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Introducing the UN Development Account project on Aid for Trade

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Development Account (DA)

- The Development Account framework was established by the General Assembly in 1997

- A mechanism to fund capacity development projects of the economic and social entities of the UN

- Projects financed from the DA aim at achieving **development impact through building the socio-economic capacity of developing countries** through collaboration at the national, sub-regional, regional and inter-regional levels

Development Account (DA)

• DA projects are implemented by 10 global and regional UN entities: DESA, the five Regional Commissions, UNCTAD, UNEP, UN-Habitat and UNODC

• Projects are programmed in tranches, which represent the DA's programming cycle. Programming in each tranche is guided by a theme that reflects the current aims of the General Assembly and the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

• Since 1997 there have been more than 256 projects with a total budget of $152.9 million

Facilitating effective integration of developing countries in the global economy through Aid for Trade schemes

7th Tranche theme is "Support to addressing key global development challenges to further the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, through collaboration at the global, regional and national levels"
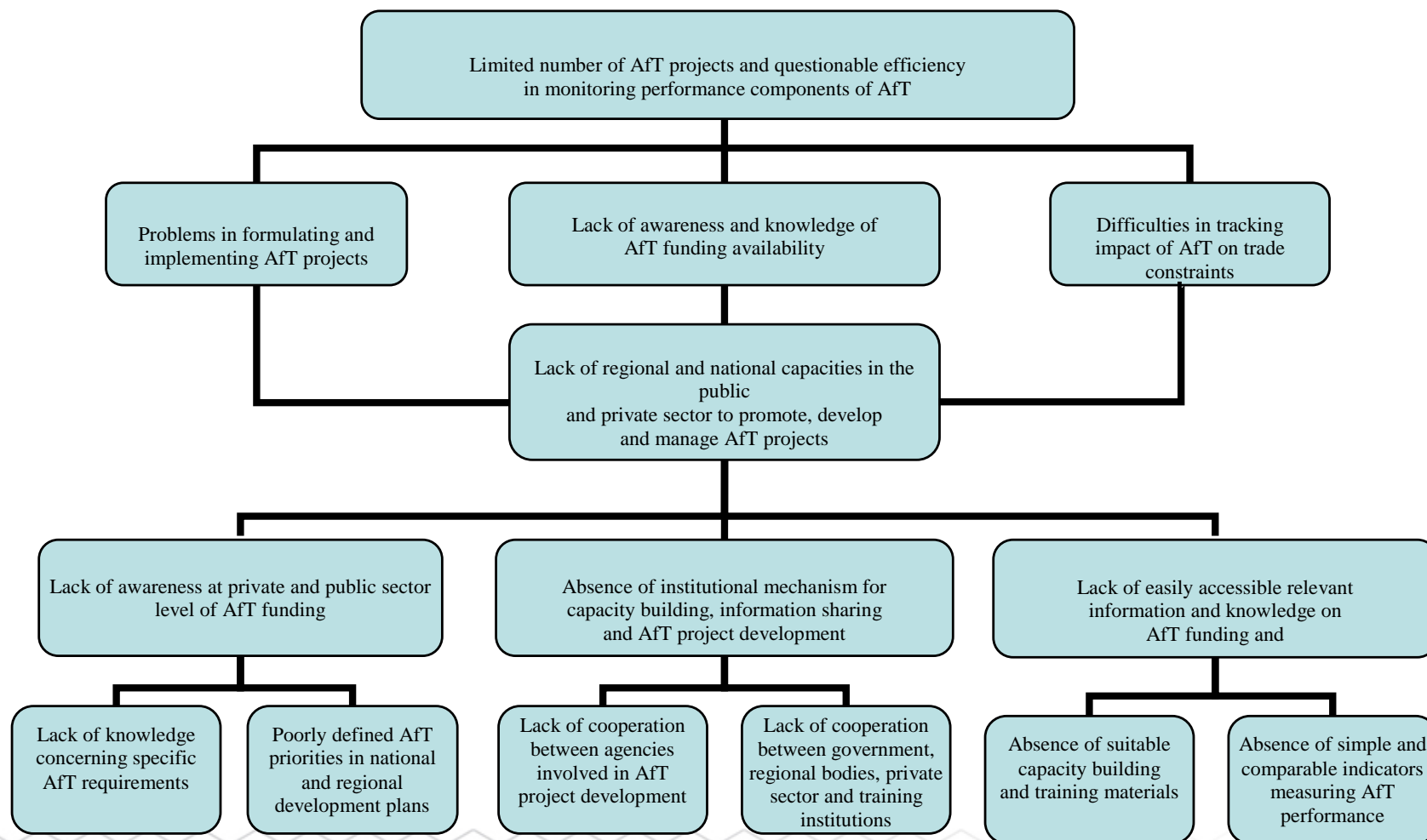
Overall goal:

- To ensure that developing countries, countries with economies in transition, and the least developed countries benefit from trade
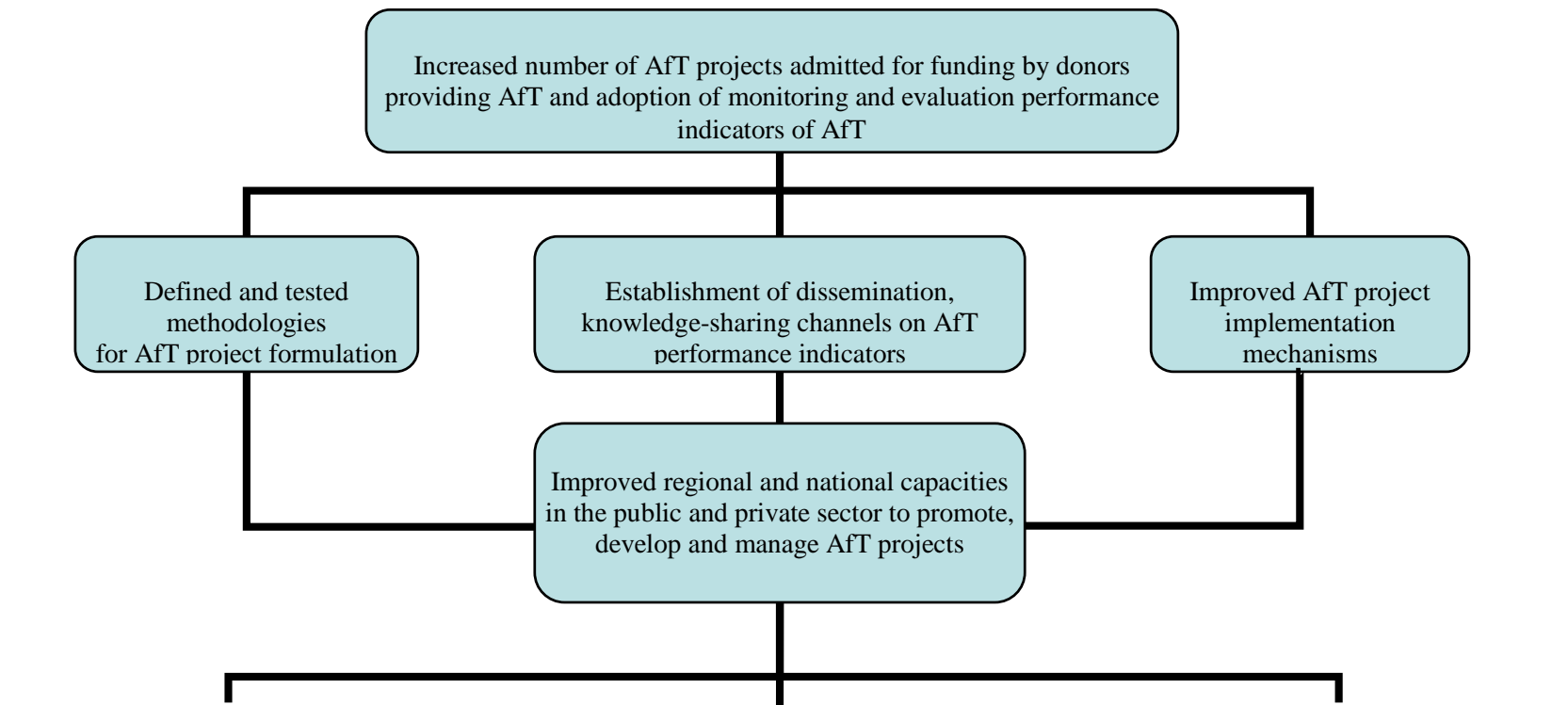
Project objectives:

- Ensuring that the Aid for Trade initiative is inclusive;

- Sharing knowledge and information on how the different regions are implementing and monitoring Aid for Trade;

- Developing global consensus on the identification of indicators that can be used to monitor Aid for Trade

Problem analysis

How will this project help?

Increased number of AfT projects admitted for funding by donors providing AfT and adoption of monitoring and evaluation performance indicators of AfT

Defined and tested methodologies for AfT project formulation

Establishment of dissemination, knowledge-sharing channels on AfT performance indicators

Improved AfT project implementation mechanisms

Improved regional and national capacities in the public and private sector to promote, develop and manage AfT projects