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# Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Asia: Toward a Common Language for Governance

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## MDGs: many desirable impacts

<p>Equal access to primary education for boys and girls</p> 	<p>Share of urban slum dwellers fall from 39-36% between 2000-2012</p> 
<p>More than 200 million gained access to improved water sources and sanitation facilities</p> 	<p>Child mortalities drops 60 percent in Cambodia</p> 

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## MDGs: did not happen in a vacuum

- Need to set goals
- Allocate resources
- Implement actions
- Governance: how this authority is exercised at multiple levels



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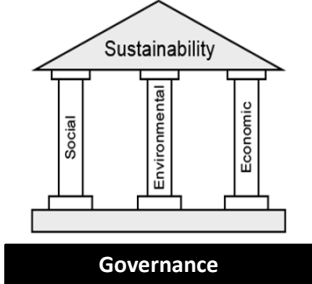
## Governance vital for SDGs

- SDGs: transformational, aspirational, and integrated
- But views vary on key elements of governance
- Poorly structured governance could undermine implementation of the goals
- Need: common language on governance




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## Toward a common language on governance



**International:**  
Governance *of* the SDGs



**National:**  
Governance *for* the SDGs

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## Governance *for* the SDGs: Two negotiations streams

Broad principles	Narrow institutional processes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Rule of Law</li> <li>✓ Control Corruption</li> <li>✓ .....</li> <li>✓ .....</li> <li>✓ Accountability</li> <li>✓ Regulatory quality</li> <li>✓ Government effectiveness</li> </ul>	<p><b>Means of Implementation</b></p>

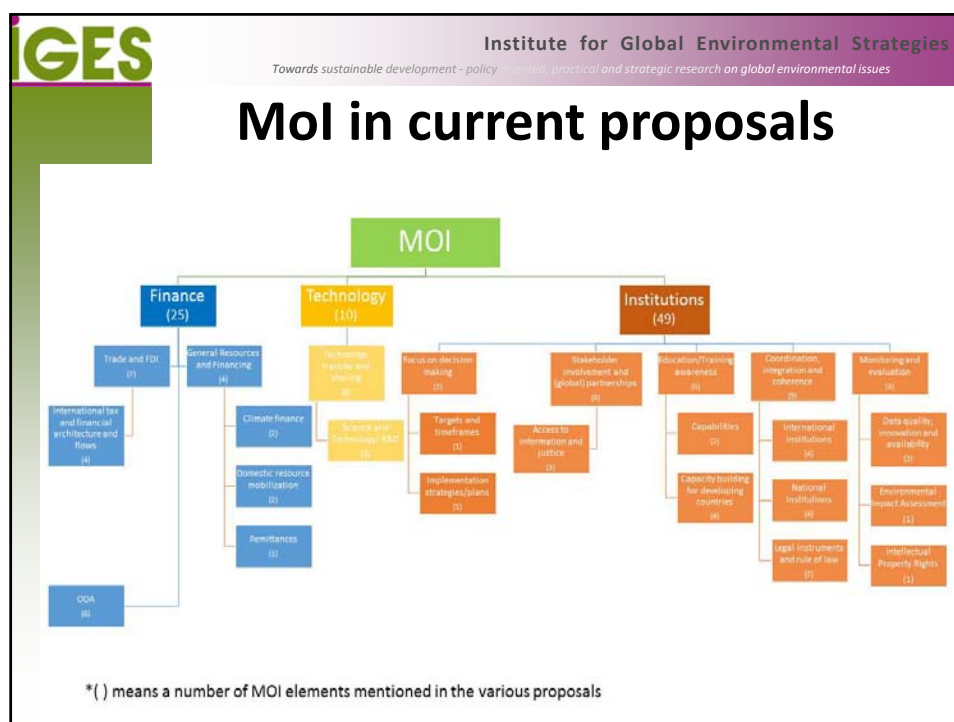
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## MOI in current proposals

- Reviewed 10 proposals between 1992 and 2014
- Around 80 references to different aspects of MOI
  - 25 smaller sub-classifications of MOI
  - Three larger baskets (see flowchart)

**Most emphasized MOI:**

1. Institutional coordination, integration and coherence (10%);
2. Technology transfer and sharing (8%);
3. Trade and FDI (8%);
4. Official Development Assistance (ODA) (7%);
5. Stakeholder involvement and (global) partnerships (7%);
6. Education, training and awareness (6%).



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## Conclusion and questions going forward

- Which are essential governance elements in terms of principles, process, and practice?
- What are the capacity needs for implementing SDGs in Asia?



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**Thank you**

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