

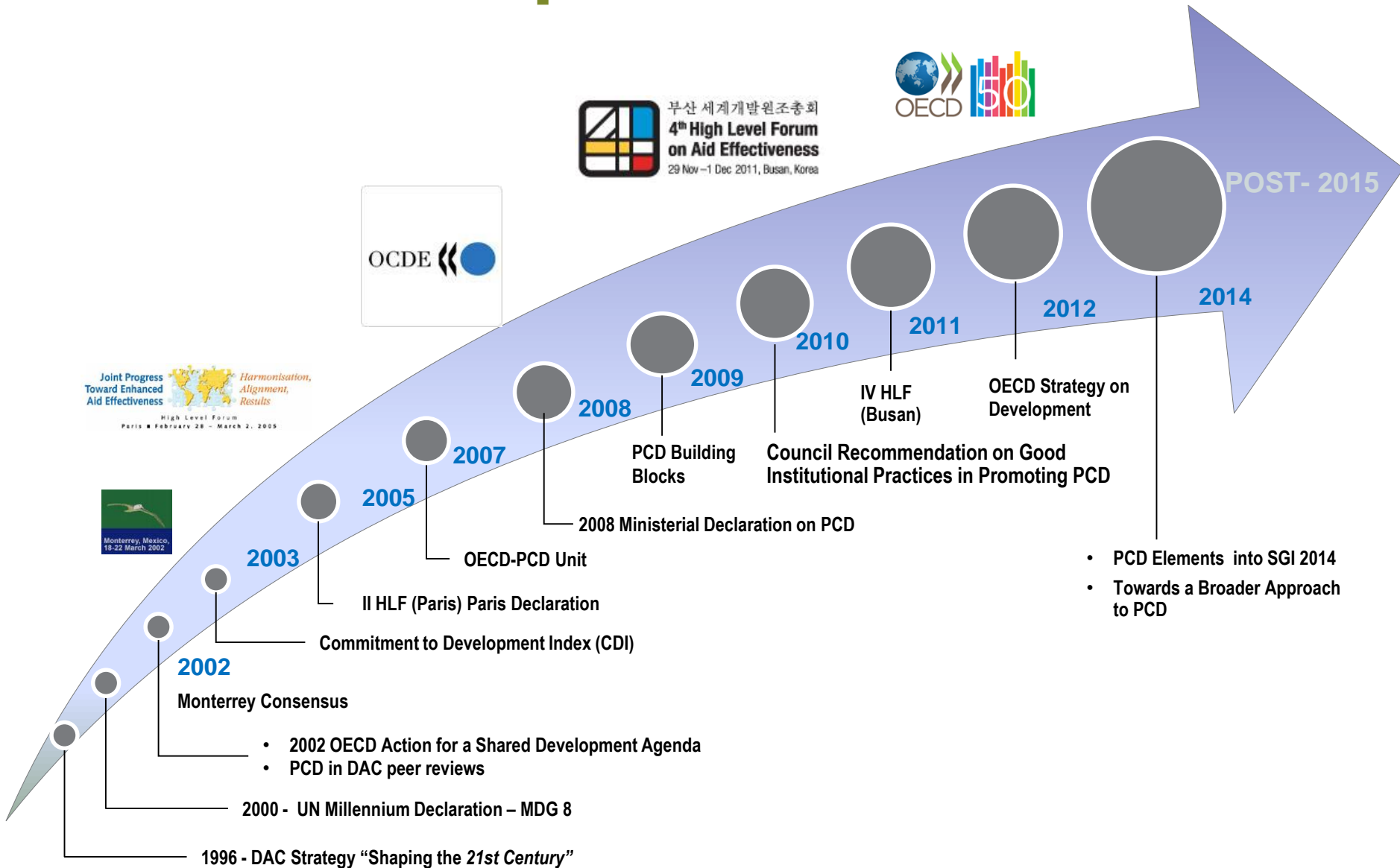
Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development

Implementing SDG 17 through Partnerships

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PCD – a concept in evolution



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Joint Progress
Toward Enhanced
Aid Effectiveness

Harmonisation,
Alignment,
Results

High Level Forum
Paris ■ February 28 – March 2, 2005



Monterrey, Mexico,
18-22 March 2002

Prevalent definitions: PCD = ...

EU

“The EU seeks to minimise contradictions and to build synergies between policies other than development cooperation that have an impact on developing countries, for the benefit of overseas development”

OECD

“The pursuit of development objectives through the systematic promotion of mutually reinforcing policy actions on the part of both OECD and development countries”.



Two-fold implication: “do no harm” and beyond:

1. Make sure all policies are development-friendly (do no harm)
2. Ensure the proactive promotion of development objectives in other policies: exploit synergies > win-win

Prevalent definitions: PCD ≠ ...

Diverging interpretations and use of the concept of PCD.

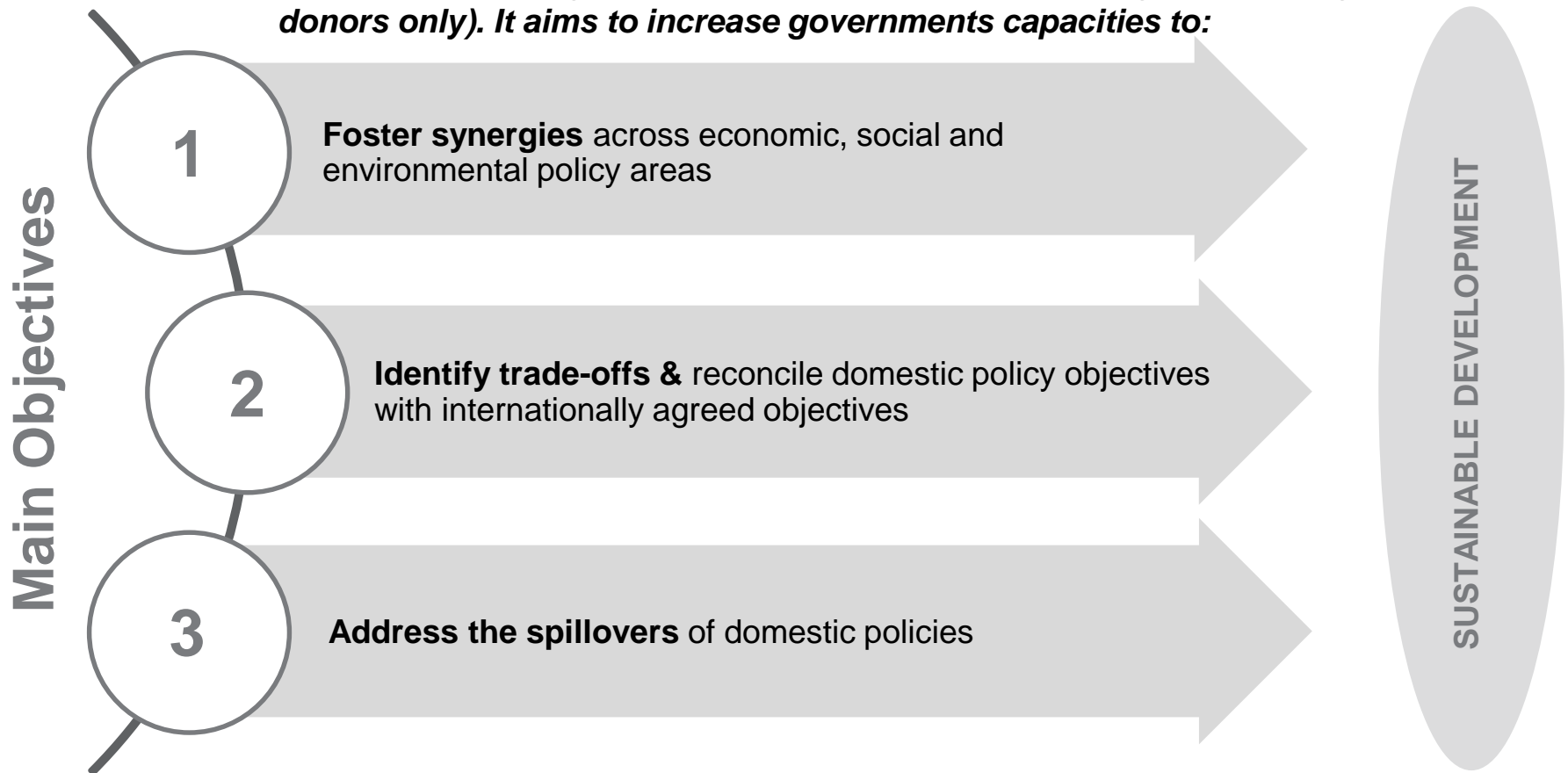


PCD IS NOT (only):

- *Coordination* with other policies
- *Harmonization* with other donors
- *Adjustment* of development policy to other policies (it is *PC for Development*)
- *Consistency* among development policies, strategies and instruments

Towards a universal notion: PCSD

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.
= a problem of all governments worldwide (not any longer a challenge for donors only). It aims to increase governments capacities to:



PCSD in Agenda 2030

- SDG 17.14 – clear statement of intent
Enhance policy coherence for sustainable development
- Now being widely discussed
 - In UN – Global Partnership for SDGs
 - In EU – 2015 EU PCD Report
 - In OECD – Multi-stakeholder partnership
- Many people new to concept
 - Moving to a wider audience
 - From specialist domain to general debate

Positives to build on

- Agenda 2030
 - Intrinsically integrated approach
 - Finally brings 3 pillars of sustainable development together
- PCSD formally recognised and agreed
- Some similar ideas in other areas than development cooperation
 - Whole-of-government approaches
 - Joined-up government
 - One United Nations
- MDG experiences did teach us need for integrated approaches

Challenges to resolve

Conceptual shift from PCD to PCSD

- Loss of focus?
 - PCSD makes targets more diffuse
 - Do we lose the unitary focus on PCD
- Greater **complexity**
 - Progress on PCD already tough
 - Taking so much into account **may** make progress even more difficult
- Brings different worlds together
 - Development – external relations
 - Economic & social – internal affairs

Universality principle – the implications

- Not so clear who should benefit

Challenges to resolve II

What indicator for PCSD in the SDG global review framework?

Indicator Proposals for PCSD target 17.14:

- *Number of countries that have ratified and implemented relevant international instruments including environmental, Human rights and labor instruments*
- *Number of countries that have ratified and implemented relevant international instruments under the IMO and the ILO Maritime Convention, and adopted carbon pricing mechanisms.*

Are these sufficiently meaningful?

Scaling-up from lessons learnt

European actors and OECD have **20 years experience on PCD**

- 1) Concepts should be clear – raise awareness

- 2) Mechanisms to promote PCSD
 1. Statement of intent
 2. Administrative structures
 3. Knowledge – studies, peer reviews, impact assessments

Scaling-up from lessons learnt II

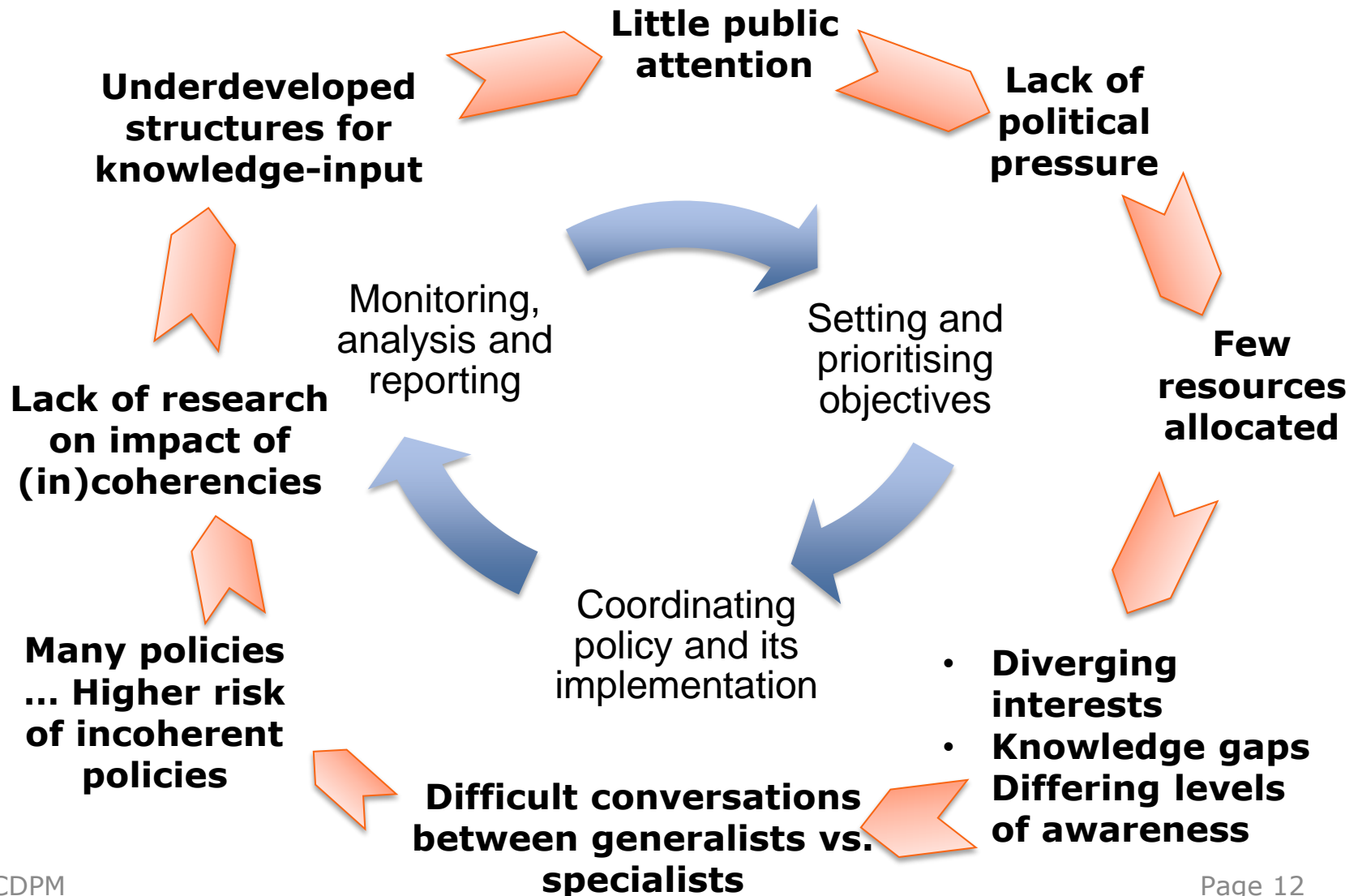
3) Roles of different actors

- **Importance of political will**
- **Reconciling 'different tribes' of sustainable development**

4) Reporting and accountability

- Importance of **Monitoring and indicators**

Common Bottlenecks for PCD in the EU Member States



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