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ECA's Strategic Focus and the Programme Plan for 2025

**Joint Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials
and Experts for North and West Africa**

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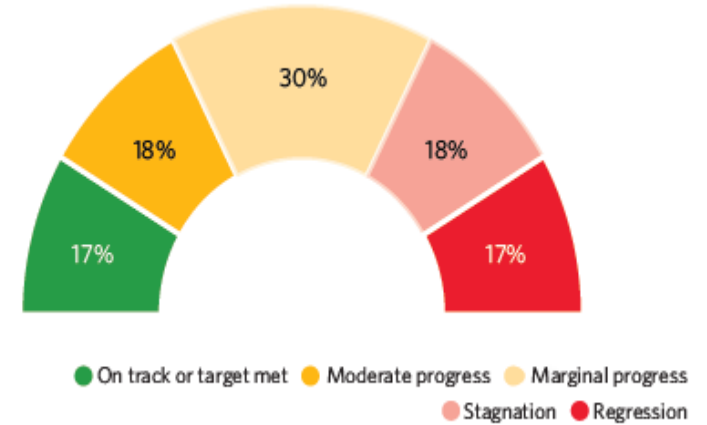
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TWO FRAMEWORKS

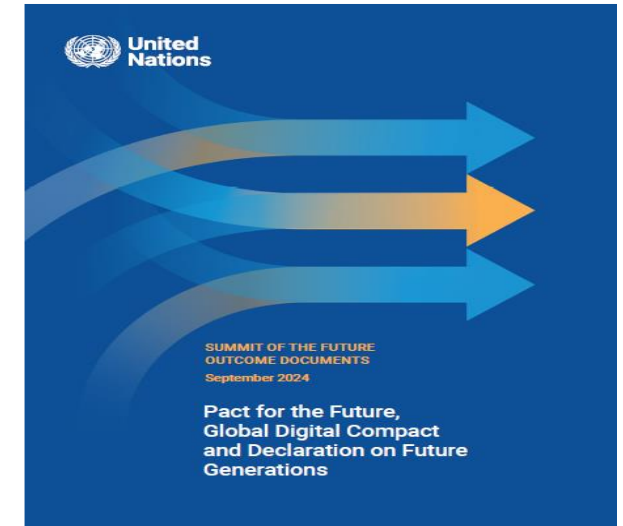


ONE AGENDA

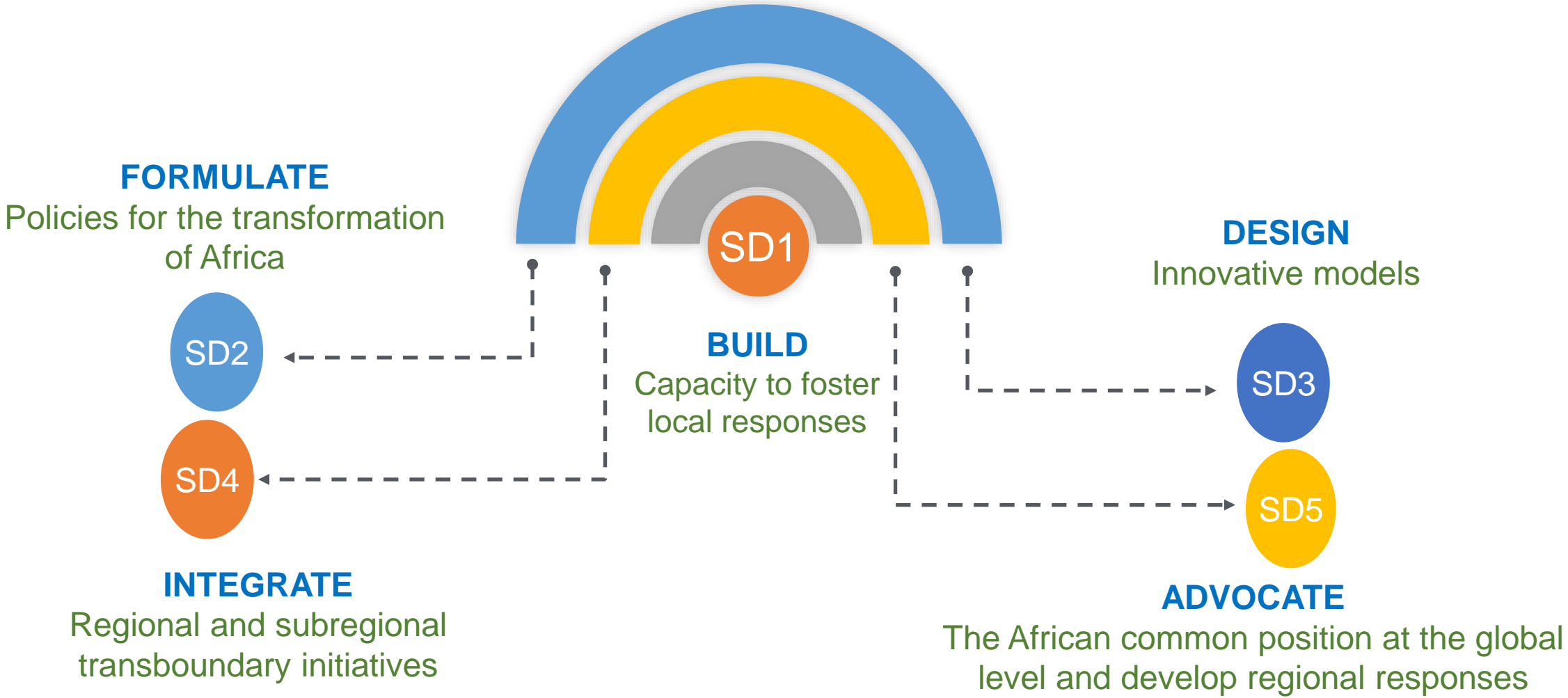
Overall progress across targets based on 2015-2024 global aggregate data



Source: UN 2024 SDG Report



Supported by **CONVENING**, **THINK TANK**, **OPERATIONAL** core functions



1. Macroeconomic policies & development financing

2. Regional integration, economic diversification & sustainable industrialization

3. Infrastructure development including energy

4. Technology, innovation & connectivity

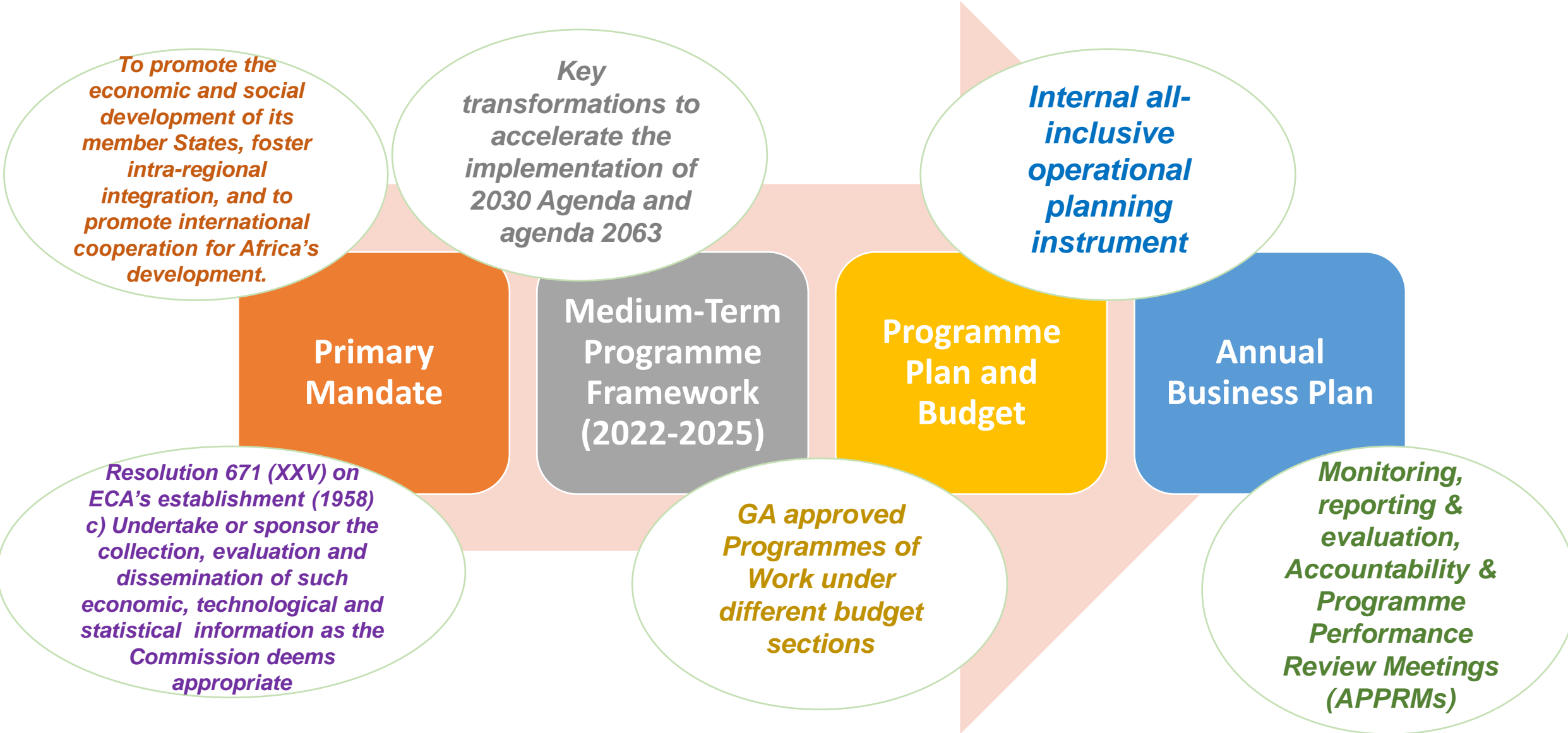
5. Climate action & food security

CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES



Data & Statistics

Social dimensions



- In order to better serve its Members, the Economic Commission for Africa has opened, in 1963, representation in each one of the five sub-regions. Since then, to better reflect the changes introduced in the programme functions, these representations were successively renamed: Multinational Programming and Operational Centres (MULPOCs) in 1979; Sub-regional Development Centres in 1997; and ECA Offices in 2002.
- SROs provide essentially capacity development and advisory services to countries, regional economic communities and sub-regional development actors in relation to the various areas of focus, including toward formulating evidence-based plans and policies for economic, social transformation and regional integration among others; and support to the implementation of the Standing Operating Procedure of ECA's collaboration with the UN RC system.

Centres of Excellence – SROs' Objectives



Enhance the employment creation environment in North Africa through strengthened economic diversification, fiscal management, regional integration and a better recognition of migrant workers' economic contributions.



Advance inclusive development in West Africa through strengthening countries' capacity to integrate challenges related to demographic dynamics into their policies and planning processes and achieve regional integration.



Expand the manufacturing and high-value service sectors and increase the share of tradeable and manufactured goods in total exports, deepen regional value chains and improve the competitiveness and productivity of local economies in order to accelerate economic diversification and structural transformation in Central Africa.



Achieve deeper regional integration in East Africa by advancing the operationalization of the African Continental Free Trade Area, increasing intraregional investments, harnessing the blue economy, and enhancing regional tourism.



Deepen regional integration and strengthen capacities to achieve inclusive industrialization for the reduction of poverty and inequality in Southern Africa.



SRO-NA

- Adoption of evidence-based macroeconomic policies and structural reforms by members of ECA to improve fiscal space and enhance productive employment, redirecting resource allocations towards sectors that have a high potential for inclusive and sustainable development.
- Policies and strategies that foster regional integration, enhance productivity and create new jobs in higher-skilled and sustainable sectors.
- Development of evidence-based policies and actions by members of ECA that leverage the contributions of migrants to sustainable development.



SRO-WA

- Demographic dividend dimensions mainstreamed in national planning and programming and budgeting systems and processes.
- Deepened regional economic and monetary integration through the operationalization of Vision 2050 of the Economic Community of West African States.
- Accelerated implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 by members of ECA and regional organizations.
- Accelerated implementation of the Agreement Establishing the African Continental Free Trade Area in Africa, with women and young people empowered to seize the opportunities of the Agreement.

VISUALIZING THE JOURNEY AHEAD: WHAT IS THE FINAL DESTINATION?

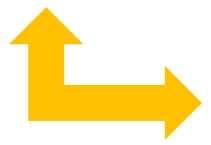
ICSOE Theme: *Accelerating the implementation of the AfCFTA in North and West Africa through digital transformation and economic diversification*
How? Sustainability, alignment, coherence, consistency, complementarity



Understanding needs and gaps of identified beneficiaries (situation analysis) for tailor-made support



Devising the most efficient and effective delivery pathways (incl. technical & financial partnerships, also based on recommendations from HQ Committees (CPC, ACABQ))



BUILD ON/UPGRADE EXISTING INITIATIVES AND NETWORKS

Strengthen Joint Planning & Delivery





THANK YOU

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