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Engaging Minds, Building Trust: A New Era of Data Collaboration

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Asia-Pacific approach to advancing official statistics for the 2030 Agenda

COLLECTIVE VISION: ... by 2030, national statistical systems are enabled and empowered to lead development of and to deliver innovative, trusted and timely products and services for urgently needed and evolving statistical requirements of Agenda 2030.

Five Action Areas				
Engaging users and investing in statistics	Assuring quality and instilling trust in statistics	Integrated statistics for integrated analysis	Modernizing statistical business processes	Having requisite skills set

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Declaration on Navigating Policy with Data to Leave No One Behind

Member states committed to:

(a) Integrate statistics development with national development policies and plans

(b) Strengthen and develop national monitoring frameworks

(c) Establish high-level advisory bodies for inclusive statistical governance

(d) Clarify and enhance roles and responsibilities within national statistical systems

(e) Empower national statistical offices to lead integrated national statistical systems

(f) Strengthen legislative and institutional mechanisms to enable use of new, innovative and frontier technologies

(g) Improve statistical communication, literacy, and culture

(h) Advocate for expanded use of official statistics in transparent governance

(i) Revisit and align national policies and strategies for effective implementation

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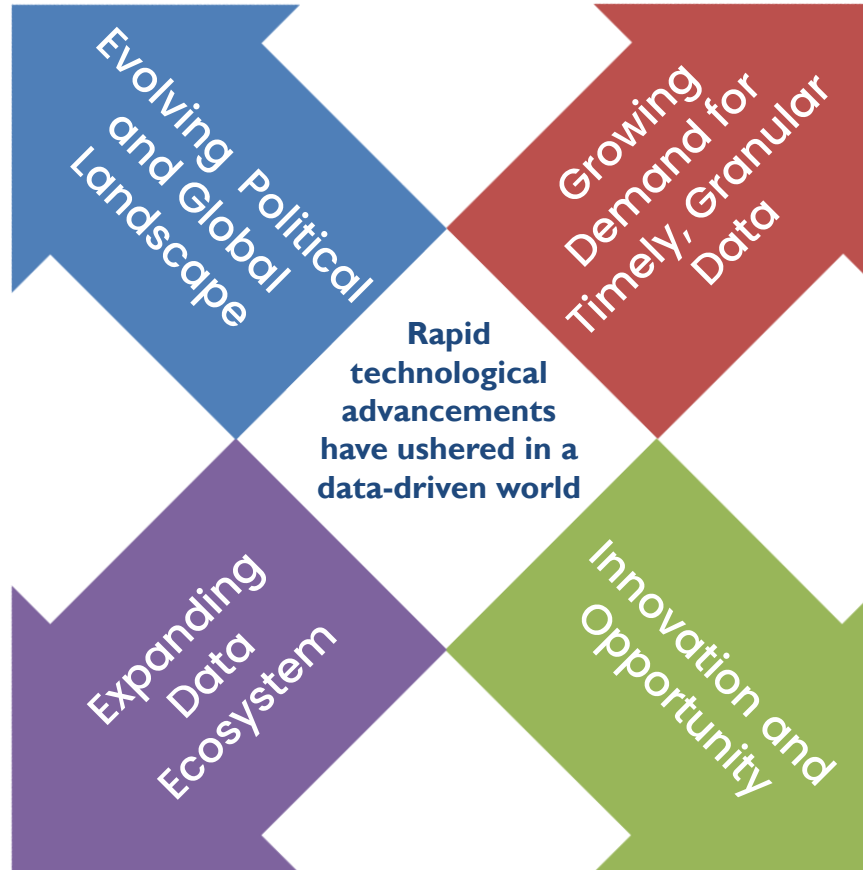
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The World is Changing: A Data Driven Era

- Increasingly complex geopolitical dynamics
- Interrelated global challenges requiring coordinated responses
- Rising misinformation and erosion of public trust

- Digital government generating more administrative data
- New sources emerging: satellite imagery, web-scraping, community-generated data



- Need for real-time, granular data for decision-making
- Critical for crisis response, policy development, and public accountability

- Data science unlocking new analytical capabilities
- AI/ML tools enhancing data processing, classification, and insight generation



Evolving Role of National Statistical Offices

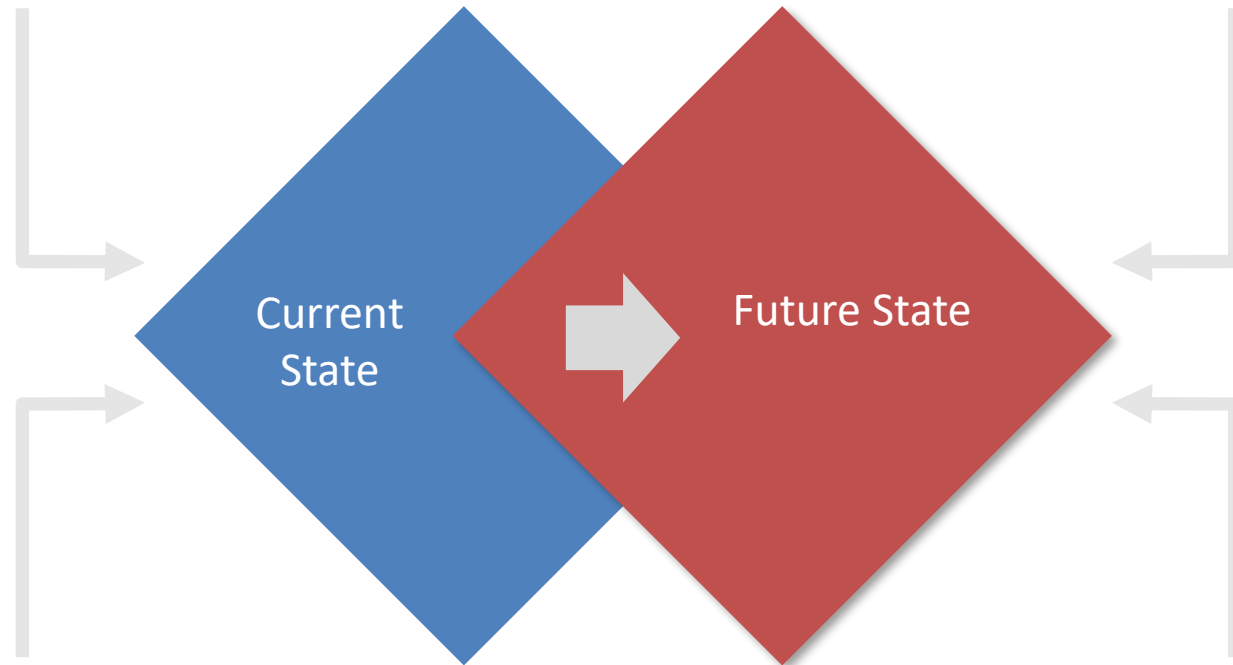
National Statistical Offices are undergoing a profound transformation

From Data Collectors

Focused on surveys and censuses

And Data Managers

Overseeing data collection through to use



To Data Integrators

Integrating administrative data with big data and other alternative data sources

And Data Stewards

Governing data from across government and beyond

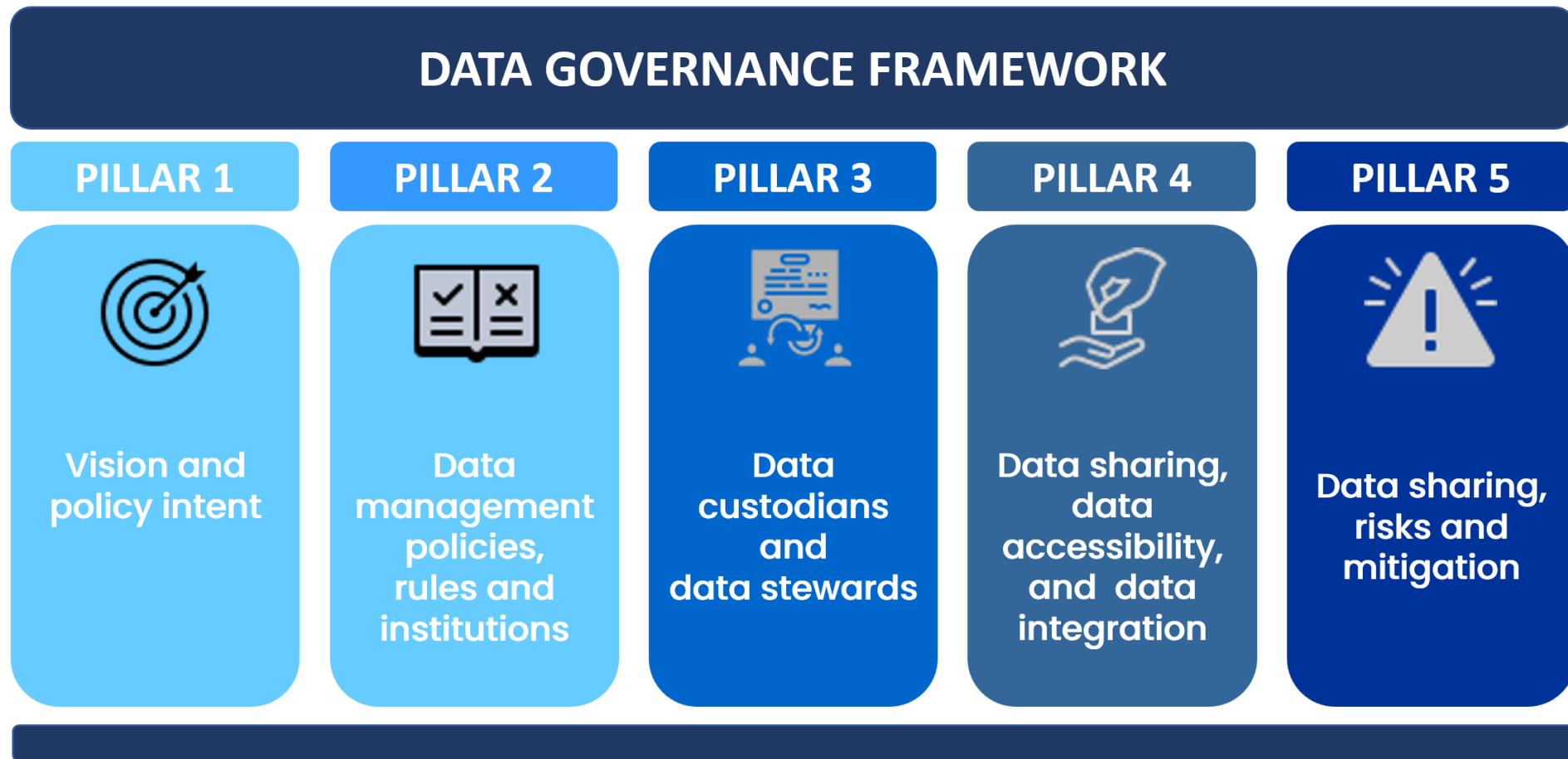


Underpinned by the Fundamental Principles of official statistics



Supported by Inclusive, Robust Data Governance

Data governance is defined as the exercise of authority and control over the management and transformation of data with the objective of enhancing the value of data assets and mitigating data-related risks.





Adopt a whole-of-society approach

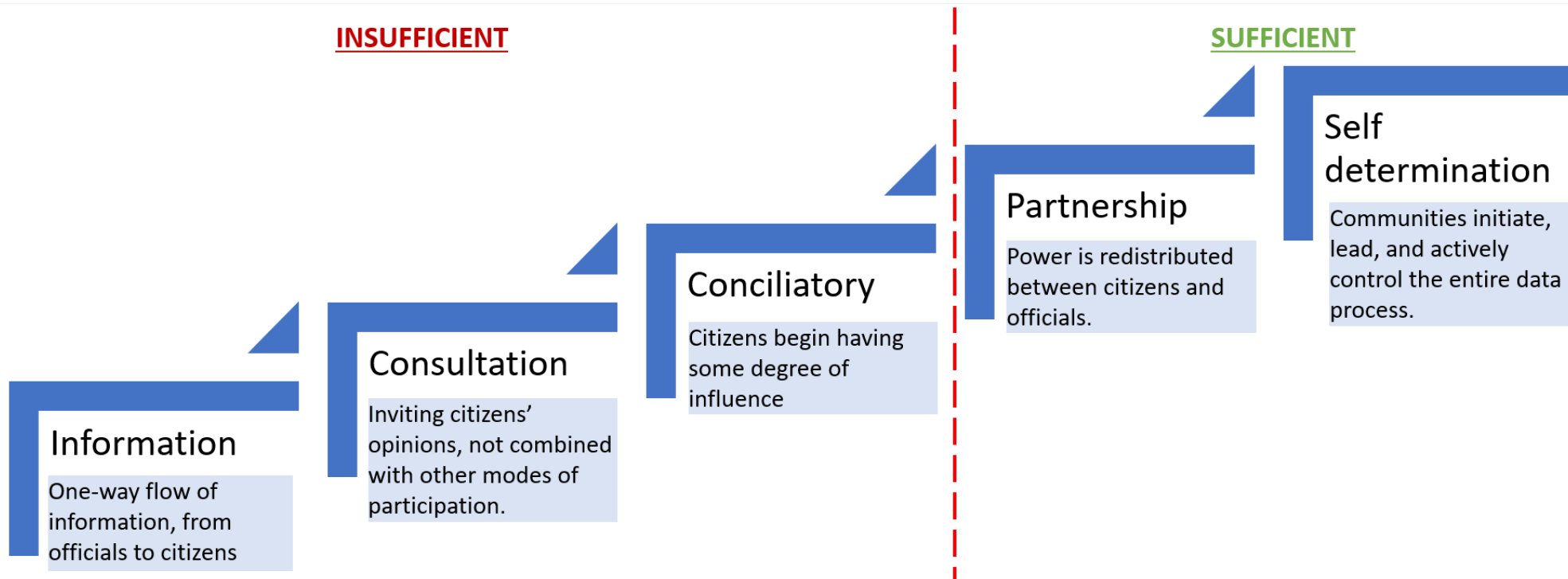
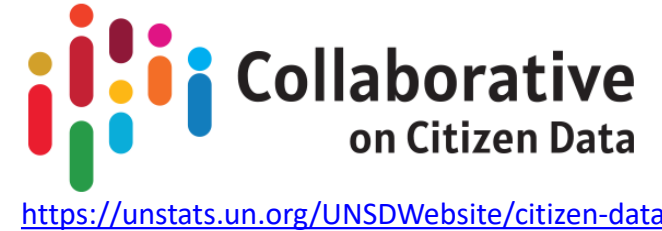
ESCAP Committee on Statistics, at its 9th session in December 2024, decides to promote a whole-of-society approach to advance the implementation of the Declaration on Navigating Policy with Data to Leave No One Behind



DASH team on the whole of society approach to compiling a compendium of country practices

Citizen Data for more inclusive, accountable, and effective data systems

Citizen Data: data originated from initiatives where citizens are engaged at **various stages of the data value chain**, guided by key principles that promote inclusive, responsible, professional, and ethical production and use, regardless of whether these data are integrated into official statistics. [The Copenhagen Framework on Citizen Data](https://unstats.un.org/UNSDWebsite/citizen-data)



Call to Action

To truly engage minds and build trust, we must embrace collaboration and innovation, from identifying the issues that matter most to people, to the collection, production and use of data.

Let us work together to shape a future where data empowers people, informs policy, and drives progress—for everyone, everywhere.





Thank you

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