

A large African elephant stands in the center of a savanna landscape. The elephant is facing forward, slightly to the right, with its trunk curled. It has large, fan-shaped ears and prominent tusks. The background features rolling green hills and mountains under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The foreground is a field of tall, dry grass.

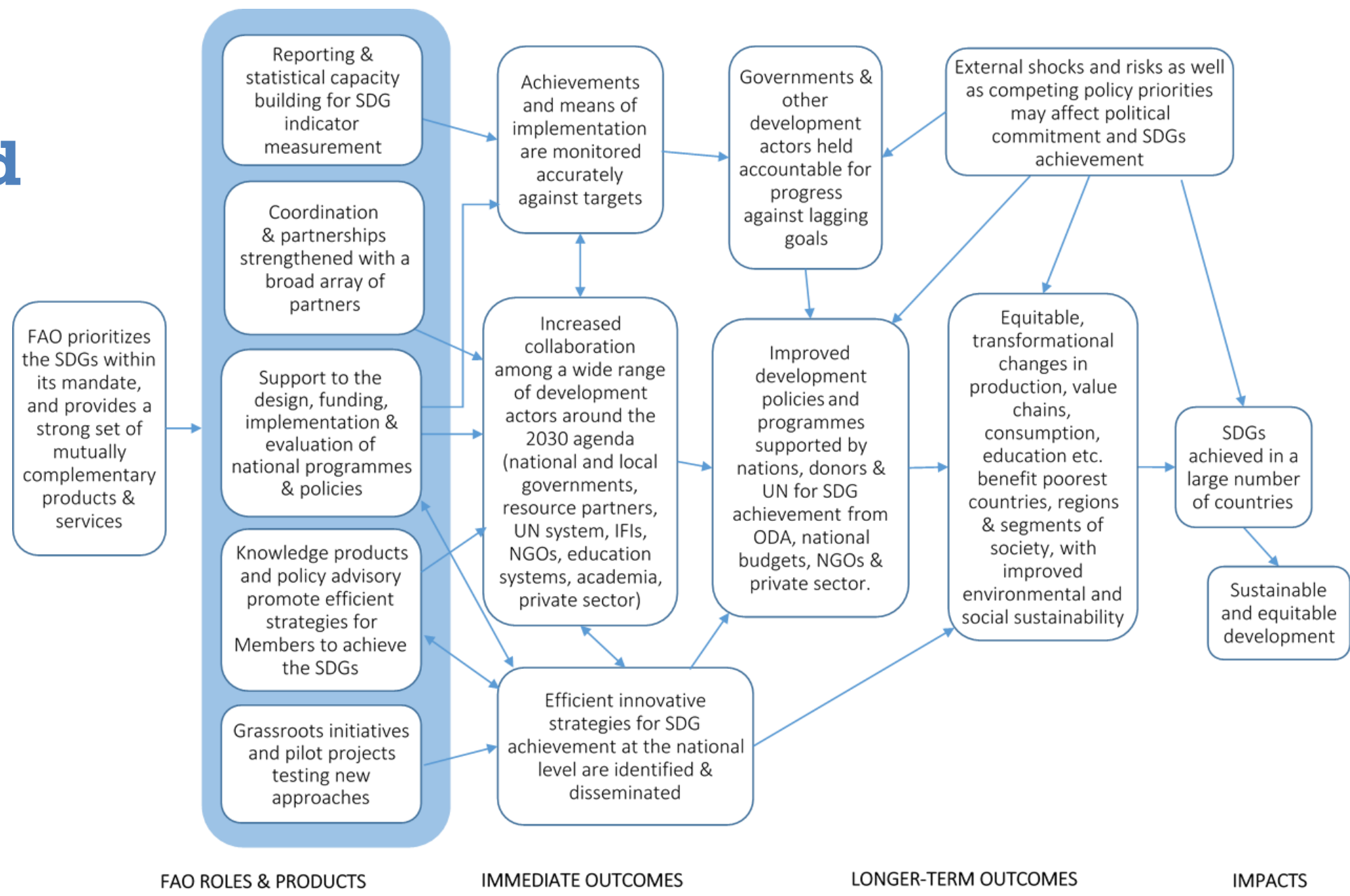
How to Eat an Elephant

Using sound theory to guide FAO's evaluation of Sustainable Development Goal 2 – Zero Hunger

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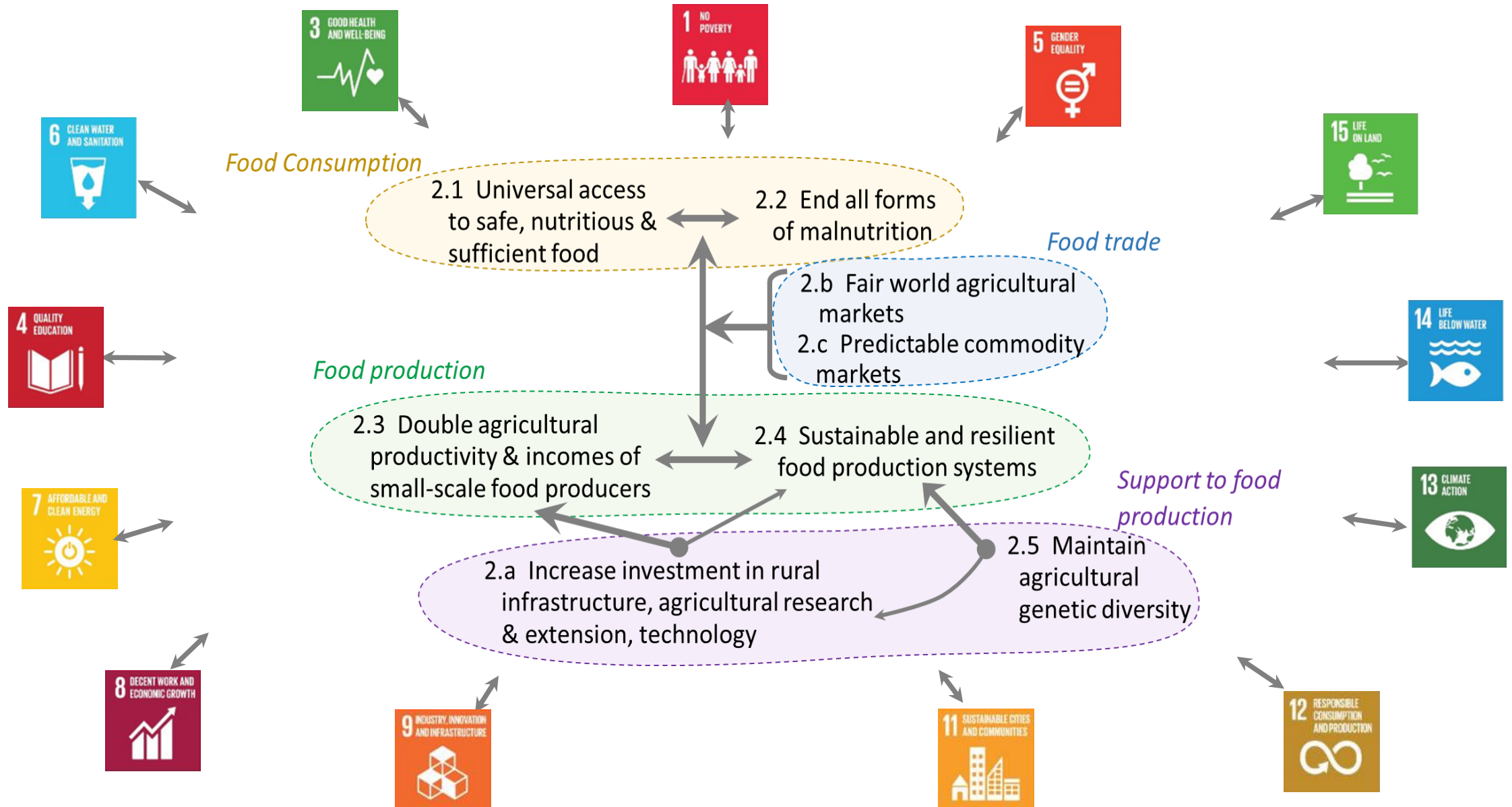
UNNESSA panel on country-led evaluation of the SDGs

**Simplified
TOC #1:
FAO
support
for the
SDGs**



Note: The figure presents a highly simplified overview of what FAO tries to achieve with its support to the SDGs. Only the main pathways are drawn.

Simplified TOC #2: SDG 2



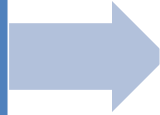
SDG 2 in a nutshell

(our interpretation)

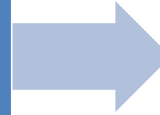
World nations need to reorient their agriculture support systems (research, extension, etc.) and policies so as to favor an evolution towards more diverse, more sustainable and productive agriculture, more equitable, maintaining biodiversity and the environment instead of eroding them, and producing more diverse and more nutritious food at a lower environmental cost.

Evaluation Process

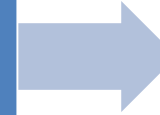
Understand the issue conceptually, as one of assessing a qualitative evolution towards more sustainable and inclusive approaches



Develop appropriate questions and a coherent rating scheme tailor-made to measure such qualitative evolution in FAO's assistance



Apply this framework to a significant number of case studies, selected based on their potential for learning (with an explicit bias towards good practices)



Synthesize the results through comparison and triangulation, controlling for the in-built positive bias towards good practices, to try and present an objective picture