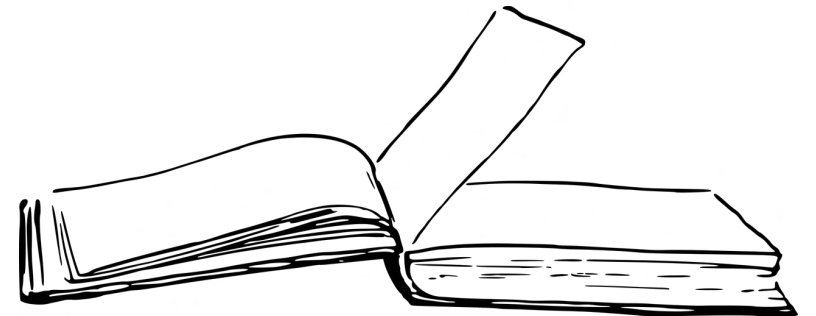


Module 4 – Implementation
Submodule 4.3
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Thus far, you...

- ✓ were introduced to the concepts and different types of partnerships
- ✓ were provided with the practical advice on how to forge good partnerships
- ✓ learned layers of e-government integration and best practice studies
- ✓ learned the evolution from Whole-of-government approach to Whole-of-society approach
- ✓ studied the value of e-government interoperability and the steps required to achieve effective interoperability



In this section you will learn...

About local implementation

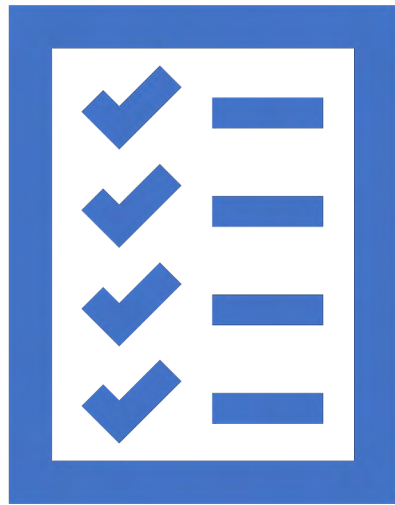
- How is it different from national-level implementation?
- Why is it important in achieving SDGs?
- What are the challenges?

About the Design-Reality Gap Analysis

- Concept and methodology
- Case study
- Advantages and disadvantages

About the Factor-Specific Analysis

- Concept and methodology
- Case study
- Advantages and disadvantages



Objective

By the end of this submodule, you will be able to:

- ✓ Learn about the significance and challenges of local implementation
- ✓ Conduct your own design-reality gap analysis
- ✓ Conduct your own factor-specific analysis

Completion time



- In total there are around **30 pages** for this submodule. It will take approximately **50 to 60 minutes** for each user to complete. This is an indication and can differ per user.
- Feel free to skip some parts of this submodule if you are already familiar with the content.

Other Information

- You can read along (PDF) as well as listen to the content (audio) while taking this course;

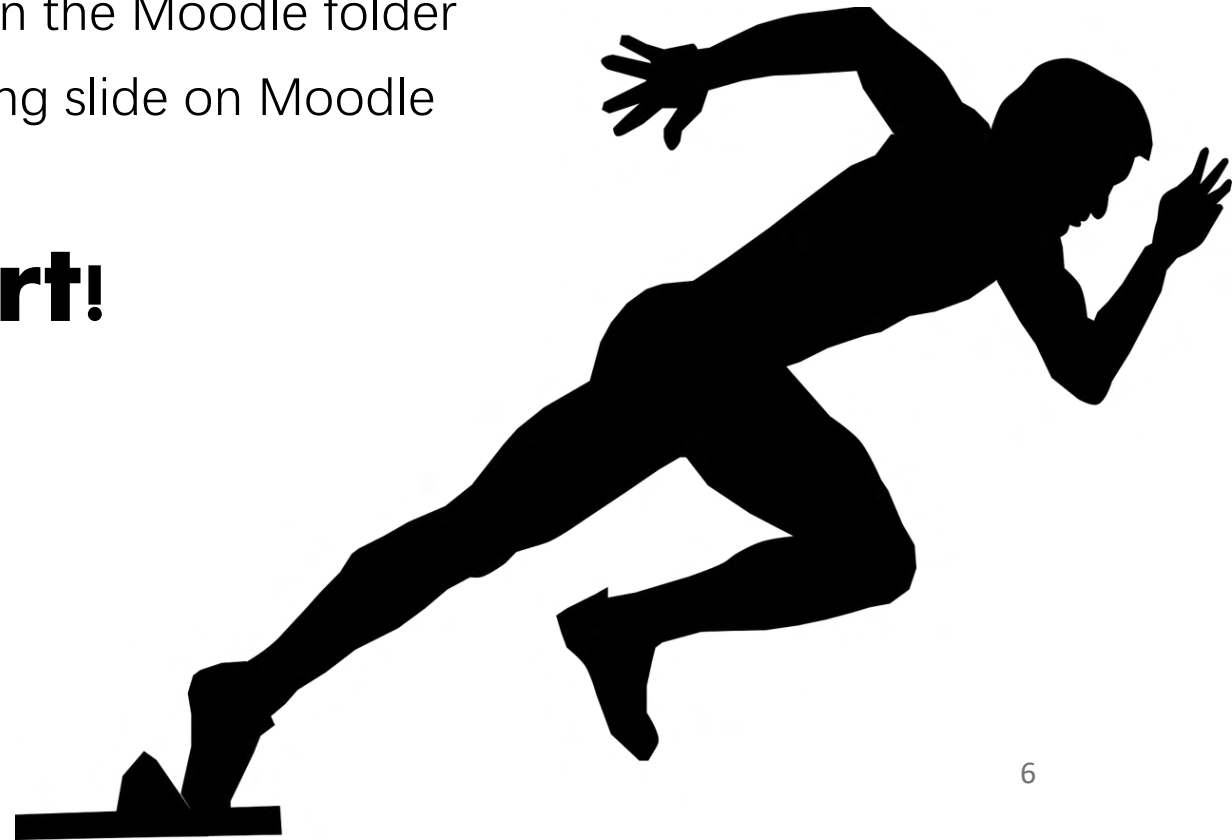


Course material (PDF) can be downloaded in the Moodle folder



Audio can be streamed on the corresponding slide on Moodle

Let's start!



What is Local Implementation?



- Defining, implementing and monitoring strategies at the local level
- Coordination or integration is needed to align to national, regional and global goals

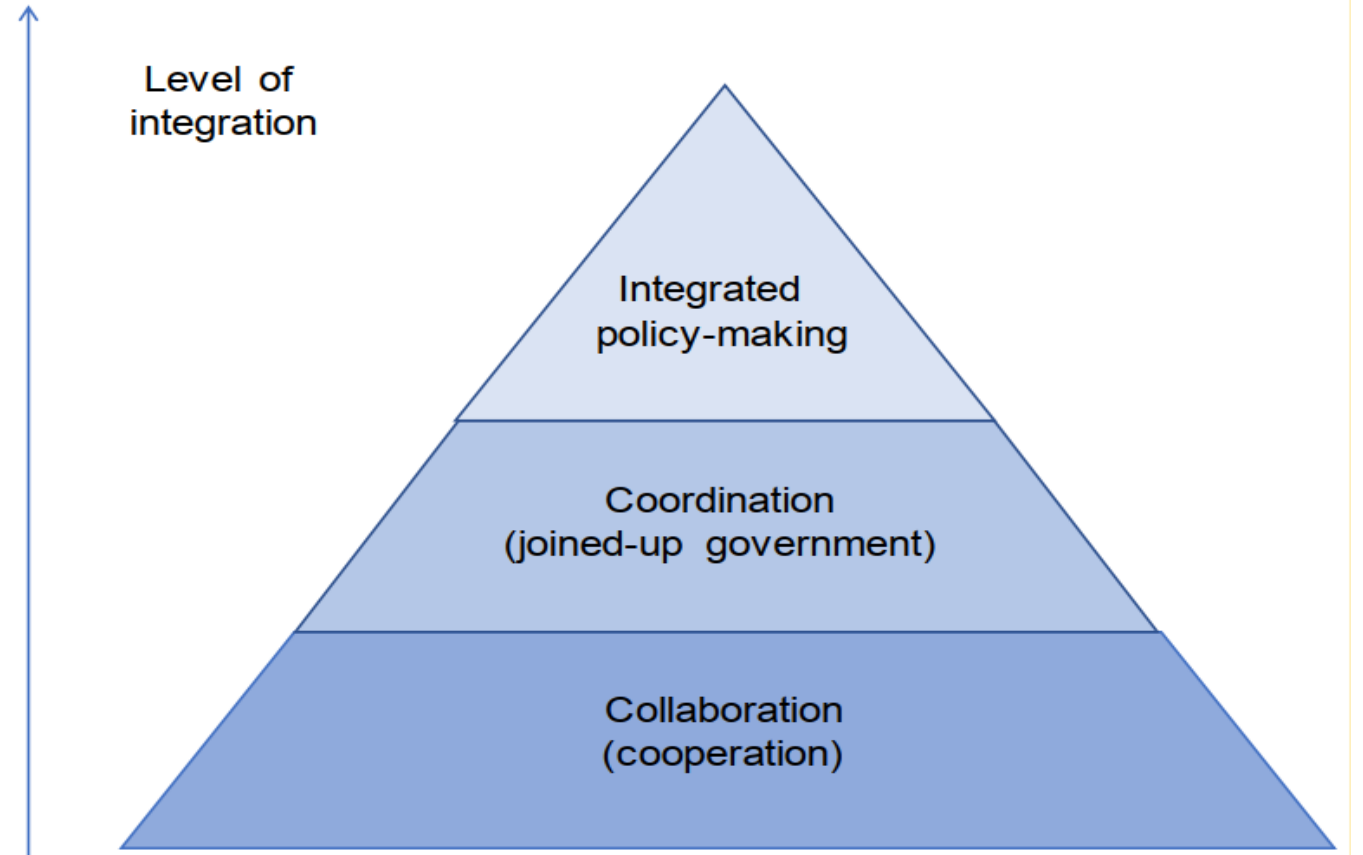


National – Local Integration

- Coordinating policies across different levels of governance
- Promotes a shared vision and commitment across levels
- Foster synergies and enhanced consistency through mutually reinforcing and supportive actions
- Increases the efficiency of policy actions
- Promotes a more efficient allocation of resources

National – Local Integration

- Three levels of integration:
 - Cooperate
 - Coordinate
 - Integrated policy-making



SDG Implementation at the Local Level



- Must take into account subnational contexts in the achievement of the 2030 Agenda
- The Agenda’s Imperative to “leave no one behind”
- Local government more resourceful when it comes to local implementation

SDG Implementation at the Local Level



- Baseline diagnosis
- Local or regional priorities
- Shared targets across levels of government
- Coherence with national plans
- Strategic projects
- Budget and financial strategies
- Implementation timeline
- Cooperative governance mechanisms
- Monitoring and assessment tools

Digital Government Local Implementation

- Requires a holistic approach
- Must consider linkages between national and subnational actions
- Of particular importance in achieving “leave no one behind” imperative in utilizing digital services to reach out to the vulnerable groups



Case Study – Santiago, Chile

- Smart city pilot development programme “Santiago of Tomorrow”
 - Main goals: increase access to energy and emphasizing its sustainable use, and creating environmentally friendly smart homes
- “Start-Up Chile” programme that aimed to establish Chile as the innovation hub
- Pilot electric vehicle car-sharing programme
- Santiago was named one of the top smart cities in Latin America in 2017



Case Study – Denmark

- Tele-medicine initiative Ulcer Care
- Patients in rural areas have limited access to health care as they have to transport themselves to the hospitals that are far away
- Under the initiative, municipally funded nurses go to the homes of the patients and through web-care records and video-links, communicate with the doctors, bringing the expert to the home of the citizens as needed.
- Saves transportation time for the citizens, and time spent by the doctors.



Methodologies: 5 Ws and 1 H

- Imperative and fundamental in problem solving
- Constitute a formula for getting the complete story on a subject
- Shed light on the information and mechanics necessary to problem-solving

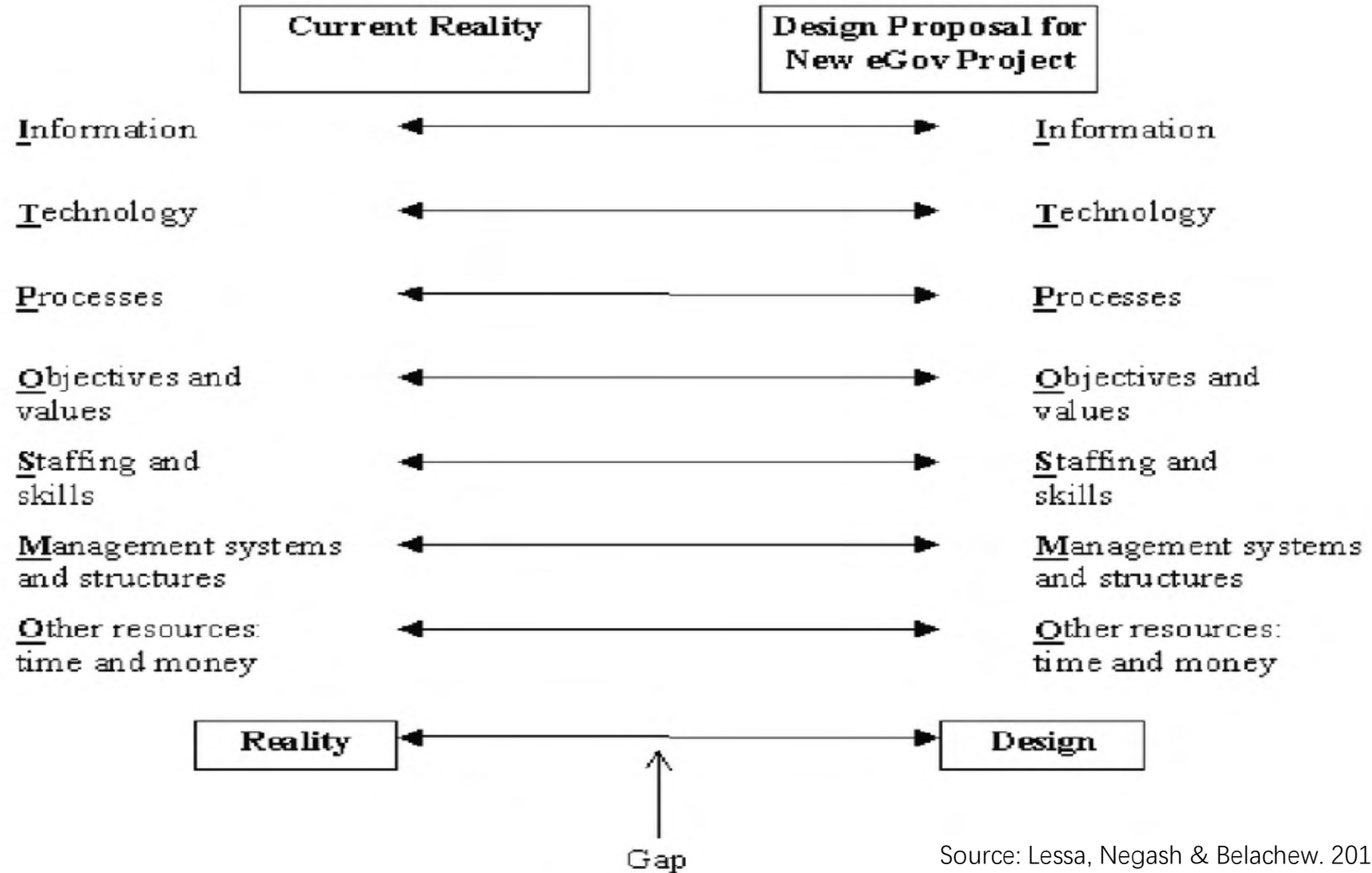




Design – Reality Gap Analysis

- Identifying possible causes of failure
- The larger the gap between design and reality, the greater the risk of the project failing
- Seven ‘ITPOSMO’ dimensions are rated according to the size of design-reality gaps

Design – Reality Gap Analysis



Design – Reality Gap Analysis

- Numerical rating to indicate the size of the gap in each dimension (0 ~ 10)
- Ratings are ranked in a table in numerical order
- Dimensions with the highest ratings are most likely to be the causes of failure

Sample Table

Dimension	Rating
Information	10
Technology	9
Processes	6
Objectives & Values	6
Staffing & Skills	4
Management Systems & Structures	1
Other Resources	0

Case Study – Bahir Dar, Ethiopia

- Implementing Land Management Information System in the city of Bahir Dar

- Design-Gap Analysis was used to study the causes of partial failure of the project



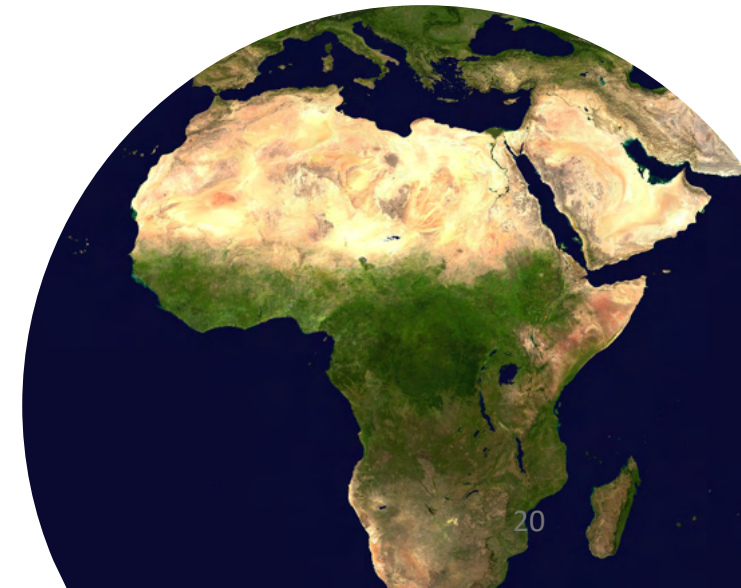
Case Study – Bahir Dar, Ethiopia



Source: et.undp.org

Dimension	Rating
Management Systems & Structures	7
Staffing & Skills	6
Objectives & Values	5.5
Information	4.5
Processes	3.5
Technology	3
Other Resources	1.5

- Major causes of the partial failure lies in the institutional aspects





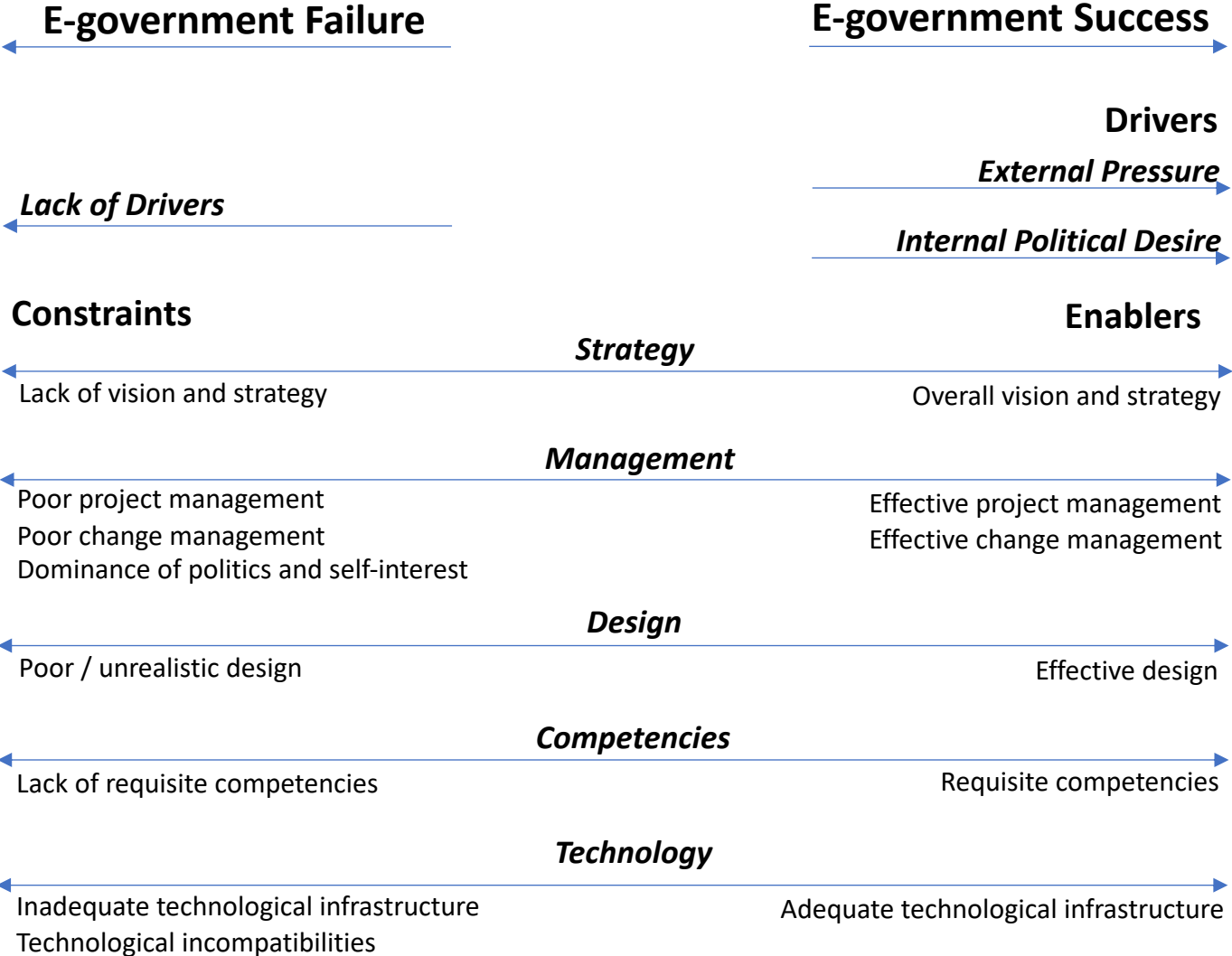
Factor - Specific Analysis

- Assess a set of factors that affect the outcome of a project
- Aims to increase the chances of success and / or reduce the chance of failure by addressing each of the factors

Factor - Specific Analysis

- Should consider:
 - Project Management
 - Change Management
 - Politics / Self-interest
 - Design
 - Competencies
 - Technological Infrastructure
 - External and Internal Drive
- Countermeasures should be taken
If any of the factors that negatively affect the project are identified.

Factor - Specific Analysis



Challenges to Local Implementation



- Local government's lack of awareness of the overall goal
- Differences between national and local governments
- Institutional weaknesses / poor management mechanisms
- Weak incentives for local governments
- Unequal distribution of resources
- Local constraints in capacity, data and information

Monitoring and Reporting on Progress

- Need to be based on integrated mechanisms for assessment
- Indicators, structures and strategic processes to track progress
- Refer to Module 5 for more information



Conclusion

- Local implementation is a crucial part of policy process, especially for SDGs.
- Without enough consideration, it is likely to fail.
- One must design the project meticulously using one of the methods introduced.



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Congratulations!

You have reached the end of submodule 4.3 on the
Implementation at Local Level

Thank you for joining us in this exciting journey.

Under this submodule, you:

- ✓ Learned about the importance of local implementation
- ✓ Studied the challenges in local implementation
- ✓ Studied the methodology of Design-Reality Gap Analysis
- ✓ Learned about the Factor-Specific Analysis

You may proceed to the next submodule 5.1 on **Monitoring & Evaluation Frameworks**



Sources & Recommended Reading

Please check the PDF in the folder

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Or post your questions/comments in the forum!

Please note that this is a beta version. We appreciate your feedback so we can further improve our toolkit



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