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Sustainable Development Goals and the Arctic



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Why the Arctic Council?

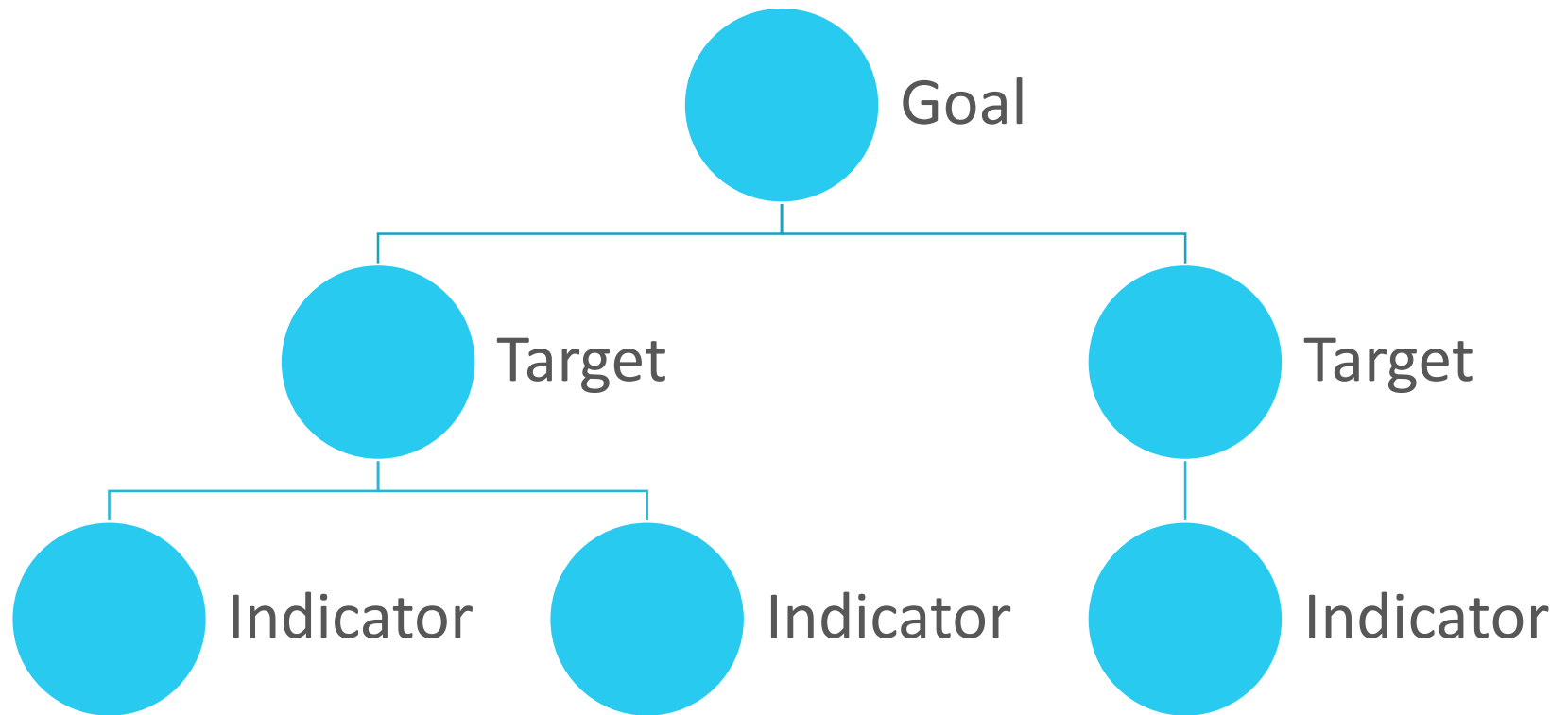
Best possible forum for helping the Arctic countries
in this work vis-a-vis their Arctic areas

How can this work be done in the AC?

a) How can the AC help Arctic countries to take account of Arctic special features when realizing their SDG's?

b) How can the SDG's enable highlighting the Arctic aspects in global forums?

Structure of the SDGs



How can AC help Arctic countries?

Some ideas:

- Identify how the existing projects contribute to the realization of SDG's
- That all proposed projects to the WG's would have an explanation how they advance SDG's

SDG's taking Arctic to global fora

- Global framework of SDG's entails the possibility to spotlight Arctic SD
- Arctic sustainable development is heavily linked to actions taken in other parts of the globe
- The rest of the world is also dependent on Arctic action



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The Rovaniemi Arctic Spirit

Messages:

- Arctic Council efforts as a part of a global process
- Holistic and all-encompassing nature of the SDGs (challenging but also provides a framework of real SD)
- Arctic Council has paved the way for including indigenous peoples as important part of Arctic SDG agenda

The Rovaniemi Arctic Spirit

- The importance of innovation
- Challenging issues for sustainable development in the Arctic
- The role of Arctic towns and cities in the realization of SDGs in the Arctic



Thank you!

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