

Exploring financing pathways for PCB elimination under the Stockholm Convention

Unlocking private capital to complement grant funding

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2025 BRS COPs

At the 2025 Conferences of the Parties to the BRS Conventions, the BRS Secretariat received a strong mandate to continue supporting efforts to mobilize finance – especially for the elimination of PCBs.

COP decision SC-12/17

The GEF: Stockholm Convention's Financial Mechanism



Stockholm Convention **Article 13**



GEF-8: **15 %** to Chemicals & Waste



Cost gaps in transformer replacement



Insufficient co-financing



Underreporting



Limited integration

Financial Needs Assessment 2026-2030



Total funding needs

USD 18.32 billion

PCB elimination: **USD 3.47 billion**

UNEP/POPS/COP.12/INF/32



Grant funding alone...

Can't close the funding gap



2025 COPs

Parties formulate recommendations to the GEF

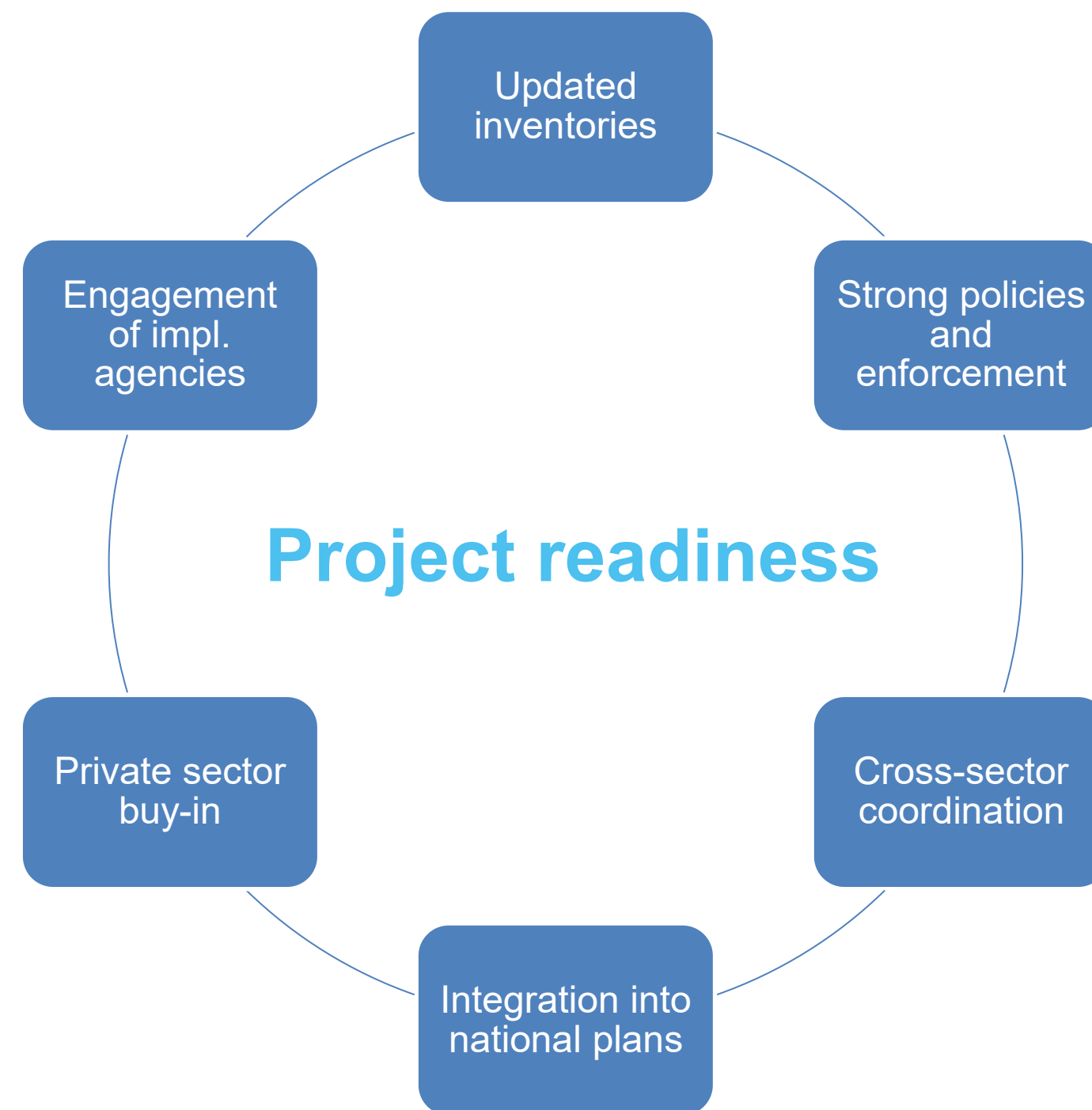
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Sustainable financing

GEF-9 replenishment negotiations
Exploring other financing streams

BRS Secretariat - creating an enabling environment for scaling up financing



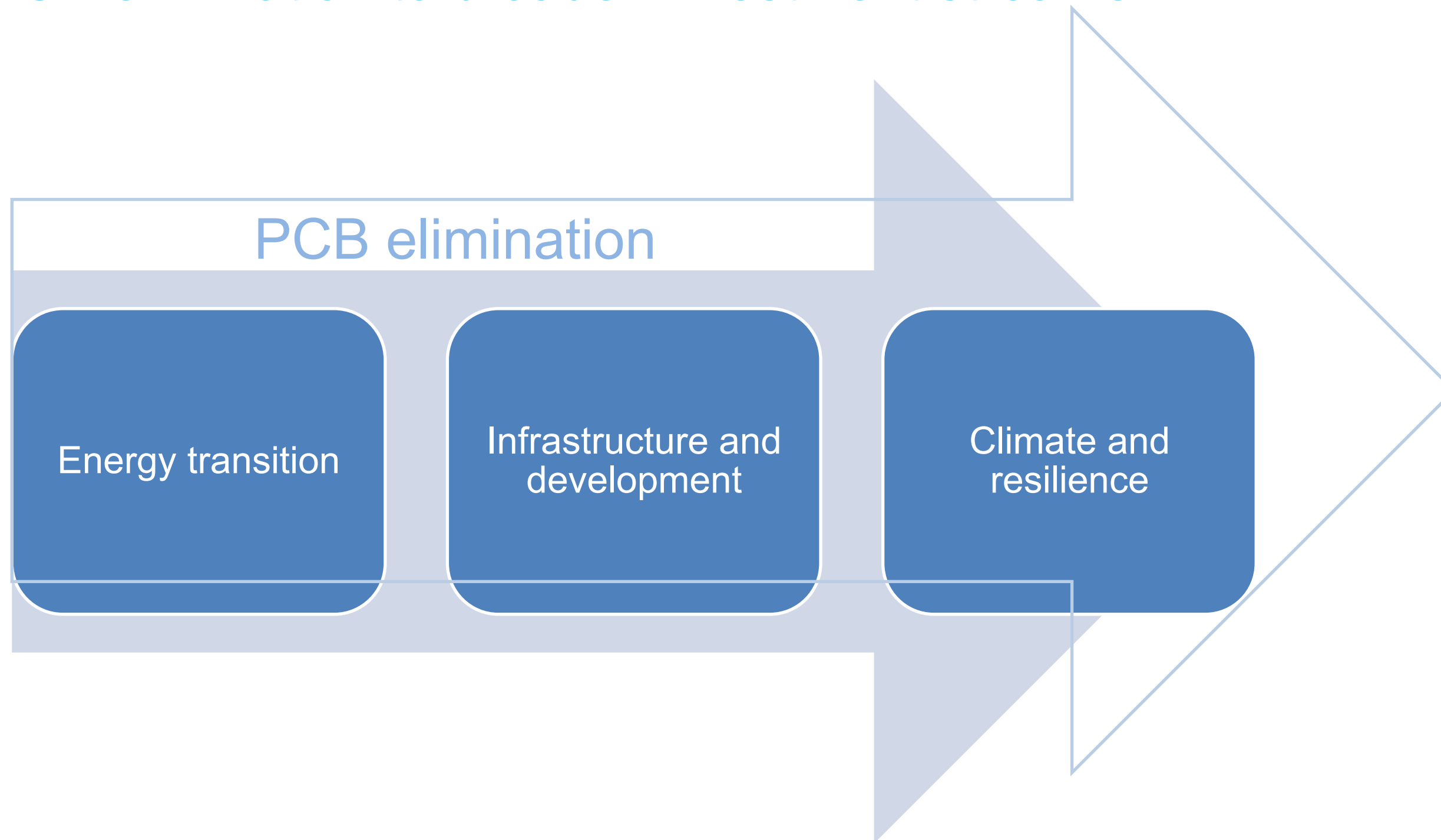
The Global Elimination Programme for PCBs (GEP-PCB)

\$ USD 206.8 million

- ✓ Combines GEF grants for disposal with MDB loans
- ✓ Global coordination framework
- ✓ Cost-effective
- ✓ Designed to be scaled-up

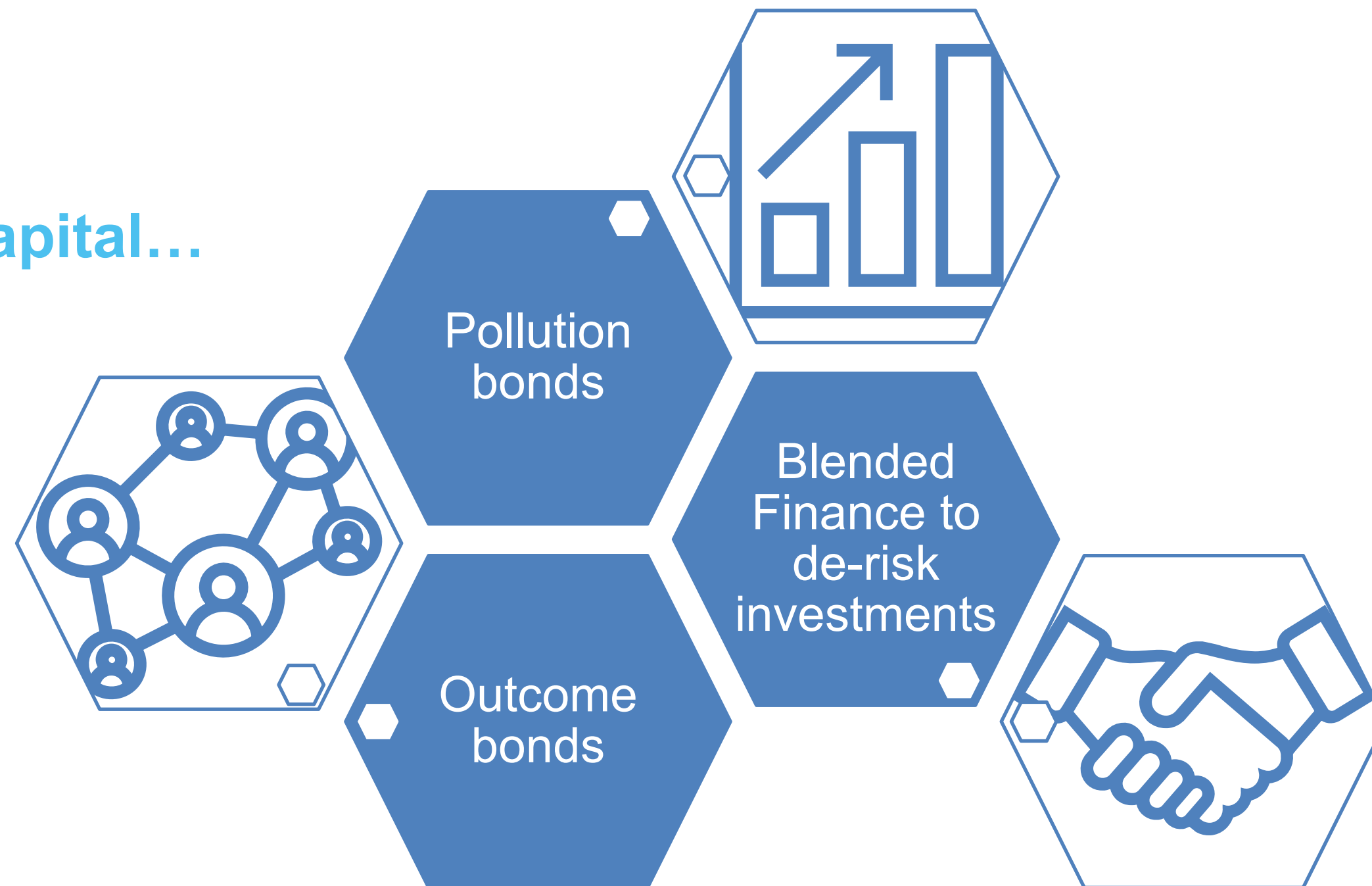


Linking PCB elimination to broader investment streams

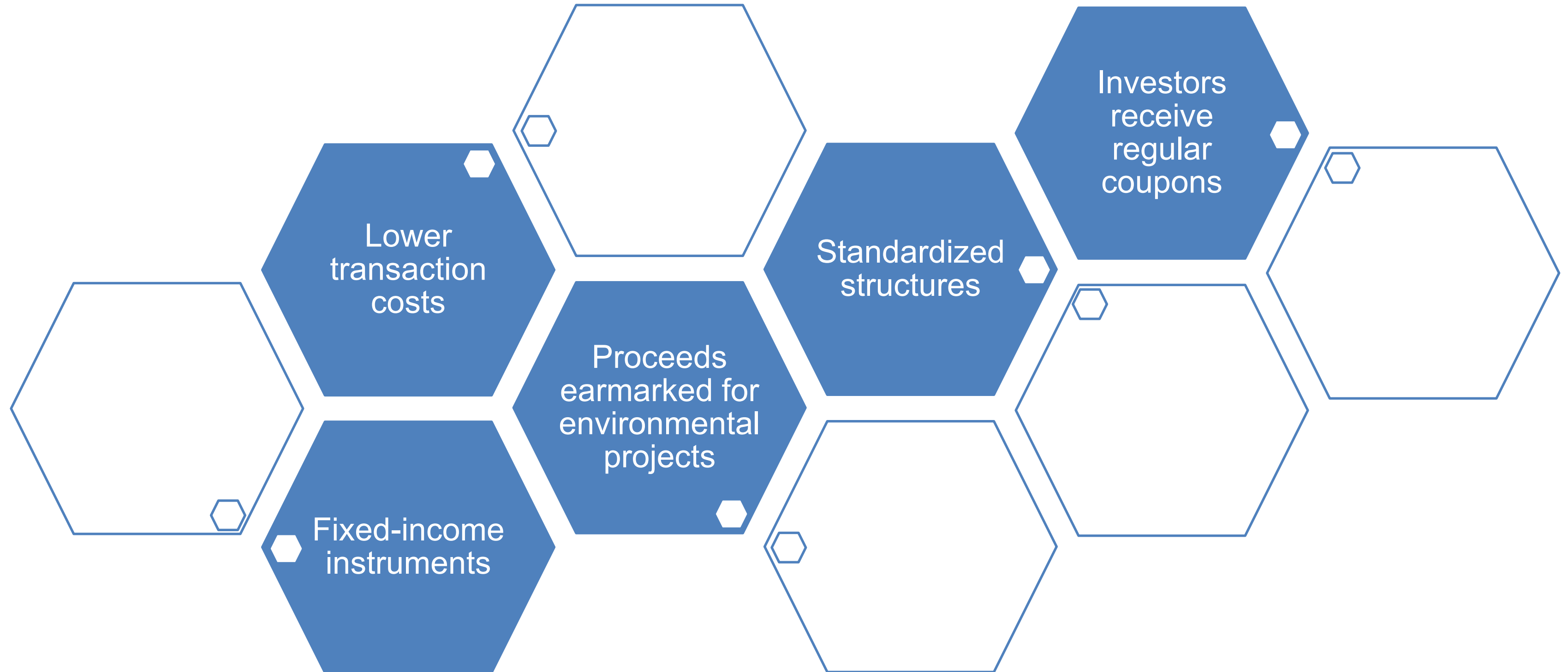


Blended finance and capital market instruments

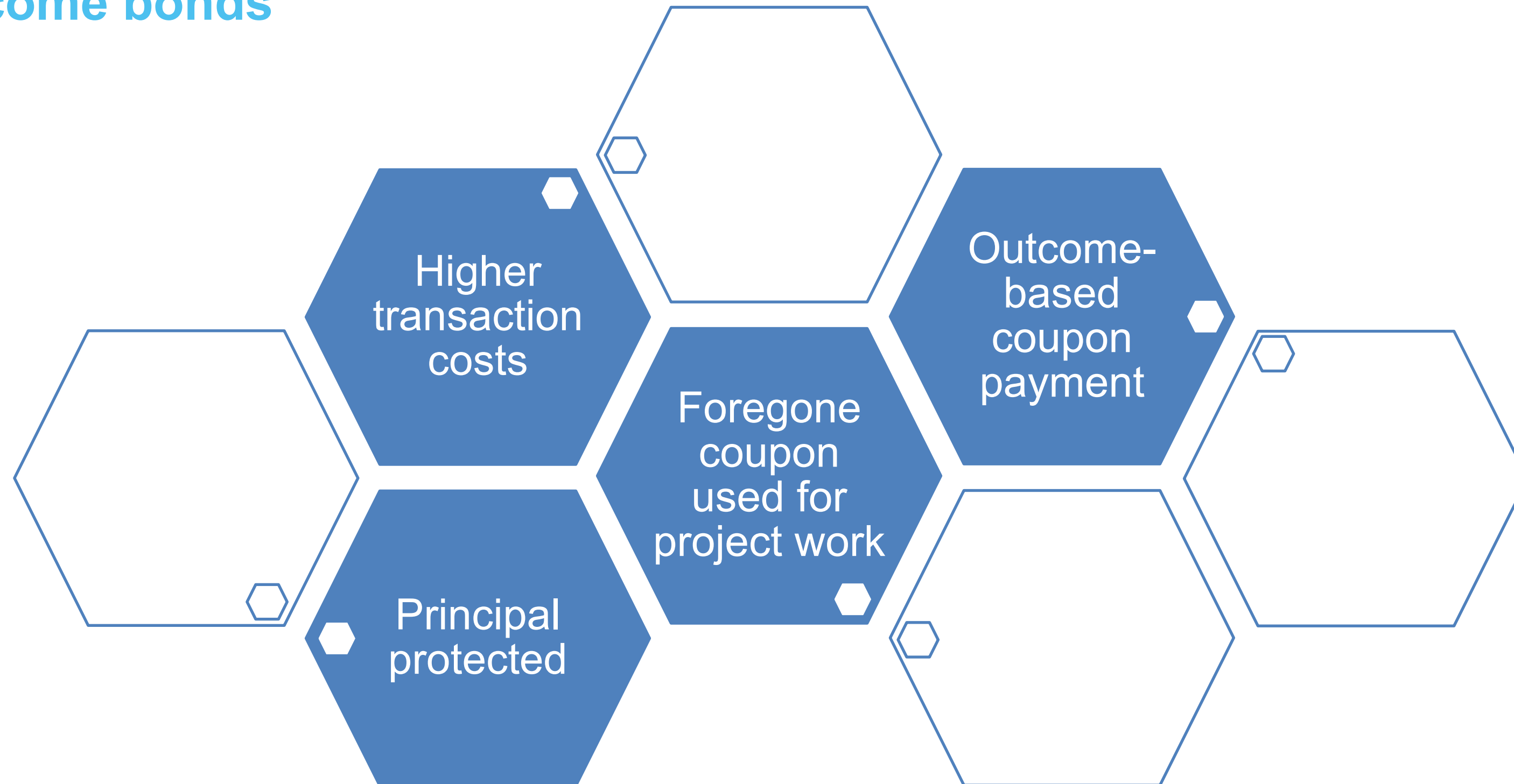
Tapping into private capital...



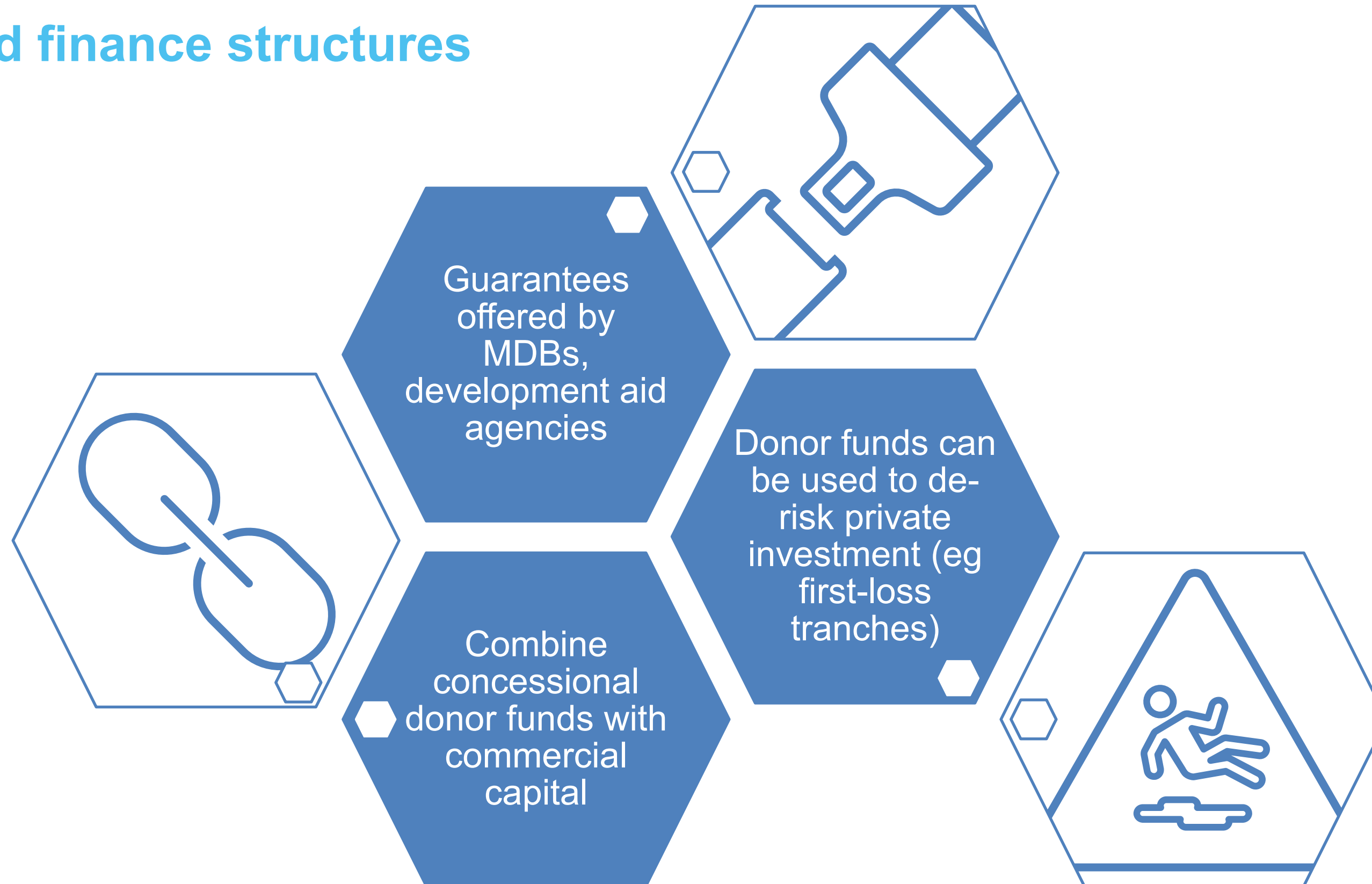
Pollution bonds



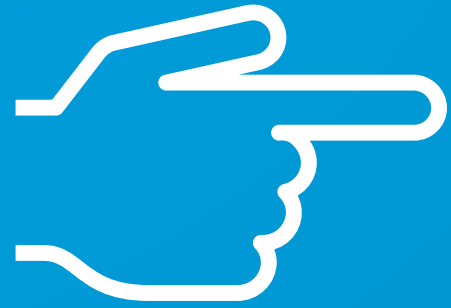
Outcome bonds



Blended finance structures



What countries can do



- Update and validate PCB inventories
- Develop, update and implement NIPs
- Include PCB elimination into national plans
- Regulate and enforce legislation
- Engage with Multilateral Development Banks
- Submit Expression of Interest



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