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**Advancing Integrated Approaches to the SDGs**

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# **SDG Push: An Integrated Approach to Accelerate the SDGs**

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# The 2030 Agenda Midpoint

**Progress is possible but not inevitable**  
Cascading and interlinked crises have reversed years of progress ... and put the 2030 Agenda 'in grave danger'



At current trajectories, in 2030, 7% of the world's population—nearly 600 million people—will still struggle in extreme poverty.



COVID-19 pandemic caused the first rise in between-country income inequality in a generation.



1 in 10 people worldwide today suffer from hunger and 24 million learners may never return to school.



Global unemployment is projected to stand at 207 million in 2022, surpassing its 2019 level by some 21 million.



These crises have reinforced gender inequalities, with significant negative effects on women economic empowerment.

# SDG Futures: COVID Impact on the SDGs



## COVID BASELINE SCENARIO

significant pandemic-period increases in poverty and hunger and longer-term negative consequences



## HIGH DAMAGE SCENARIO

economic damage is worse, and recovery is delayed

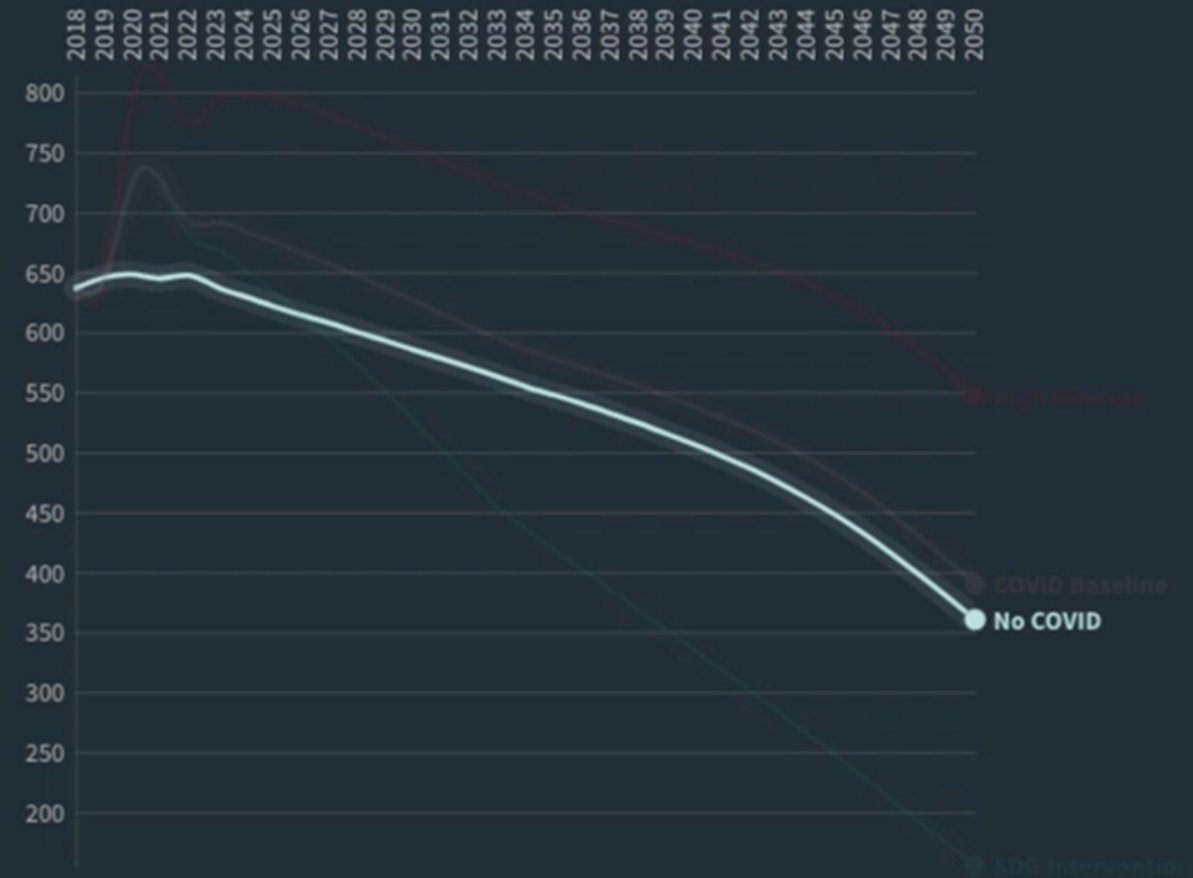


## SDG PUSH SCENARIO

targeted policy interventions and integrated policy choices in governance, social protection, green economy, and digitalization

Projected number of people in poverty in Low and Medium HDI Groups under different scenarios

Report



# Activating the **SDG Push** Scenario



## Futures Modelling

- With futures modelling policymakers can assess potential pathways by analysing how the impact of the pandemic and other issues can play out under different scenarios - to 2030 and 2050.
- International Futures (IFs) takes a systems approach to explore interlinkages across development challenges and development choices.



### Data

Robust evidence base with streamlined digital interface to assess trends, priorities, futures and interlinkages



### Sensemaking

Structured, multi-stakeholder process to listen, reflect and explore accelerators beyond usual boundaries



### Finance

Assessing cost of accelerators and consideration of fiscal space including via INFFs

# SDG Push: Codesign and future coalitions



Global Design Team: multi-disciplinary content development, UNCT outreach, lessons learned



National leadership: coordination with RCO, UNCT, government sign-off and national stakeholders

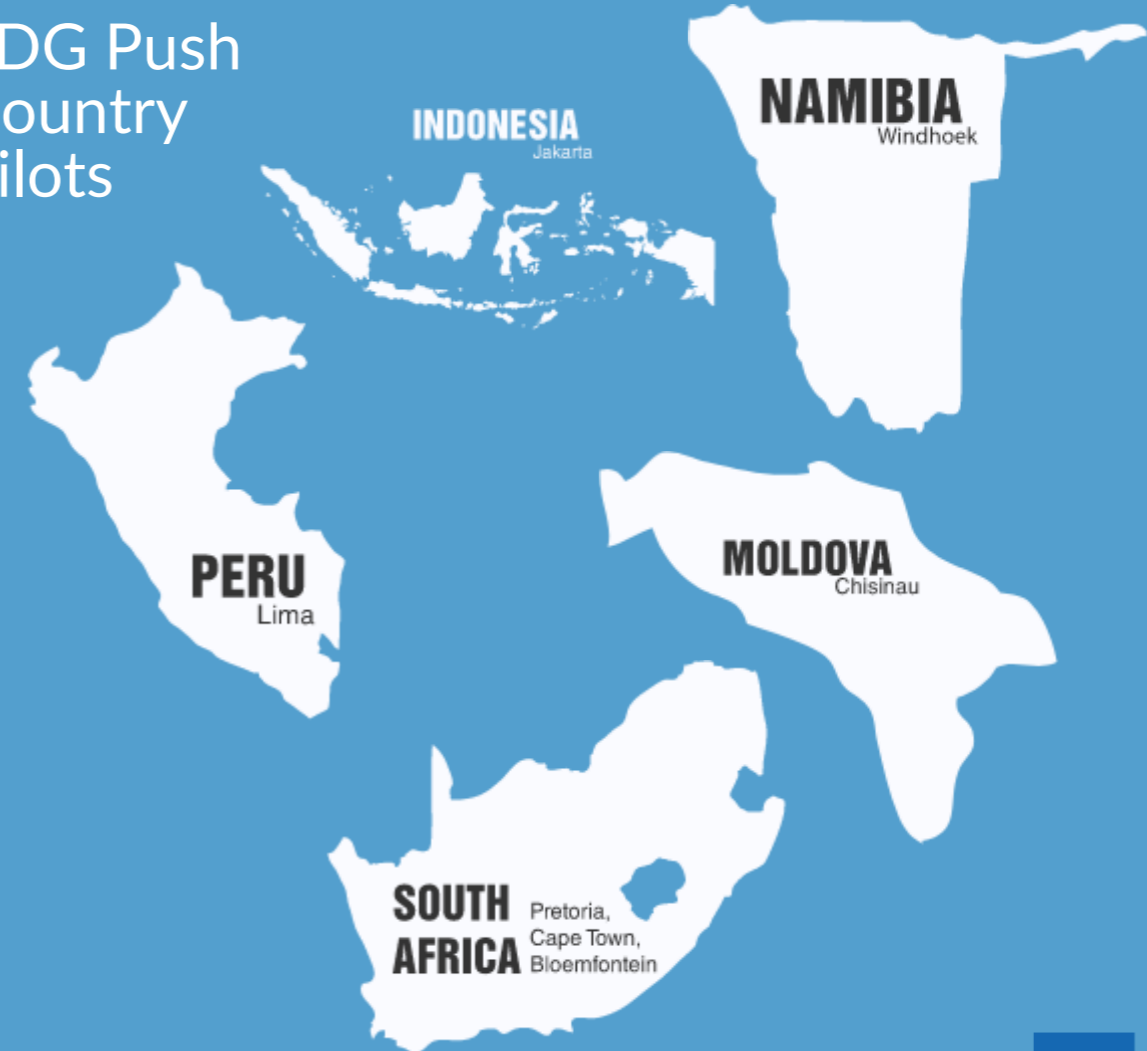


Operationalization: national and regional expert network with dedicated training and resources



Future coalitions: global foundations, think tanks, academia, grassroots partners. With member states, private sector connecting local and global

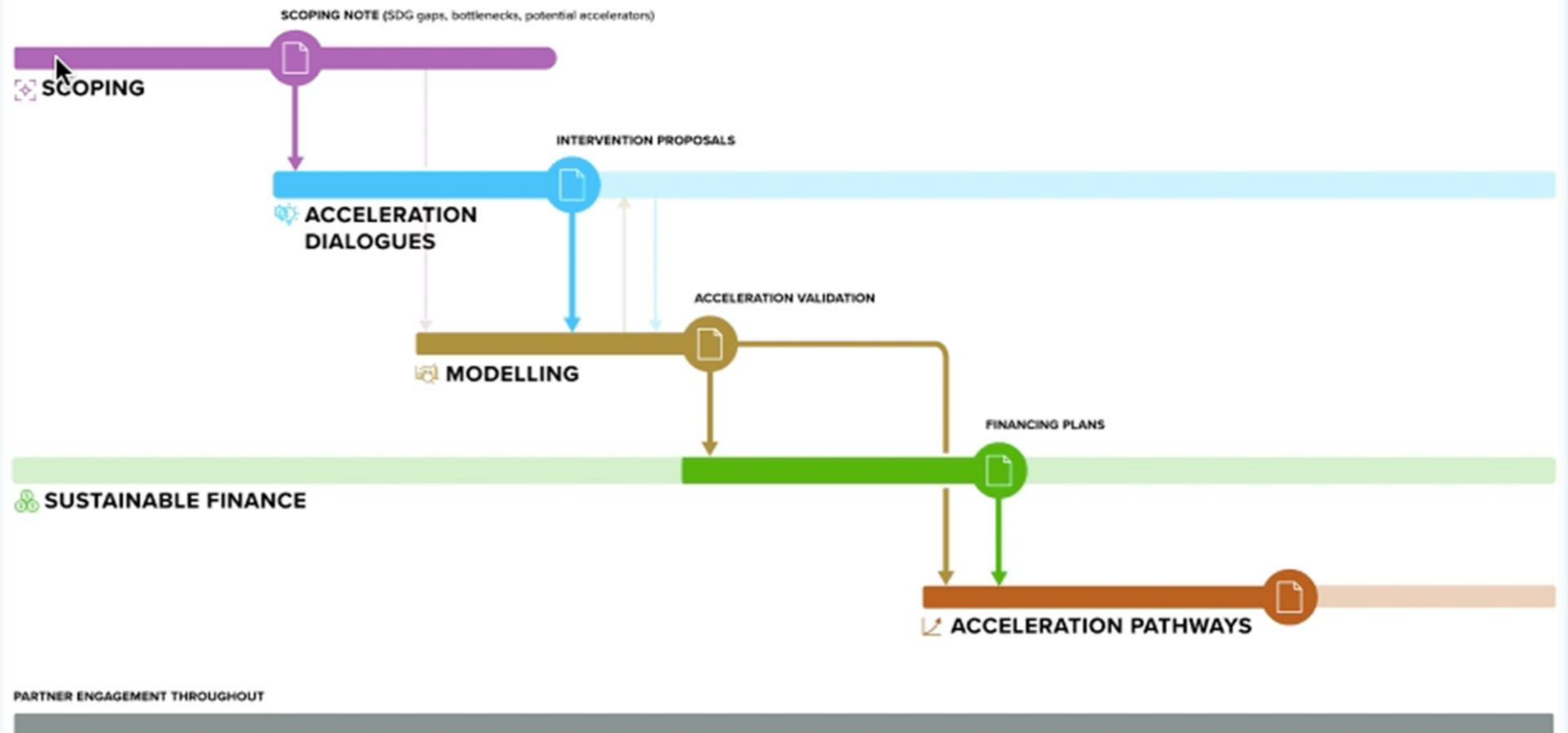
## SDG Push Country Pilots



# SDG Push: key elements

The SDG Push framework aims to provide a comprehensive and country-specific UNDP tool to plan and implement SDG breakthroughs—elevating fiscal, financial, digital/data and governance enablers of sustainable development.

## SDG Push: Process Design



# SDG Push Assets



Integrated web interface to build coalitions, showcase impact, country insights, new research.



Online toolbox with guidance documents, process flow charts, methodology notes and templates users through each step, how the steps are linked with quick tips and advice.



Custom-built [SDG Push Diagnostic](#) to establish a rapid baseline with data-powered visualizations, a natural language processing tool, futures scenarios, and mapping interlinkages.

data.undp.org/sdg-push-diagnostic/

SDG Push Diagnostic

## SDG PUSH DIAGNOSTIC

The SDG Push reimagines and recalibrates how we determine, interrogate and advance development interventions that put countries on more stable footing. The SDG Push Diagnostic is a key element of the SDG Push.

Select a country

### What does the SDG Push Diagnostic do?

The SDG Push Diagnostic provides a dynamic visualization of the development landscape. It integrates multiple data sources and digital innovation to establish a rapid landscape analysis – SDG trends, current priorities, potential futures, and interlinkages.

Use the custom built tools below, to establish a rapid baseline with data-powered visualizations, a natural language processing tool, futures scenarios and mapping interlinkages.

# **SDG Push Pilot Indonesia**

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# What is the Entry Point for Indonesia

Indonesia is well advanced in mainstreaming SDGs: **there is still a significant gap In achieving some of the SDGs.**

1. Entry point: 'Roadmap of the SDGs Indonesia: Towards 2030' National Planning Ministry (BAPPENAS)
2. Costed- portfolio of integrated initiatives to accelerate achievement



# Key Outputs: Integrated Approach



## Scoping

SDG Diagnostics: - **Sustainable city**, target 11.1, (ensure access for all to adequate, safe and affordable housing and basic services, and slums upgrading),

Will requires: basic service, health (goal 3), education (goal 4), water and sanitation (goal 6) and sustainable housing (goal 9). increase share of renewable energy (target 7.2) and improved energy efficiency (target 7.3)

## Dialogue



## Accelerators:

- Access to Basic Services
- Affordable Housing and Slum upgrading
- Integrated Transportation and Waste Management
- Land Tenure and Legal identity

# Key Learning and Next Steps



- SDG Push Approach considered effective by Government partners (Diagnostic and Expert opinions)
- Data availability is KEY
- Effectiveness of dialogues: Bring a broad range of stakeholders
- Link initiative to government need for sustainability: SDG Roadmap

# **SDG Push Pilot South Africa**

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# Why SDG Push for South Africa?

The SDG push was a request from the National Planning Commission (NPC) to the UNCT to accelerate SDGs progress under the previous MAPS process. The SDG Push aims to:

1. Address NDP implementation challenges
  - Key prerequisites for effective implementation of the Plan have not been met (i.e. institutional capacity, resource mobilisation...)
  - The Plan did not spell out an implementation plan with sufficient rigour and detail, beyond the broad approach it outlined.
2. Close the gap between the development results the nation hopes to achieve by identifying the accelerators and the means to ensure they are achieved.
  - COVID-19 and complex and compounding global and national crises: Several studies from the government including from UNDP Socio Economic Impact Assessment and Impact on Micro and Informal Businesses show a future with increasing poverty, inequality and unemployment for South Africa.

# The SDG Push Process in South Africa

**The SDG push will help  
to:**



✓ Identify SDG gaps



✓ Provide evidence-based SDG accelerators

✓ Estimate cost of investments needed

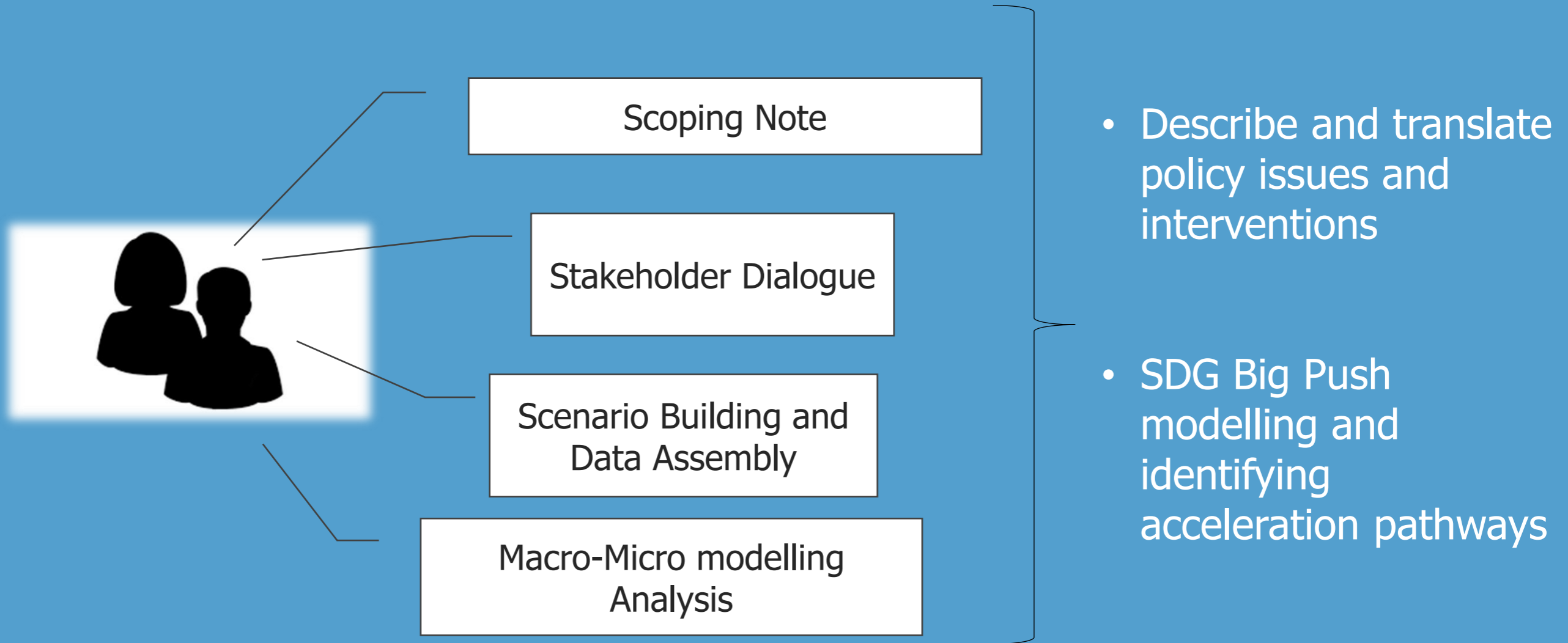


✓ Provide possible financing mechanisms given the limited fiscal space



✓ Suggest possible partnership for SDG acceleration

# Progress on South Africa SDG Push



# Modelled Scenarios

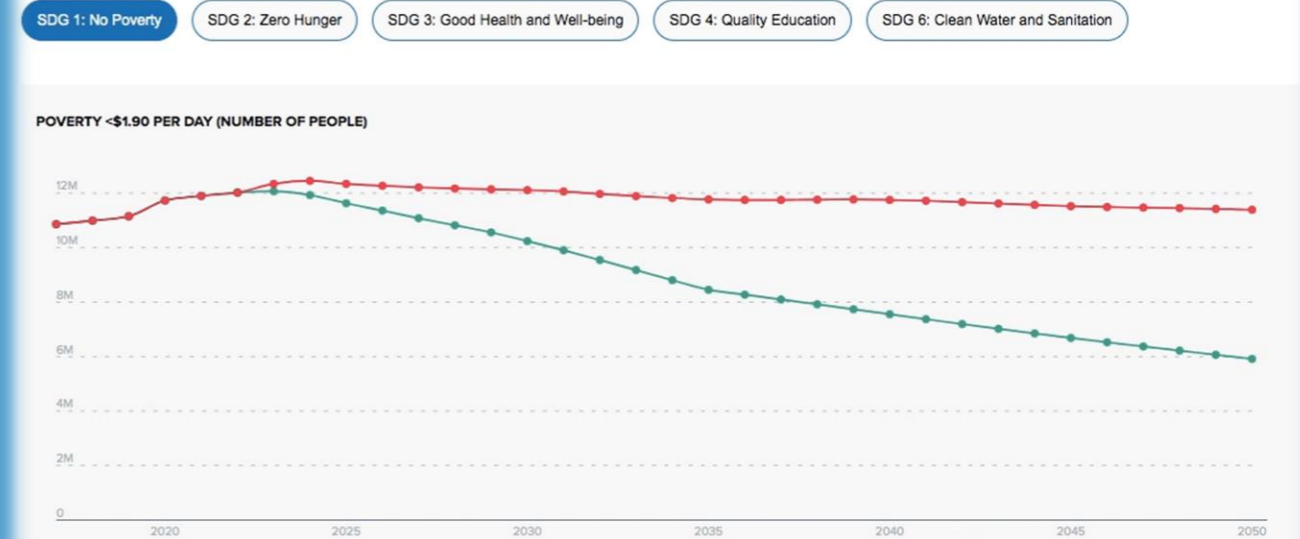
**Business As Usual Scenarios 1:** Reference or control scenario to compare against (BAU)

**SDG Push Scenario 2:** Employment Scenario (advise on Skills and immigration on Skills and Immigration and what will be needed 2030 taking account unconstrained sectoral growth)

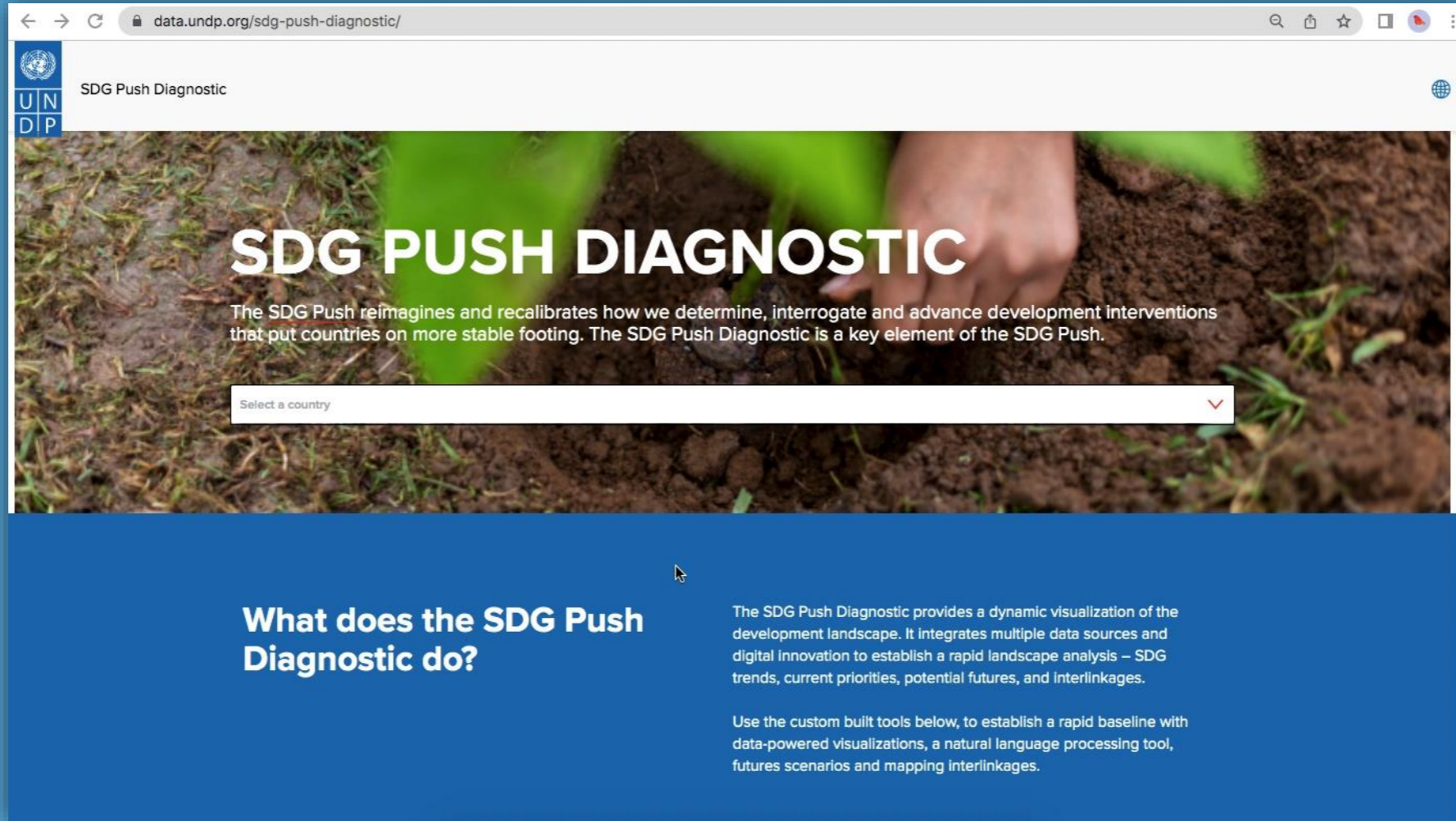
**SDG Push Scenario 3:** Energy Infrastructure (relaxing energy security constraint in model by 10% increase for energy sector)

**SDG Push Scenario 4:** Fiscal Reform (construction of conducive fiscal environment to boost growth and employment)

## Future Scenarios



# Q & A



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [data.undp.org/sdg-push-diagnostic/](https://data.undp.org/sdg-push-diagnostic/). The page features the UNDP logo and the title "SDG Push Diagnostic". The main content area has a background image of hands planting a seedling in soil. The text reads: "SDG PUSH DIAGNOSTIC" and "The SDG Push reimagines and recalibrates how we determine, interrogate and advance development interventions that put countries on more stable footing. The SDG Push Diagnostic is a key element of the SDG Push." Below this is a dropdown menu labeled "Select a country".

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