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Foresight for Food and Nutrition Security in the Region: Participative Scenario Building

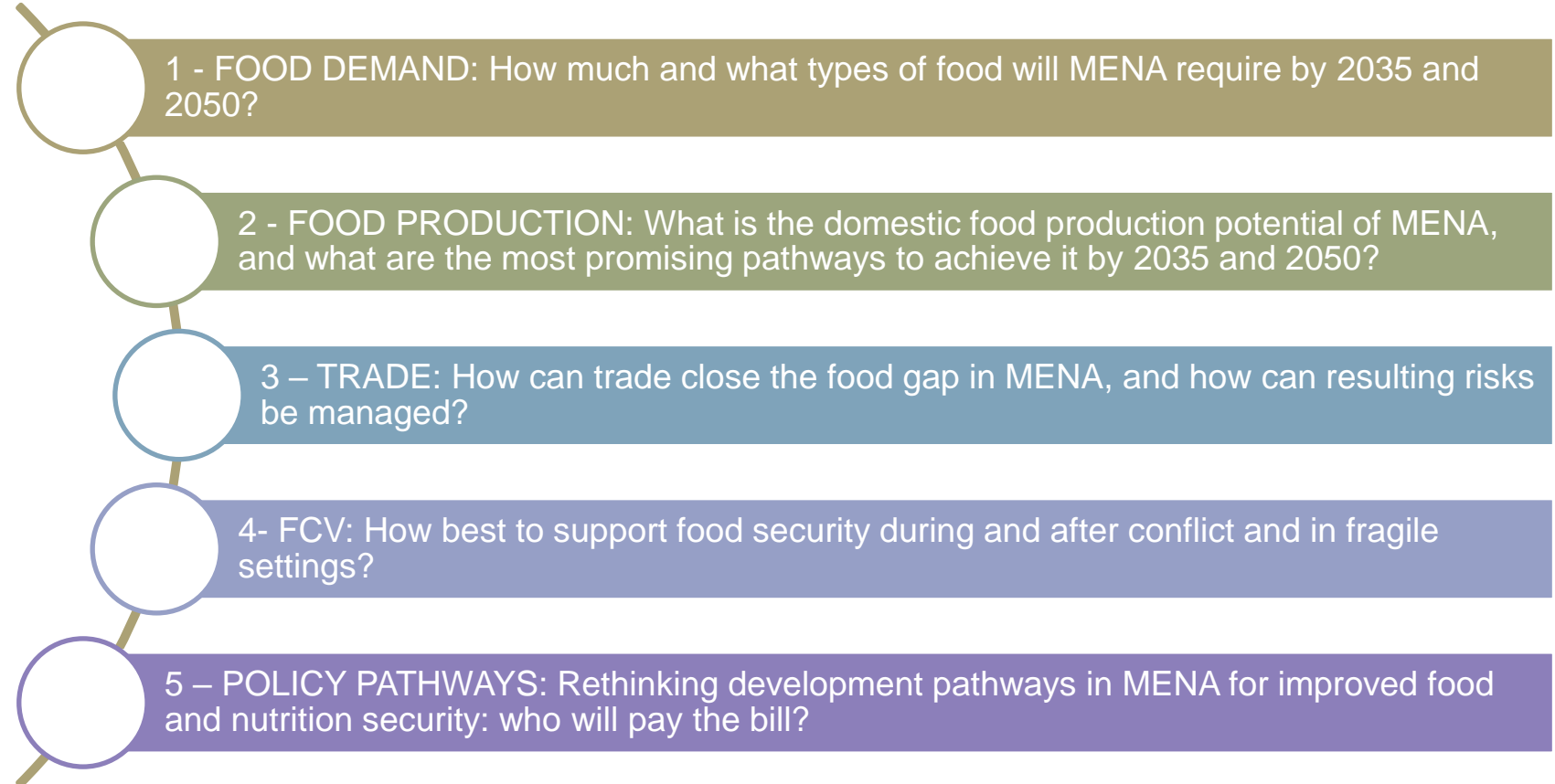
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The Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Regional Report on Food and Nutrition Security (1/2)

Objective

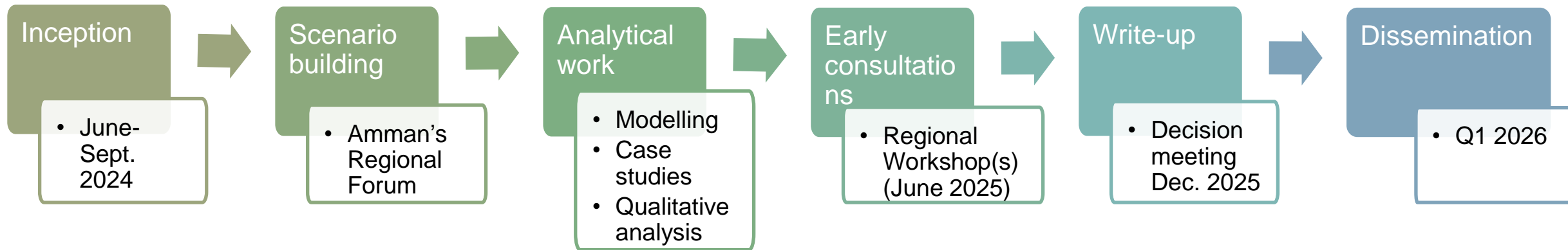
To inform the regional policy dialogue and World Bank's engagement on food and nutrition security in MENA through food system transformation

Outline



The Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Regional Report on Food and Nutrition Security (2/2)

Timeline



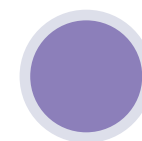
Expected deliverables



Background papers



Synthesis report



Country briefs

Scenarios in the MENA FNS Flagship

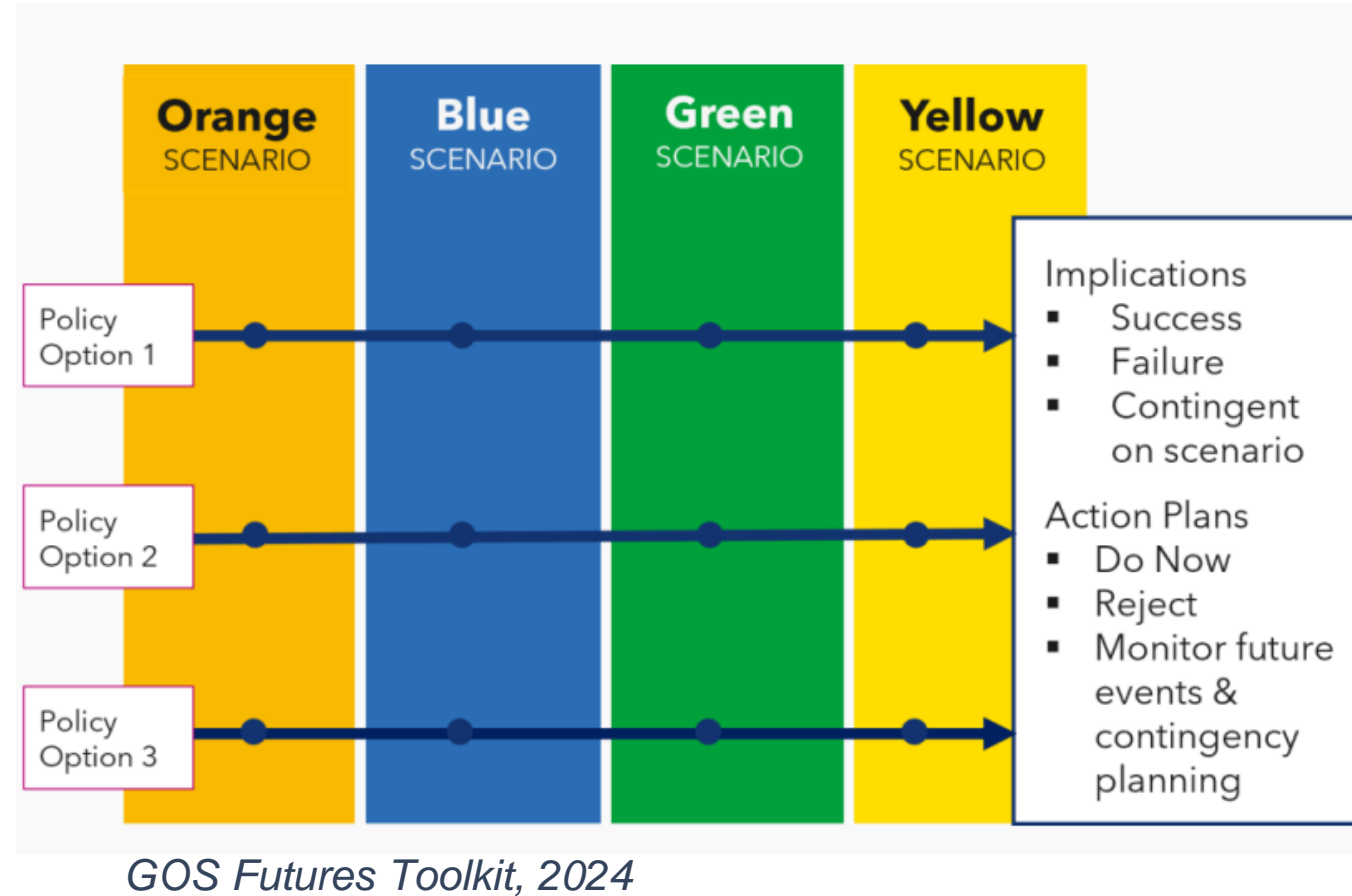
- **Are part of a strategic foresight toolbox**
 - Do not claim to predict or project how the future may look like...
 - ... but guide policymakers to envision and prepare for a range of different futures.
 - Are meant as a compass for navigating through uncharted territories of turbulence, uncertainty, ambiguity and novelty
 - Examine the interplays between different trends and change drivers (contrary to single trends)
- **Are used with the objective to “future proof” policy making**
 - Help policymakers to determine whether policy options would perform well under different circumstances and how to make them more robust across different plausible futures
 - To increasing resilience, adaptiveness, ability to respond to crises

GOS Futures Toolkit, 2024; UNDP Foresight Manual 2018; De Vito and Taffoni 2023

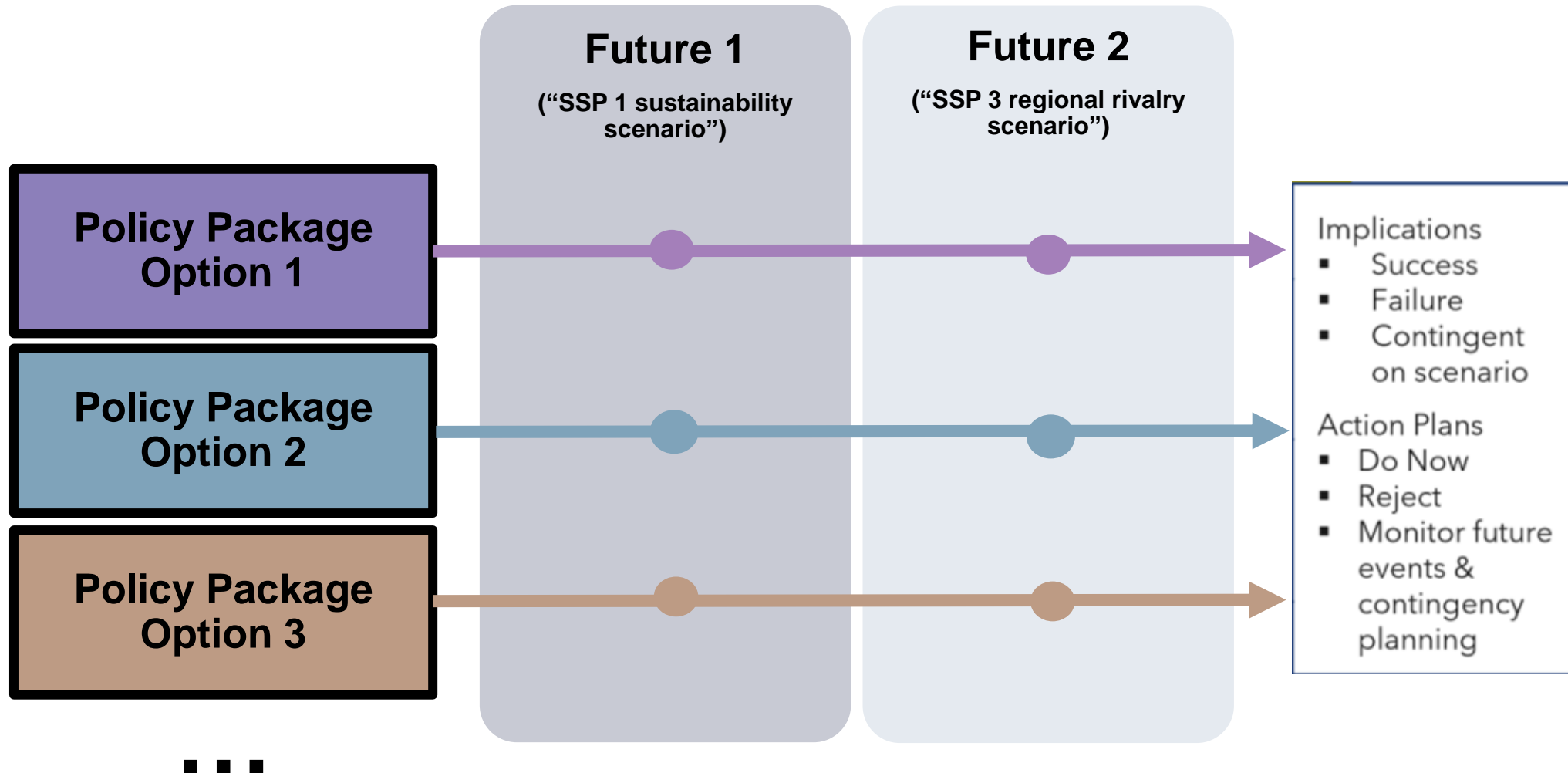


What is policy stress-testing?

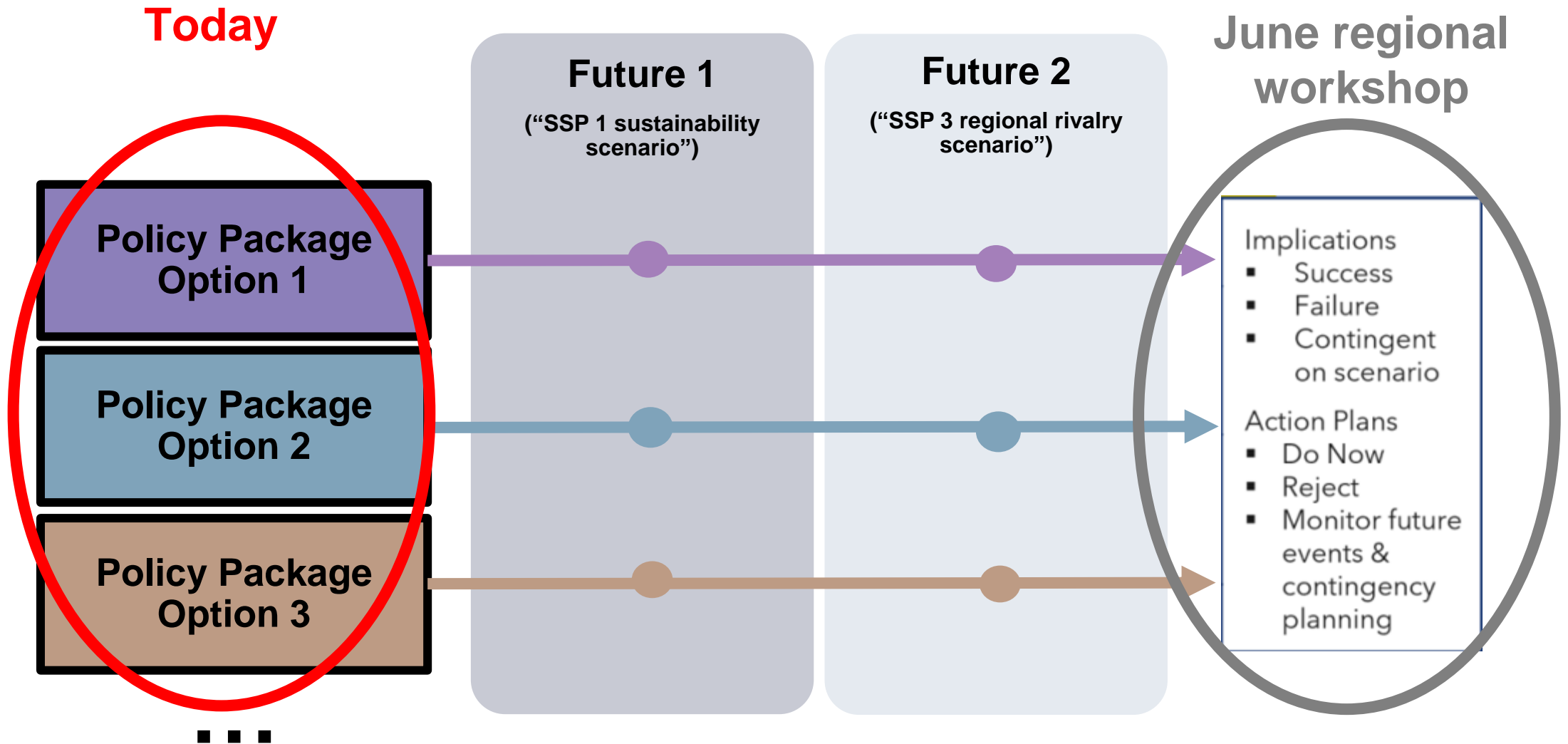
- A method for testing policy or strategy options against a set of scenarios or future events to see how well they stand up to a range of possible external conditions
- Allows to explore how a policy could be modified to succeed in different futures, or to be made more robust against a range of different futures



Policy stress-testing in the MENA FNS Flagship



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Our session today



1. Identify main policies for food and nutrition security (20 min)

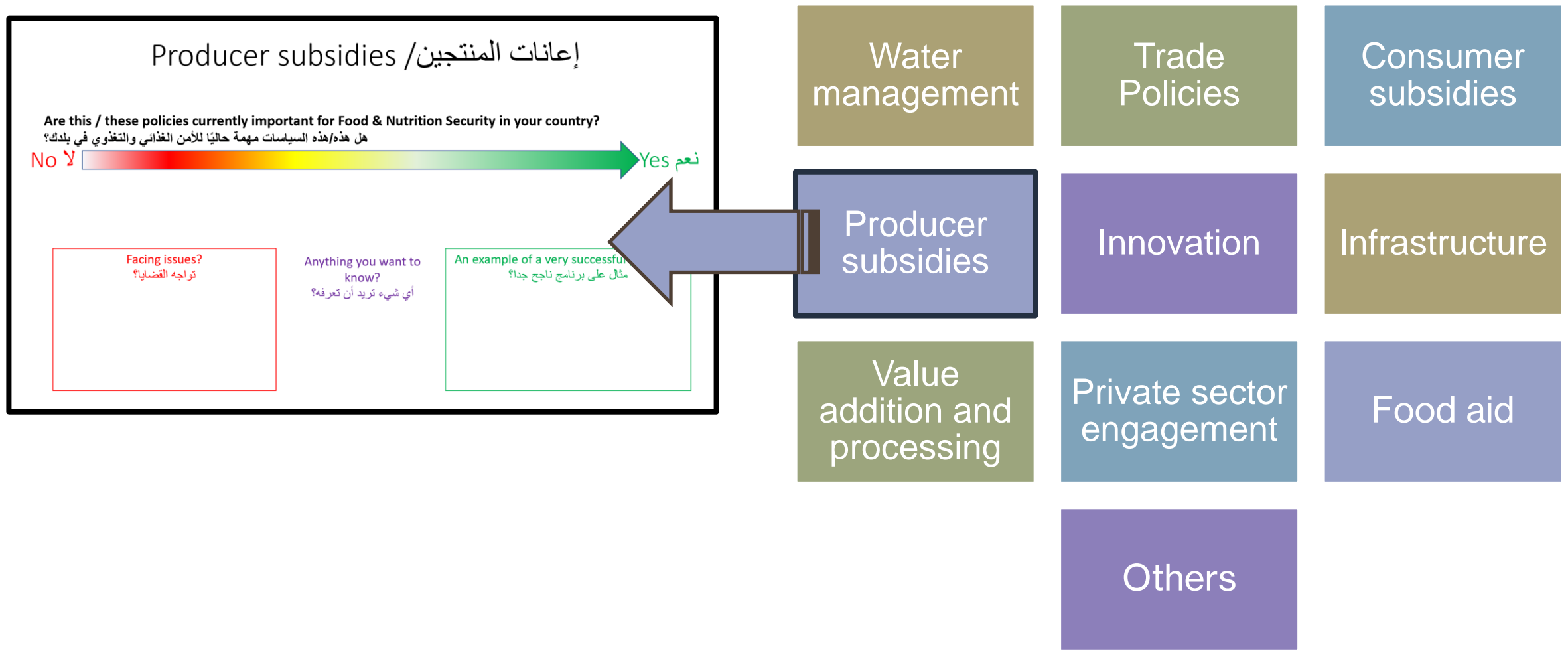


2. Co-create policy option bundles to be considered (20 min)

3. Next steps and wrap up (5 min)

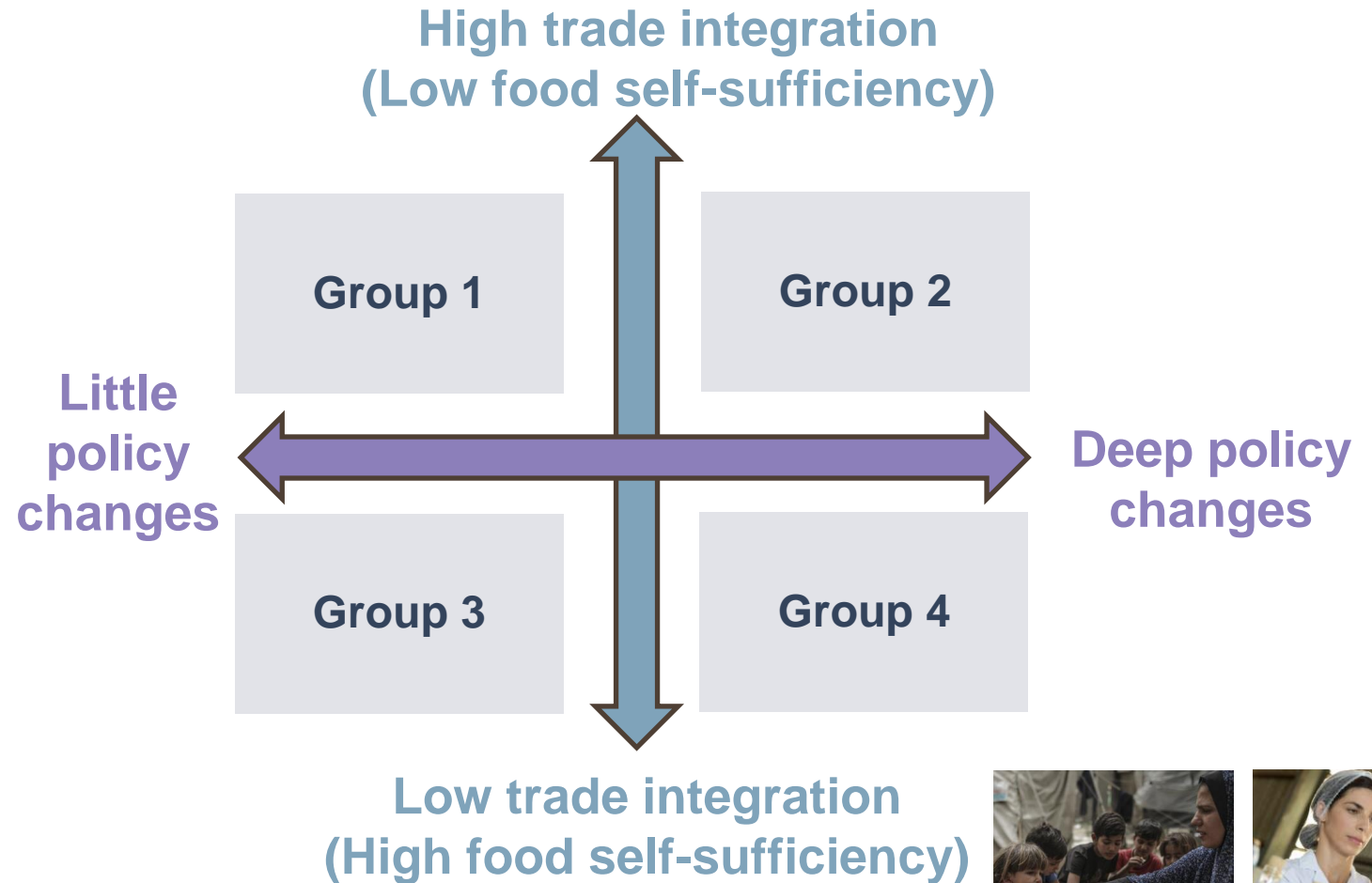


Step 1. Identify main policies for food and nutrition security (20 min)



Step 2. Co-create options of coherent policy packages (20 min)

- 4 groups, to define coherent policy packages aligned with 4 strategies
- Question for each group:
What policies would you prioritize if your FNS strategy became...



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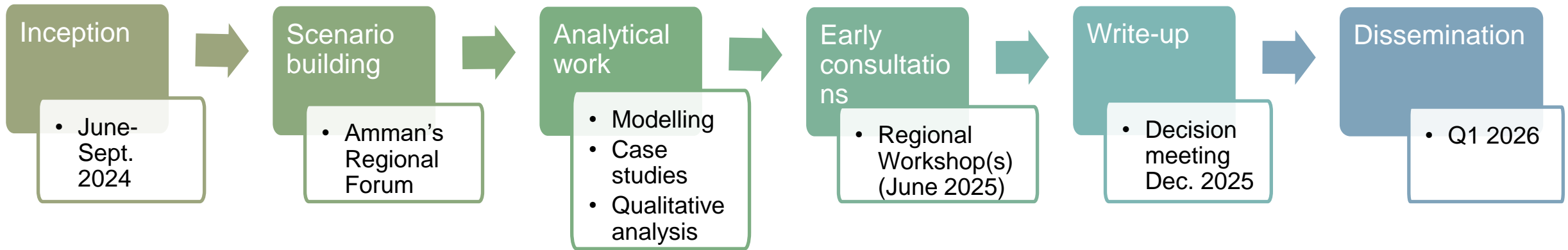


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Next steps

- End of November: virtual *catch-up* session
- End of December-Jan. 2026: written consultation on Scenarios and Policy bundles
- June 2025: regional workshop



Thank you

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