Follow-up on the discussion with Regional Commissions on the Priorities of the Global South

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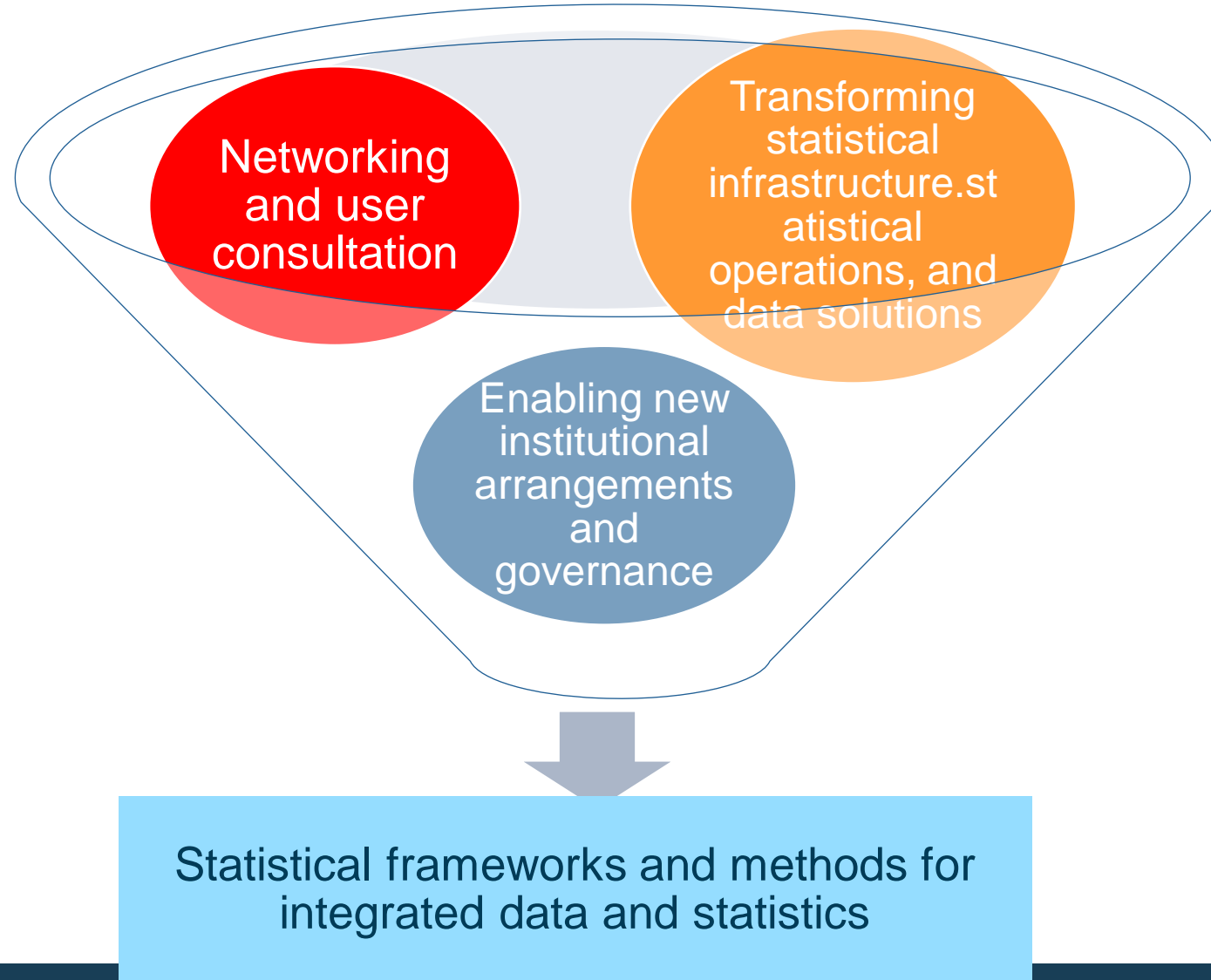
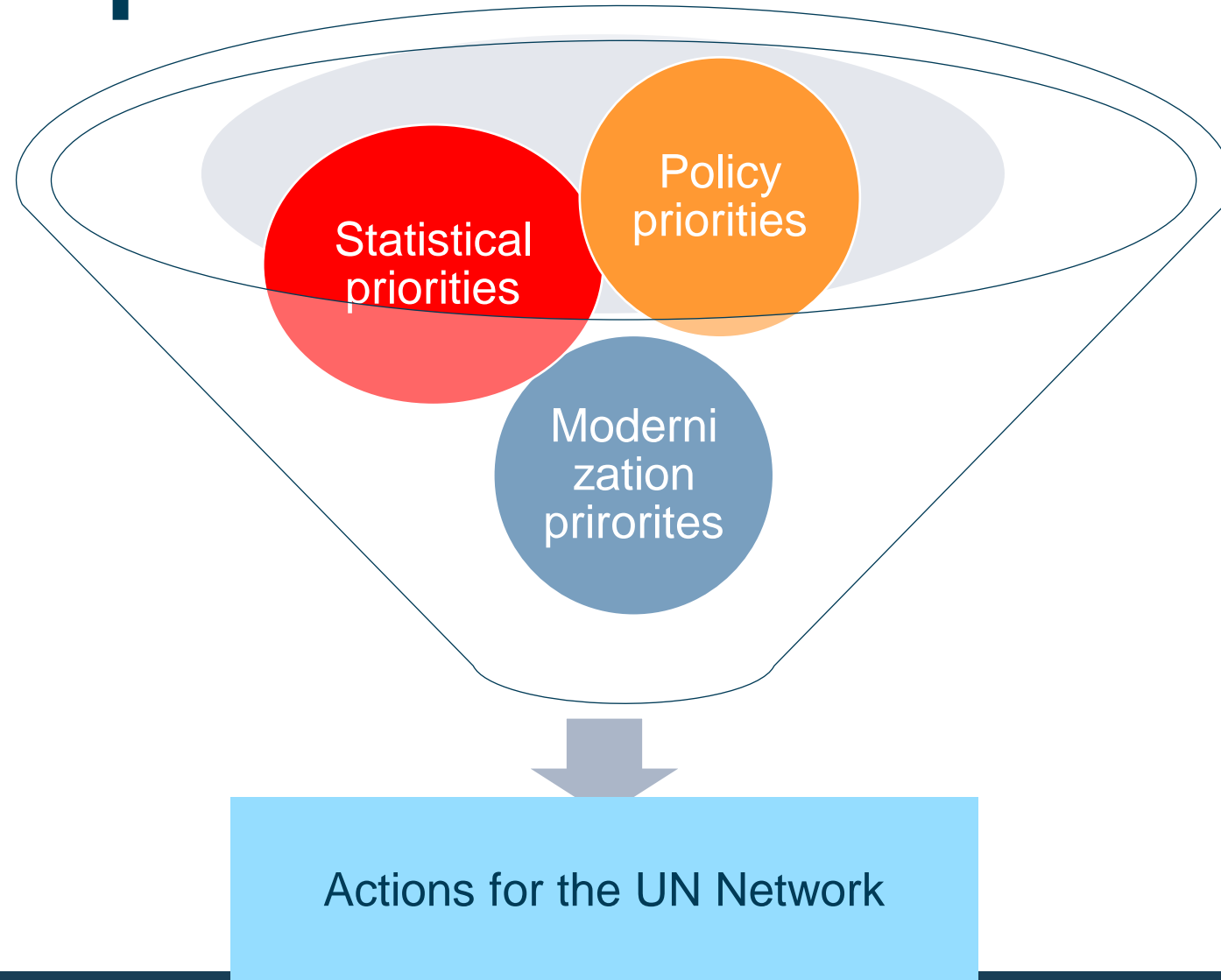UN Network of Economic Statisticians

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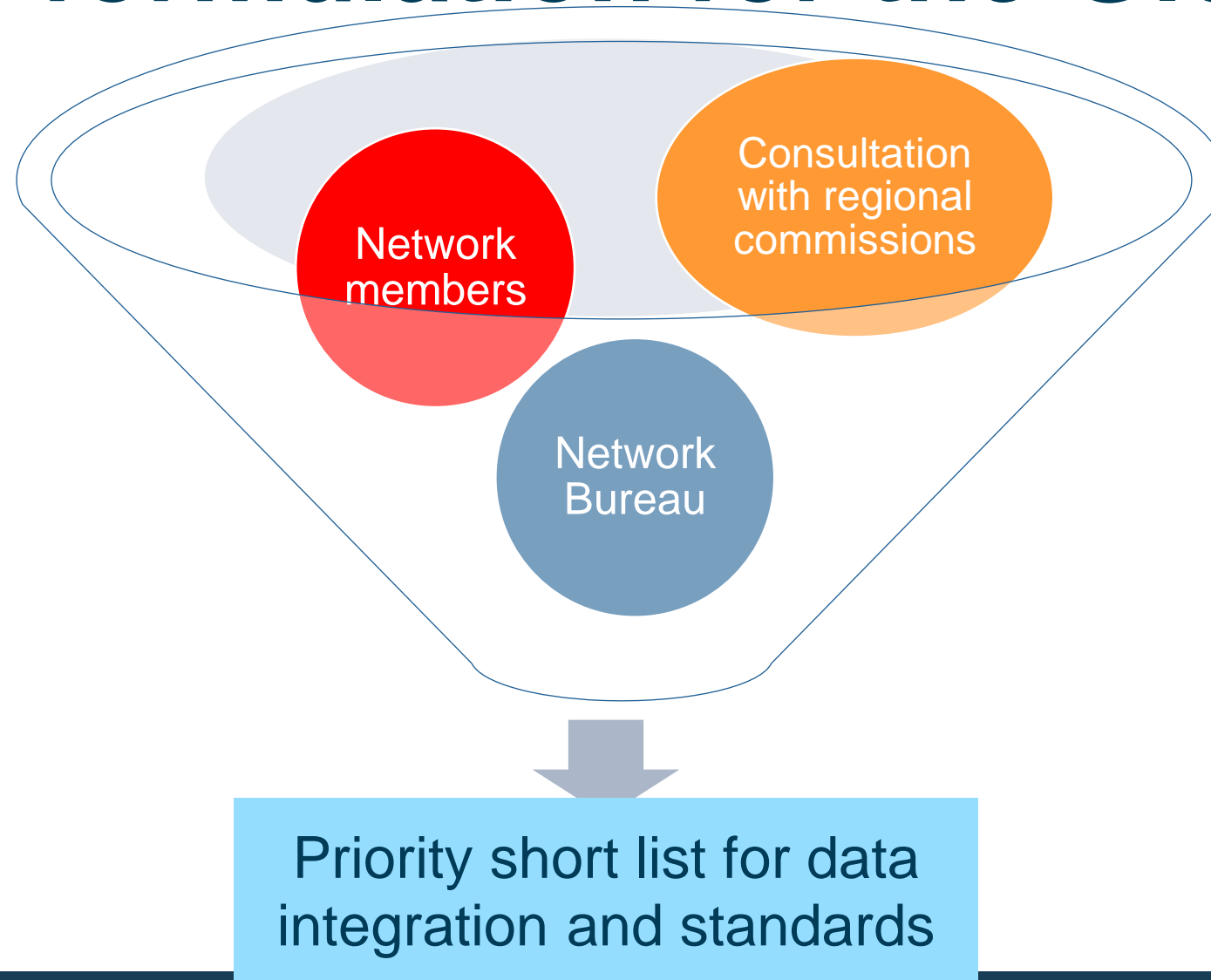

Networking and user consultation

Transforming statistical infrastructure.statistical operations, and data solutions

Enabling new institutional arrangements and governance

Statistical frameworks and methods for integrated data and statistics

Priority options for the Global South

Statistical priorites

Policy priorities

Moderni zation prirorites

Actions for the UN Network

Priority formulation for the Global South

Network members

Consultation with regional commissions

Network Bureau

Priority short list for data integration and standards

Priorities of the Global South

Our discussion led to the identification of a number of high level priorities:

- **Growth, national cohesion and well-being**
  - ✓ implementation of 2008 SNA, the development of sub-national GDP indicators and the development of methods and strategies to map and integrate data sources in the absence of regular surveys, were top of mind.
  - ✓ The beyond GDP topics of well-being and sustainability and the digital and creative economy as drivers of growth are important but more aspirational goals

- **Regional Integration and participation in GVCs**
  - ✓ required statistics on regional and global value chains, and related TIVA measures
  - ✓ practices should be shared on data mapping for compilation of international trade statistics and supply-use tables.

- **Price stability and international price comparison**
  - ✓ a need to share practices in the use of scanner data and web scraping techniques
  - ✓ share practices on methodologies to measure price development in the informal market segment of consumer goods and services

Priorities of the Global South (continued)

- **The Informal Economy**
  - ✓ Leveraging the technological underpinnings (big data generated) of this transformation to measure e-commerce of the informal economy

Modernization of national statistical agencies in the Global South

Delivering on priorities requires modernization of the statistical system:

- **Data integration techniques**
  - ✓ Combining data from various sources
  - ✓ Consolidating data from multiple sources into one central repository for analysis and reporting

- **Capacity Building and Training**
  - ✓ Training Workshops
  - ✓ Collaboration with Academic Institutions
  - ✓ Knowledge sharing by NSI with experience in specific areas

Role of the UN Network of Economic Statisticians

- **Enable Knowledge Sharing and Collaboration**
  - ✓ Leverage well-established regional knowledges sharing platforms of the regional commission
  - ✓ Host key note speeches on priority topics at various Network events

- **Facilitate in-kind support by twinning with experts from developed countries on specific topics**
  - ✓ Canada with PPPs in Caribbean
  - ✓ UKONS in Africa on scanner data and data science for statistics
  - ✓ assist in identification of specific expertise such as for the harmonization of classifications and the price measurement of investment in construction.

- **Better representation of the Region in the Network**
  - ✓ Increase representation of Global South on the Network and the Network's Bureau

Any Questions?