



# The Global Social Protection Gap

## Global effective coverage rates

(excluding health and sickness)



# 46.9%

of the global population are effectively covered by at least one social protection benefit (SDG 1.3)

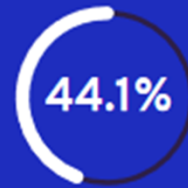
## Population receiving at least one social protection benefit (SDG 1.3) by region



Europe and Central Asia



Americas



Asia and the Pacific



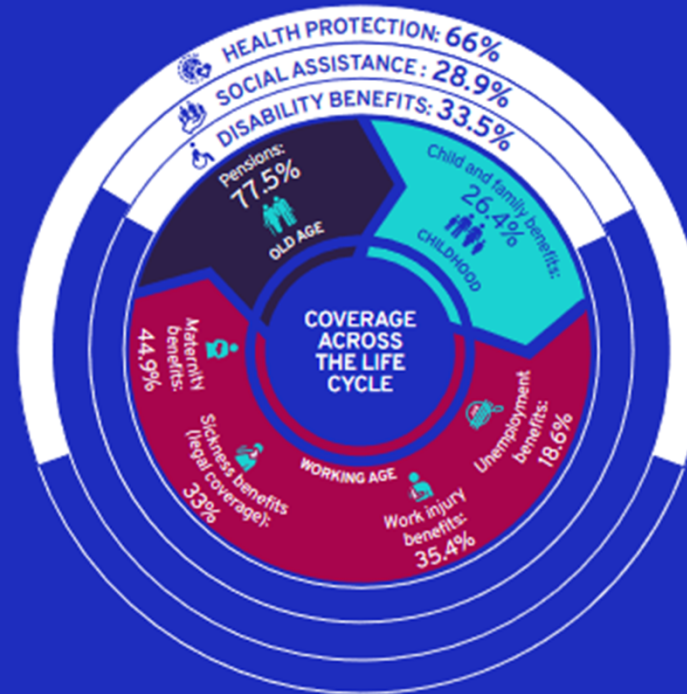
Arab States



Africa

## Social protection coverage across the life cycle (SDG 1.3)

Coverage ratio in per cent of the respective reference group



# The Global Social Protection Financing Gap

“In **low- and middle-income countries**, the financing gap to achieve universal social protection accounts for **3.3 per cent of GDP annually**, with 2.0 per cent of GDP required for essential health care and 1.3 per cent for the five key social protection cash benefits. ... The global averages mask significant disparities among country income groups and regions. Among the former, **low-income countries** face the largest financing gap as a proportion of their GDP, amounting to **52.3 per cent**, due to large social protection coverage gaps and low GDP in these countries.”

“**Official development assistance** becomes necessary, especially in the case of low-income countries, where the financing gap accounts for 52.3 per cent of GDP.”

# The Need for a Solidarity-based International Financing Mechanism

**Olivier de Schutter / Magdalena Sepúlveda (2012):** [“Underwriting the Poor. A Global Fund for Social Protection”](#)

**Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights (2021):** [“Global fund for social protection: International solidarity in the service of poverty eradication”](#), Report to the Human Rights Council

**UN (2021):** [“Our Common Agenda – Report of the Secretary-General”](#)

**Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors (2020/2022):** [„Civil Society Call for a Global Fund for Social Protection”](#)

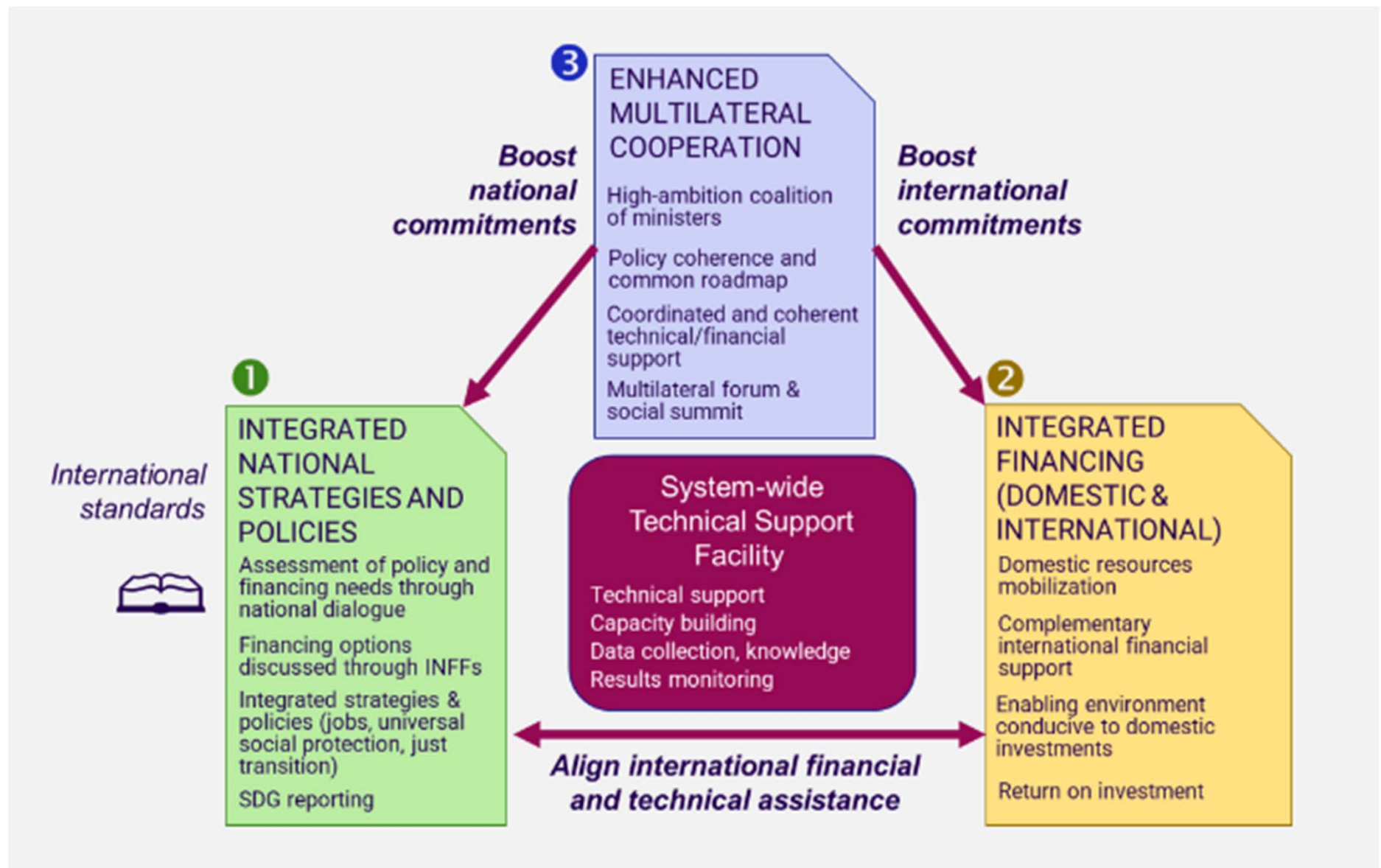
**International Labour Conference (2021):** ILO shall “explore options for mobilizing international financing for social protection” / **ILO (2023):** [“A Global Fund for Social Protection”](#), research study and webinar

# Global Accelerator on Jobs & Social Protection



- launched in 2021 by the **UN Secretary-General**
- **UN system's collective response** for addressing the challenges that threaten development progress
- initiative aims to accelerate progress towards the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** by
  - by supporting the creation of **decent jobs**, primarily in the green, digital and care economies (“for just transitions),
  - and by extending **social protection** to the 4 billion people who are still excluded
- Website: [www.unglobalaccelerator.org](http://www.unglobalaccelerator.org)

# Global Accelerator: Pillars of Action

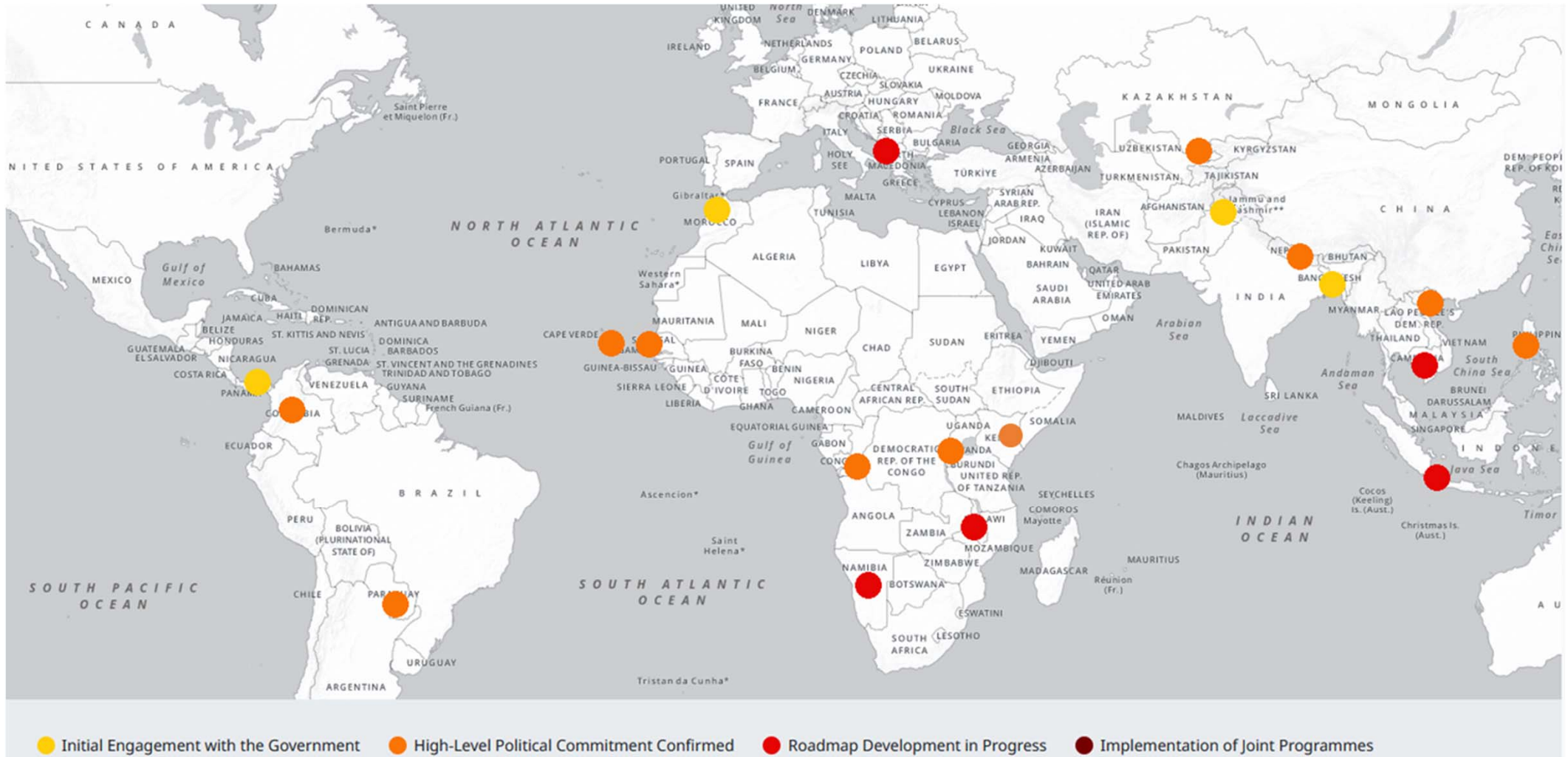




# Global Accelerator: Organization, Financing

- **Steering Group:** composed of pathfinder country governments, social partners, IFIs, donors, and civil society / provides the strategic direction for all engagements on the Global Accelerator.
- **Technical Support Facility:** composed of a coordination team (ILO, UNICEF, UNDP, WFP, FAO and UN WOMEN), a hub of experts and country teams / facilitates & supports the implementation of the GA
- **National Steering Committees:** composed of participating ministries, donors, social partners, civil society, UN Resident Coordinator, participating UN agencies, development banks, and others
- **Financing:** [Joint SDG Fund Window](#) / [GA Financing frameworks](#)

# Global Accelerator: Pathfinder Countries





# Global Accelerator: CSO engagement



ITUC (2024), Union Coordination Group on the UN Global Accelerator

- Participation of CSOs in the **GA Steering Group** (at global level) and in the **National Steering Committees**
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