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Financial Capability and Asset Building: New Development in Asia & Africa

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Financial Capability & Asset Building: Achievements, Challenges, Next Steps

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Countries and Regions

- Singapore, Korea, and Japan, Mainland China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong...
- Background: Financialization and digitalization
- Strategy: Education/Research → Practice



FCAB Development in China (2018-2020)

- *Education*
 - China CSWE financial social work commission (16 organization members)
 - FCAB network (~300 members)
 - Financial Social Work BSW and MSW concentration programs
 - Curriculum, courses, and textbook translation
- *Practice*
 - FCAB training for frontline social work practitioners
 - China NASW financial social work commission
 - FCAB practice innovations
- *Research*
 - Four FCAB research conferences (2018-2019)
 - Five special journal sessions on FCAB (2018-2020)
 - FCAB research center
 - New FCAB journal and book



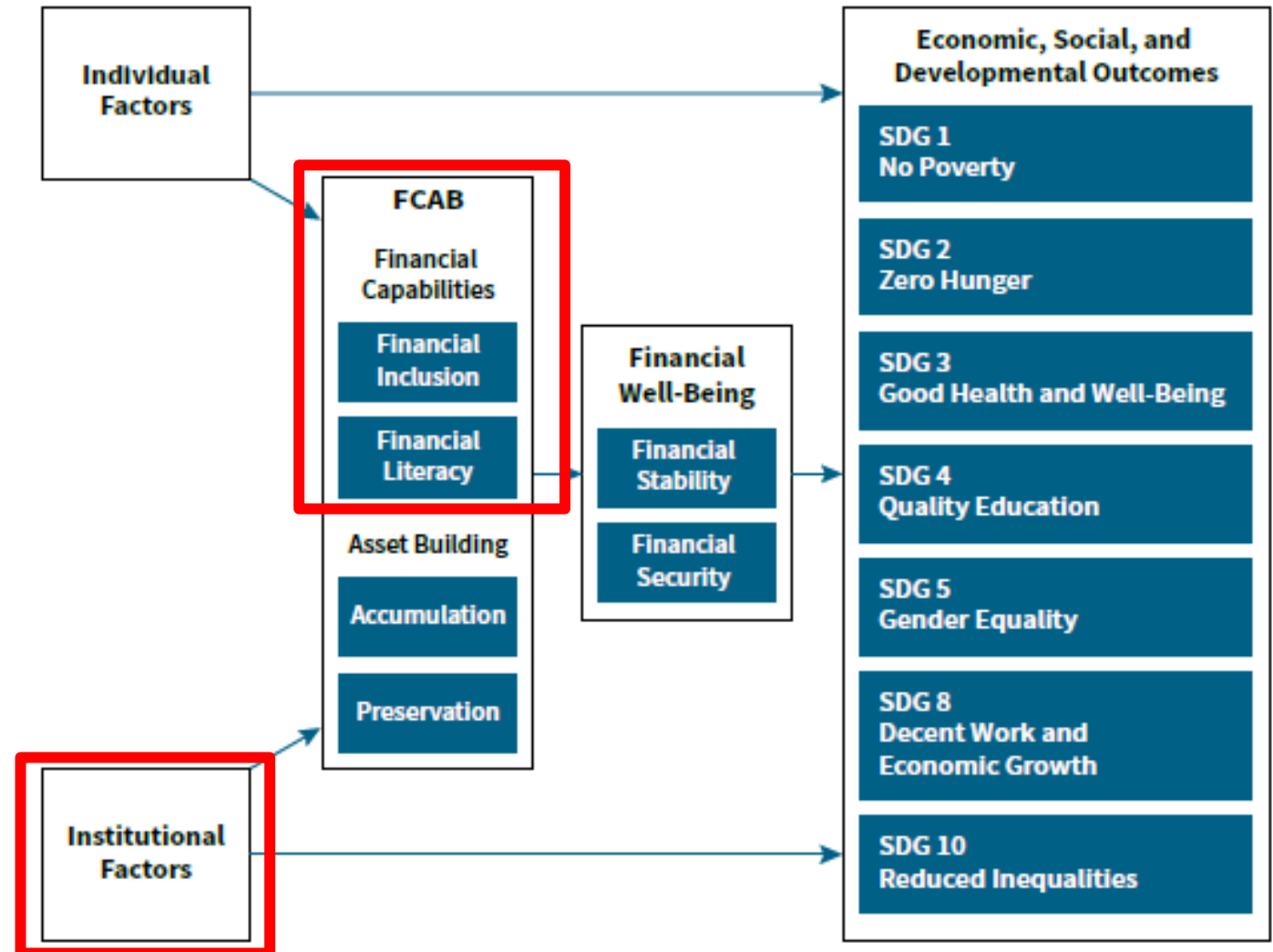
Next Steps

- Faculty training and curriculum/teaching resource development
- Policy and practice models
- Institutions and structures



FCAB Africa Vision

Adapt, test, and scale-up programs and policies that promote financial capability and support asset-building in SSA, with the goal of improving financial stability and security.





FCAB Africa Strategy

Agenda 1 FCAB training for professionals

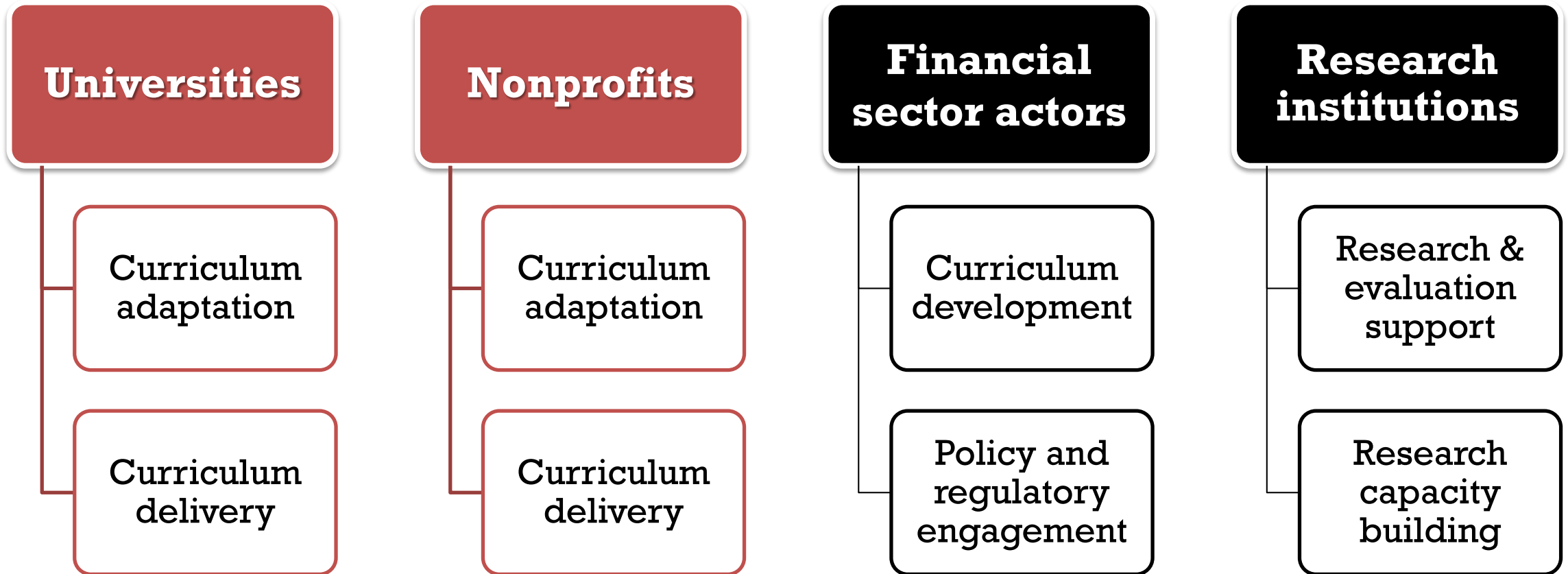
- **1a**: Train-the-trainer program to build capacity to human service professionals to assist clients/consumers in building financial capabilities and assets. (e.g., social workers, social service & healthcare providers, clergy, teachers, counselors, organized [youth/women] groups/leaders)
- **1b**: Policy engagement through an African network of scholars, professionals, and policy makers .

Agenda 2 Financial development program

- **2a**: Integrate a comprehensive financial management program (education, coaching, and counseling) into existing financial services, including FinTech platforms.
- **2b**: Use evidence from Agenda 1 & Agenda 2a to inform financial capability policies through various policy engagement strategies.



Partnership Model





Next Steps



**Onboarding
more partners**

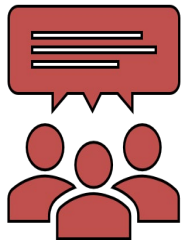


Needs survey



ICSD conferences

- FCAB Africa launch



**Capacity building
opportunities**

- Research capacity and seed grants
- Writing and proposal development

