

Sub-Regional Action Plan

3rd Regional Workshop

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Sub-regional action plan

**Draft sub-regional action plan has been submitted to countries on
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**A Sub-Regional Action Plan for Green Trade Promotion
and Sustainable Development for MSG countries**



Areas of Work - Overview

Three Key Areas of Work for the sub-Regional action plan:

1. Capacity Building and Knowledge Exchange
 2. Policy Coordination
 3. Data Collection
- *. Infrastructure Development



1. Capacity Building and Knowledge Exchange

- Promote understanding on green trade practices, NTMs, VSS, and sustainable development among relevant stakeholders.
- Specific Activities:
 - Develop and conduct regional workshops and trainings for government officials and farmer organizations.
 - Build on and share existing resources (online courses, published documents, contacts for trainers, funding and programmes)
- Ongoing/planned initiatives: IMPACT, SAFE, SPIRIT, PACER Plus, Phama Plus, etc.

2. Data Collection

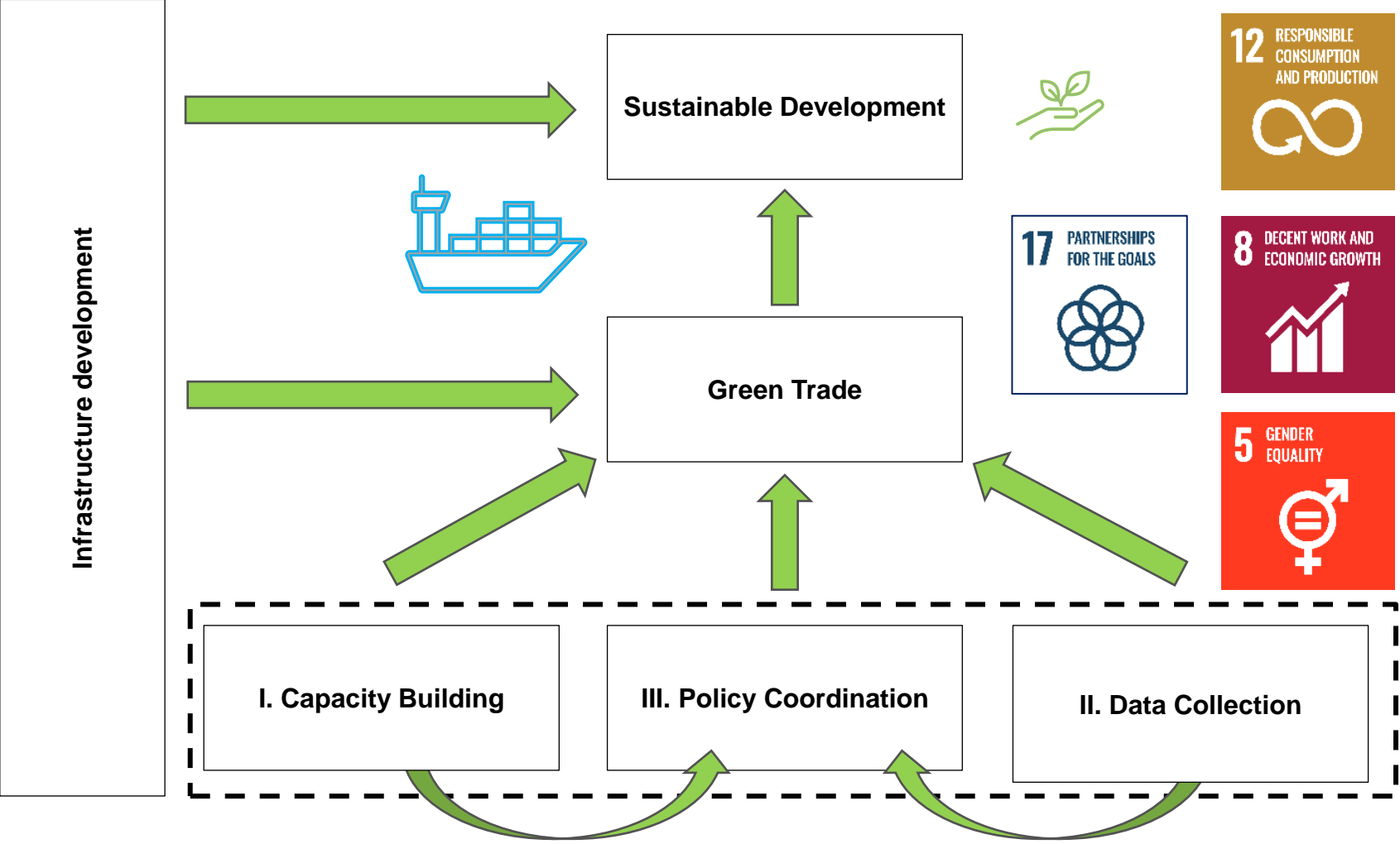
- Systematically collect trade policies related data (NTM and VSS) and address the gaps in data availability.
- Specific Activities:
 - Set up or strengthen a data collection system.
 - Exchange information on data collection methods at the MSG level.
 - Improve national data collection with new technologies.
 - Identify potential funding to collect data at the farm and production level
- Ongoing/planned initiatives: UNCTAD - IMPACT (NTM data update), SPC database

3. Policy Coordination

- Enhance dialogue and consensus-building on trade-related regulations and NTMs at the regional level and ensure alignment with international standards.
- Specific Activities:
 - Establish or if existing, strengthen a Sub-Regional Coordination Group
 - Focus on good regulatory practices and coordination at national, sub-regional, and regional levels.
- Ongoing/planned initiatives: MSG TEOM, Regional CODEX committee, Pacific Islands Standards Committee

*. Infrastructure Development

- Direct follow-up from the 2nd Regional Workshop on 16 August
- Raised by different countries:
 - Value chain infrastructures – processing facilities, cold storage units, storage facilities, treatment of agriculture produce
 - Quality infrastructure – testing, laboratories, trade measurements
 - Farming equipment
 - ~~Need to develop “hard” infrastructure – road, ports, etc...~~
- With addition of a list of priority infrastructure in an annex



Sub-regional Implementation Mechanism

- Creation of a sub-regional implementation group
- Who? → MSG Secretariat will send a circular TBD
- FJ: Foreign Affairs -
- PNG: Foreign affairs - Pati Pyale
- SI: Trade – Jenny Barile
- VU: External Trade -
- To whom it reports → The TEOM
- Core functions
 - Outline precise implementation phases
 - Monitor progression of the action plan



Questions?

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