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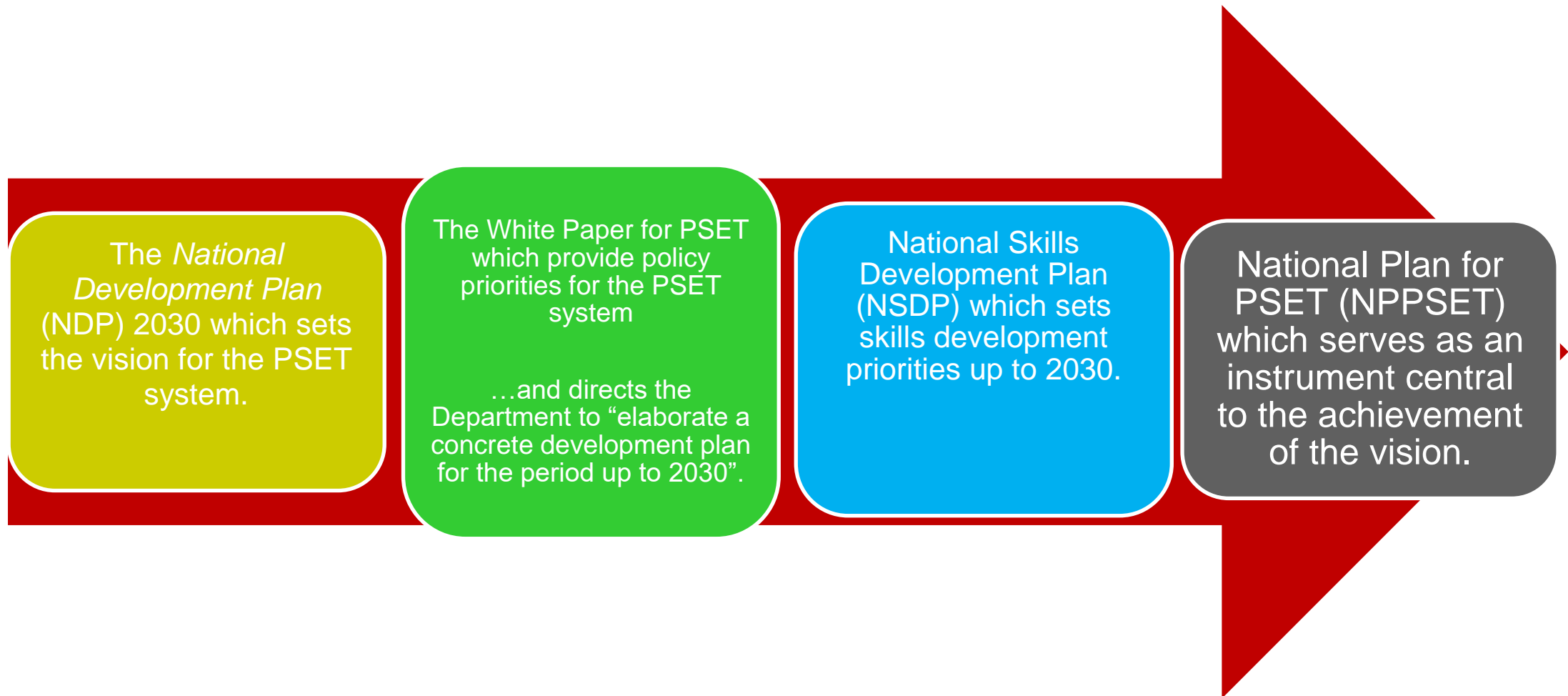
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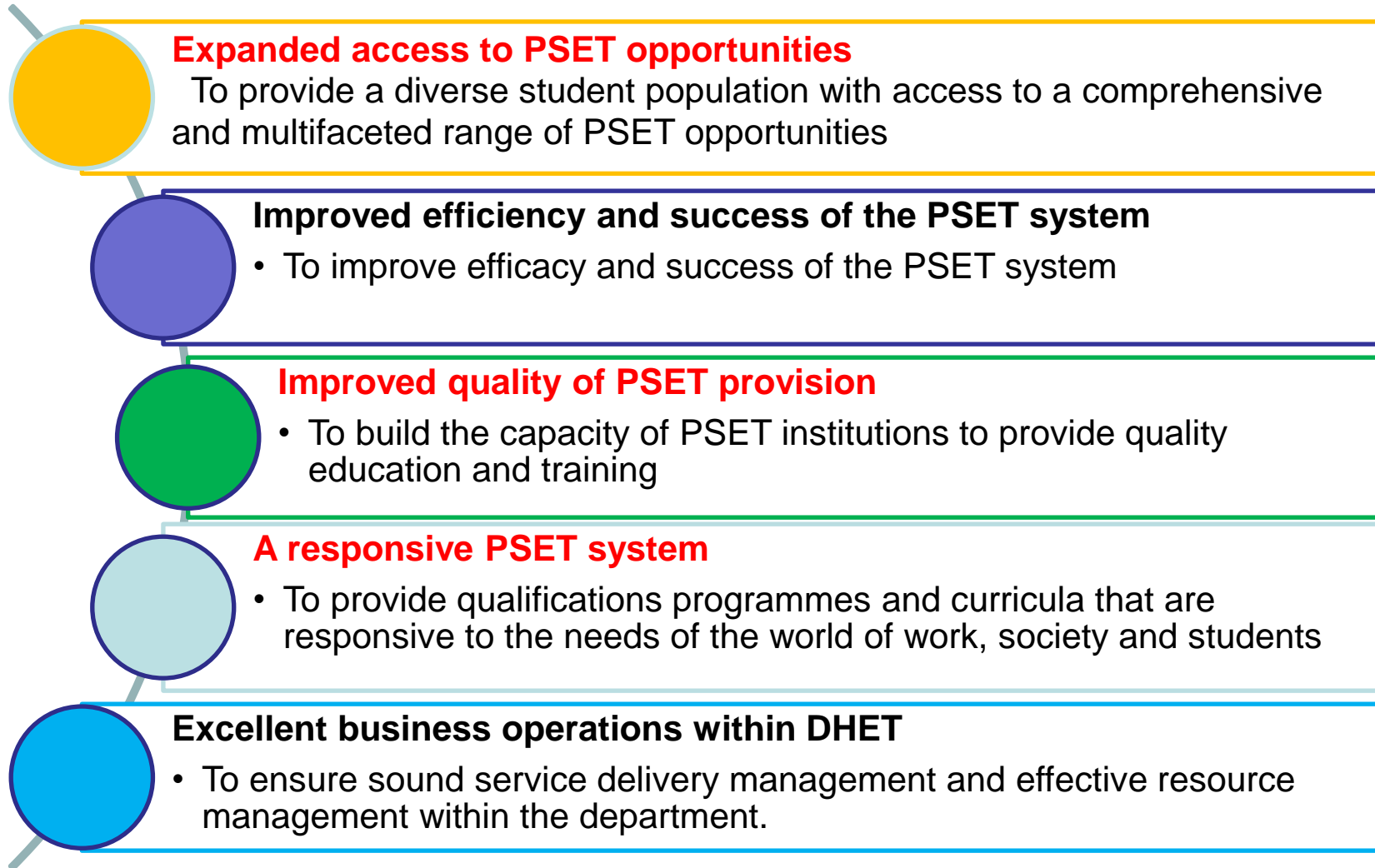
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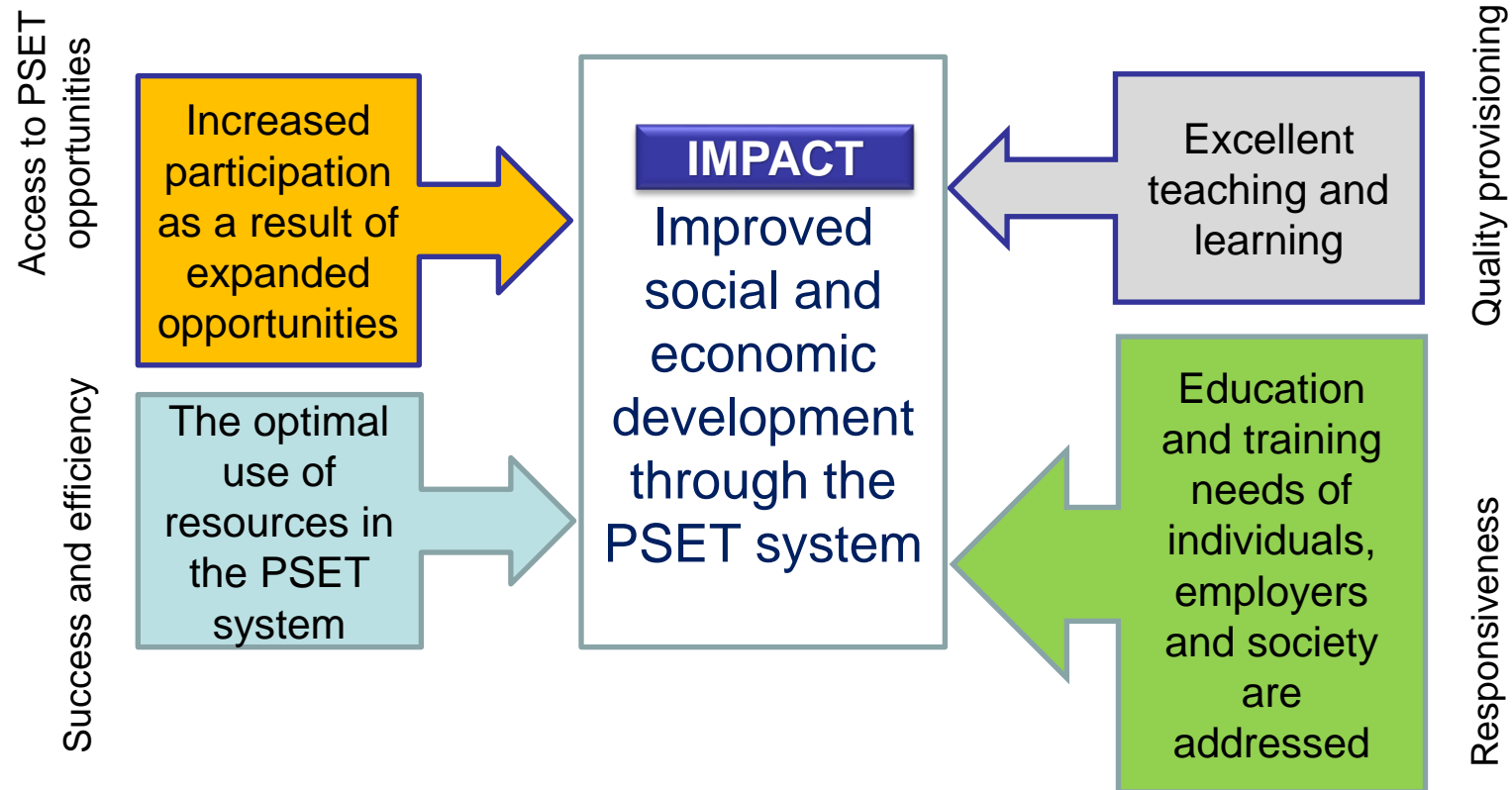


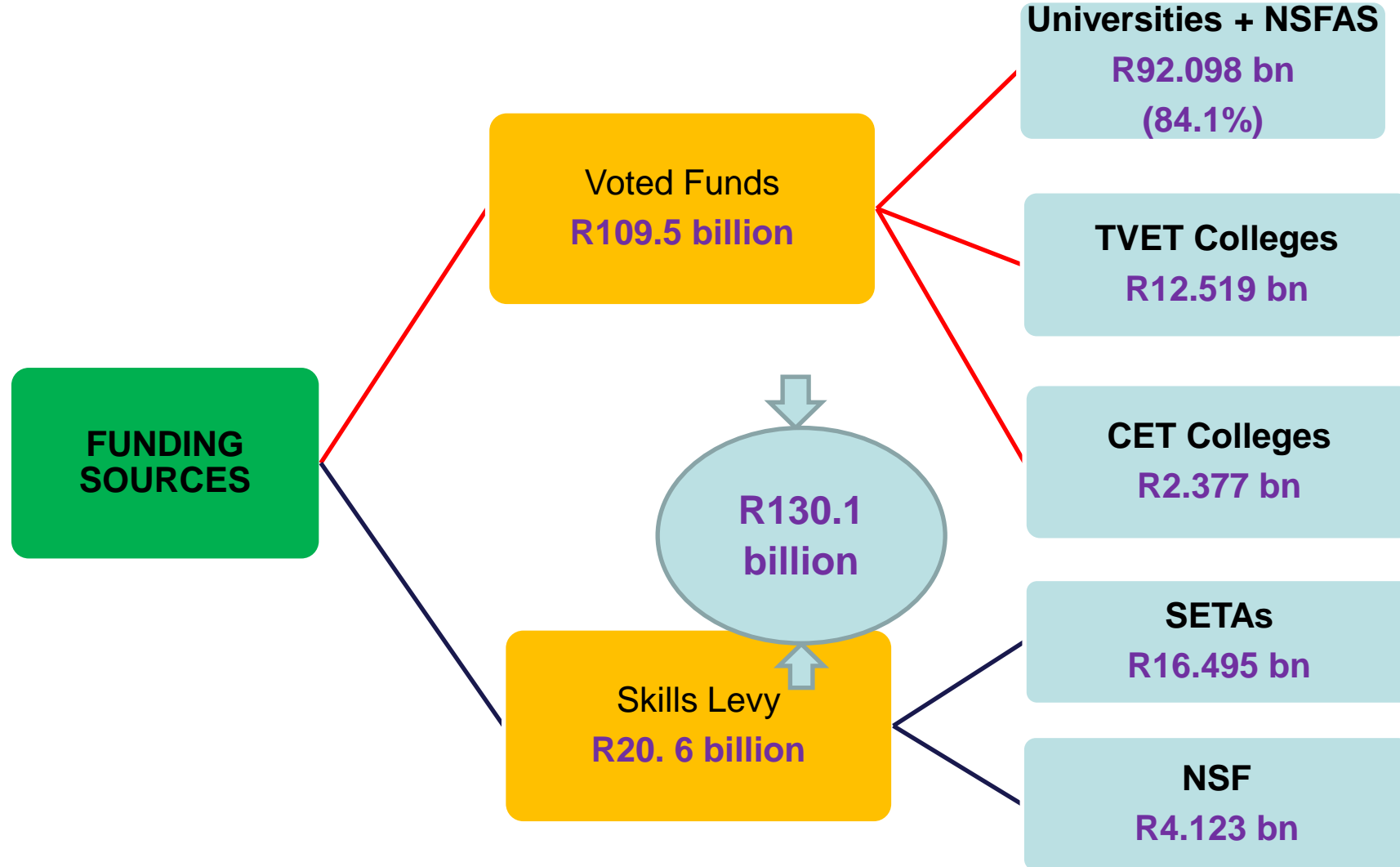
- We all agree in the Conference that the wholesale and retail sector will need to find creative and innovative ways of embracing the fourth industrial revolution, **to grow the economy and create jobs**. Emerging thinking is that the 4IR is so powerful, so transformative, because it is based not only on the technology revolution sweeping the world, but also on the transformation of society, and on new ways of doing business and governing.
- The 4IR is rapidly changing the way humans **create, exchange, and distribute value**, resulting in systemic change across many sectors and aspects of human life, with cross-cutting social, political, cultural, and economic implications.
- The 4IR is not a social phenomenon with a predetermined trajectory. While many commentators seek to highlight the negative social consequences of the 4IR (particularly in terms of job losses), we believe that the social effects of the 4IR will depend predominantly on how we, as South Africans, choose to harness it.

- If the values and principles on which this vision is based underpin the 4IR, its technologies and tools can be harnessed in a myriad of ways to create a **better, more inclusive**, wholesale and retail sector.
- New skills are required to **create, maintain, and leverage** these new technologies. This will require the formal post-school education and training system, working in partnership with government departments and employers, to repurpose and reconfigure curricula considering lifelong learning and the need for a broader and more agile post school system to respond to skills needs as they arise.











- The National Development Plan (NDP) articulates well our path that **Our future – make it work.** South Africa belongs to all its people and the future of our country is our collective future. Making it work is our collective responsibility. All South Africans seek a better future for themselves and their children.