

Service Delivery– Funding and Maintaining

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What are the SDGs?



What do the SDGs say about parliaments?

“We acknowledge the essential role of national parliaments through their enactment of legislation and adoption of budgets and their role in ensuring accountability for the effective implementation of our commitments”

Declaration of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

“Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all, and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels”

Goal 16

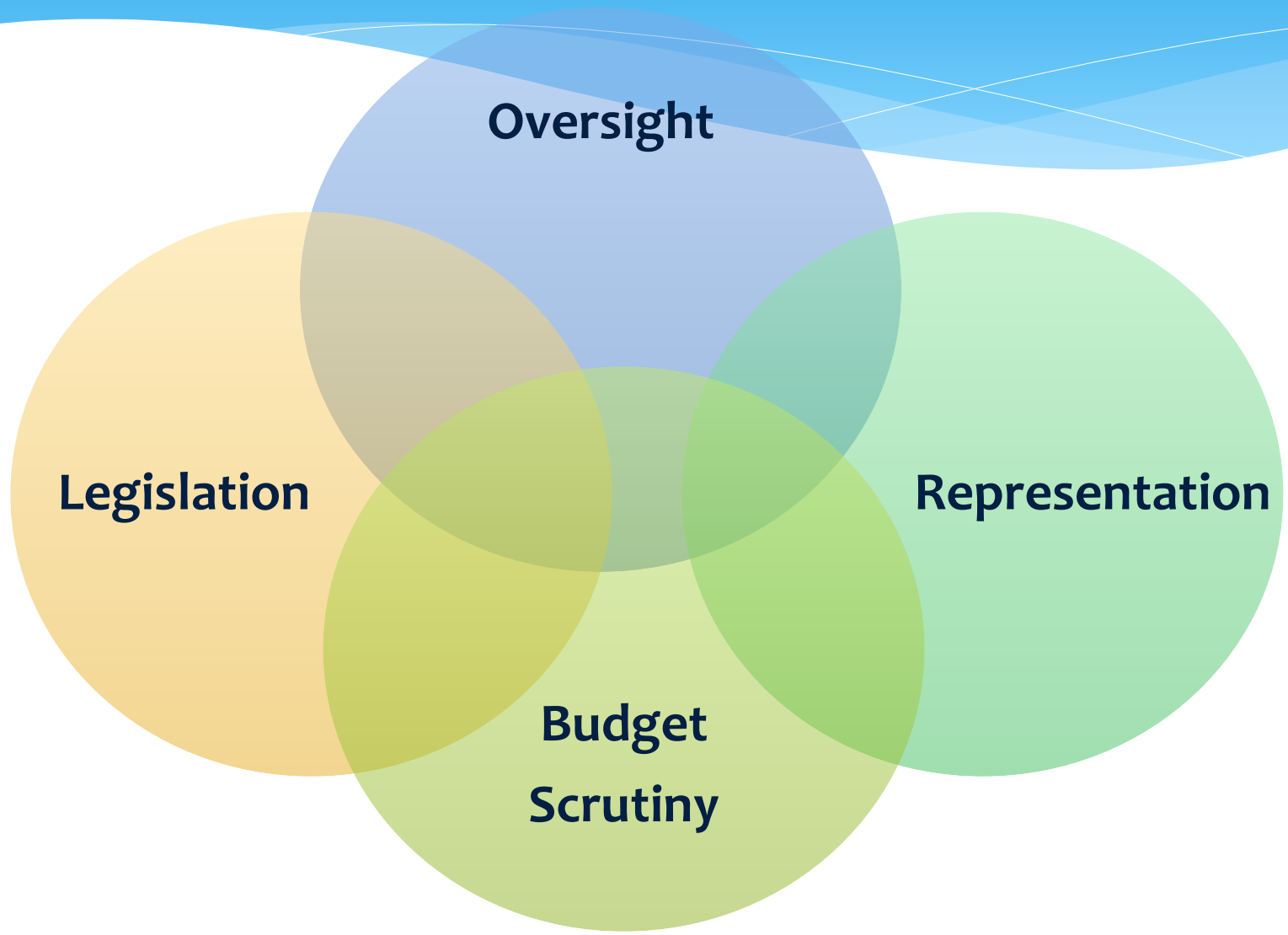
What is the role of the Commonwealth and the CPA?

Commonwealth Charter closely reflects and anticipates much of the content of Agenda 2030

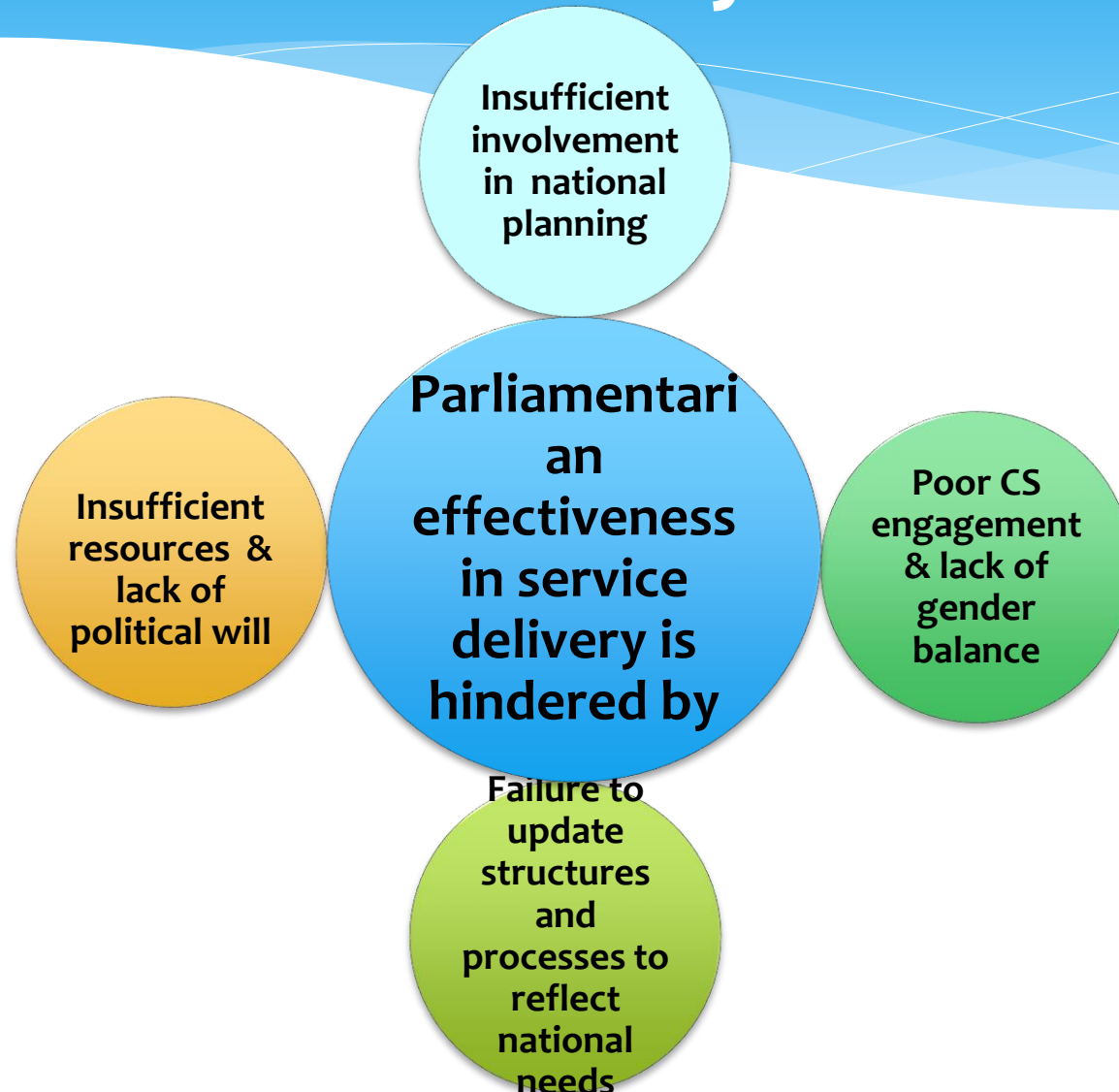
CPA and UNDP (with partners) updated the Benchmarks for Democratic Legislatures last year with the SDGs in mind

Significant potential for partnerships for facilitation of internal knowledge exchange between and within different Commonwealth regions and development contexts

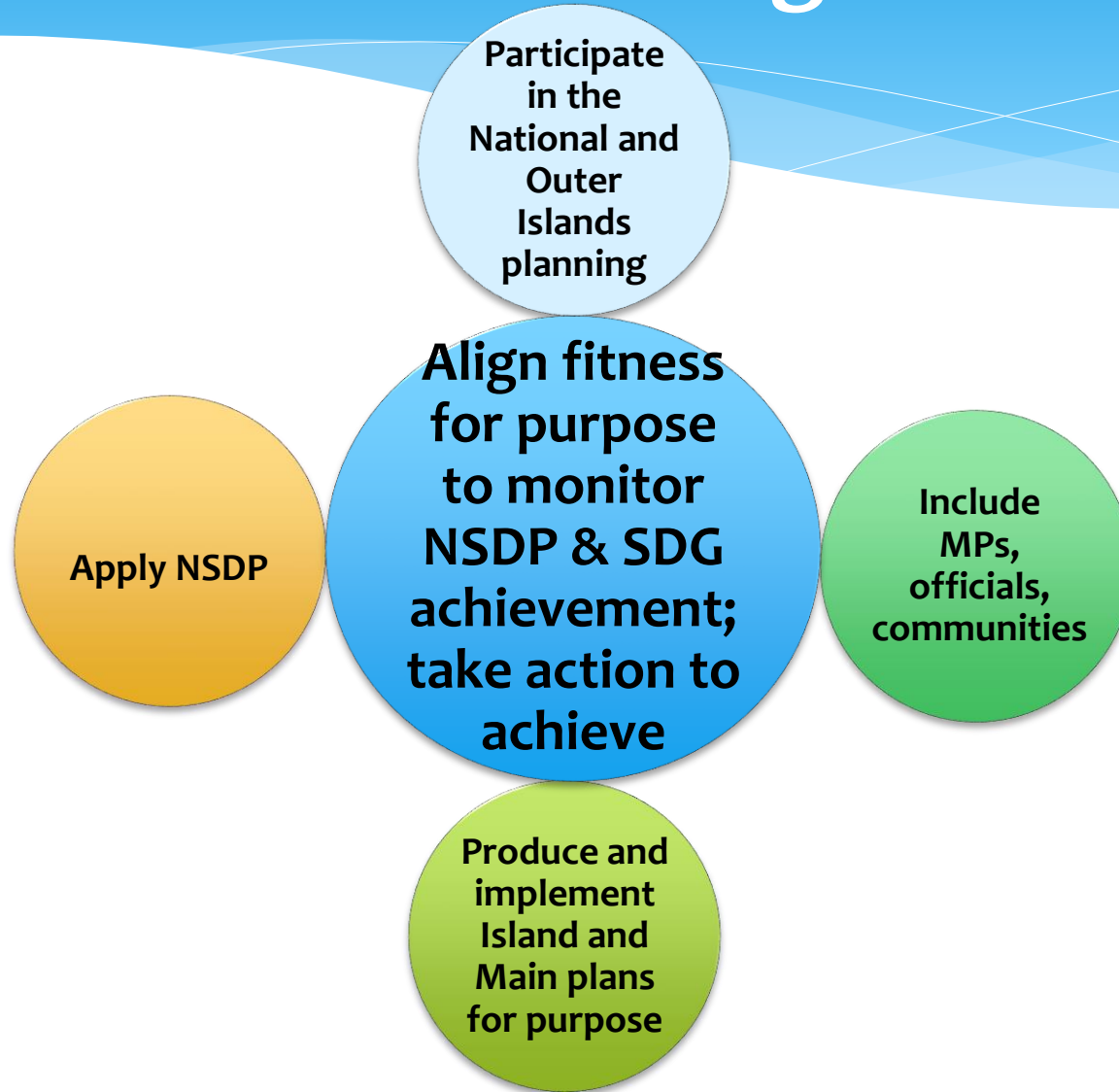
What roles should parliamentarians play in NSDP & SDG implementation?



Challenges to effective Service Delivery



How can Parliamentarians overcome these challenges?



Recommendations

Parliamentarians need to be regularly and formally consulted and informed about the islands & national development planning, that include the incorporation of NSDP based on the SDGs

The parliamentary committee system's structure, procedures, and resourcing should optimize national development goal monitoring

The SOs could explore procedures and time to provide regular opportunities for Parliament to debate on national development goal achievements of the NSDP & SDGs