

# Valuing What Counts

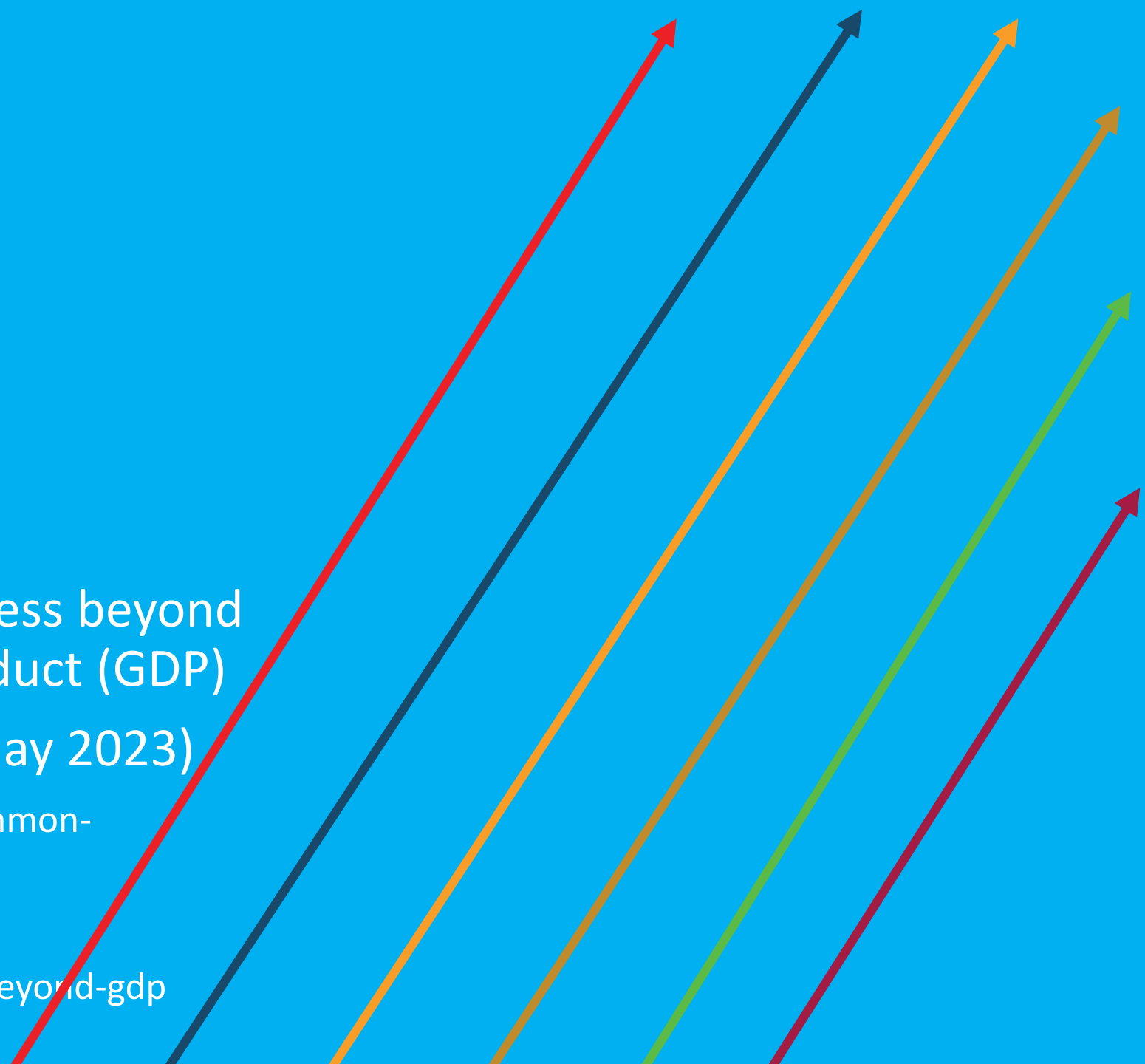
Framework to progress beyond  
Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

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**Why do we  
need to go  
beyond GDP  
and why  
now?**

- **We need a new policy paradigm and metrics to tackle today's challenges** and secure our future:
  - Crises: climate change, environment, pandemic, conflict, inequalities - GDP alone is not enough
  - Assess progress from environmental, social, digital, distributional and vulnerability aspects
  - Go beyond income, beyond today, beyond averages
  - Put people and the planet at the centre, be guided by balanced metrics, harness data revolution and new technologies

Mandate/  
Background

Our  
Common  
Agenda report  
called for action to  
“urgently find measures  
of progress that complement GDP”

CEB  
deliberated  
on the topic of  
progress beyond  
GDP in November 2021  
and tasked HLCP to develop a  
United Nations system-wide  
contribution on Beyond GDP

SDG 17  
Target 19:  
“develop  
measurements of  
progress on sustainable  
development that complement  
gross domestic product”

OUTCOMES



PROCESSES

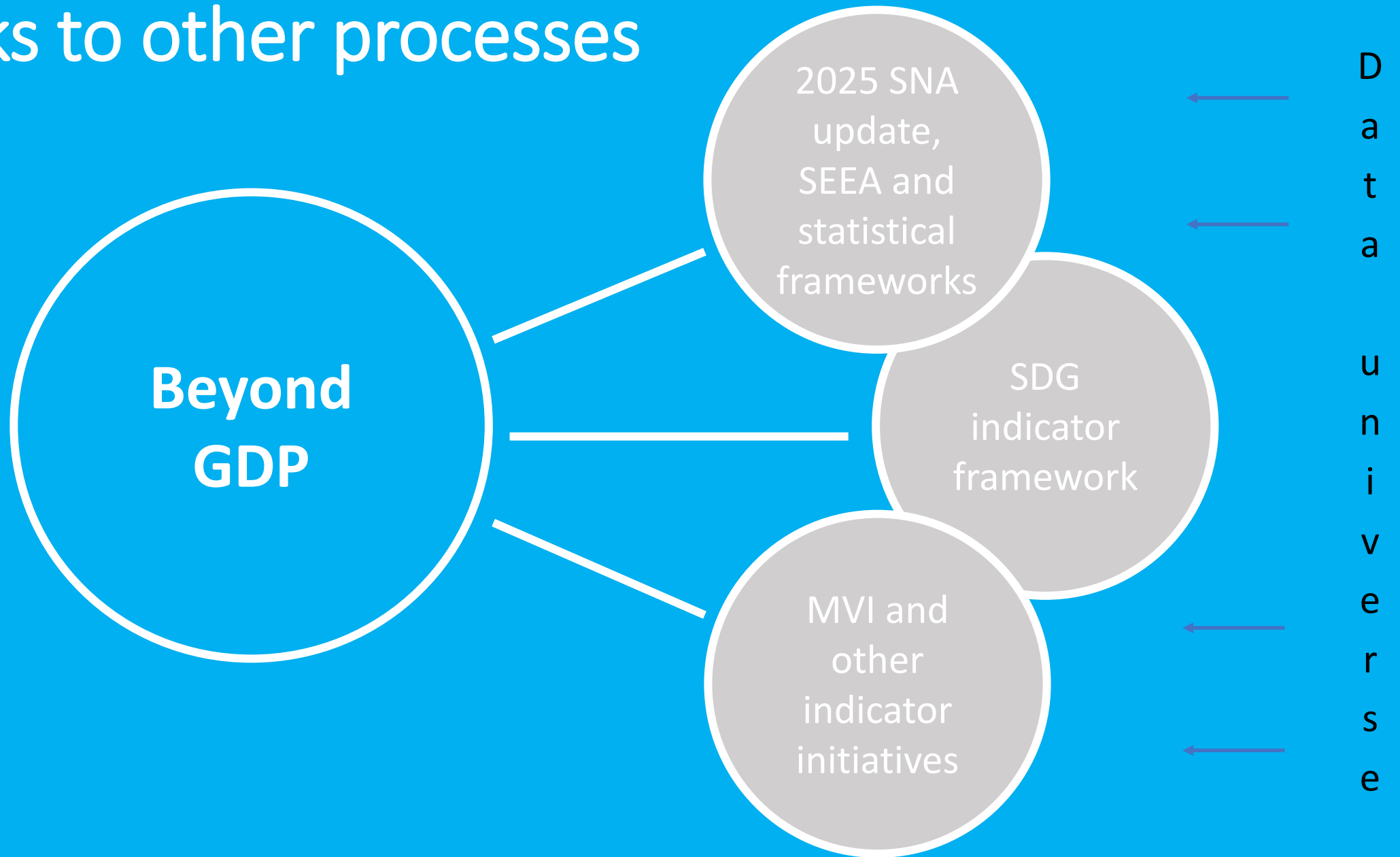




# Links to Our Common Agenda



# Links to other processes



## Criteria for assessing Beyond GDP metrics

- Country-owned.
- Comparable across time and countries, well-established and trusted.
- Universally applicable.
- Able to convey strong and clear messages that are actionable and intuitive.
- Iterative and dynamic, based on what exists, while allowing for the addition of new indicators, as relevant.



## Next steps/ recommendations:

- Confirm political commitment to develop a conceptual framework to 'value what counts' anchored in the 2030 Agenda.
- Convene an independent high-level expert group to develop a value dashboard of a limited number of key indicators (not more than 10-20).
- Provide resources for and strengthen statistical capacity-building and data collection, in particular, at the national level.

Thank you!

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