



UN Environment Strategy for Engaging with Faith-Based Organizations

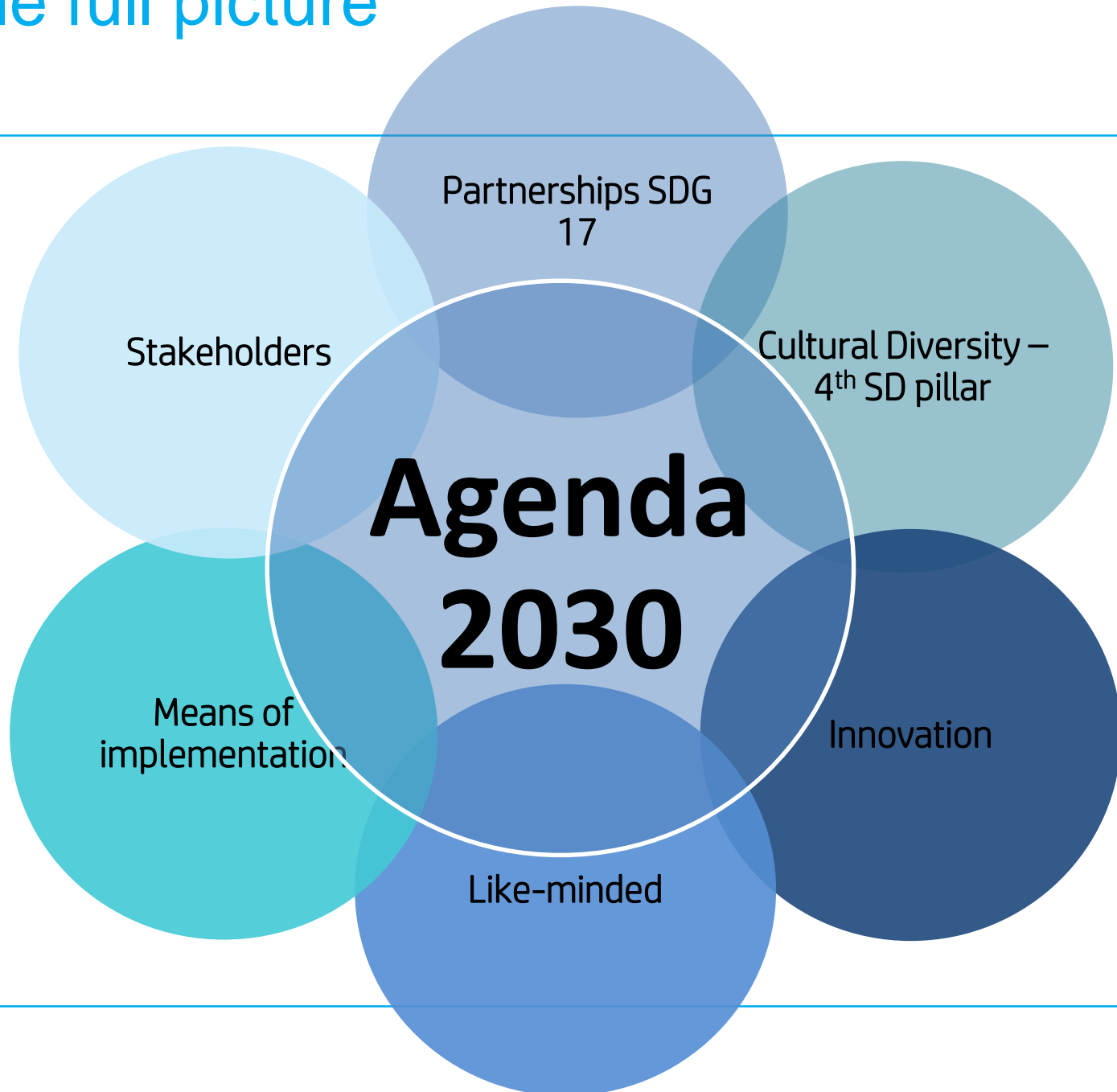
Partnering to Deliver on the 2030 Agenda

#Faith4Earth

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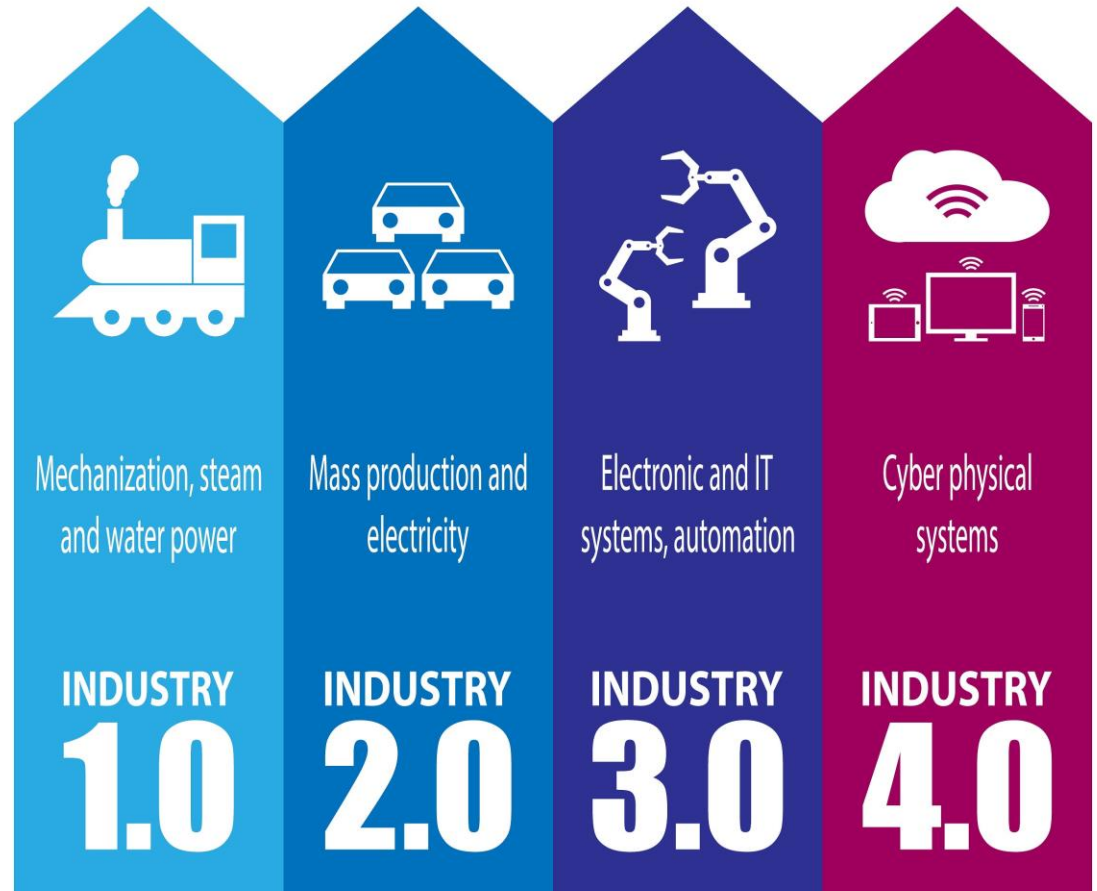
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The full picture



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**

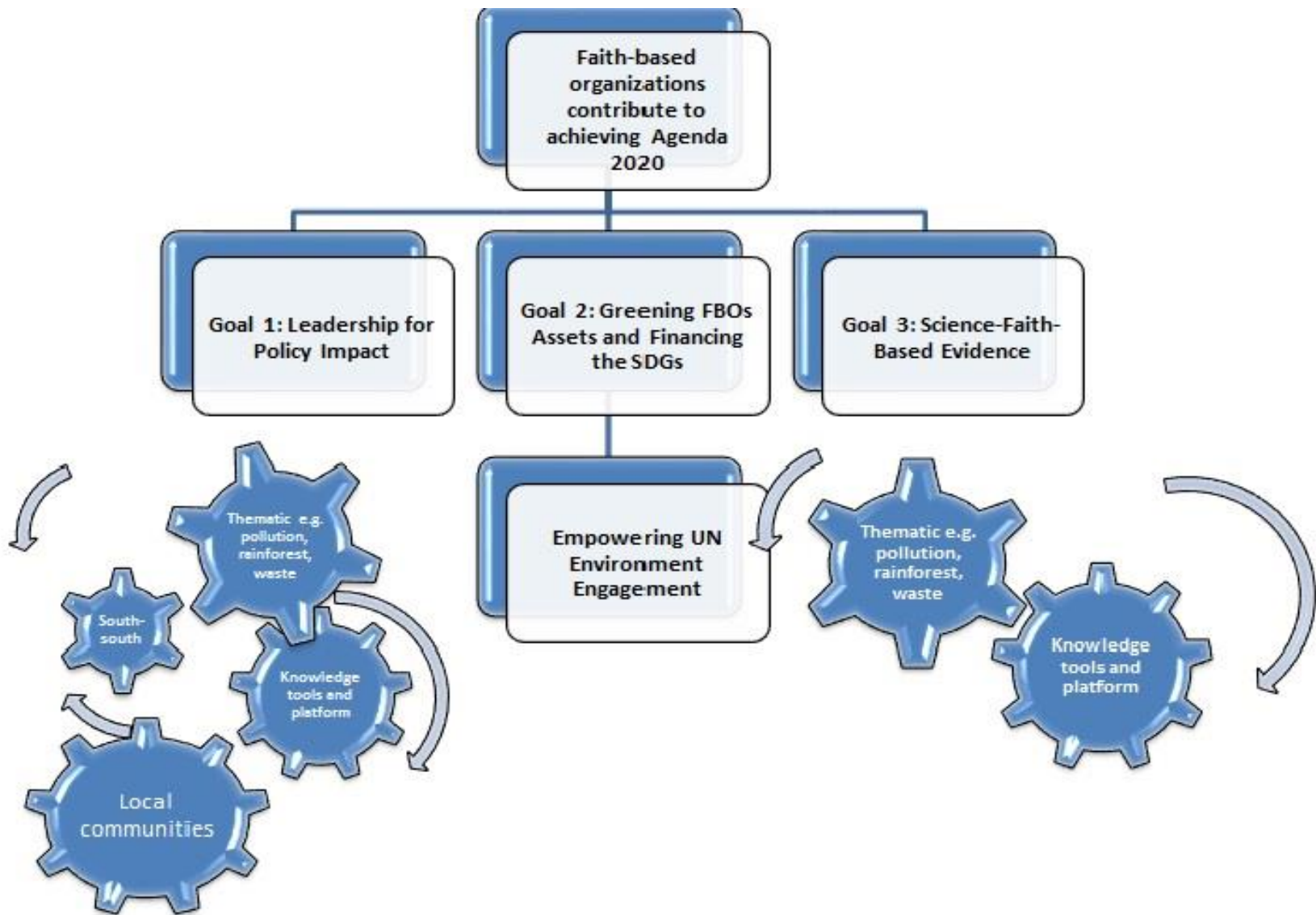


FAITH AND SCIENCE

❖ **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.

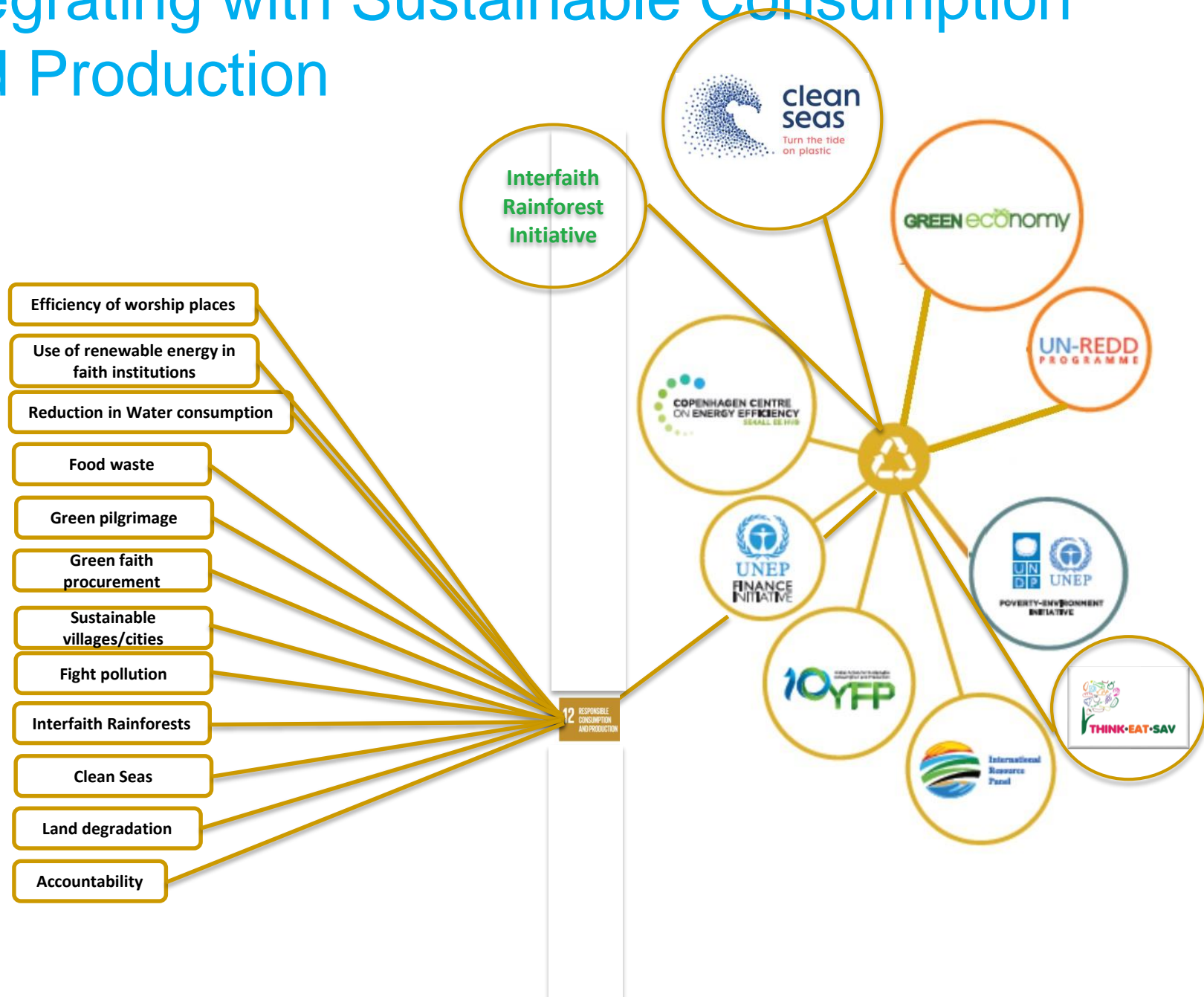


Knowledge platforms.



Photo from Global faith and justice programme

Integrating with Sustainable Consumption and Production



One Earth – Many Religions – One Goal

