
Bhutan Country Partnership Framework FY2020-2024

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World Bank Group

IBRD

International
Bank for
Reconstruction
and
Development

Loans to
middle-income
and credit-worthy
low-income country
governments

IDA

International
Development
Association

Concessional loans
and grants to
governments
of poorest
countries

IFC

International
Finance
Corporation

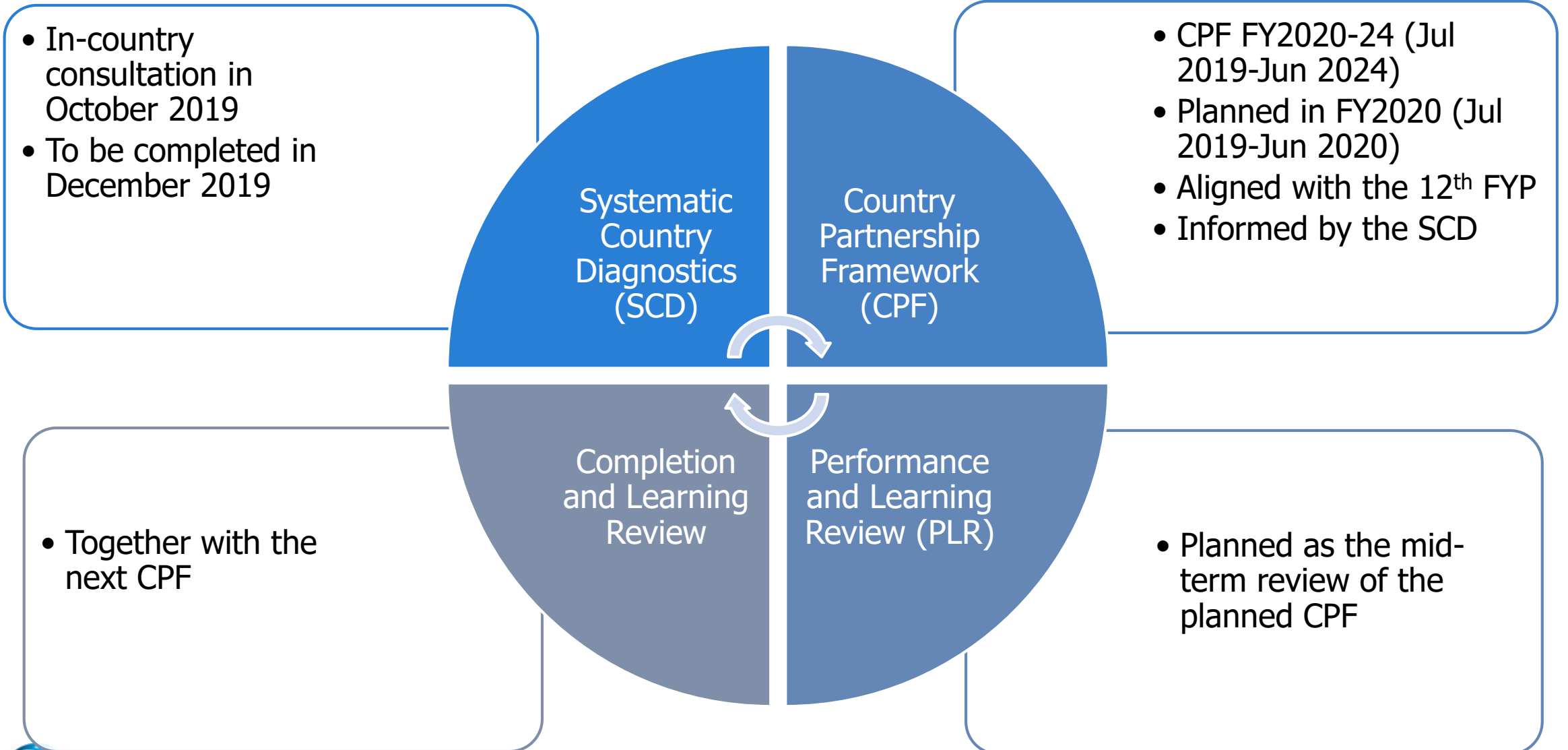
Solutions in private
sector development

MIGA

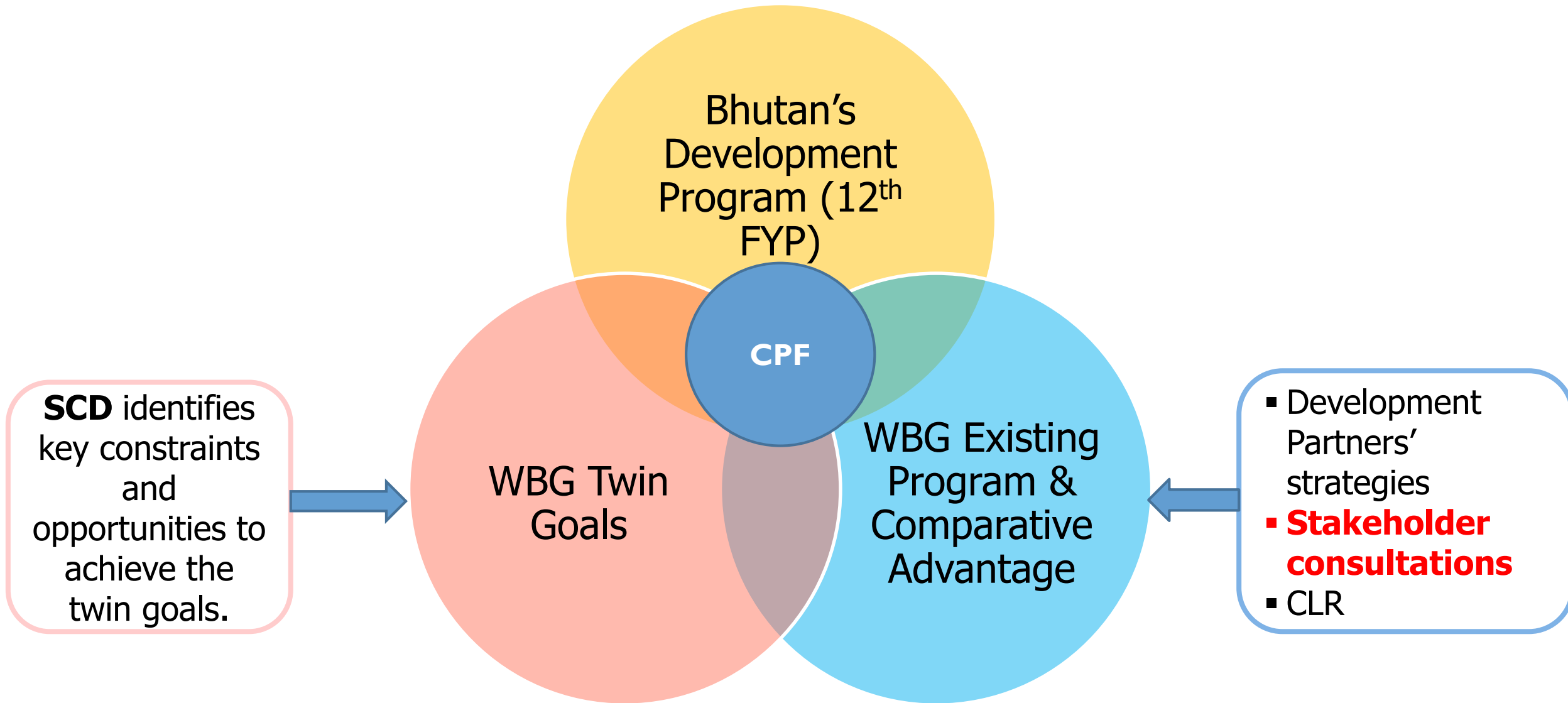
Multilateral
Investment
Guarantee
Agency

Guarantees to
private sector
investors and
lender against non-
commercial risks

Country Partnership Framework (CPF)



The CPF at the Intersection of Three Selective Filters



SCD Priorities

Development challenge	Priority / Action
Lack of quality job opportunities especially for educated youth	Priority area 1: Boosting private sector development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increasing access to finance ▪ Investing in connective transport infrastructure and ICT ▪ Harnessing the potential of vast natural resources (including agribusiness)
Macroeconomic volatility and vulnerability	Priority area 2: Strengthening macro-fiscal stability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strengthening domestic revenue mobilization ▪ Improving management of hydropower rents
Remaining spatial and gender inequality	Priority area 3: Improving service delivery for equal opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Improving access to and quality of basic services and increasing investment in human capital ▪ Strengthening social protection system
Cross-Cutting Areas	
High vulnerability to natural disaster and climate change especially for the poor	Priority area 4: Enhancing disaster and climate resilience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Promoting sustainable management of water resources ▪ Managing and mitigating climate-related vulnerabilities
Weak evidence-based policy formulation and inconsistency between policy and implementation	Priority area 5: Addressing implementation gaps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Improving coordination within the government and addressing capacity constraints ▪ Strengthening statistical capacity



CPF: Indicative Timeline and Consultation

Indicative Timeline

Item	Date
Board Discussion	March, 2020
ROC Decision Meeting	Jan, 2020
Drafting CPF	December
In country consultation	December

Consultation

- Ensure well-informed CPF
- 2019 Country Opinion Survey is good starting point
- Stakeholders include government counterparts, development partners, private sectors, CSOs and academia with focus on women and youth
- Consultations will be conducted through (a) in-country workshops in Thimphu, (b) web-based online communication, (c) consultation outside Thimphu.

Questions for Discussion

- Among the five development challenges the SCD has identified, **what** is the most important challenge that needs to be addressed so that Bhutan will advance to the next stage of development? **Why?**
- **What / How** can the WBG do to address the challenge?
- **How** can the WBG collaborate / complement with you?