



# Country platforms for bold climate action

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“The climate emergency is a race we are losing.”

*António Guterres*  
*UN Secretary-General*

“Our greatest challenge is to create jobs for the unemployed of today, while preparing workers for the jobs of tomorrow.”

*Cyril Ramaphosa*  
*President of South Africa*



# Three critical questions:

1. What is a "country platform"?
2. What opportunities are there to support new country platforms?
3. What lessons can be drawn from past experiences with international finance?

# 1. What is a country platform?



Renewed concern with  
development effectiveness



G20 Eminent Persons' Group on  
Global Financial Governance



Global Financial Alliance for Net  
Zero (GFANZ)

## What is a country platform?

1. Coordinates national and international political interests behind a shared plan
2. Aligns concessional finance behind the shared plan
3. Delivers a step-change in climate action.

## What features support those functions?

(i) A credible political agreement between the government and its partners to address an issue of shared concern

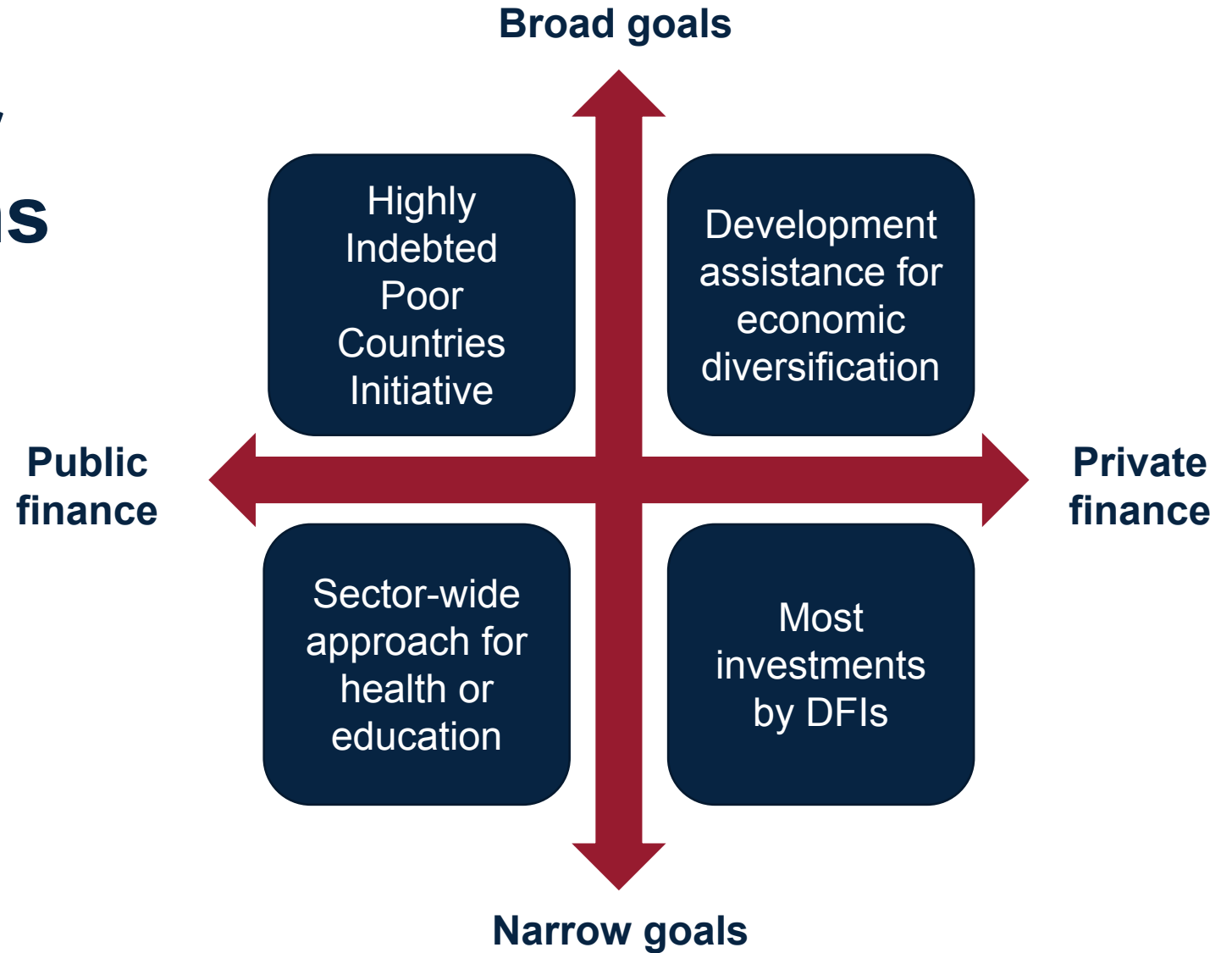
(ii) A programmatically multi-stakeholder approach to a specific problem using a significant package of concessional public finance

(iii) Strategic support to scale up private sector investment and transform key parts of the domestic economy

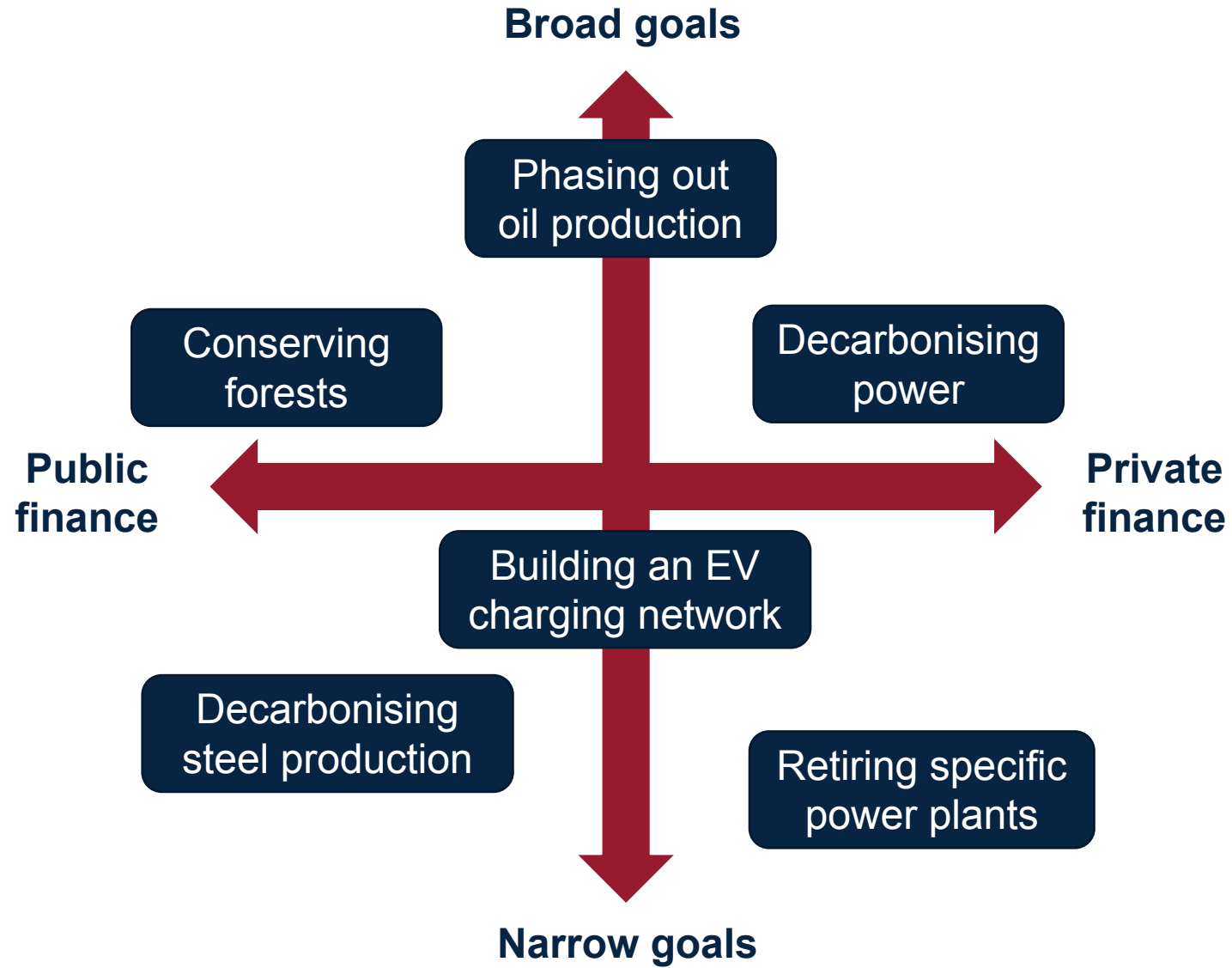


# A taxonomy for country platforms

*Opportunities for lessons from past experience with international development finance*



## 2. What opportunities are there to support new country platforms?



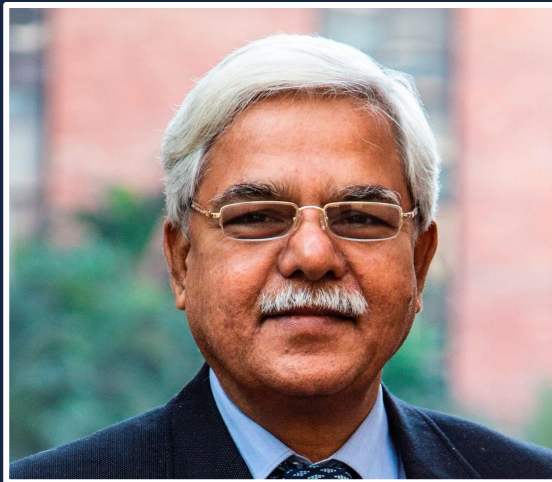




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### 3. What lessons can be drawn from past experiences with international finance?

## 3a. Lessons: supporting a political agreement

### Securing agreement – lesson from JETP

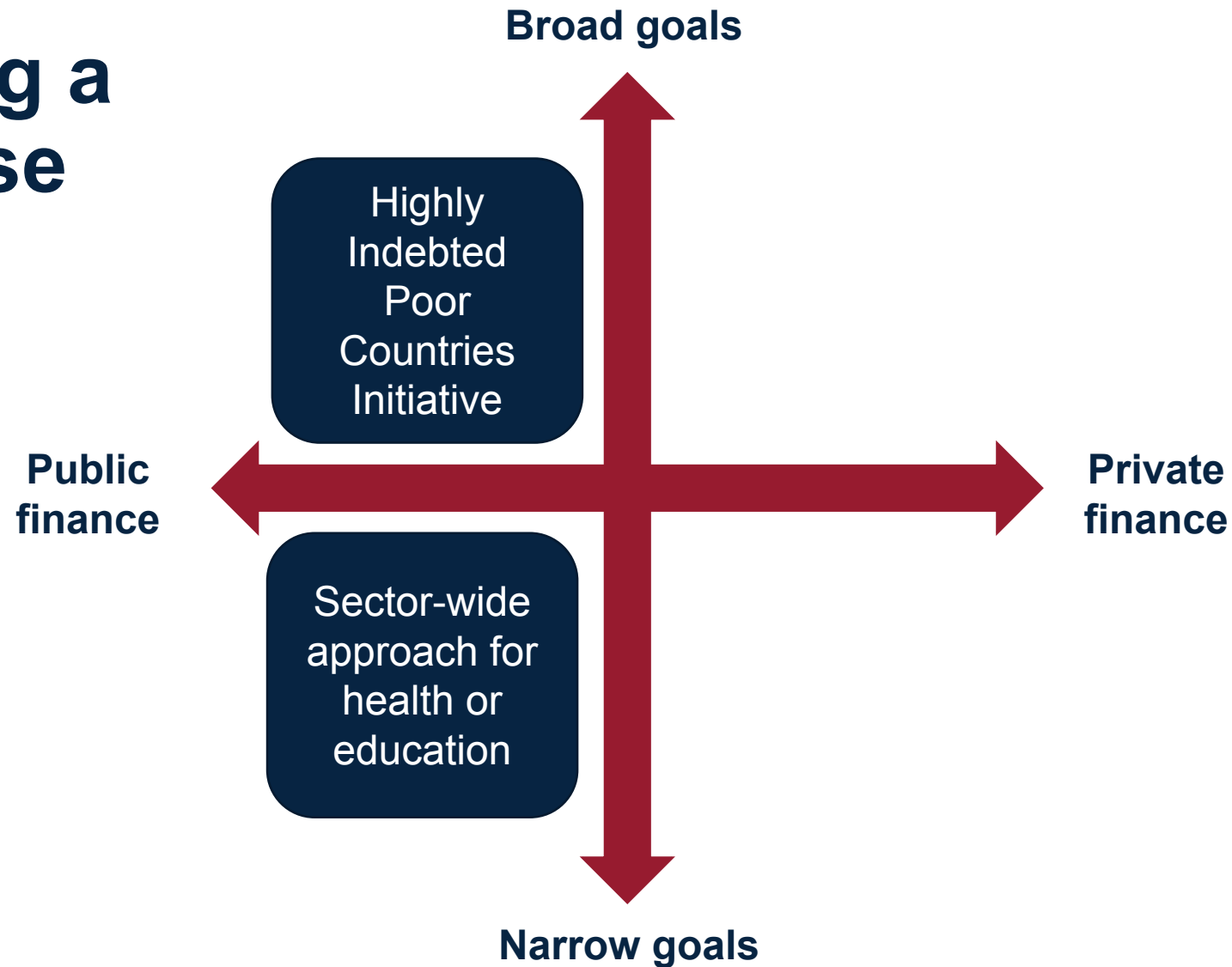
- Direct dialogue between G7 members and South Africa's government
- Extensive consultations/engagements within South Africa on a just transition.
- Window of opportunity where economic and political factors converged in the run-up to COP26

### Maintaining agreement – lessons from budget support

- Maintaining shared goals can be difficult when priorities and personalities change (e.g. when budget support was linked to 'governance' reforms).
- Increases the importance of the dialogue between government and donors.

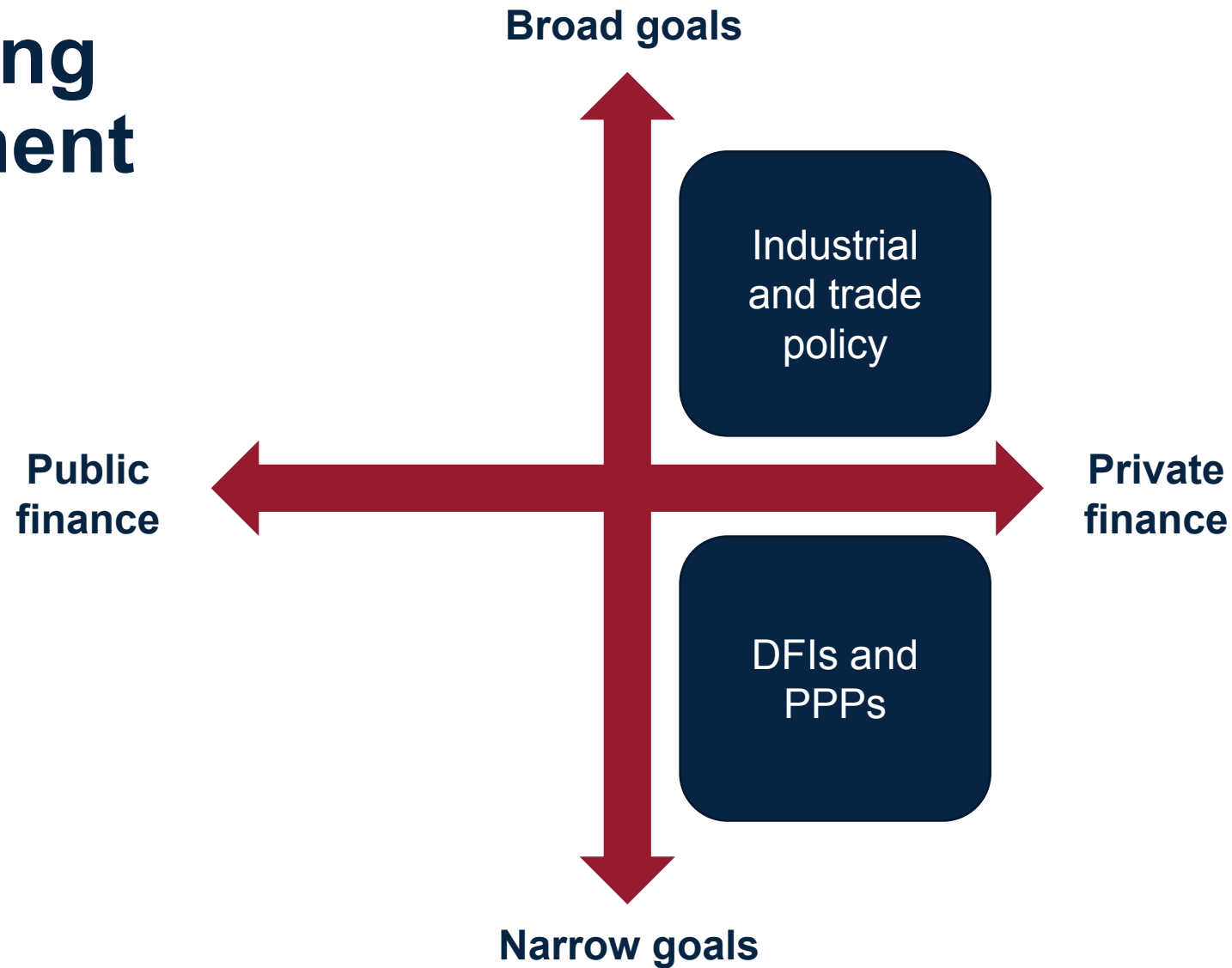
## 3b. Lessons: delivering a programmatic response

- A programmatic response can benefit from:
  - credible plan with focused goals
  - strong coordination from the center of government
  - pooled funding arrangements
- Task Force on Access to Climate Finance has useful proposals



## 3c. Lessons: harnessing private sector investment

- Require governments and their development partners to:
  - develop mechanisms for information exchange between the government and private sector;
  - create enabling conditions for private-sector investment; and
  - build a pipeline of bankable projects.
- Focus is often on DFIs/blended finance, but lessons from industrial policy just as relevant.





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