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Formalizing institutional arrangements to
mainstream the SDGs and other relevant
development platforms in national development
processes

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First things first

- ▶ One of the first steps in SDG implementation is setting up an institutional arrangement
 - ▶ Raising awareness
 - ▶ Mobilizing stakeholders
 - ▶ Coordinating and overseeing implementation
- ▶ The format of this arrangement will differ from country to country

Important features of institutional arrangements

- ▶ Emphasis on coherence, integration, coordination and multi-sectoral involvement
- ▶ High-level political support to mobilize and coordinate public institutions and policies
- ▶ Involvement of key line ministries with sufficient political power and clout as well as some degree of control over financial resources to operationalize the institutional framework
- ▶ Critical role of Parliament in SDG implementation through their oversight and legislative functions, including adoption of the budget

Two main ways of going about it

- ▶ Create new institutions
 - ▶ Ministerial/Specialized Unit
 - ▶ Inter-ministerial
 - ▶ Technical
 - ▶ Presidential/Prime-Ministerial
- ▶ Assign new responsibilities to existing institutions
 - ▶ Designate a focal point
 - ▶ Transition MDG arrangement/post-2015 mechanism
 - ▶ Planning Ministry, Institute, Commission or Office assumes responsibility for the SDGs

New institution: Aruba

National Commission on the Sustainable Development Goals (Office of the Prime Minister)

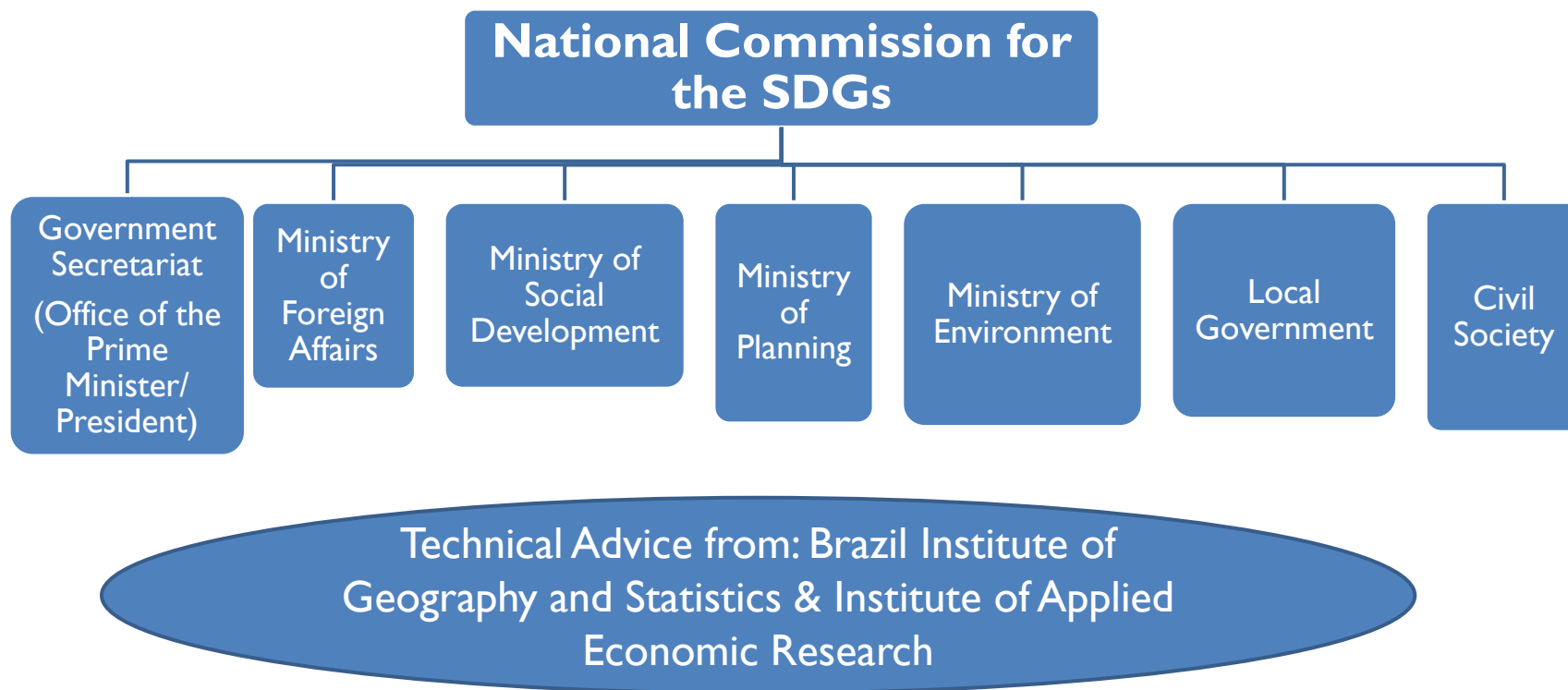
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Dept. of Economic Affairs,
Commerce and Industry

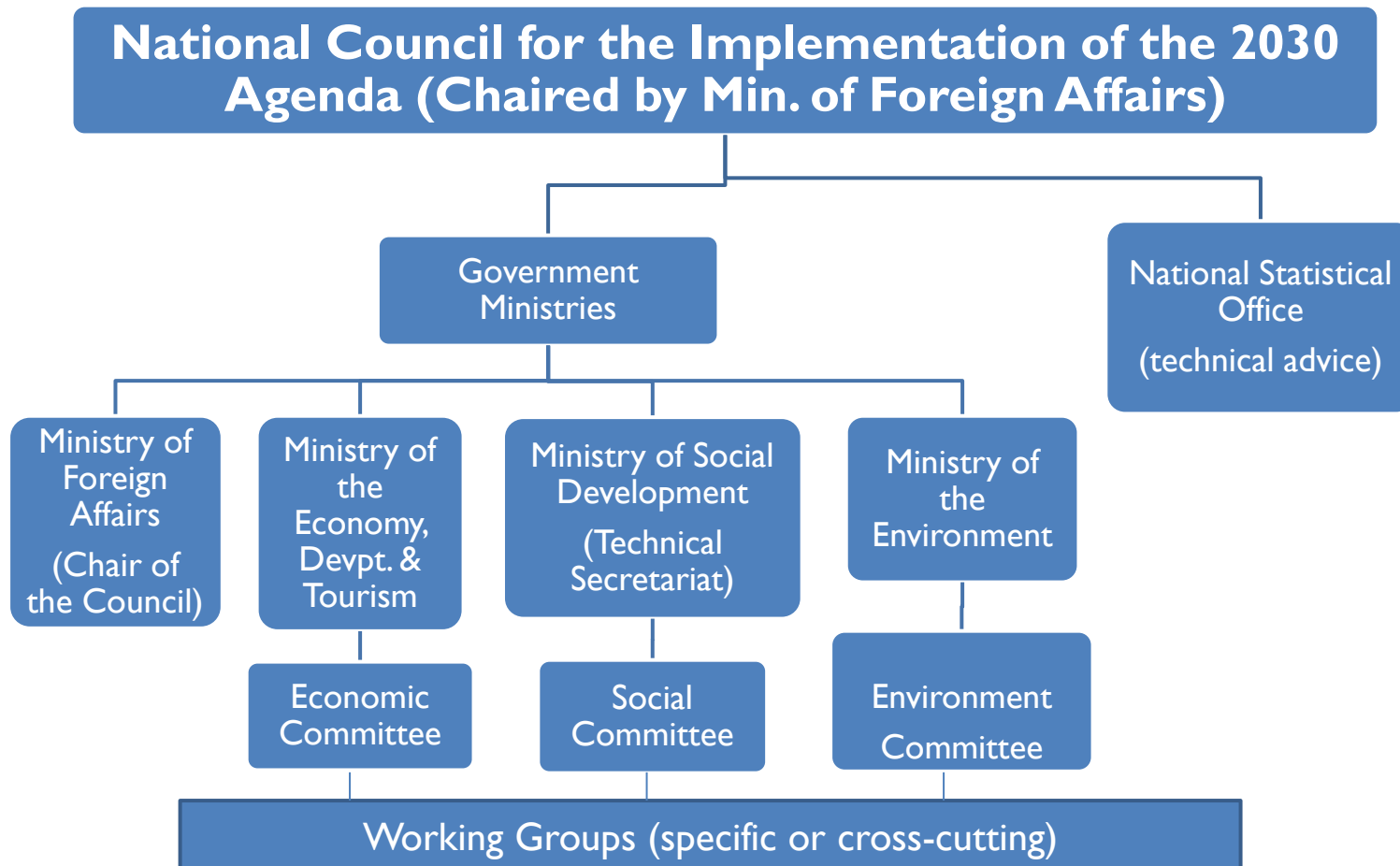
National Working Group 1-
SDG Indicators

National Working Group 2-
SDG Awareness and
Communication

New institution: Brazil



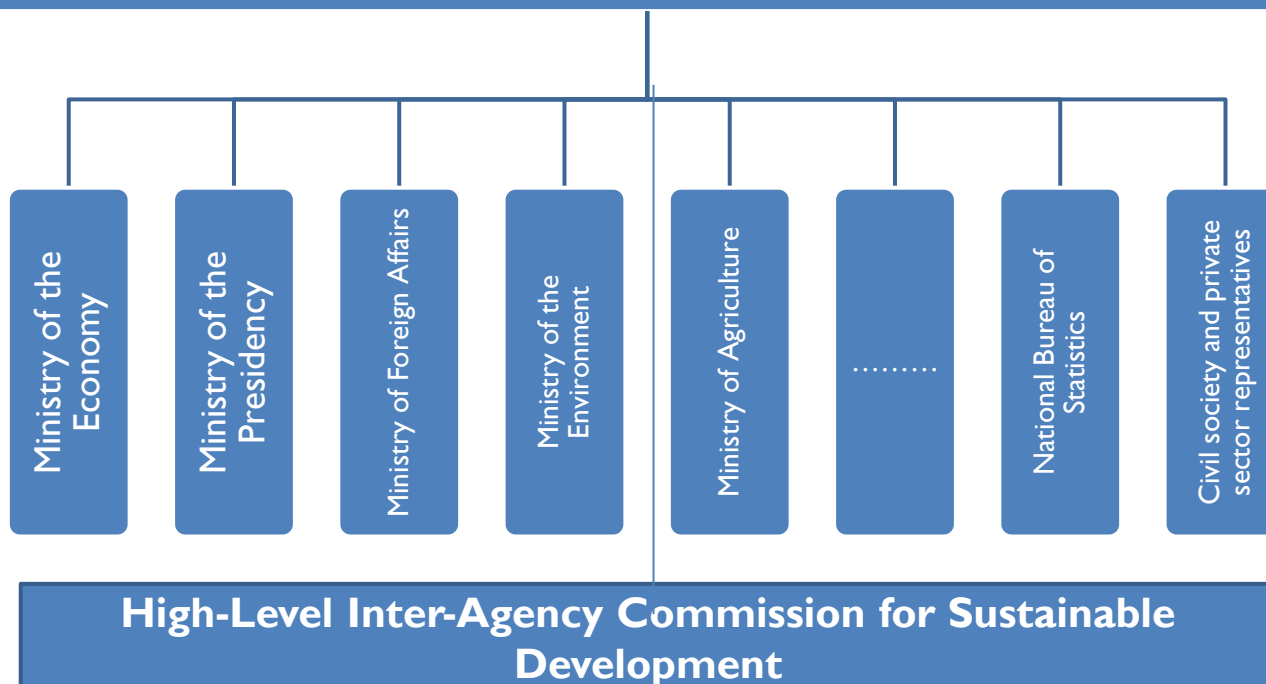
New institution: Chile



New institution: Dominican Republic

**Ministry of the economy, Planning and Development
(Coordination)**

Deputy Minister of Planning (Technical Secretariat)



Existing institutions: Jamaica

National 2030 Agenda Oversight
Committee (June 2017)

National Core Group

Ministry of the
Foreign Affairs and
Foreign Trade

Planning Institute of
Jamaica

Statistical Institute of
Jamaica

Existing institutions

The Bahamas

- Economic Development and Planning Unit, Office of the Prime Minister

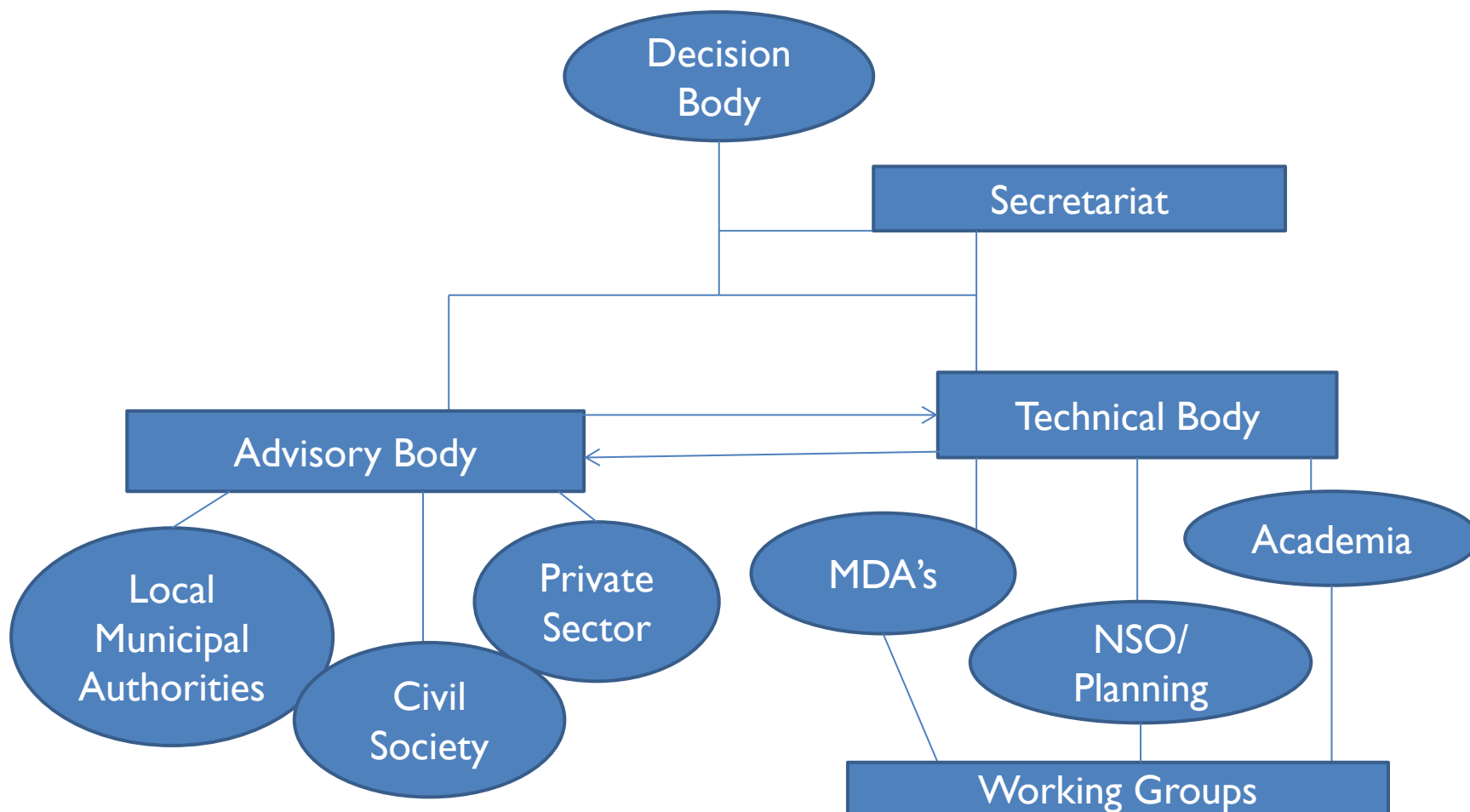
Dominica

- Ministry of Planning, Economic Development and Investment
 - Central Statistics Office, Ministry of Finance

St. Vincent and the Grenadines

- Ministry of Economic Planning, Sustainable Development, Industry, Information and Labour

Template for SDG institutional arrangement



Challenges

- ▶ Insufficient synergy, communication and coordination between the different ministries, agencies and other sectors that deal with sustainable development
- ▶ Fragmentation of mandates and responsibilities for implementation, including subnational and local government action
- ▶ Accommodating new institutional arrangements will imply additional costs and human resources on the government



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What is the way forward?

