

## UN initiative on Beyond GDP

# From SDGs & Pact for the Future to Beyond GDP

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# ➤ Mandate / Background

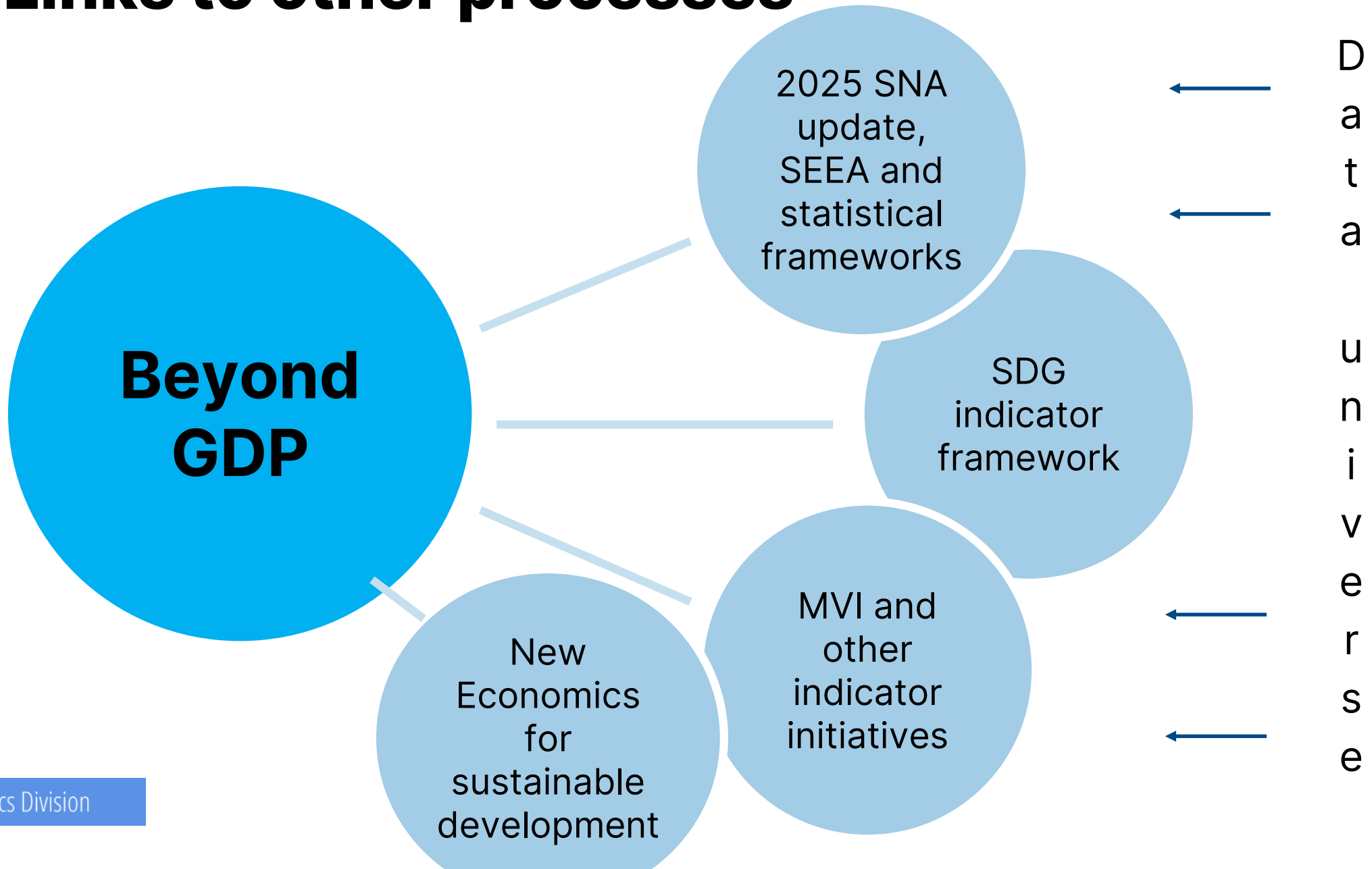
**Our  
Common  
Agenda** report  
called for action to  
“urgently find measures  
of progress that complement GDP”

CEB  
(=SG and  
UN entity heads)  
discussed progress  
beyond GDP in **November  
2021** and tasked HLCP to  
develop a **UN system-wide  
contribution on Beyond GDP**

**2030 Agenda  
SDG 17 .19**  
“develop  
measurements of  
progress on sustainable  
development that complement  
GDP - orphan



# ➤ Links to other processes



## Criteria for assessing Beyond GDP metrics

1. Country-owned.
2. Comparable across time and countries, well-established and trusted.
3. Quality criteria for official statistics.
4. Complementary to, enriching the GDP story.
5. Convey strong and clear messages that are actionable and intuitive.
6. Put people at the centre. Meas. units may vary.
7. Conceptually in line with the Beyond GDP framework.
8. Ambitious: placeholders for metrics of the future to measure what matters.

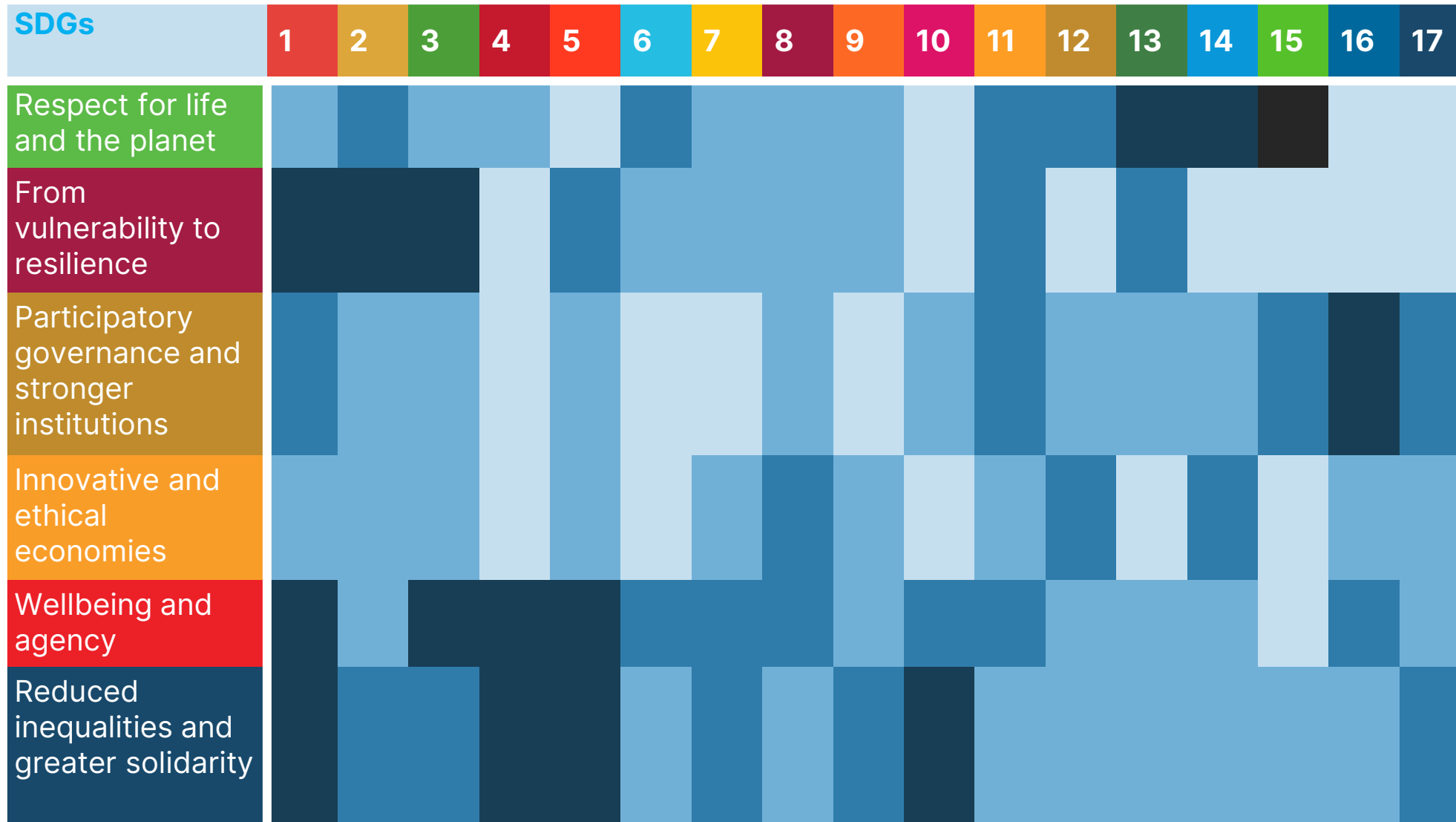
## Way forward: Pack for the Future

**Action 53.** ..develop a framework on measures of progress on sustainable development to **complement and go beyond GDP**

.. reflecting progress on 3 dimensions of sustainable development, **including in the consideration of informing access to development finance and technical cooperation.**

- a) Request the SG to establish **an independent high-level expert group** to develop recommendations for **a limited number of country-owned and universally applicable indicators** of sustainable development that complement and go beyond gross domestic product, ..., **building on the global indicator framework** for the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development and its SDGs and targets and **to present the outcome of its work during the 88<sup>th</sup> session of the UN General Assembly;**
- b) **Initiate a United Nations-led intergovernmental process** ... on measures of progress on sustainable development that complement or go beyond gross domestic product, considering the recommendations of the Secretary General's high-level expert group.

# Links to SDGs







# ➤ SG's policy brief

- ▶ Renew political commitment on a conceptual framework **anchored in the 2030 Agenda** to Value What Counts
- ▶ Launch a robust technical and scientific process, resulting in a **United Nations value dashboard** of a limited number of key indicators that go beyond GDP
- ▶ Undertake a major **capacity-building and resourcing** initiative for Member States