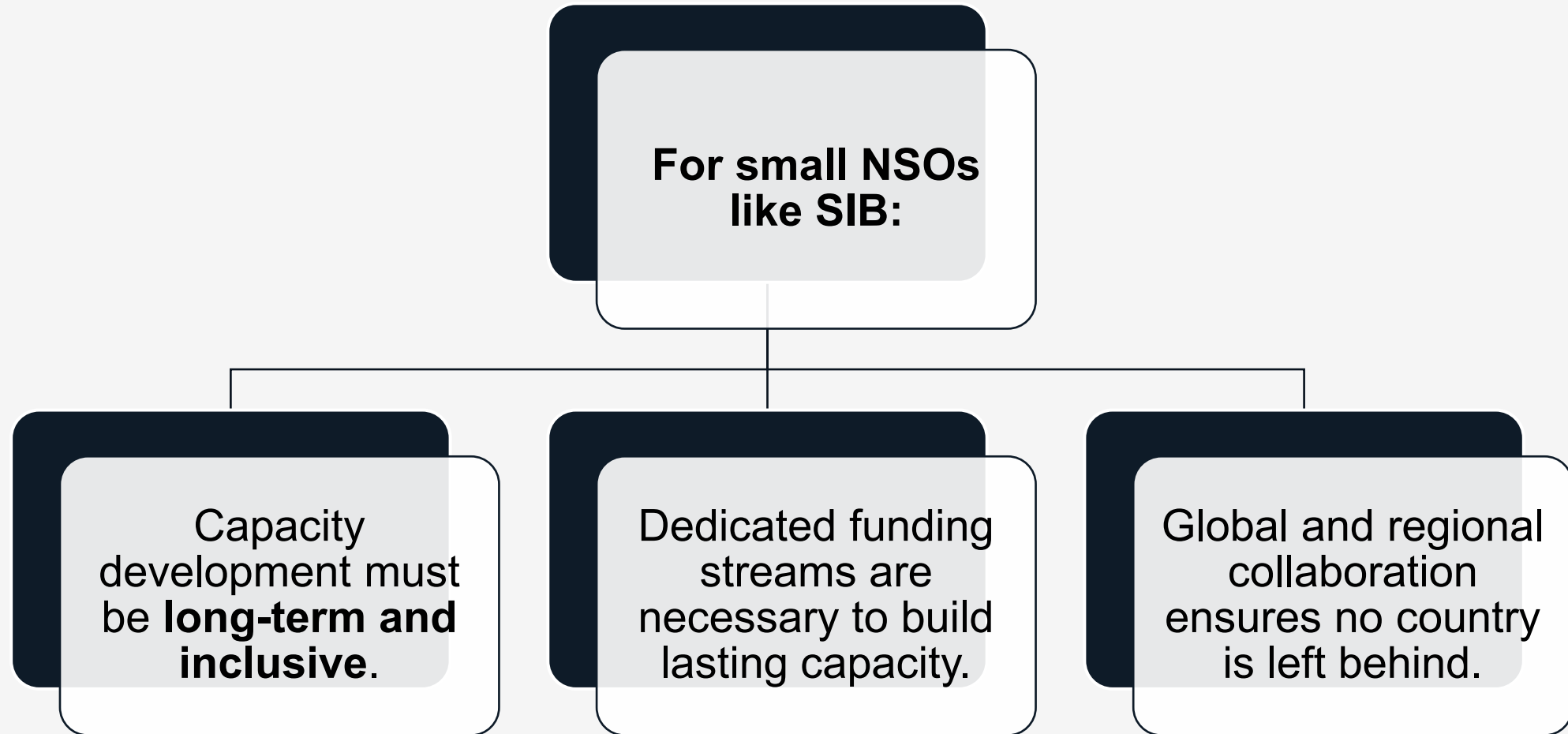


Strategic frameworks (NSDS) help attract attention and align priorities.



Small NSOs need **sustained funding**.

Key Message



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