



**UNITED NATIONS  
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

**GOVERNANCE FOR  
PEOPLE AND PLANET**



# PROMOTING ACCOUNTABLE, INCLUSIVE AND EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

A Global Programme  
to transform governance



UNDP is the **largest implementor** of UN electoral assistance

UNDP is strengthening **1 in 3 parliaments** worldwide

UNDP's biggest area of development assistance is **governance**

Governance is under increasing pressure. Trust and social contracts are fraying from a wide range of issues including economic contractions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, climate and nature stresses, the rapid pace of technological change, increased inequalities and fragmented multilateralism.

In support of UNDP's Strategic Plan (2022-2025), the **Governance for People and Planet** Programme is one of the programmatic mechanisms for delivery of UNDP's integrated offer on governance.

It is primarily designed to support countries realize the inter-governmentally agreed principles of effective governance:



Accountability



Inclusion



Effectiveness

The principles were endorsed by the UN Economic and Social Council





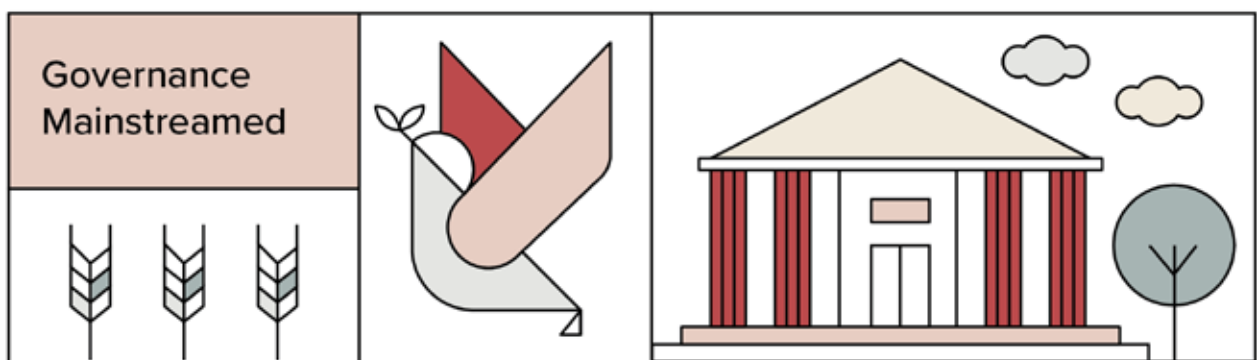
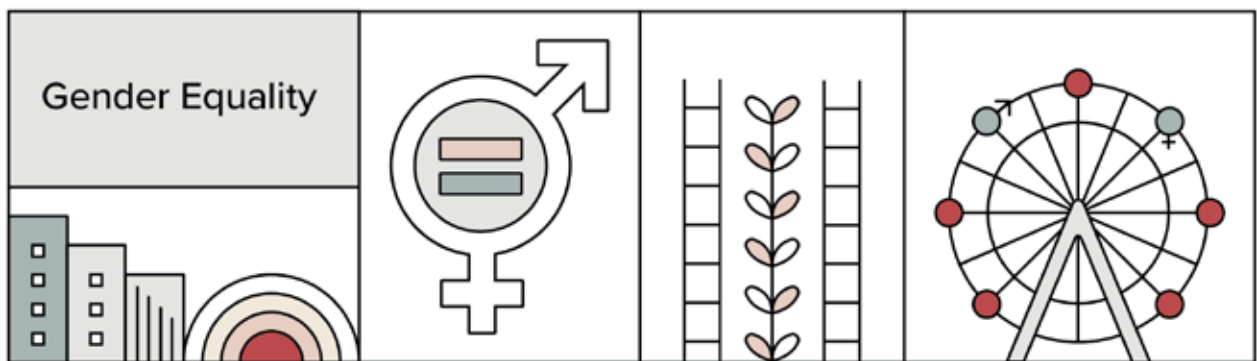
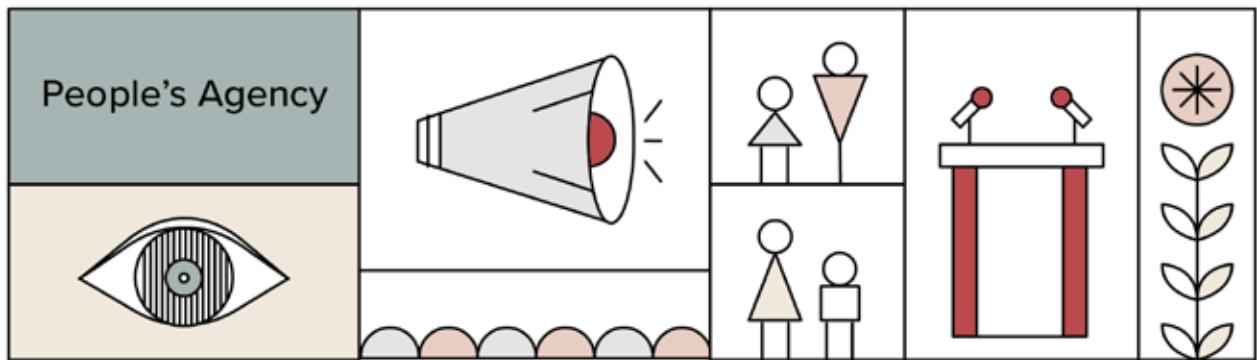
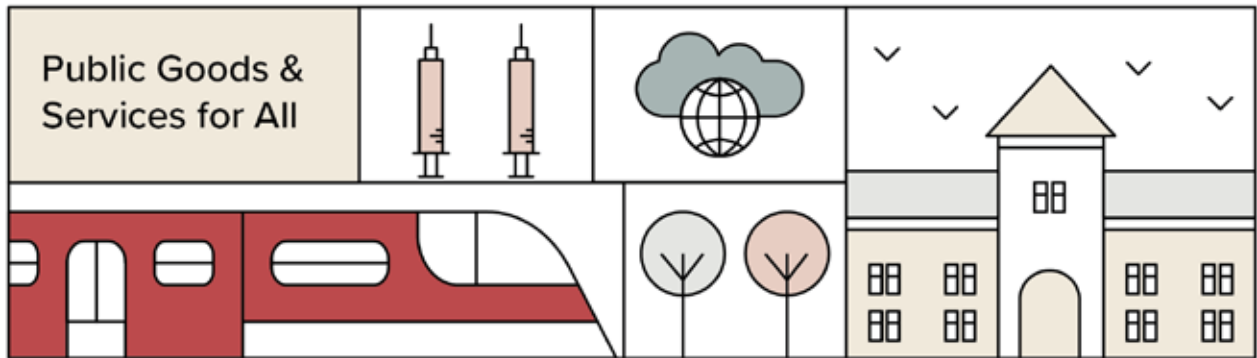
An aerial photograph of a rural agricultural landscape. The scene is dominated by a dense grid of vibrant green rectangular fields, likely rice paddies, separated by thin, light-colored paths or furrows. A prominent, wider dirt road runs vertically through the center of the frame. To the right, a concrete path or road curves through the fields. The background is filled with a thick canopy of dark green trees, including several palm trees. The overall lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day, and the colors are rich and saturated.

# **FOUR MUTUALLY REINFORCING PRIORITIES FOR SYSTEMIC GOVERNANCE TRANSFORMATIONS**



UNDP's work on governance is anchored in SDG 16 and in the fundamental role governance plays in peaceful, just and inclusive societies.

The **Governance for People and Planet** Programme has **four mutually reinforcing priorities:**



## Improve access to public goods and services

UNDP's ambition is to ensure that "no one is left behind" by supporting Governments to improve the way public goods and services are designed and delivered. We do this by:

- Promoting the provision of public services in an inclusive, accountable and transparent manner;
- Enhancing capacities to utilize the power of digitalization in delivering public goods and services, and to mitigate its risks; *and*
- Advocating for integrity and anti-corruption measures across public and private domains.



## Empowering people to drive positive changes

Evidence shows the importance of people shaping public policy, demanding accountability and driving societal change.

Through our work on democratic processes, UNDP seeks to empower individuals and communities to participate in the processes that affect their lives. We do this by:

- Ensuring free elections and strengthening parliaments;
- Supporting governance systems to be more effective, inclusive and accountable; *and*
- Promoting an open public sphere and informed civic engagement.





## Ensuring gender equality is integrated into all governance systems

Structural barriers to women's participation in governance, including patriarchal gender norms, continue to persist in many countries around the world.

UNDP takes a feminist approach to achieve gender equality by:

- Mainstreaming gender equality into all areas of UNDP's governance support;
- Supporting shifts in gender norms in governance systems; *and*
- Strengthening sex disaggregated and gender sensitive data for intersectional and inter-generational programming.





## Governance integrated in all UNDP's work

Governance is the framework for understanding and addressing all development challenges including eradicating poverty, preventing conflict, protecting the environment and achieving gender equality.

This is why UNDP has prioritized effective, accountable and inclusive governance across a global network of 170 countries and territories. Our work involves:

- Enhancing knowledge management and thought / practice leadership;
- Integrating governance principles in the delivery of all Signature Solutions; *and*
- Strengthening capacities to deliver a systems-level approach to governance support.





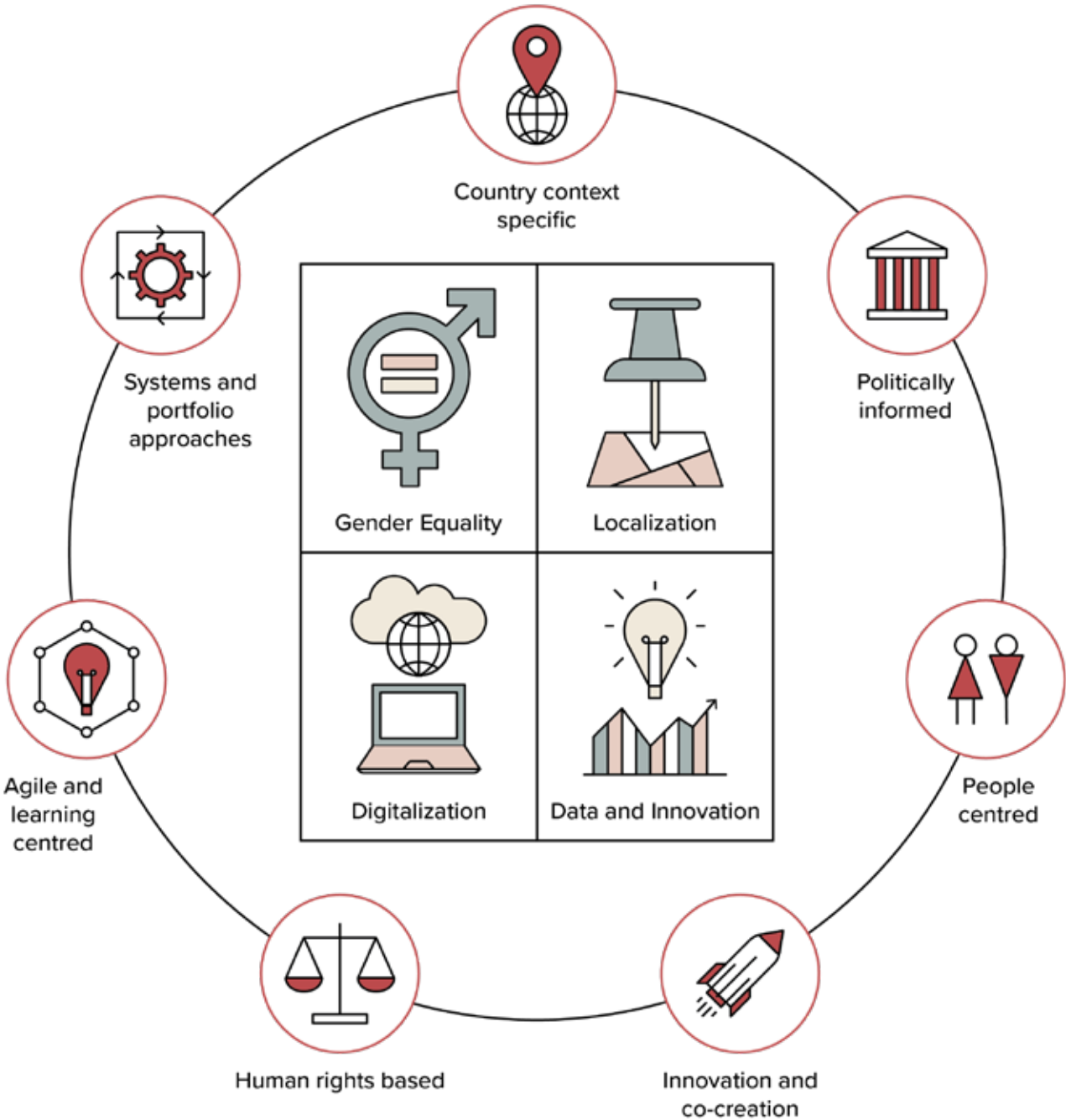
# HOW IS THE GLOBAL GOVERNANCE PROGRAMME DELIVERED?





To respond to different development contexts, the **Governance for People and Planet** Programme provides a menu of forward-looking policy and programmatic options and accessible tools and resources from which context-specific portfolios can be developed.

The Global Programme has **four areas of focus** and **seven delivery principles**.







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