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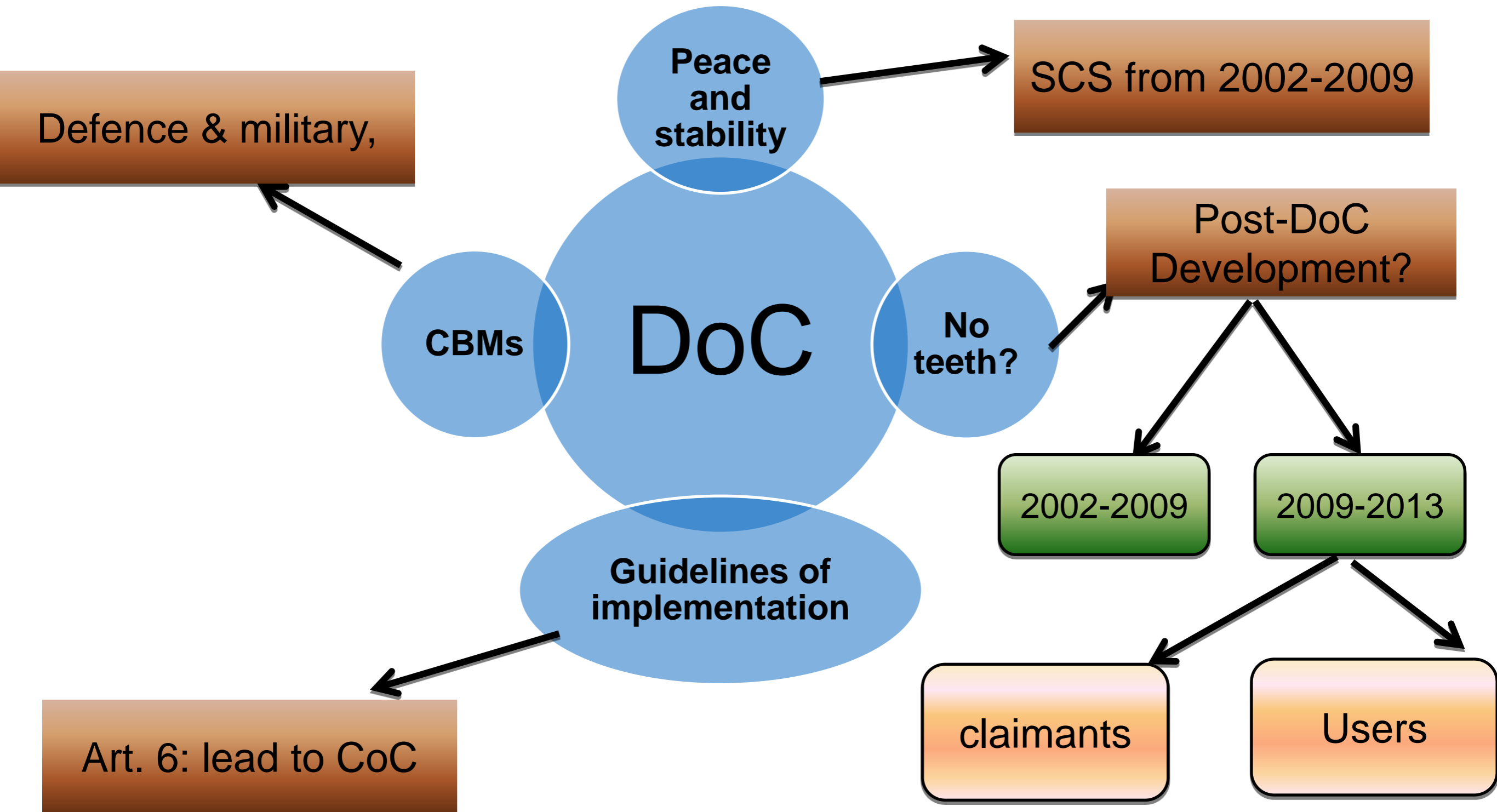
- Review of the DoC
- A path to the CoC
- China's evolving approach on the SCS issues



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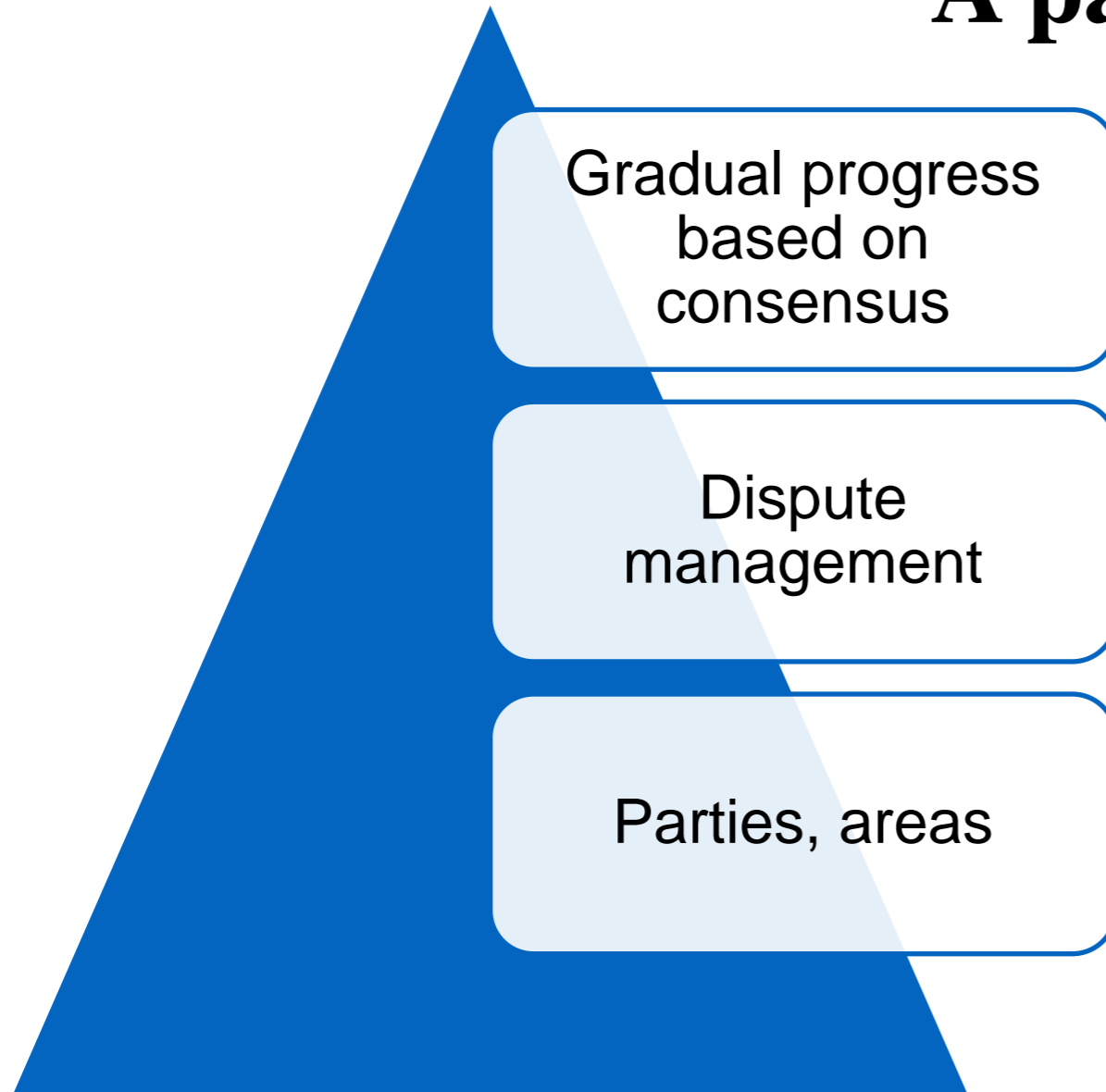
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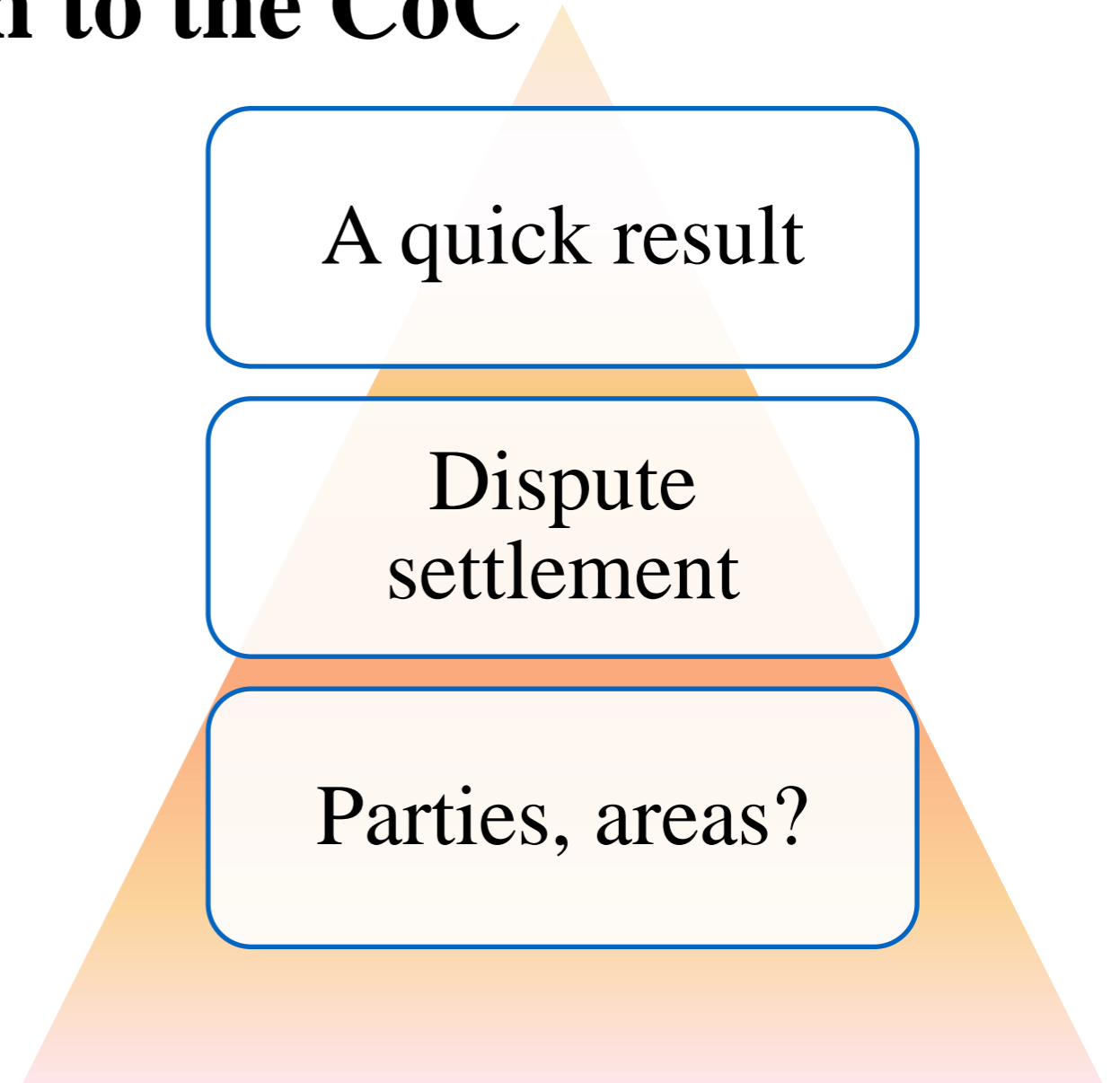




A path to the CoC



China's perspective



Other claimants' expectation



Sep.14-15, 2013 Suzhou meeting



- Realistic expectation

- Consensus

- Overcome disturbances

- Keep gradual process



Controlling
divergence



Exploring joint
development



Promoting
maritime
cooperation



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China's Changing Approach to the South China Sea Issues

China

Driver of changes in China and end of Cold War

China's "good neighbor policy"

ASEAN

Increasing political and economic influence of ASEAN

Increasing interdependence in Southeast Asia

ASEAN way of slow, informal talks and negotiations as catalyst for change

conclusion

- a political foundation for cooperation: CBM, FTA, etc,
- maritime disputes: controlling divergence, exploring joint development, and promoting cooperation.
 - The Guideline for implementing DOC, 2011
 - Suzhou conference on consultation of COC, 2013
- China is **evolving** from bilateralism to multilateralism: continuation rather than replacement of DOC



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