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Essential bases for national ownership and sustainability of country assessments

- Anchored into and led by national institutions:
 - Government
 - Social partners
 - Civil society
 - Private sector and research institutions
 - International Partner agencies (UNDG)

- Anchored into “internationally agreed” instruments and principles in relation to objectives and targets (*MDG's*) and rights (*fundamental and higher levels*)
 - International agreements usually emerge in the context of General Assemblies of all country representatives and/or members voting.

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Proposed Contents

Section I – Policy Making Process through National Dialogue

- Stakeholders inventory and analysis (institutions)
- Institutional framework for participatory and consultative process through national dialogue:
 - Adequate, accessible, up-to-date and comprehensive information
 - Time-bound and enough resources to allow national dialogue
 - Involvement at what stages?

Q1: Which stakeholders ?

Q2: Challenges/Risks for effective and rapid national consultations?

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Section II – Policy assessment and international principles and instruments

2.1 Guiding principles

- Universality
- Rights
- Policy design and governance
- Financing and delivery principles
 - e.g. solidarity/redistribution, role of public and private actors, accountability, sustainability (financial and fiscal), avoiding unproductive expenditure (e.g. duplications, error-and-fraud, etc.), public services quality requiring public investments as a right, national resources, etc.

Q3: Which international principles and instruments ?

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Section II – Policy assessment and international principles and instruments

2.2.1 Design considerations assessed in relation to international principles and standards

- Their quantification and measurement
- Covering the life cycle (*no one left out*)
- Adequacy of benefit levels

Q4: Which international principles and instruments ?

2.2.2 Progressive realization

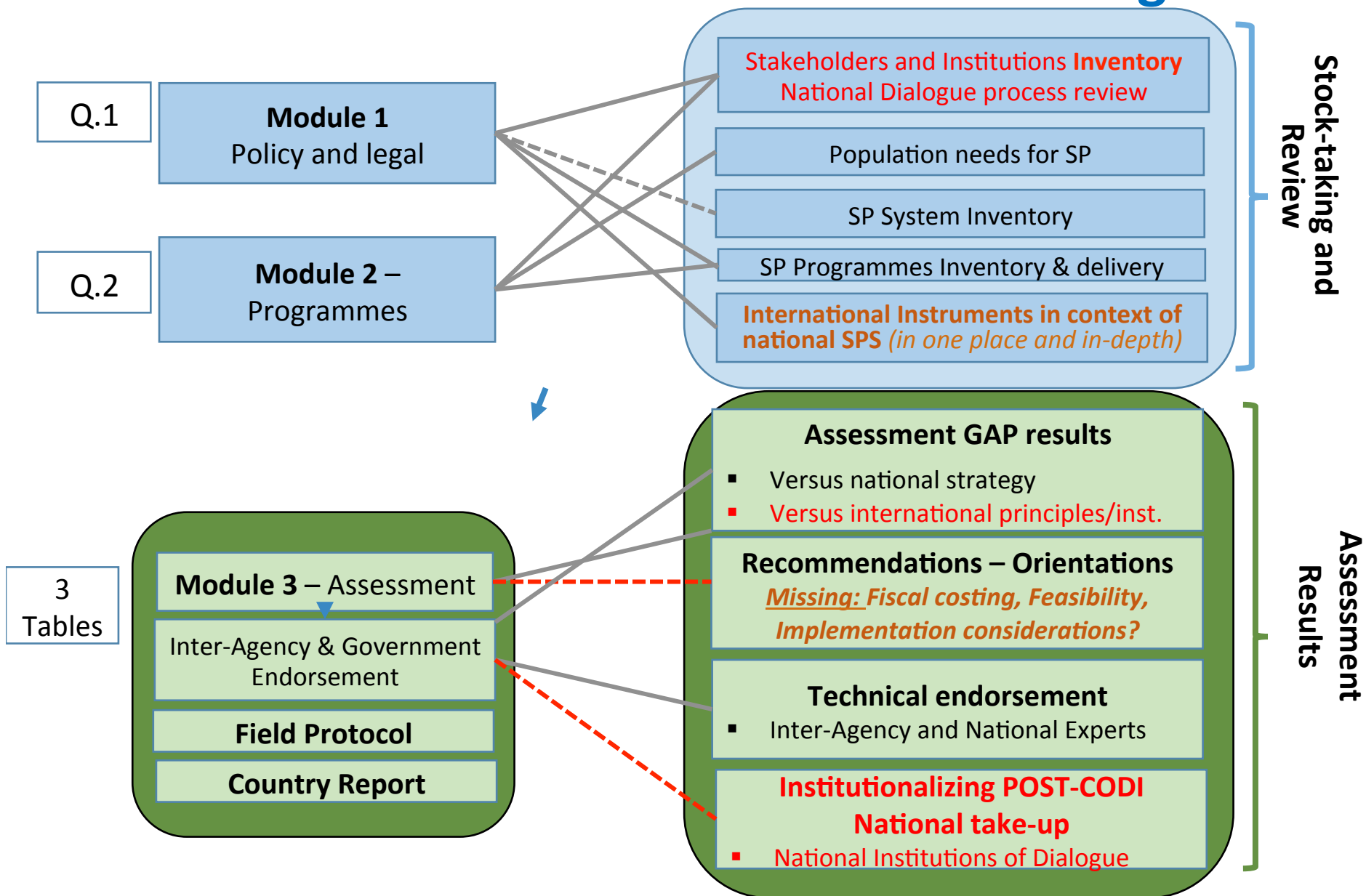
- National strategies adopted
- Concrete steps for full realization
- Law, policy and budgetary priority

Q5: What and How to measure progressive realization ?

CODI

SP Policy and National Dialogue

(key differences in red)



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Questions on integration with CODI

1. Section I on “Policy-making process through national dialogue” could be expanded as part of CODI Module 1 (*mainly guidance for country teams to organize national consultations and technical work*)
2. Section II on “International Principles and Standards” is intrinsically already part of CODI Module 3
 - This could be optional sub-section of CODI Module 3
 - Forces reconciliation and compatibility with CODI ‘s 11 performance criteria
 - Not heavy in additional substance; intended as a dedicated sub-section on Module 2 to allow a rapid overview of key questions to which countries need ensuring how they comply with such international principles and instruments. Refers to Questions of Module 1, Section C.1

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3. SP Policy and National Dialogue providing inputs to CODI to institutionalize its process outcome at country level
 - Rapid technical assessment as per CODI still the same
 - Final outcomes can potentially get endorsed nationally through SP Policy and National Dialogue 's contribution and can continue to live post-CODI.
4. SP Policy and National Dialogue improves legitimacy of CODI; respectful of international framework.