



UN Environment Strategy for Engaging with Faith-Based Organizations

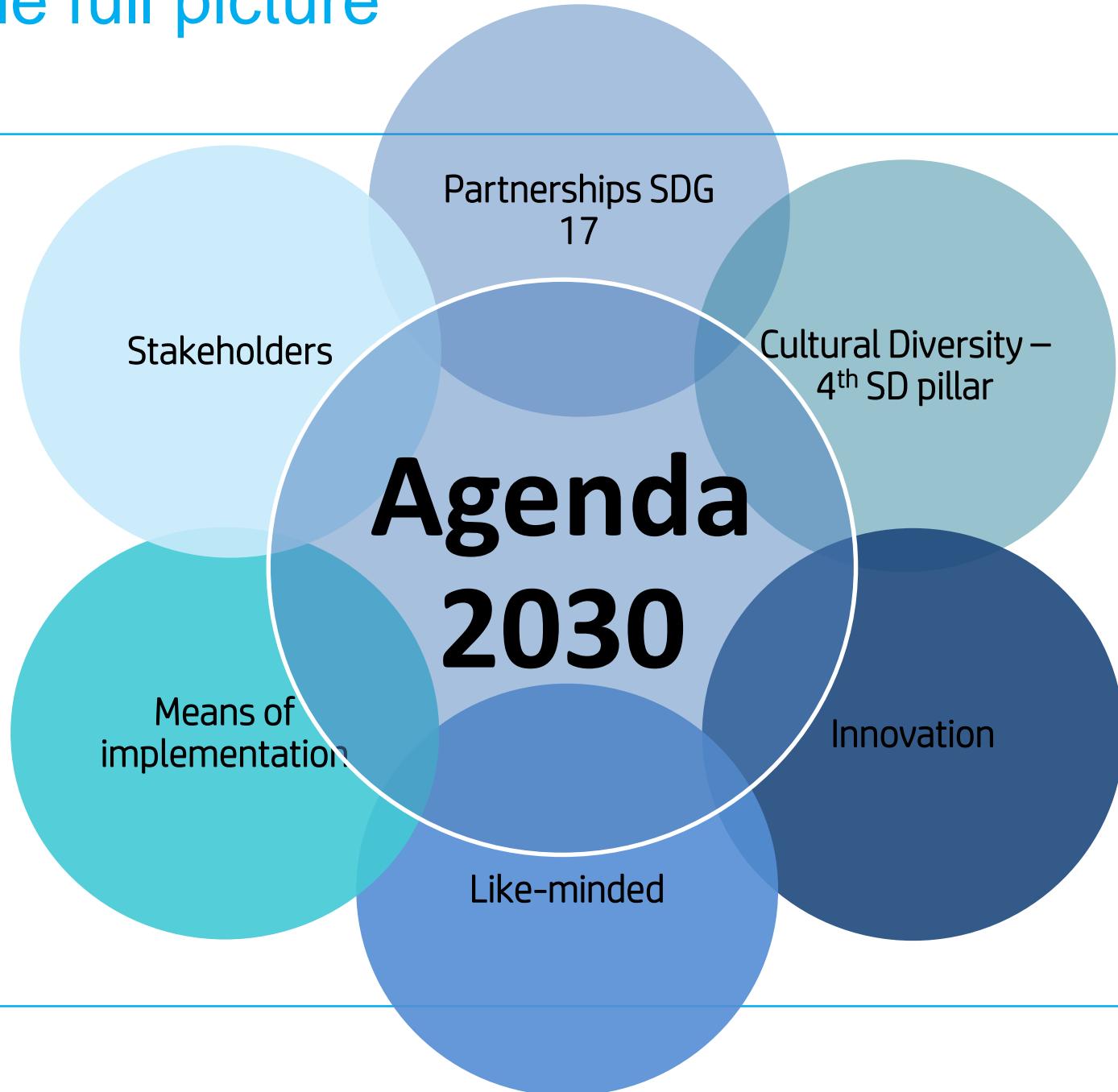
Partnering to Deliver on the 2030 Agenda

#Faith4Earth

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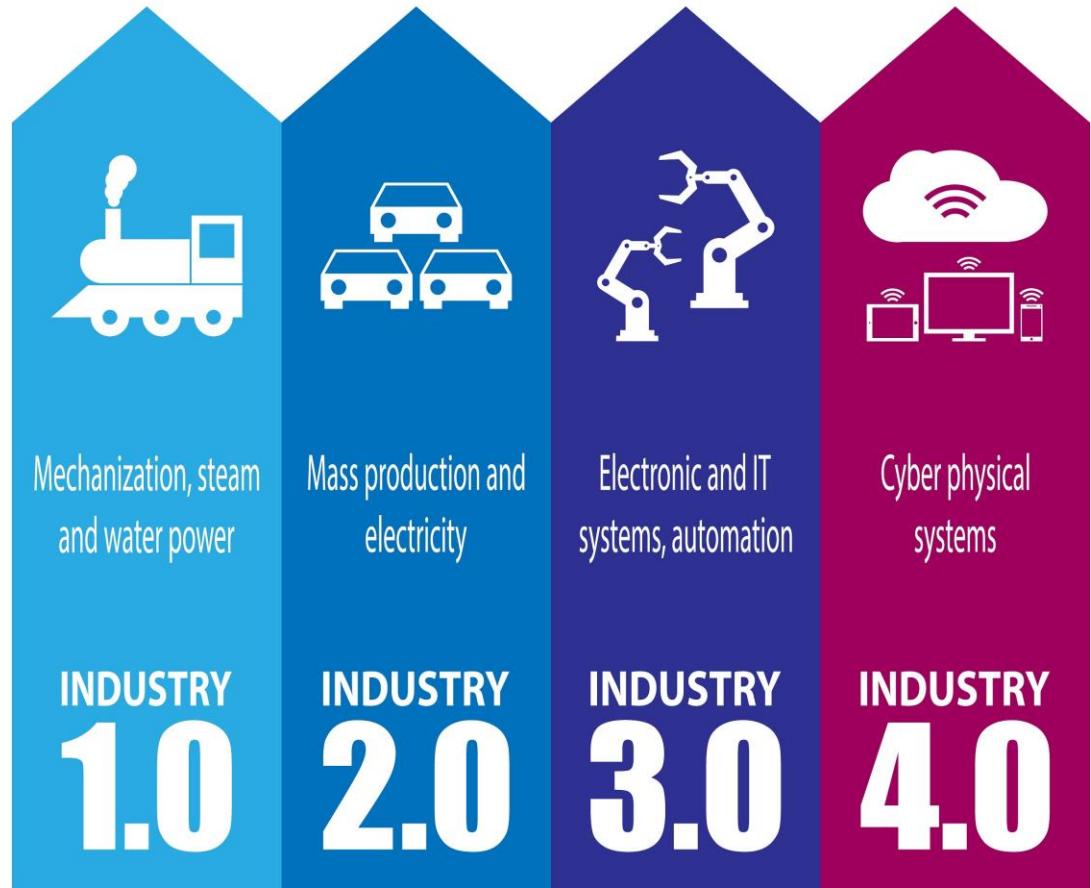
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The full picture



We need a transformational Innovative revolution

- Accelerated
- Scaled up
- Transformational
- Inclusive
- Ethical
- Accountable to people and the planet
- Impact Investment



Economy of Faith-based organizations?

- 8% of the habitable land surface,
- 5% of all commercial forests (22% Sweden-28% Austria)
- 50% of schools worldwide,
- 64% of schools in sub-Saharan Africa,
- 10% of world's total financial institutions,
- 14% of community development corporations (CDCs),
- 50% of all sponsors of housing for the elderly developed by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- 3500% Growth in America's market for religious investment products, from 500 million to \$17 billion
- 44% Contributions to health services in Africa

Why Engage?

Living in Harmony with Nature is a Common ethical behavior

- ❖ Commonality Care for creation Stewardship

VOLUME OF INVESTMENT

- ❖ Fourth Largest investors Positive Impact Practice what they preach

GLOBAL ENDORSEMENT

- ❖ GA Resolutions UN Task Force Linkages to SDGs

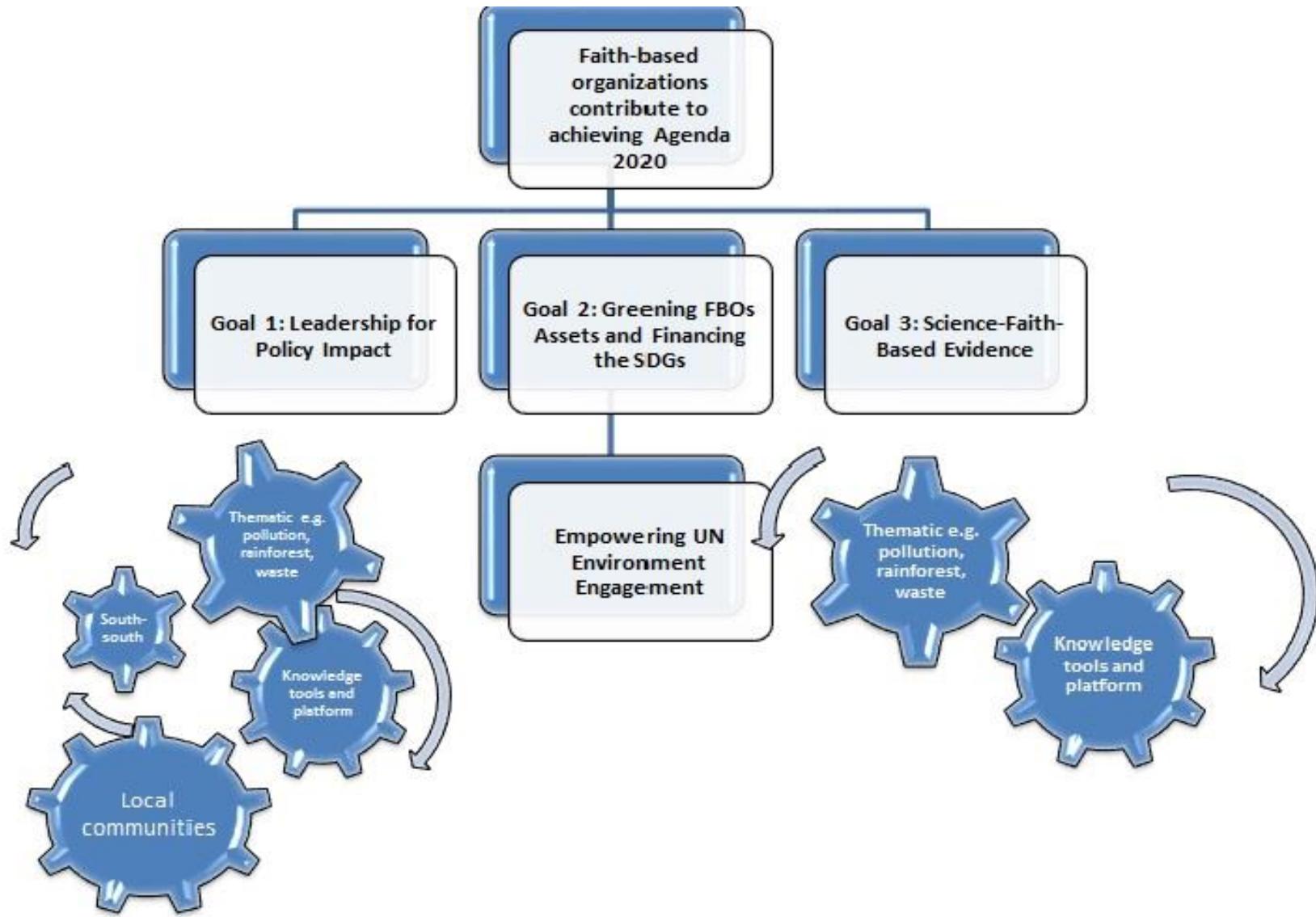
NETWORK ALREADY EXISTS

- ❖ Local access Houses of worship scale up

FAITH AND SCIENCE

- ❖ Science is debated holy scriptures Not
- ❖ Knowledge – Attitude – Practice connection

Strategic Goals of the initiative



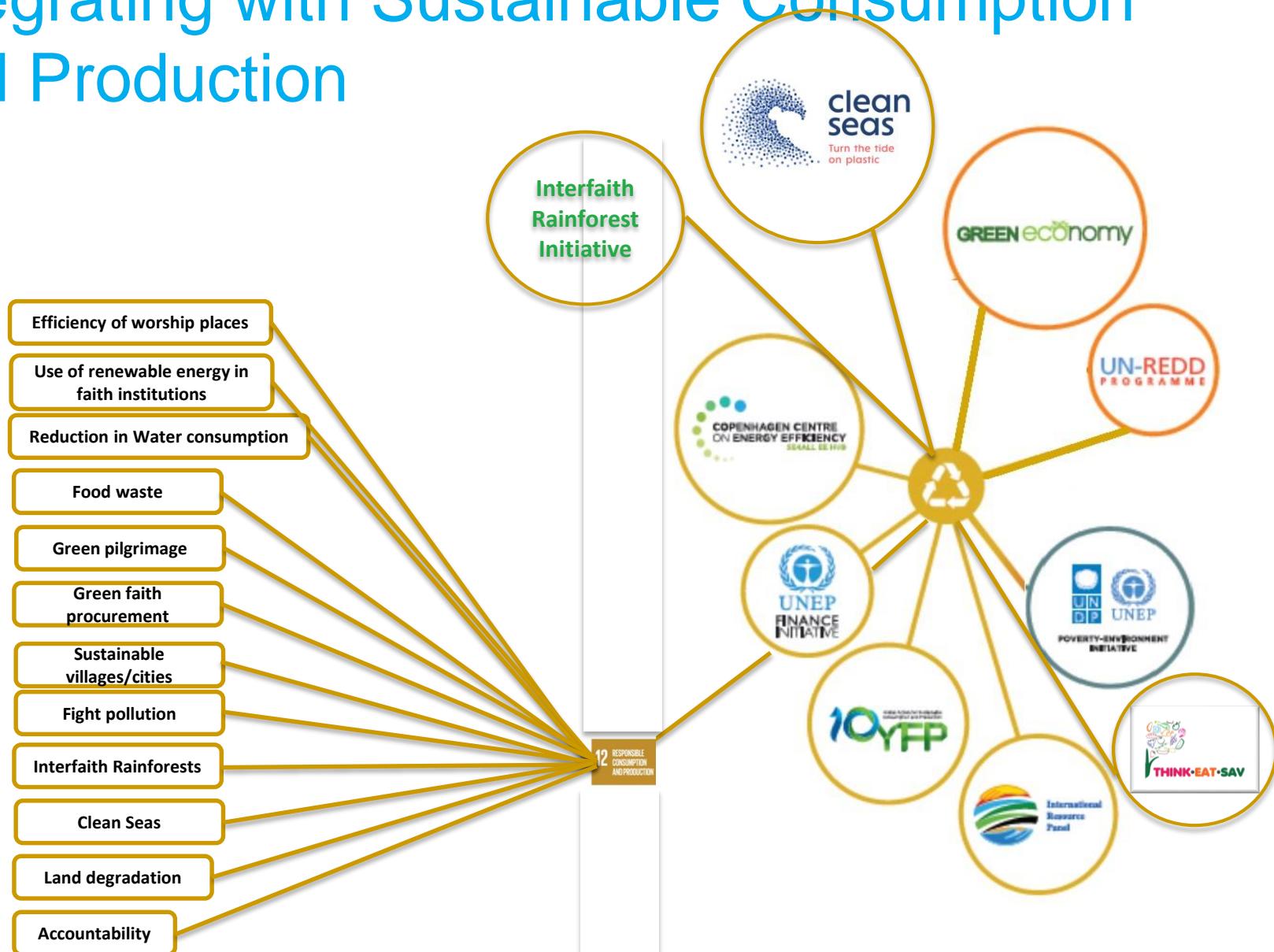
Expected Outputs

-  A global “Faith for Earth Coalition” for policy dialogue and stronger impact.
-  Integrating religious values into the design of UN Environment programmes.
-  Investments of FBOs adopt IGE principles.
-  Include in investment criteria, principles of sustainability.
-  Join the global circular economy movement.
-  Faith and scientific communities provide faith-science-based evidence.
-  Knowledge platforms.



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Integrating with Sustainable Consumption and Production



One Earth – Many Religions – One Goal

