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**MEANS AND METHODS OF PROTECTING THE
ENVIRONMENT THROUGH HUMAN RIGHTS AND
PROMOTING THE RIGHTS OF FUTURE
GENERATIONS**

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*TWIN CHALLENGE
FOR
GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY*

Planetary boundaries - environmental

Climate

350 ppm CO₂
+1 W/m²

Ozone depletion

276 DU

Biogeochemical loading

35 MT N/yr
11 MT P/yr

Atmospheric aerosol loading

TBD

Biodiversity loss

10 E/MSY

Ocean acidification

Aragonite saturation ratio > 2.75

Agricultural land use

15%

Freshwater use

4000 km³/yr

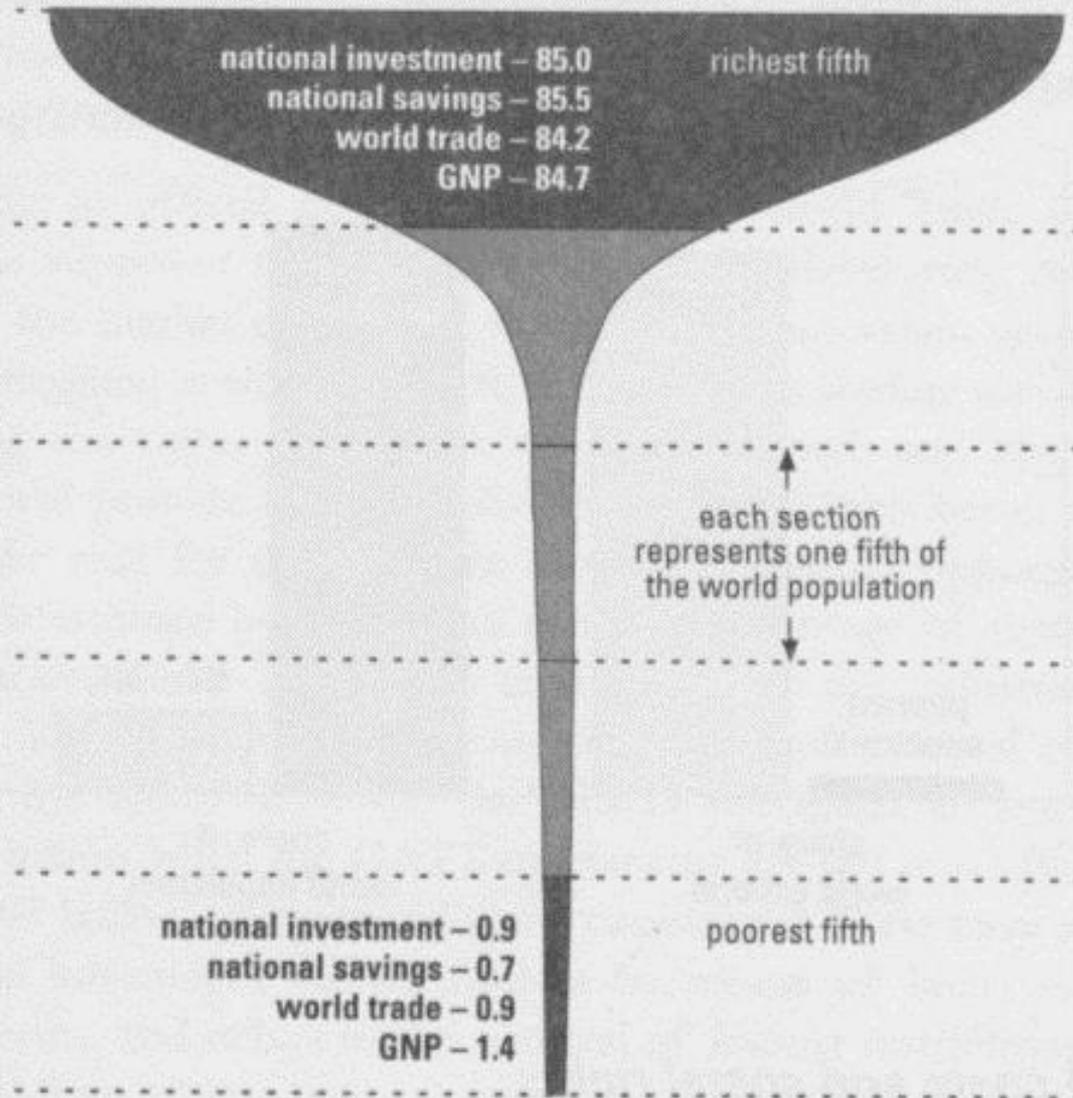
Chemical pollution

TBD



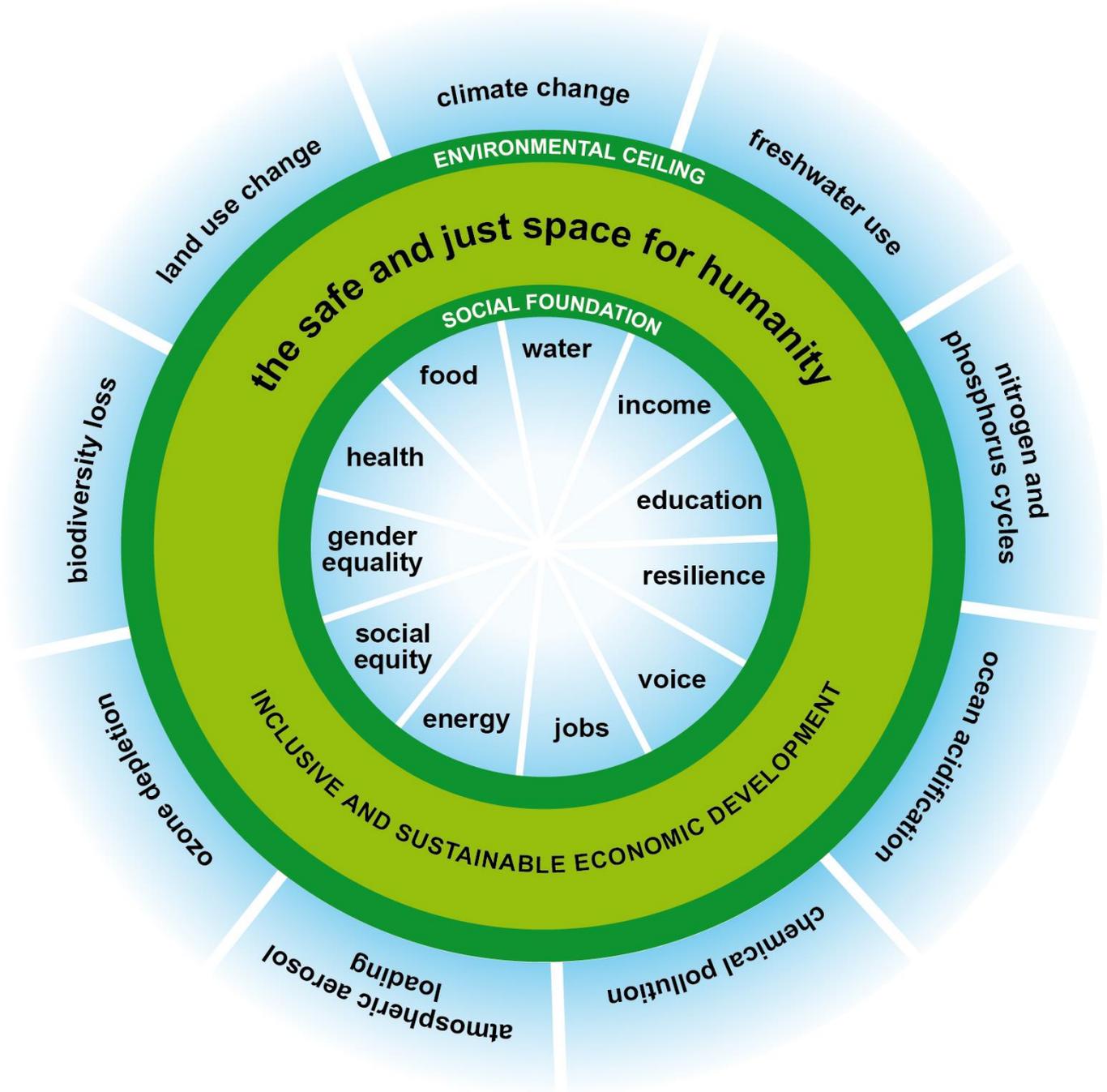
Social tipping points - human

Figure 7.2 Distribution of economic activity between North and South, 1991
(% of global total) (Source: UNDP, 1994)



The „Rock and the Hard Place“:

the „doughnut“ of Social and Planetary Boundaries



„Radical” change: the roots

“The problem is not simply economic and technological; it is moral and spiritual. A solution at the economic and technological level can be found only if we undergo, in the most radical way, an inner change of heart, which can lead to a change in lifestyle and of unsustainable patterns of consumption and production.”

Fundamentals & context of SDG development:

2. (...) freeing humanity from poverty and hunger as a matter of urgency.
3. Poverty eradication, changing unsustainable and promoting sustainable patterns of consumption and production and protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development are the overarching objectives of and essential requirements for sustainable development.
4. **People are at the centre** of sustainable development and, in this regard, Rio+20 promised to **strive for a world that is just, equitable and inclusive**, (...) to benefit all, in particular the children of the world, youth and future generations of the world without distinction of any kind (...)
7. Rio+20 outcome **reaffirmed (...) the importance of freedom, peace and security, respect for all human rights** (...)
8. (...) protect the climate system for the **benefit of present and future generations** of humankind on the basis of **equity** and in accordance with their **common but differentiated responsibilities** and respective capabilities. (...)
9. (...) some countries recognize the **rights of nature** in the context of the promotion of sustainable development. (...) in order to achieve a **just balance among** the economic, social and environmental **needs of present and future generations**, it is necessary to promote **harmony with nature**. (...)
15. (...) living under **colonial and foreign occupation**, (... is) **incompatible with the dignity and worth of the human person** (...)

The Sustainable Development Goals:

Goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere

Goal 2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture

Goal 3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

Goal 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote life-long learning opportunities for all

Goal 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

Goal 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

Goal 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all

Goal 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

Goal 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation

Goal 10. Reduce inequality within and among countries

Goal 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

Goal 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

Goal 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts*

**Acknowledging that the UNFCCC is the primary international, intergovernmental forum for negotiating the global response to climate change.*

Goal 14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

Goal 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss

Goal 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development



#GLOBALGOALS

Mainstreamed themes in SDGs

- **YOUTH**
- **OLDER PERSONS**
- **PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**
- **MIGRANTS**
- **LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES**
- **INDIGENOUS PEOPLES**
- **GENDER EQUALITY**
- **HUMAN RIGHTS**
- **FAMILY**
- **FINANCIAL INCLUSION**
- **CULTURE**
- **DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESILIENCE BUILDING**
- **CLIMATE**
- **CHILDREN**
- **INFRASTRUCTURE**
- **RULE OF LAW**

**Mainstreamed *HUMAN RIGHTS* in the final outcome document
of the UN Open Working Group**

Non-discrimination

Equality

Civil and political rights

Gender equality

Rights of the child

Rights of persons with disabilities

Rights of indigenous peoples

Rights of migrants

Economic, social and cultural rights

Right to a healthy environment

- **ambitious**
- **specific and actionable commitments**
- **aspirational**
- **transformational**
- **global in nature and**

universally applicable

- because they are HR-based!

The General Assembly,

Recalling the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled “The future we want”, contained in resolution 66/288 of 11 September 2012, which, *inter alia*, resolved to establish an inclusive and transparent intergovernmental process on sustainable development goals open to all stakeholders, with a view to developing global sustainable development goals to be agreed by the General Assembly,

Acknowledges the conclusion of the work of the Open Working Group on sustainable development goals, and *welcomes* its report issued as document A/68/970¹,

***Decides* that the proposal of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals contained in the report shall be the main basis for integrating sustainable development goals into the post-2015 development agenda, while recognizing that other inputs will also be considered in the intergovernmental negotiation process at the 69th session.**

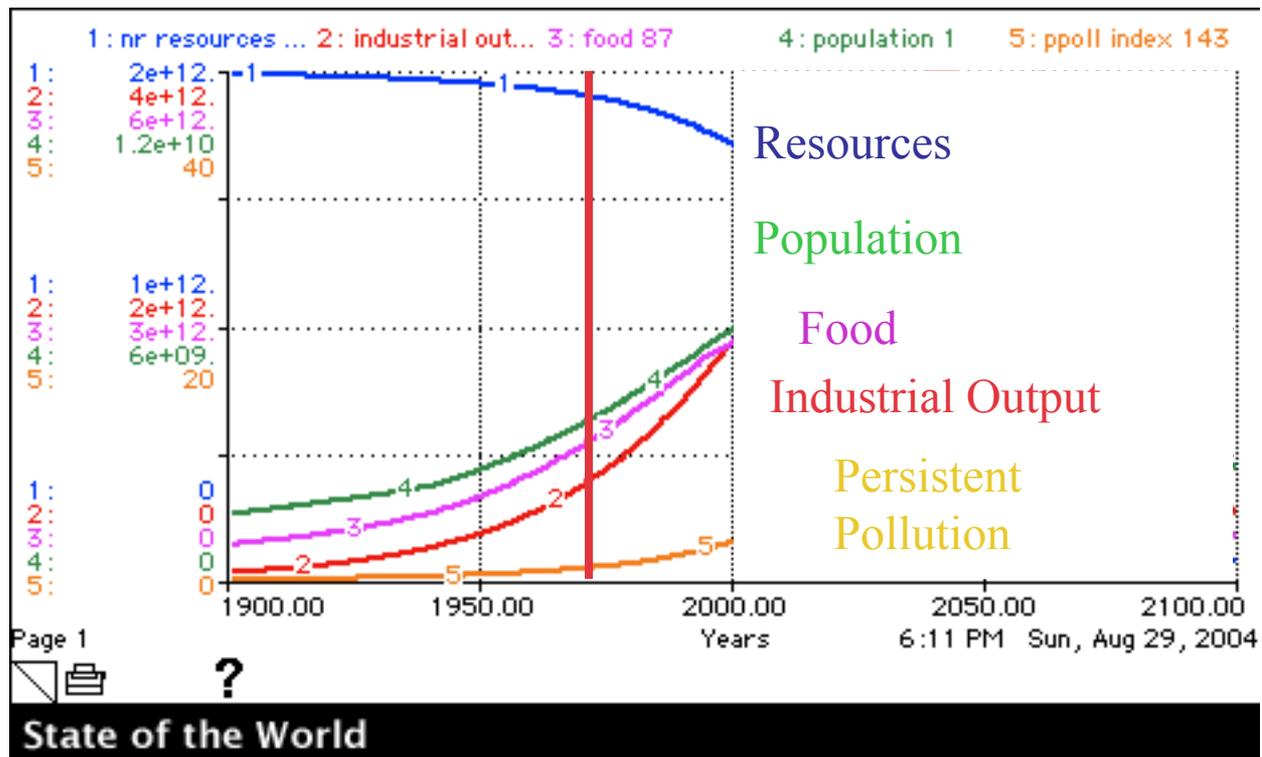
(New York, 2014. IX. 10.)

„Policy development experiment”

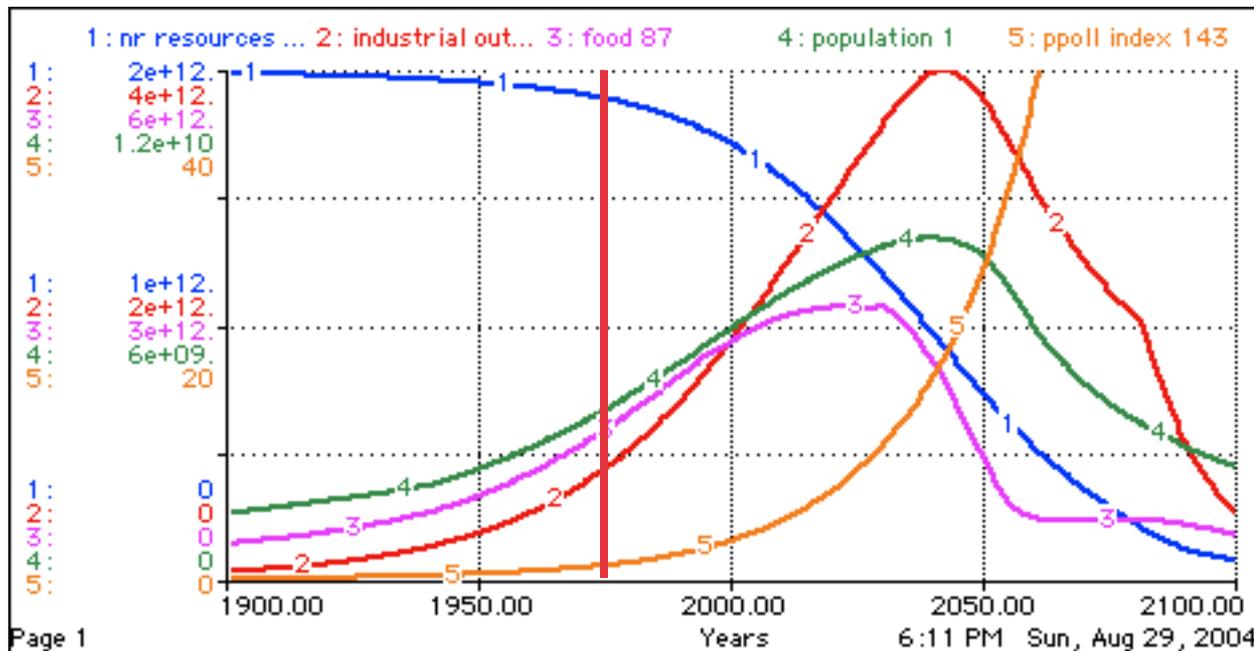
- **OPEN** GROUP AND PROCESS
- **EVIDENCE**-BASED
- STRIVING FOR **CONSENSUS**

Unprecedented!

World3: Reference Scenario 1900-2000



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Pollution

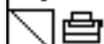
Population

Industrial Output

Food

Resources

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State of the World



The facts are coming! The facts are coming!

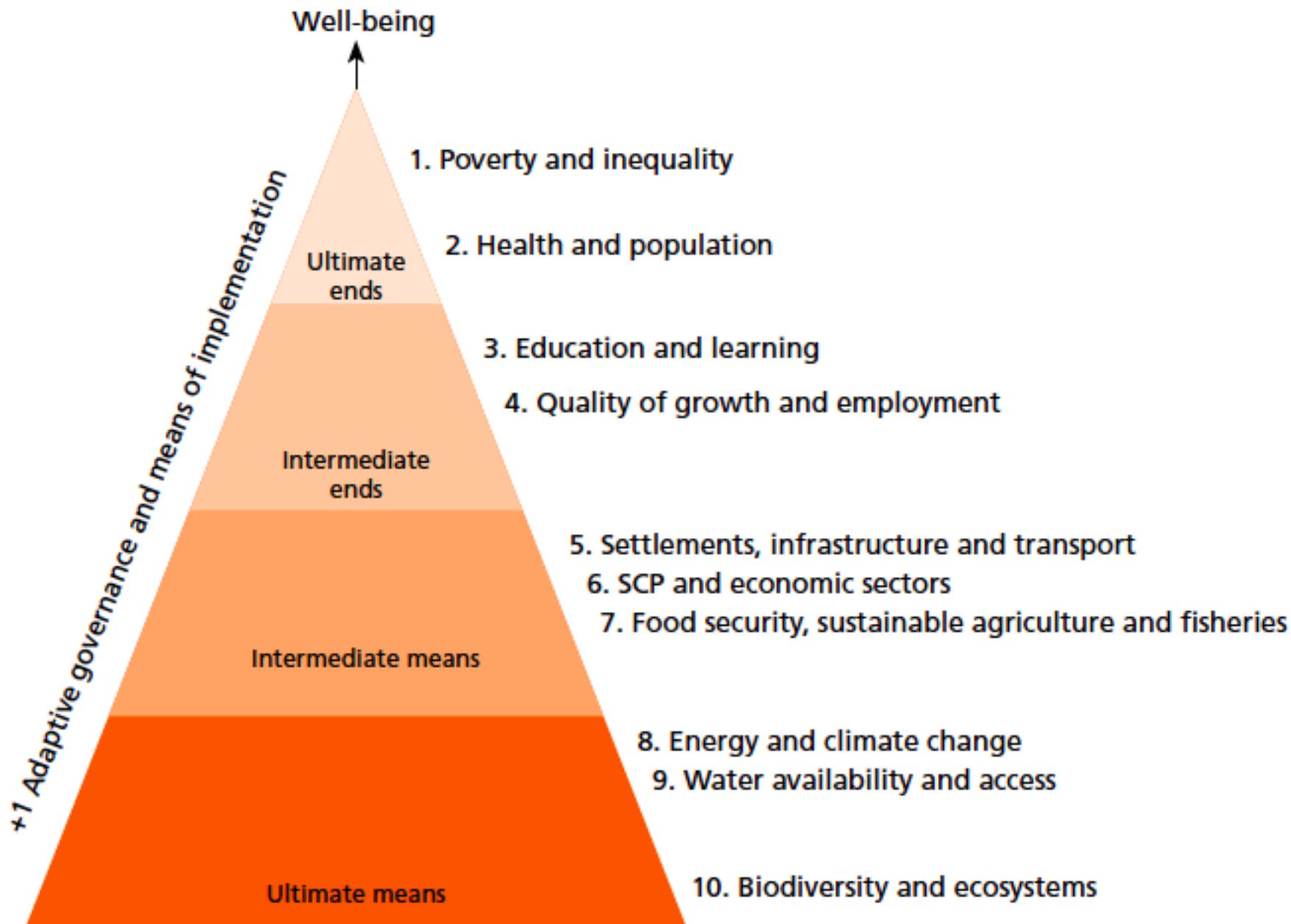
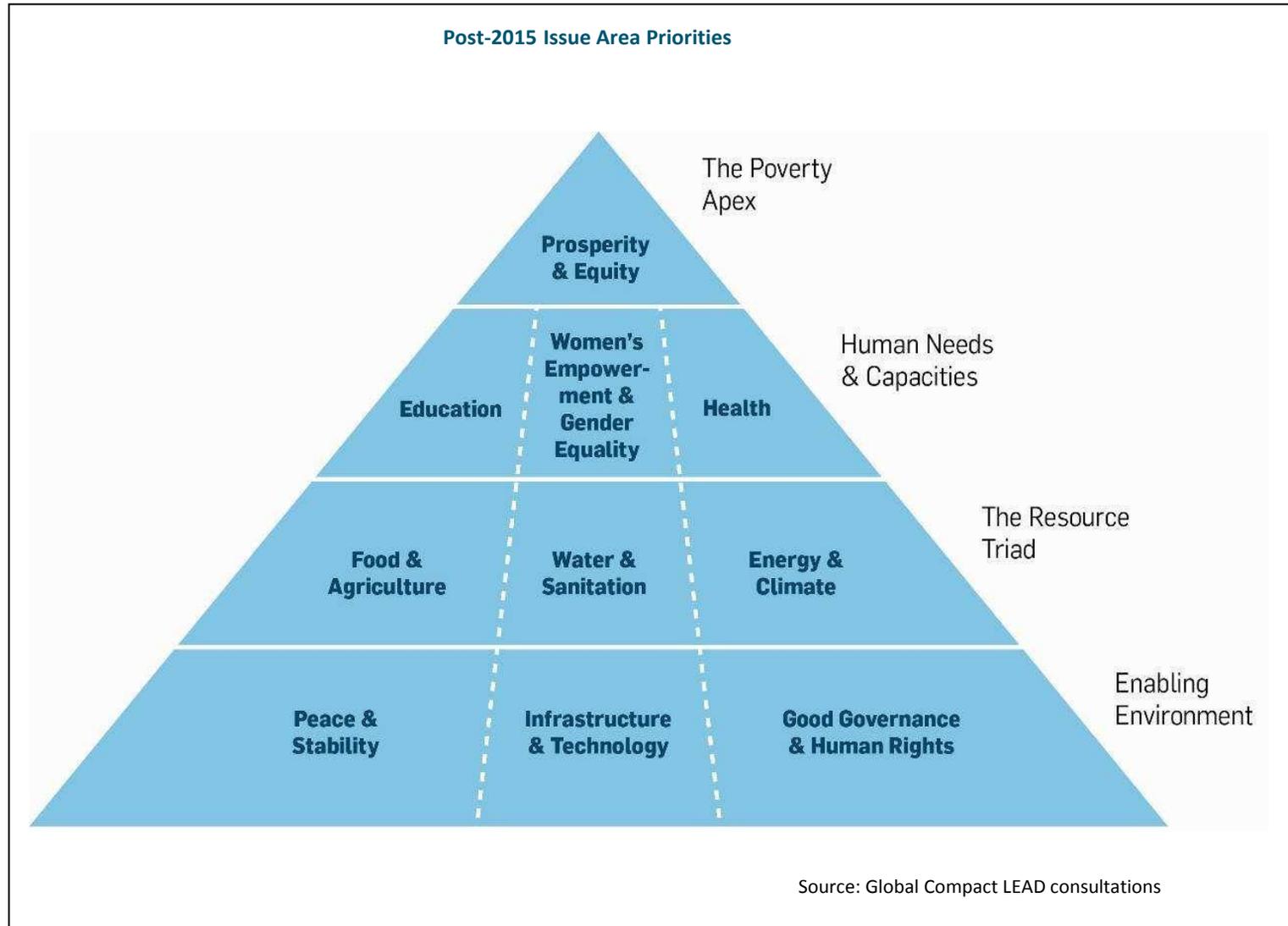


Figure 3.1: The alignment of the 10+1 Small Planet goals with the ultimate means-ends framework

Source: ASEF

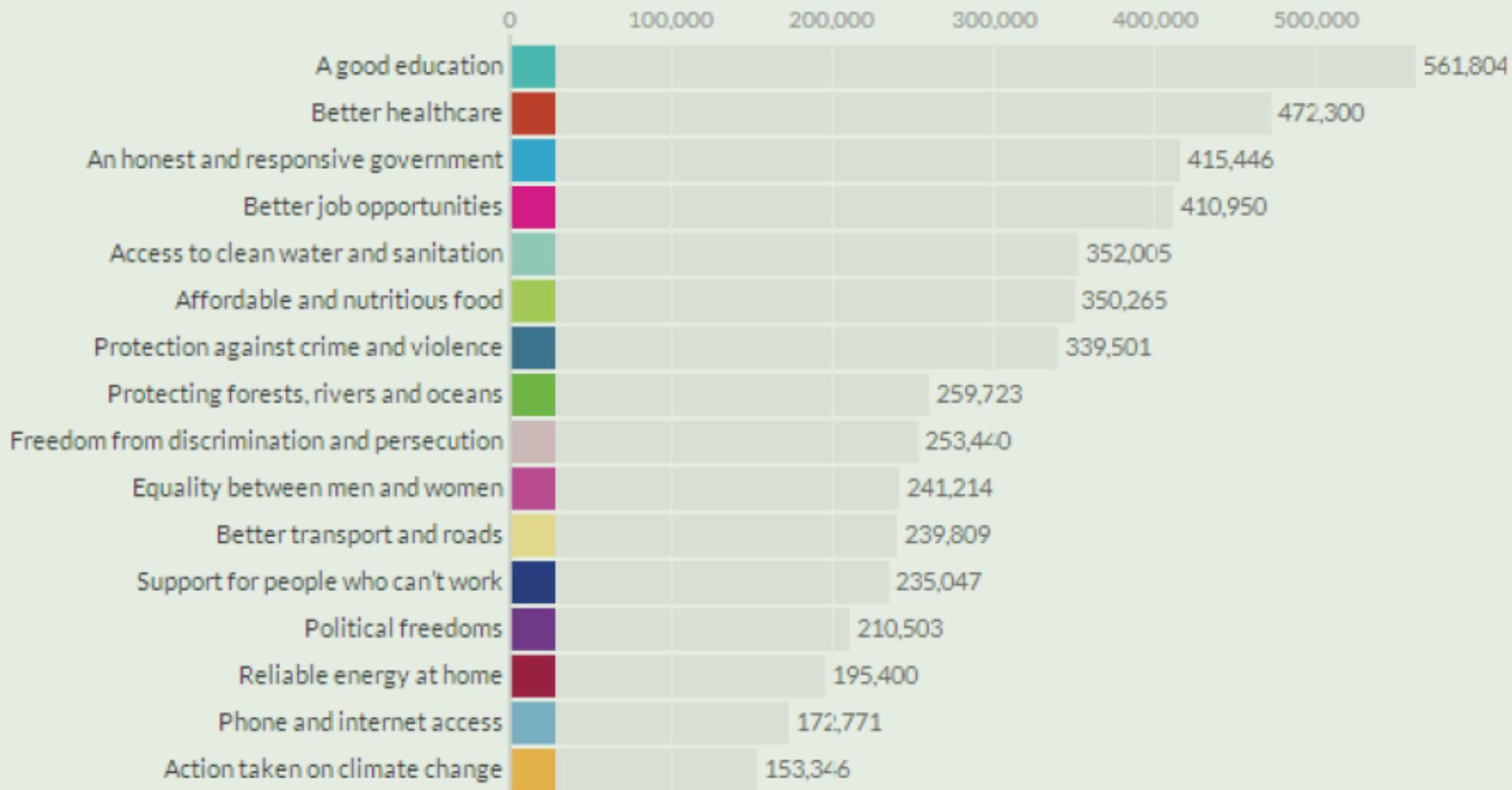
Contribution by the *Global Compact*



Global opinion poll:



821,823 votes for All Countries & Country Groups / All Genders / All Education Levels / Age Group (All Age Groups)



SDGs: for governments by governments (?)

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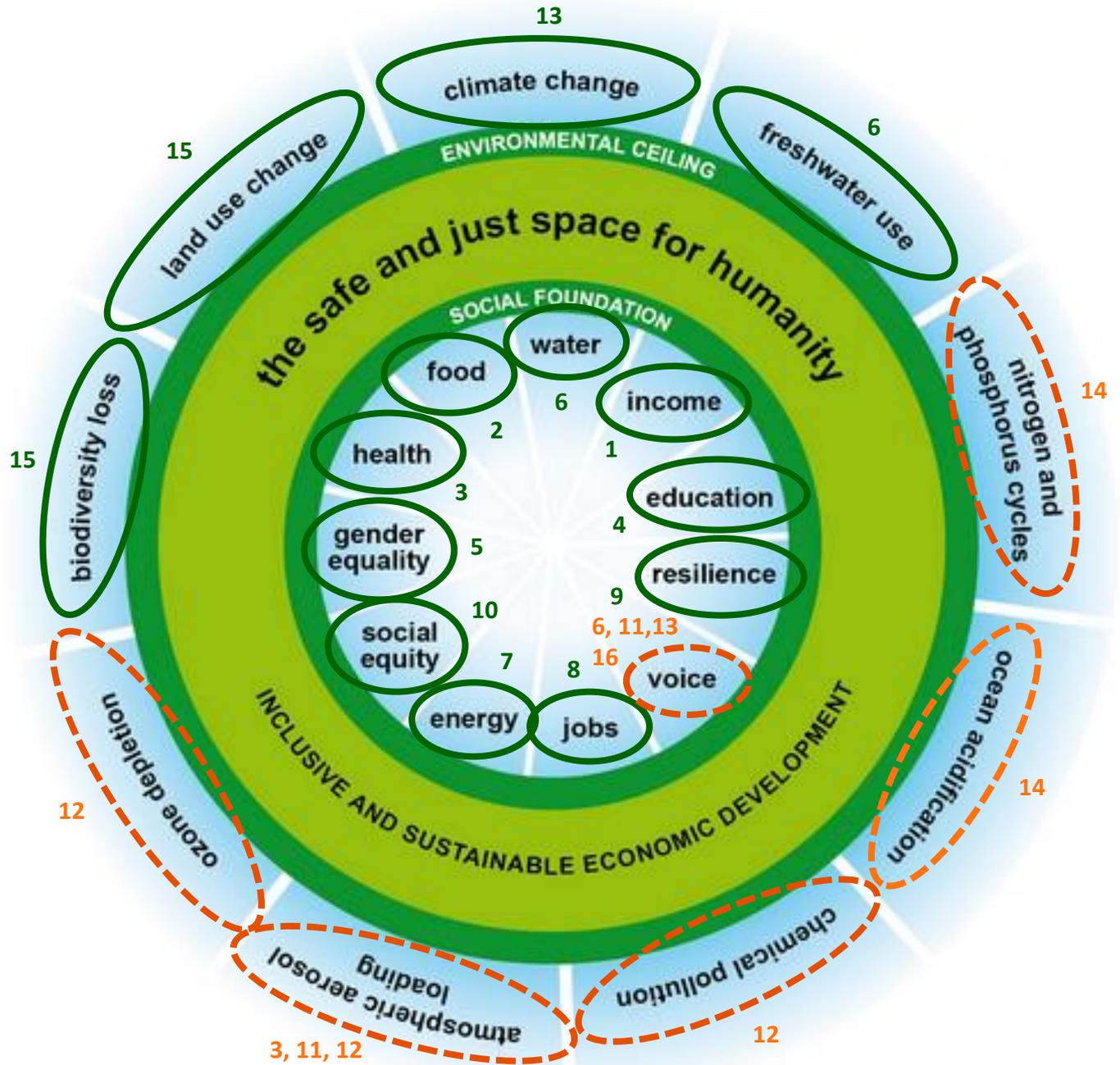
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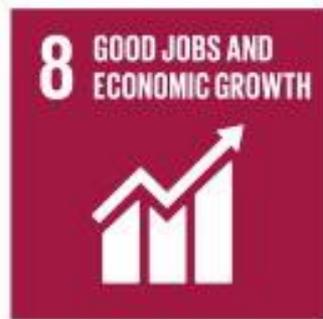
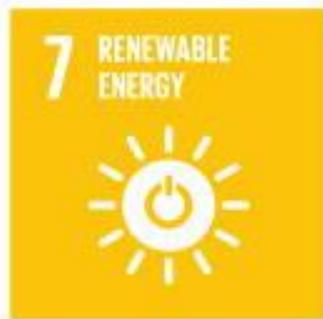
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Mapping the draft Sustainable Development Goals onto the doughnut

-  Focus of a goal
-  Included in targets





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