



Localizing the SDGs: the role of institutions and citizen engagement

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Why localise SDGs



Why localise SDGs

- All global commitments (and even national policies) are implemented at the local level

But...

- Conditions vary widely at the local level
- Needs and priorities differ
- Concept of development changes

Therefore...

- Same targets/indicators cannot be used effectively
- **Hence the need to LOCALISE the SDGs...**

How to localise SDGs – VLR



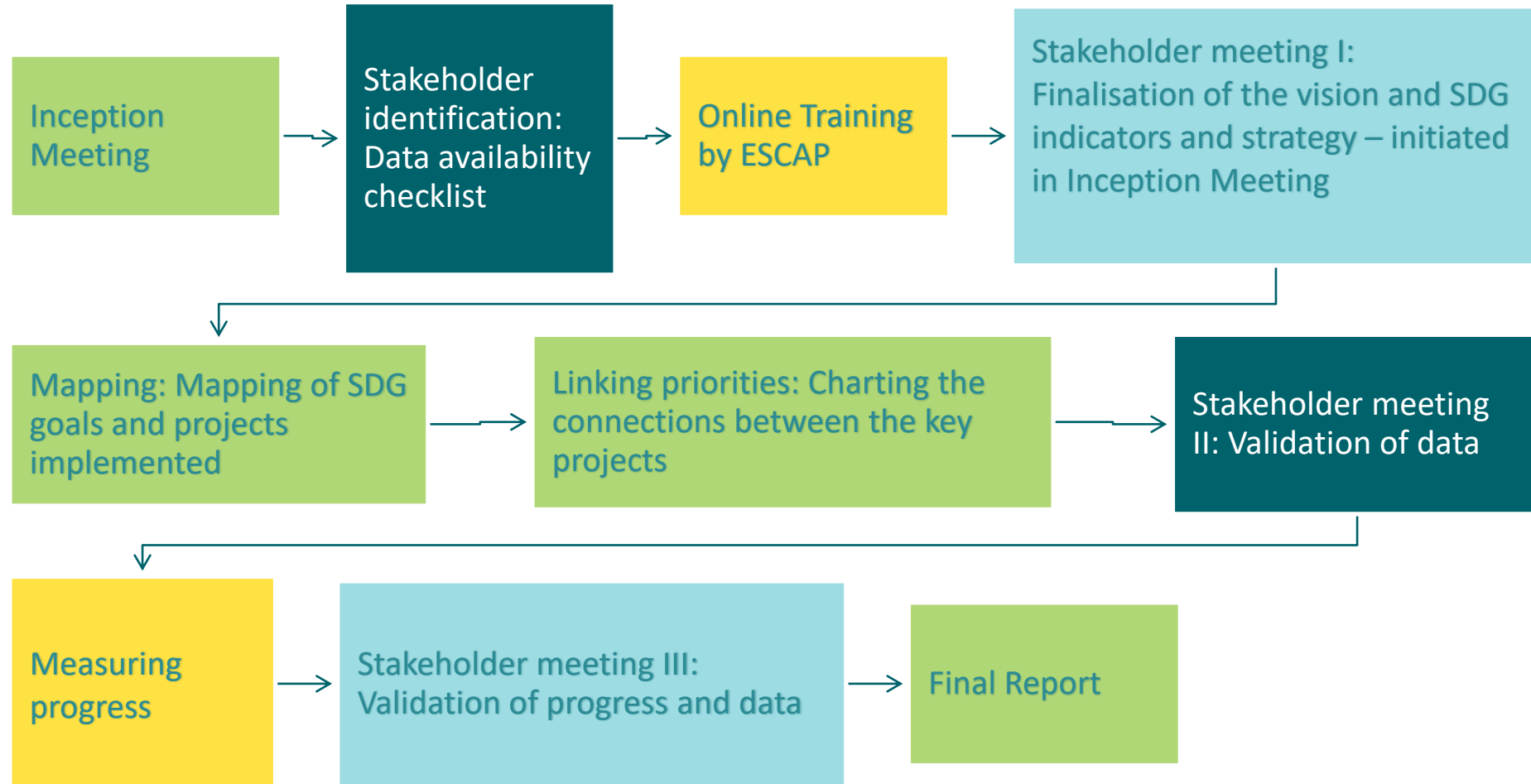
Voluntary Local Review

- The goal is to produce understandable and open information about the City's implementation of sustainable development, promote co-operation with the international community and contribute to cities' increasing efforts in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals globally.

- Supported by CDKN Knowledge Accelerator Project
- Partner: UN ESCAP, ICLEI and local governments
- Cities: Singra, Bangladesh and Dhulikhel, Nepal



VLR – how we did it



Role of engagement in the process

- Create institutional ownership:
 - Municipality announces its intention of developing a VLR - formal launch
 - Formulate a local core team
- Stakeholder meetings to increase participation:
 - Identify local stakeholders
 - Consulting stakeholders to finalise city vision and locally relevant SDG indicators
 - Validation of information collected.
- Linking city priorities to SDGs:
 - Identification of indicators and SDGs that are relevant to city in consultation with stakeholders
 - Projects being implemented or planned that can contribute to SDGs
 - Mapping of SDG goals relevant to the city strategy
- Data collection and measuring progress:
 - Understanding challenges and critical sectors and assessing data availability
 - Identifying SDGs, localised targets and indicators for the city
 - Data collection, validation of data and measuring progress in consultation with stakeholders
- Reporting:
 - Preparation of the VLR report

Role of Institutions and Citizen Engagement



Why the focus on engagement

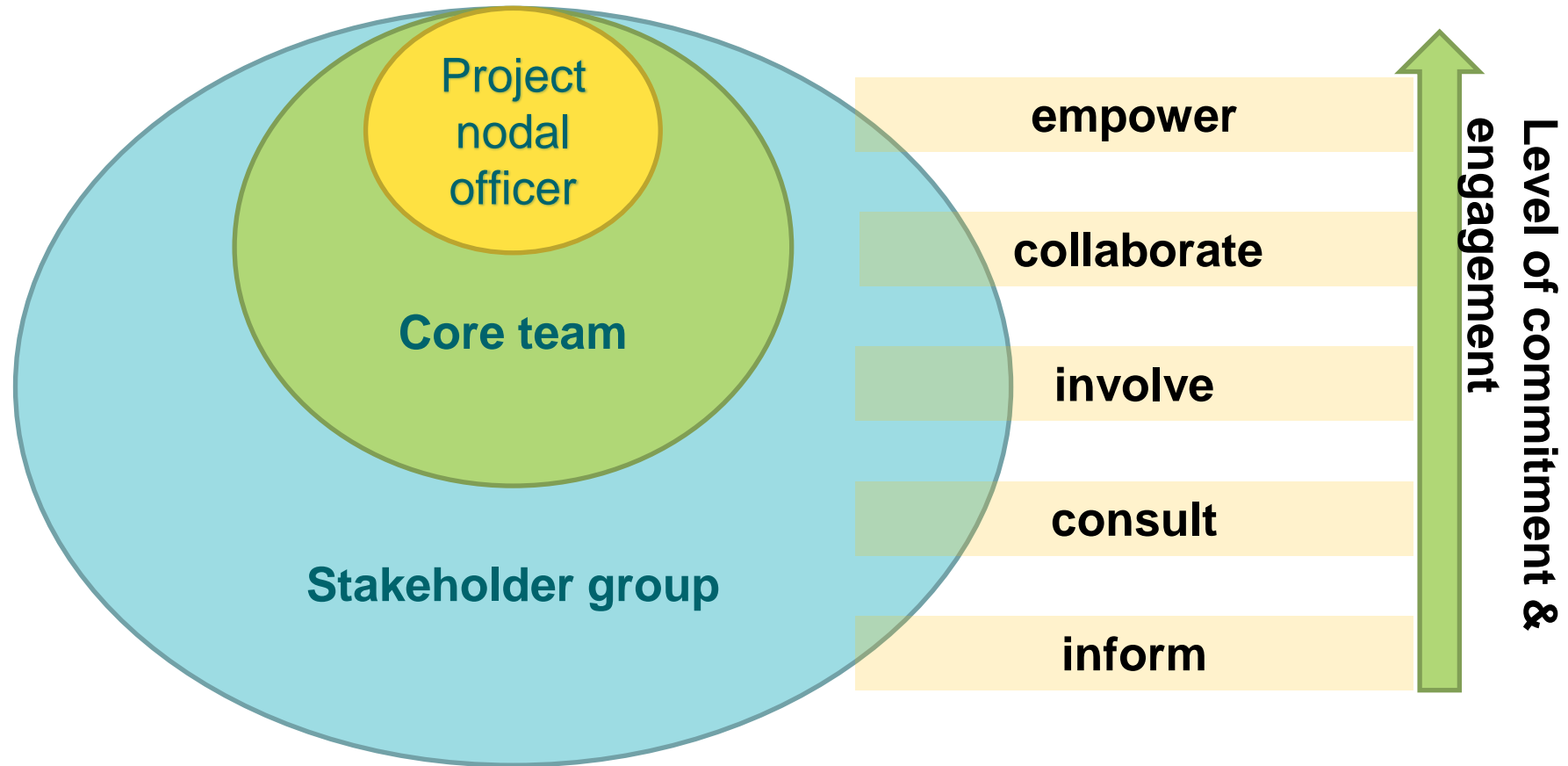
VLRs are guided by the SDG principles :

- leaving no one behind,
- the right to the city and multi-stakeholder engagement;
- adopting an all-encompassing strategy to envision the desired future by 2030;
- the need for a robust evidence base for action and embracing and integration of environmental, economic, spatial and social systems.

Crucial to these principles is to involve stakeholders in the development of VLRs

The engagement process provides an opportunity to bring all relevant stakeholders together for a comprehensive assessment of the SDGs at the local level.

Potential Engagement Structure



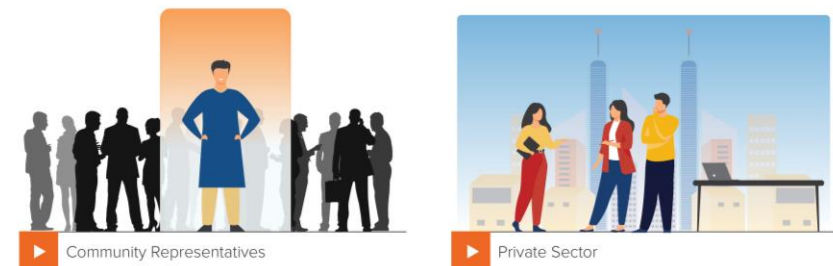
Core team

- Engaging staff from different municipal departments with different vantage points and areas of expertise.
- Represents the interests of a wide spectrum of the city government's operations.
- It is a valuable tool for communicating the goal that the city is aiming to achieve.
- Modify pre-existing committee as Core Team if possible.



Stakeholder Group

- Representation from a range of sectors and issues which need to be considered when preparing the VLR.
- Energy use, pollution, waste, food security, water security, public health, local economic development, infrastructure, transportation, and development planning.
- Include local women and other marginalised and vulnerable populations (disabled, elderly, indigenous), and engage them to understand their priorities and needs.



Way forward for municipalities

