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2. What do we want to keep?
3. What should we do differently?

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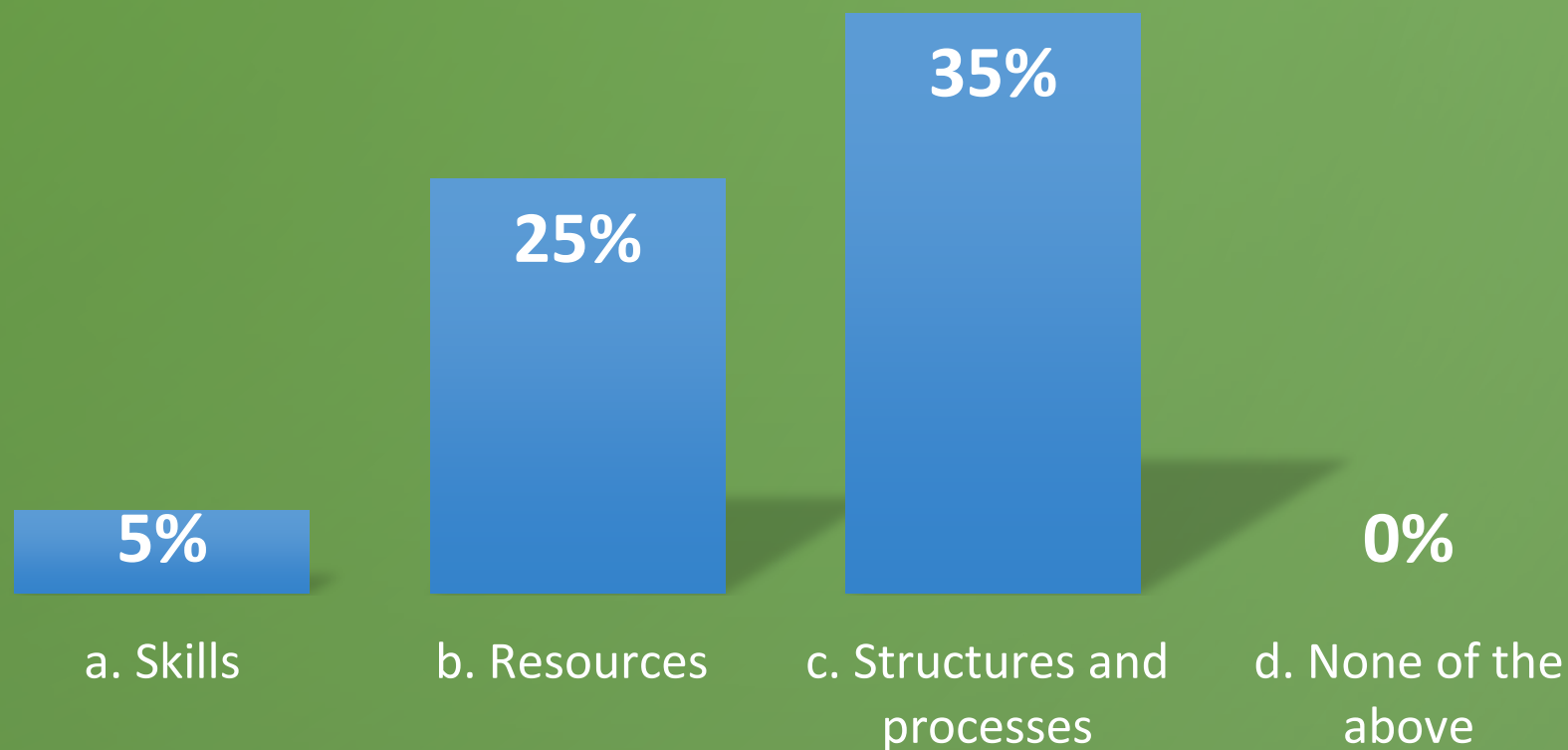


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- **We need to see the crisis as an opportunity.** The COVID-19 crisis provides an opportunity to drive concrete change. There is a need to put greater emphasis in redesigning policy making institutions that are locked in unsustainable thinking. “COVID is “new business”, but old business continues to command attention as well. (focus on infrastructure, institutional frameworks and social inclusion)
- **Before the COVID-19 outbreak the world was not on track to achieve the SDGs by 2030.** If we are talking about building back better, it is not about getting back to where we were before the crisis . We need to work differently, and PCSD has a key role to play.
- **The SDGs can provide a framework for sustainable recovery.** The targets on the agenda are a clear roadmap for a more resilient world.
- While all SDGs can provide significant insights to ensure a sustainable recovery, **solid statistics are still lacking.** Investment in basic statistical systems are absolutely essential.
- **A major challenge for the policy coherence agenda is that the focus is not necessarily on the politics of policies.** We need to go beyond technical solutions and motivate stronger engagement of decision-makers and politicians.



1. What is the biggest barrier to transformation within your organisation?





2. Beyond the crisis, do you think that government will:

b. Revert to the
status quo
40%



a. Change its ways of
working based on
lessons learned
60%



3. Do you think that COVID-19 is making governments take a more proactive approach to complex challenges that are arising in society?

