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The status of DSI negotiations and the role of non-monetary benefit-sharing

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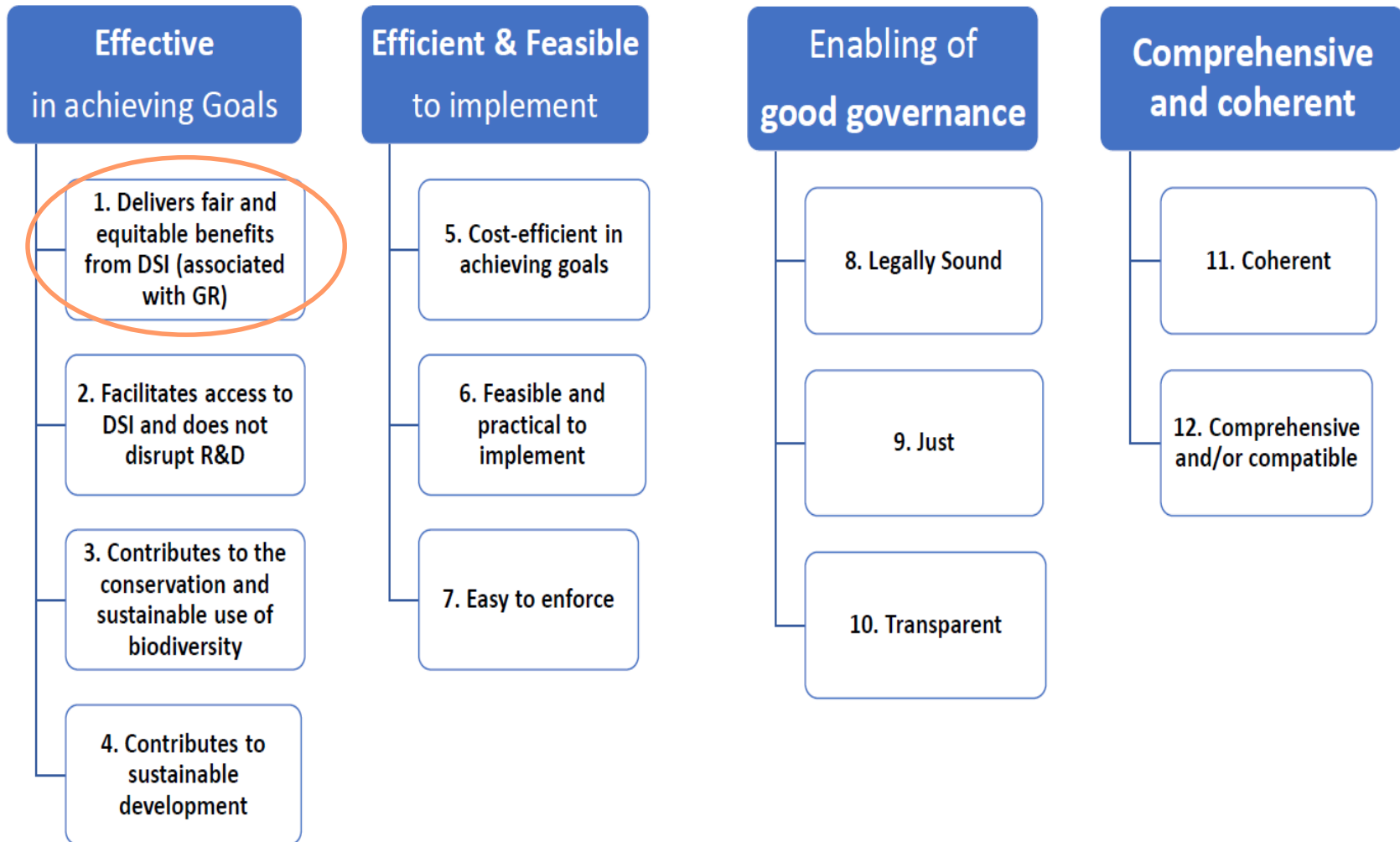
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Convention on Biological Diversity

Access regulated	PIC	MAT	0	Status quo – Parties have not agreed on how to address ABS for DSI of GR	BS linked to DSI data	Requires tracing of country of origin	Bilateral mechanism
			1	DSI Fully integrated into approach of CBD & NP PIC and MAT (DSI= GR)			
Access not regulated	NO PIC	NO MAT	2.1	No PIC. Each country has Standard MAT (benefit-sharing is triggered by use of DSI)	BS NOT linked to DSI data	Does NOT require tracing of country of origin	Multilateral mechanism
			2.2	No PIC. Standard MAT at international level (benefit-sharing is triggered by use of DSI)			
			3.1	Payment for access to DSI . No PIC. No MAT			
			3.2	Other payments and contributions (micro-levy, voluntary). No PIC. No MAT			
			4	Technical and scientific cooperation – could be complementary to other options			
			5	No PIC, No MAT. No Benefit Sharing from DSI . (DSI is not considered equal to GR)			

Convention on Biological Diversity (2)

Proposed criteria framework



Convention on Biological Diversity (3)

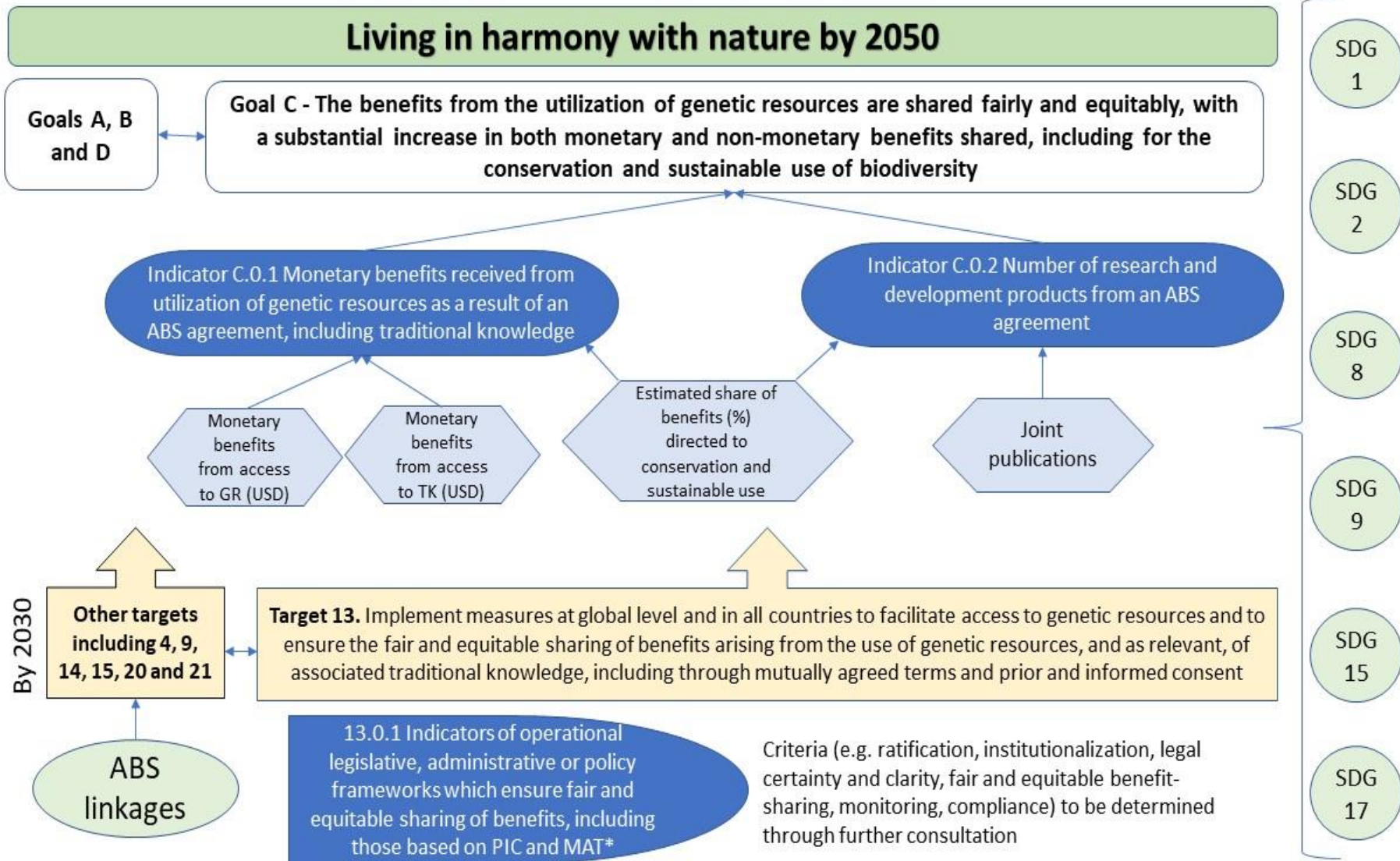
Draft Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

Goal C The benefits from the utilization of genetic resources are shared fairly and equitably, with a substantial increase in both monetary and non-monetary benefits shared, including for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.

Milestone C.1 The share of monetary benefits received by providers, including holders of traditional knowledge, has increased.

Milestone C.2 Non-monetary benefits, such as the participation of providers, including holders of traditional knowledge, in research and development, has increased.

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DSI was the major area of disagreement over the reform of the ABS rules (November 2019).

The terms of the discussions: a simplified subscription system for the genepool

with

revised benefit-sharing payment rates

with

expansion of crops in the genepool

with

exemptions

with

DSI into the genepool?

International Treaty (2)

- Advice by the Technical Committee on the Global Information System (April 2021)

The Committee noted that providing access to information is a form of benefit-sharing.

The Committee stressed that the forum for discussing DSI/GSD in relation to PGRFA and benefit-sharing should be the International Treaty through its Governing Body.

- Second informal consultation on the ABS reform (December 2021)

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Experiences with NMBS

- NMBS arrangements under the Multilateral System are essentially of voluntary nature; models of NMBS should be rooted in current practices.
- What may be monetary at the aggregate level (e.g. a project cycle of the Benefit-Sharing Fund) might become non-monetary at the user level, in the form of generated goods and services. Conversely, aggregate NMBS initiatives (e.g. multi-stakeholder international platforms or consortia) may stimulate individual investments.
- The provisions of the International Treaty do not link NMBS to access, or to individual PGRFA accessed from the Multilateral System. Therefore, measures to enhance NMBS should not be focused only on the operation of the SMTA.

More at: <https://www.fao.org/3/ca4418en/ca4418en.pdf>

Considerations

- CBD processes may lead to quantifications and State commitments in relation to benefit-sharing.
- The International Treaty community has gathered significant experience with NMBS.
- A pathway of hierarchy and dependence vis-à-vis the CBD may limit future choices of Treaty stakeholders.



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Thank you!

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