Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda

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“The 2030 Agenda compels us to look beyond national boundaries and short-term interests and act in solidarity for the long-term. We can no longer afford to think and work in silos.”
Key features of the 2030 Agenda

**UNIVERSAL** – Goals and targets involve the entire world, developed and developing countries alike

- Lower income societies
  - Ensuring access to energy services
  - Managing demand with efficiency improvement
  - Expanding supply of renewable energy
  - Reducing per capita energy consumption

- Higher income societies

**INTEGRATED** – Goals and targets are highly interconnected

- 2/3 of energy investments go to fossil fuels
- CO₂ emissions
- Exacerbate climate change
- Ocean acidification
- Health problems from air pollution

**TRANSFORMATIVE** – Goals and targets aim to achieve 5 transformational shifts

- Leave no one behind – People
- Preserve natural resources and the ecosystem services on which human wellbeing depends – Planet
- Transform economies for jobs and inclusive growth – Prosperity
- Build peaceful societies – Peace
- Forge a new global partnership – Partnerships
Policy coherence is imperative for SDG implementation

Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development (PCSD)

an approach and policy tool to integrate the economic, social, environmental, and governance dimensions of sustainable development at all stages of domestic and international policy making

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Main Objectives

1. **Foster synergies** across economic, social and environmental policy areas

2. **Identify trade-offs** & reconcile domestic policy objectives with internationally agreed objectives

3. **Address the spillovers** of domestic policies

PCSD is fundamental to address interactions among SDGs

Source: adapted from the presentation by Amb. Csaba Kőrösi, PR of Hungary to UN: “From SDGs to Post-2015 Agenda” at the OECD in Paris on October 7th, 2014.
PCSD is essential to exploit synergies and minimise trade-offs

Nexus approach

A seven-point scale of SDG interaction


PCSD is critical to align national strategies and adapt institutional frameworks

Building blocks for Policy Coherence

- Ensure leadership at the highest level.
- Set specific PCSD objectives based on SDGs and Targets.
- Develop PCSD plans backed by legislation

Political commitment

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Policy coordination

- Engage the whole government (role for CoG) and key stakeholders
- Set up mandates to address conflicts of interest

Monitoring, analysis & reporting

Track progress on:
- Policy-making processes
- Policy interactions
- Policy efforts and effects
PCSD is crucial to avoid unintended negative policy effects.
PCSD is fundamental to inform decision-making

Tracking progress on PCSD

**Mechanisms**
- Political statements (legislation)
- Strategic policy framework and time-bound plan
- Inter-ministerial mechanisms for coordination
- Stakeholder engagement
- Capacity and systems for analysis and monitoring
- Reporting

**Effects**

**Interactions**

“A combination of diverse indicators to capture synergies and trade-offs between
- Resource indicators, e.g. intensity of water use; forest resources (net change, intensity of use).
- Consumption.
- Capital stocks (economic, natural, social, human).
- Wellbeing indicators.

“Here and now”
- Well-being indicators, (Nutrition, health, labour, education, etc.)

“Elsewhere”
- ODA,
- Imports from LDCs,
- Migration
- Footprints on land/water/carbon
- Imports of energy/ mineral resources,
- Exports of physical/ knowledge capital
- FDI
- Contribution to international institutions.

“Later”
- Capital stocks (economic, natural, human, social)
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PCSD Partnership - A multi-stakeholder Partnership for Enhancing Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development

### Status of Initiative: N/A

### Progress Reports
- **2017**
  - Develop guidance and capacity building activities, launch plans in interested partner countries and...
- **July 2018**
  - Convene an international event to launch the PCSD Partnership (in the context of the HLPF), develop...
- **May 2019**
  - Organise a multi-stakeholder workshop, and develop preliminary country case studies and cross-cutting...
- **May 2019**
  - Launch the PCSD Framework with thematic modules on food security, illicit financial flows and green

### Description/achievement of initiative

The initiative aims to: Provide a forum for exchange of knowledge and expertise among governments, international organisations, civil society, think-tanks, the private sector, and other stakeholders on the policy implications of SDG implementation. Help governments and stakeholders to strengthen their capacities for analysing policy coherence challenges, and adapting institutional mechanisms, policy-making processes, and policy coherence monitoring and reporting systems to the needs and vision of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs; and Support national efforts for reporting progress on SDG Target 17.14 to "enhance policy coherence for sustainable development".

### Implementation methodologies

- [Link to implementation methodologies]