

EVOLVING & MAINSTREAMING IPRTA

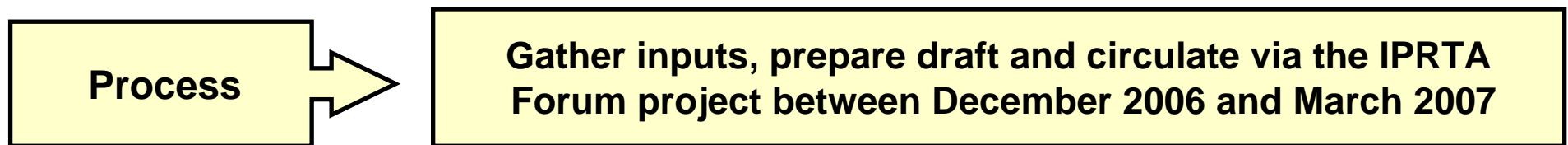
Mapping out a strategic framework for
the medium term

IPRTA FORUM

_EVOLVING AND MAINSTREAMING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR IPR REFORM AND CAPACITY BUILDING

Rationale & process

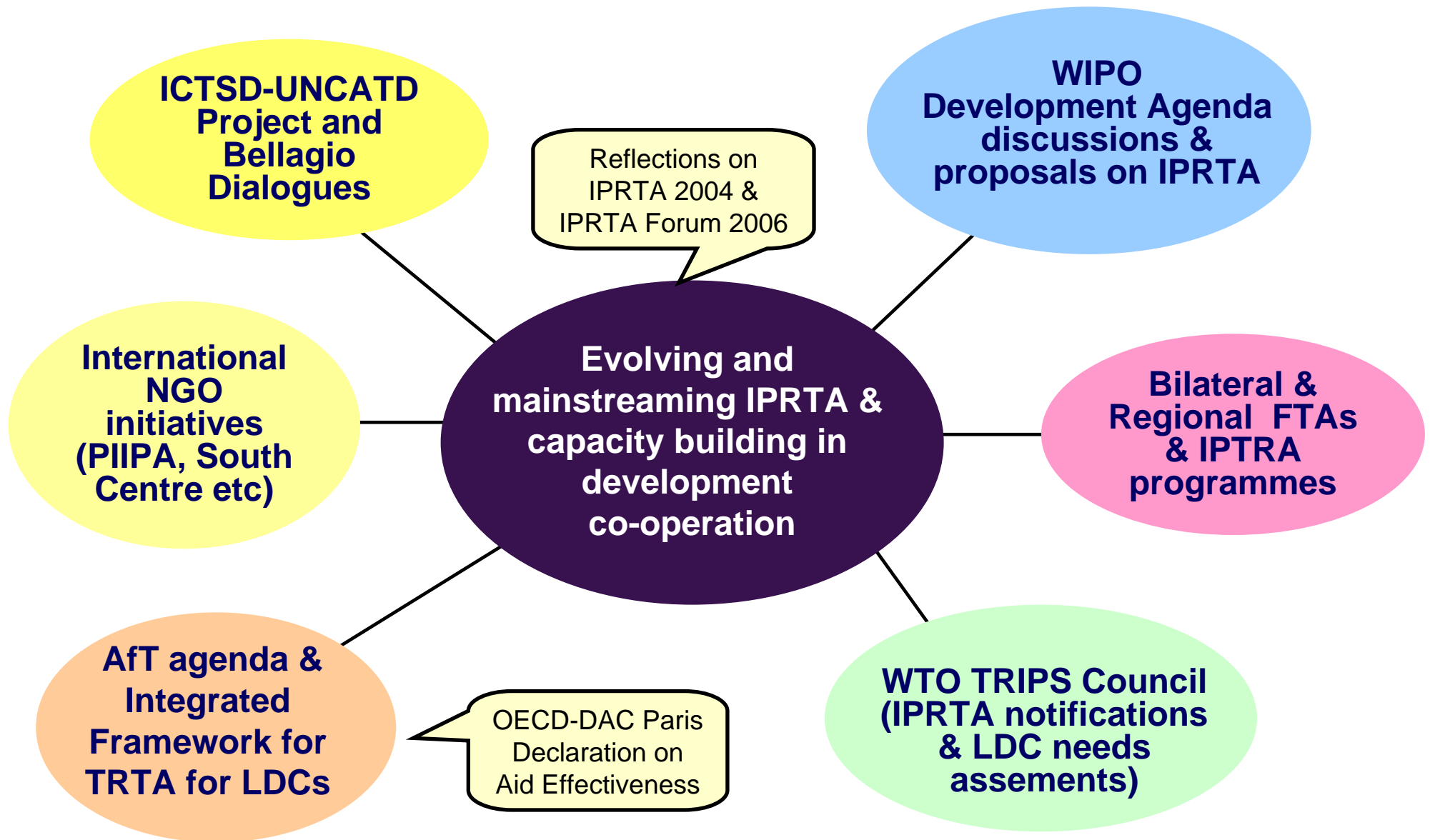
- Provide a framework to guide dialogue and action around strategic objectives and areas of convergence between stakeholders at national and international levels
- Feed knowledge and resource tools into ongoing dialogues in international fora and bilateral/regional initiatives aimed at increasing impact, sustainability & effectiveness
- Help deepen dialogue and catalyse actions to be taken forward *individually* and *in partnership* by key stakeholders
- Medium term horizon, evolutionary approach to dovetail with existing programmes and initiatives as far as possible



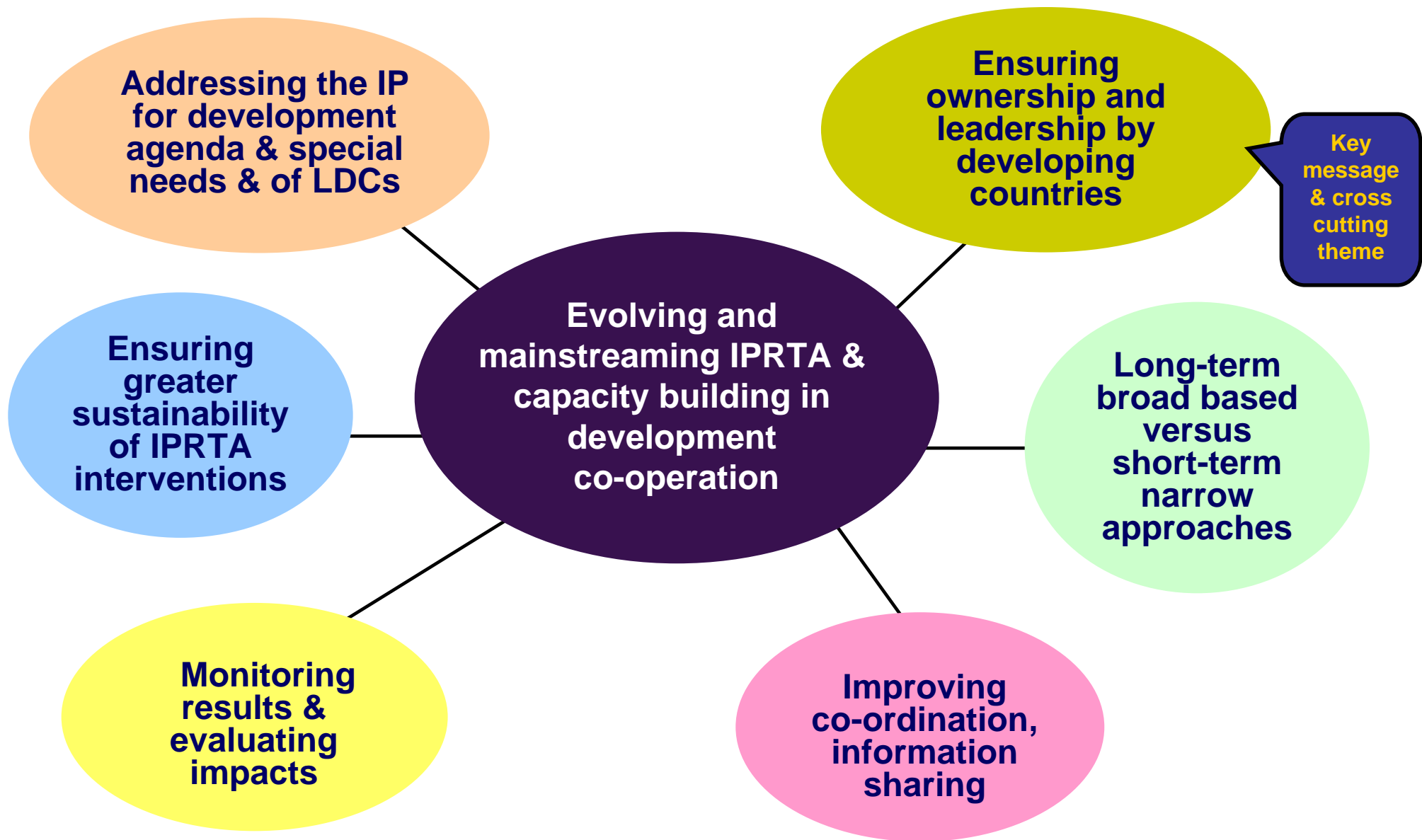
Outline for the strategic framework

- Context and linkages
- Orientations & strategic objectives
- Possible options for work clusters going forward
- The future role of the IPRTA Forum as a global resource network and knowledge-hub

Context & linkages for the strategic framework



Orientations and strategic objectives



Possible options for work clusters going forward

- Building the capacity of developing countries to develop and lead broad-based national strategies over the medium term to support IP reforms and capacity building for development
- Addressing the special needs and challenges of LDCs – WTO TRIPS Council Decision of November 2005
- Develop the IPRTA Forum as a open, inclusive global network and knowledge hub for key stakeholders on IPRTA and capacity building in developing countries
- Other feasible options in keeping with the overall rationale, orientations and objectives of the strategic framework for the medium term?

Building the capacity of developing countries to develop and lead national strategies

Hybrid proposal or other options?

Possible options	Notes & issues to consider
1. Sub-regional workshops for developing countries to support development and leadership of broad, based national/regional strategies for IPRTA and capacity building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-organised and funded by donors and stakeholders from developing countries • Experts and resource persons from donor agencies to attend, help develop materials, share lessons • Could be run at sub-regional level • Emphasis on building transferable, practical skills over 1-2 week residential period • Include development of handbook?
2. Earmarked funding by donors for small grants or technical assistance to support developing countries prepare, co-ordinate and monitor national/regional strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants in range of US\$ 50,000 – 300,000? • Countries could submit short proposals & ToR with grant applications to participating donor(s) • New grant mechanism and/or existing TA mechanisms? • Parallel dialogues with donors re: programming via national or regional "round tables" – critical for success
3. National/Regional strategy "simulation workshops" with donors and developing countries to "pilot test" the approaches under Option 1 and 2 above	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modelled on event held by the IF agencies in Sep 2005? • Participants from donors and developing countries • Simulation of a national case as a pilot to examine "teething problems" and implementation challenges • Periodic reviews and evolution to improve methodology

Addressing the special needs and challenges of LDCs for IPRTA and capacity building

Possible options	Notes & issues to consider
<p>1. Integrate the IP reform and capacity building agenda into the enhanced Integrated Framework (IF) and the DTIS process for LDCs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are IF agencies willing to do this? • Would LDCs support it? • Would IF Trust Fund require additional funds? • Would have the potential advantage of mainstreaming IPRTA within the overall national trade & development strategy
<p>2. Parallel to the IF, donors and LDCs could undertake needs assessment diagnostics and prepare national strategies linked to the WTO TRIPS Council November 2005 Decision</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would donors and LDCs support it? • Who would undertake these diagnostics? • How would these be co-ordinated & funded? • What would be the follow-up mechanism? • Would the process be demand-driven? • Would there be good linkages to other sectors of national/regional development strategy & co-operation?
<p>3. Continue with <i>status quo</i> but donors aim to make additional grant & loan funding available for IPRTA and capacity building in LDCs over the medium term</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earmarked funding or <i>ad hoc</i> initiatives? • Co-ordination challenges for LDCs & Donors? • Risks of duplication of effort? • More or less demand driven than options 1 & 2? • Realistic to expect additional funding availability?

Hybrid proposal or other options?

Use the Common Diagnostic Tool?

Develop the IPRTA Forum into a resource network and knowledge hub

Hybrid proposal or other options?

Possible options	Notes & issues to consider
<p>1. Develop the IPRTA Forum into a "virtual" resource network with contact points in donor agencies, developing countries and international institutions/NGOs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lowcost, participatory & non exclusive • Aids information sharing & co-ordination initiatives • Deepens dialogue across wide range of issues • Would not require heavy governance structure and bureacracy
<p>2. Expand the IPRTA Forum website as a knowledge hub and on-line resource for donors, developing countries and international institutiouons/NGOs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New webpages for all areas of IPRTA • Commission issue papers & case studies • "Donor profiles" to aid match-making • Portal for other relevant sites and resources (eg WIPO, IPRSONline, etc) • Periodic E-newsletters to "signpost" new resources, events, dialogues and programmes
<p>3. Bi-annual IPRTA Forum Stakeholder Conferences (next one early 2008?)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face to Face gatherings of IPRTA Forum Network • Review issues, track progress, discuss new proposals, exchange contacts and ideas • Funding, timing, location of conferences? • Cost-sharing by network members?

Footnotes on broad-based, national/regional strategies for IP reform and capacity building

- ✓ National or regional focus as required
- ✓ Involve a broad range of stakeholders from government departments, private sector, civil society – with cabinet-level approval
- ✓ Aligned with development strategy and co-operation framework as fully as possible
- ✓ Map existing policy framework & programmes
- ✓ Diagnose gaps in terms of needed policy & institutional reforms as well as capacity building, technology transfer & IP for development
- ✓ Potentially cover any/all areas of IPRTA and capacity building – broad definition
- ✓ Contain sound, prioritised action plans and resource frameworks
- ✓ Medium term planning horizon (10 years?)
- ✓ Emphasis on sustainability and synchronising with resource availability & "absorptive capacities" – eg through "phasing" of investments
- ✓ Could be integrated within larger investment and reform programmes (eg Ghana's TSSP)

Developing countries in the lead with donors as development partners

Broad-based, inclusive, comprehensive – policy & institutional reform & capacity building

Tailored to national and/or regional needs & circumstances – no one-size-fits all

Co-financed & implemented by beneficiaries & development partners through aligned modalities