

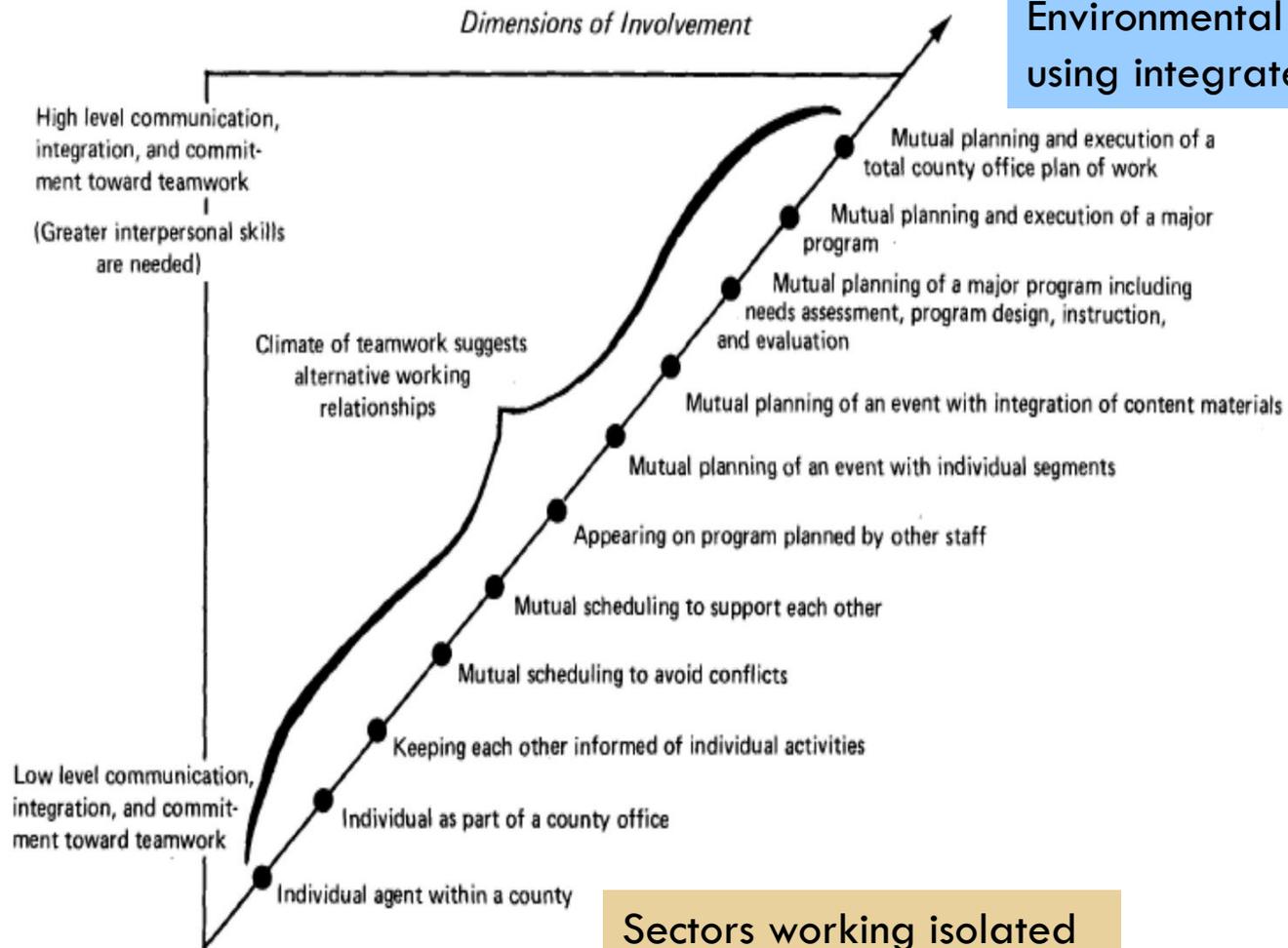
“Towards coherent implementation of the environmental dimension of the Sustainable Development Goals”

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Promoting Integrated Approach



- **Objective:** Small Group discussion on the way forward to taking an integrated approach to the SDGs in a holistic and coherent manner, including among others, the role of UN Country teams as an accelerator for integrated approaches.
- **Exercise:** While providing answers/explanations/solutions to the below questions, please:

Design a National Coordination Mechanism for the planning and implementation of an “Integrated SDGs Work Plan” with multiple sector institutions and stakeholders to ensure an effective and long term integration of environmental sustainability into economic and development plans. (25 Minutes)

- a. Who at the highest levels in government should drive the SDGs process into concrete actions? The President, The Head of parliament, The Prime Minister, or a line ministry? And why? Examples/lessons that worked well or not.
- b. How would you get political support for an “SDGs integrated coordination mechanism” starting with the HLPF process?
- c. In most cases, who leads the national HLPF delegation? Have they been successful in engaging a coordinated mechanism at the national level? If not who would you propose to lead the delegation in the future?
- d. Which ministries were the most effective in driving the HLPF into implementable national plans? Ministry of Planning? finance? Statistics, a standalone body? Or any other?
- e. What has been the challenges in taking integrated approaches especially in ensuring environmental sustainability? Lack of coordination mechanism? Lack of political will? Lack of stakeholder engagement or limitation of capacity and finance?
- f. How can the UNCT agencies and Permanent Missions be used as effective accelerators to integrated approaches through effective coordination mechanisms?

UN Environment Mandate on 2030 agenda

- To **strengthen the capacities** of the **national institutions** towards coherent and integrated implementation and monitoring of the environmental dimensions of the **2030 Agenda** for Sustainable Development.
- National policies or strategies are developed that include multi-sectorial priorities aimed at delivering on the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda in a coordinated and integrated manner;
- technical support to review and develop policies or strategies, and support relevant national institutions to address existing gaps

