

# Strategic Environmental Assessment for Free Trade Agreements

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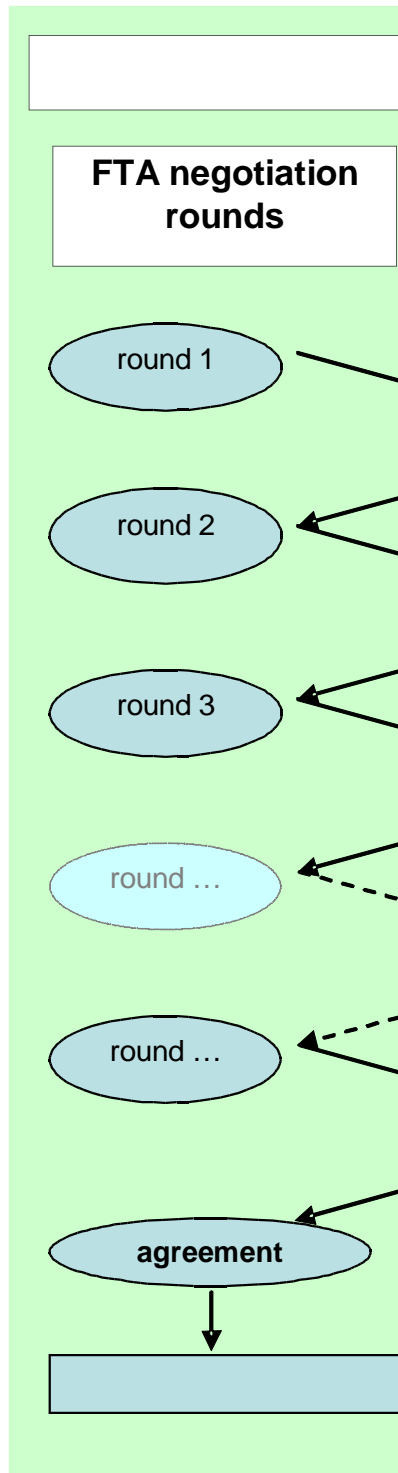
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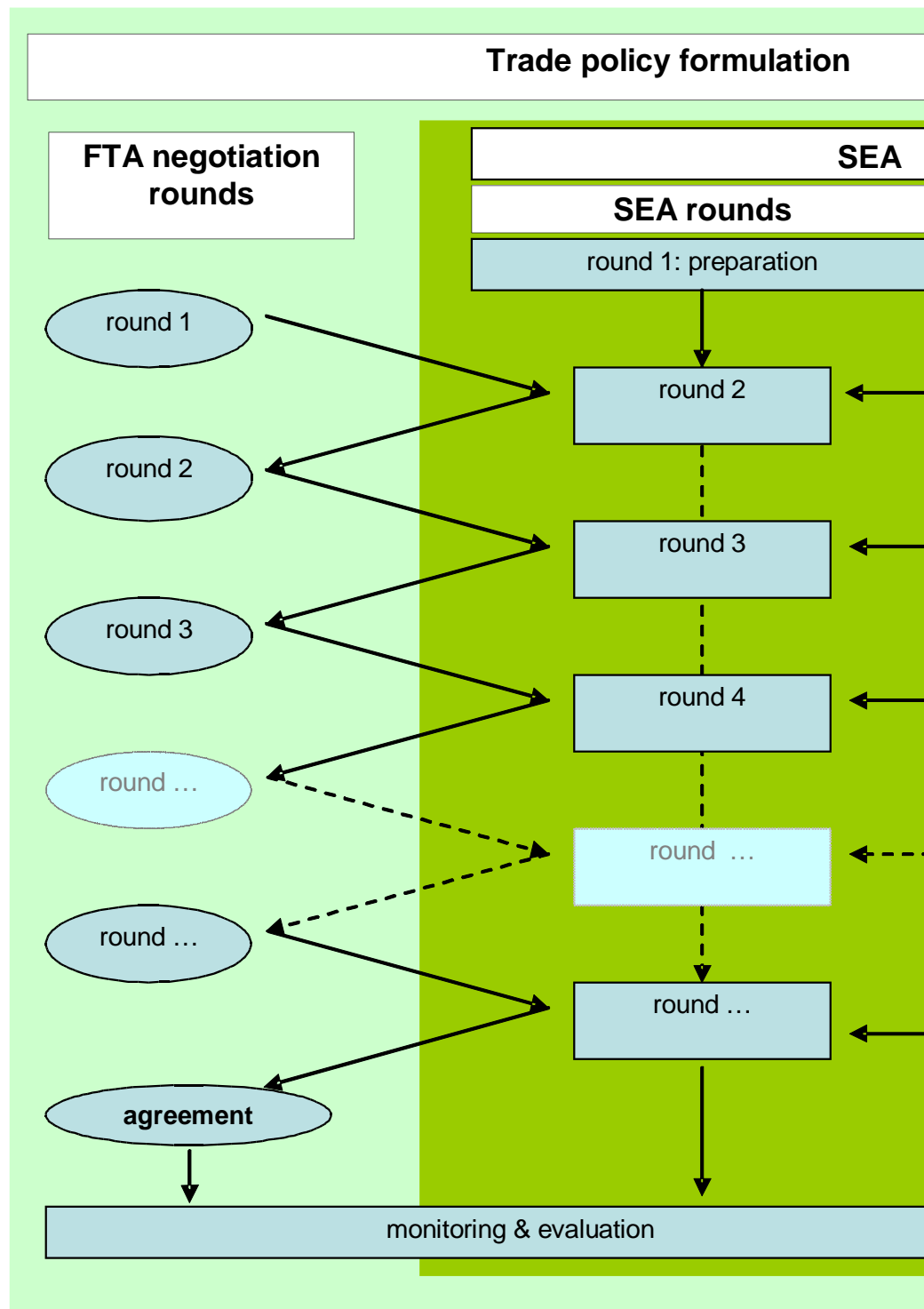
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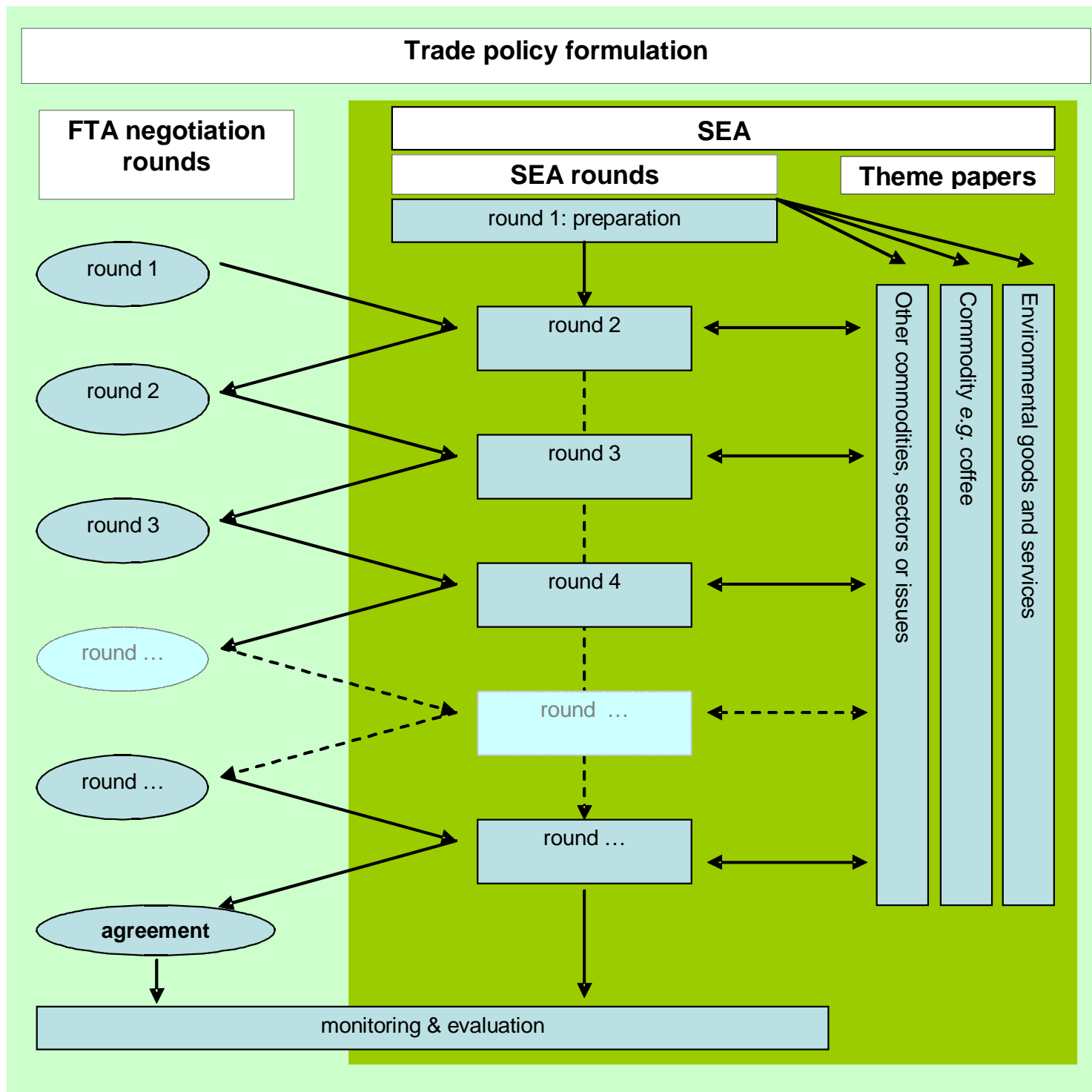
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# SEA is interactive process between

- Negotiators
- Advisory group
- Authors of theme papers

## In practice

- What is expected from each of the three groups?
- What does each group need from the other groups?

# Advisory group

## **Task**

- Quick assessment & recommendations
- Represent & consult stakeholders
- Build consensus & broad support

## **Needs**

- Key issues / questions from the negotiators
- Reliable, objective information



# Negotiators

## **Task**

- Link SEA to negotiation

## **Needs**

- Answers to their questions
- Sound Information
- Opinions of civil society
- Clear recommendations on environmental & social issues

# Authors of theme papers

## **Task**

- Provide reliable objective information:
  - Facts, figures, trends, scenarios
  - Impacts of production technology
  - Current government capacity to deal with impacts
  - Winners and losers

## **Needs**

- Guidance by the advisory group
- Access to information sources

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