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# What do we mean by PCSD?

**PCSD** is an approach to integrate the economic, social, environmental dimensions of sustainable development throughout domestic and international policy-making. Its objectives in the context of the 2030 Agenda are to advance the integrated implementation of the 2030 Agenda by:



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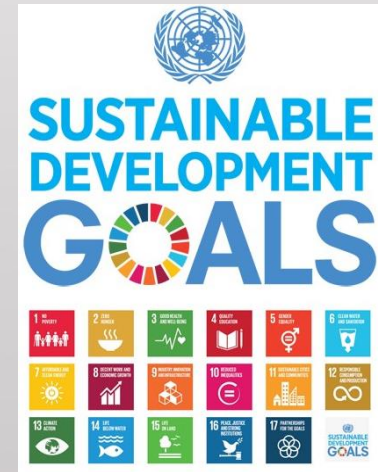
Maximising synergies and minimising trade-offs

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Balancing domestic and international priorities

3

Address the transboundary and long-term effects of policies



*How can strengthened PCSD in the 2030 Agenda also contribute to the implementation of Agenda 2063?*



# PCSD in OECD and CEPA contexts

## 11 CEPA Principles

### *Effectiveness*

- Competence
- Sound policy making
- Collaboration



## 8 OECD Principles

### *Policy coherence*

- Vision and leadership
- Policy Interactions
- Impact



# How can we strengthen PCSD?

Eight guiding principles applicable to all country contexts:

## I. A strategic vision for achieving the 2030 Agenda and SDGs in an integrated and coherent manner

1. Political Commitment and Leadership



2. Strategic Long-term Vision



3. Policy integration



## II. Effective and inclusive institutional and governance mechanisms to address policy interactions

4. Whole-of-Government coordination



5. Subnational engagement



6. Stakeholder engagement



## III. A set of responsive and adaptive tools to anticipate, assess and address impacts of policies

7. Policy and financial impacts



8. Monitoring, reporting and evaluation



# OECD-APRM project

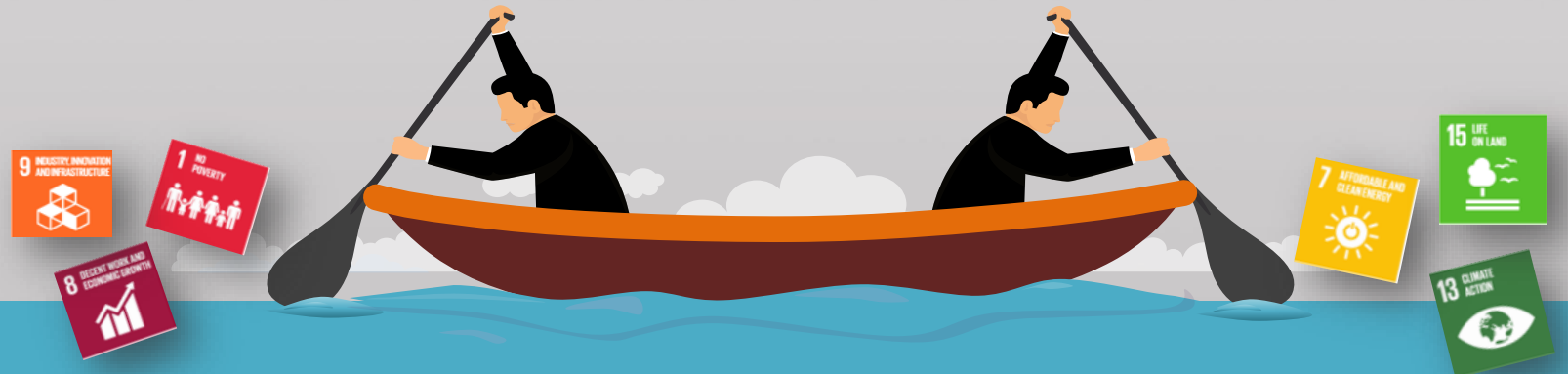
**Output 1:** An online guidance (step-by-step manual) for practitioners to lead the implementation of country dialogues on PCSD.

- **Activity 1.1 Hold country consultations during the APRM South-South Co-operation Forum on 17-19 January**
- **Activity 1.2 Identify countries for the self-assessment workshops**
- **Activity 1.3 Adapt the online PCSD self-assessment tool**
- **Activity 1.4 Conduct five to seven country workshops**
- **Activity 1.5 Develop an online PCSD guidance for practitioners**

- **Output 2:** A case study/scan to complement the online guidance with advanced analysis of PCSD mechanisms.
- **Activity 2.1 Select case study country**
- **Activity 2.2 Desk research**
- **Activity 2.3 Fact-finding mission**
- **Activity 2.4 Draft a case study/scan**

**Output 3:** A toolkit to assist African countries and international partners in promoting PCSD as a means for implementing the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063.

- **Activity 3.1 Administration of an online SDG skills assessment**
- **Activity 3.2 Development of three to five e-lessons**



# Key messages

Realising synergies between SDGs depends on policy coherence (silos exist not only in our organisations but also in our minds)



In the absence of mechanisms for coherence, policies risk continuing to reinforce unsustainable solutions



Policy coherence is inextricably linked to processes



There is no one-size fits all approach to promote PCSD, nevertheless, there are common principles that apply to most countries

