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Some reflections on the Global Goals going forward

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SUSTAINABILITY TALKS

DATE: 9TH OF MARCH

TIME: 8.30-10.00

VENUE: WRANGEL



About LUCSUS

World-class sustainability Centre - working for over 10 years on some of the most pressing global challenges facing humanity.

Aim: to create a better and fairer world now and in the future.



What do we Do?



“We hope to advance sustainability science by exploring different theories, methods and practices around relationships between environmental change and societal dimensions of justice, power, politics, and livelihoods transformations.”



Types of collaboration

Characteristic features

LUCSUS (A sustainability centre)

Small (35 +) staff members

Central leader

Informal connections

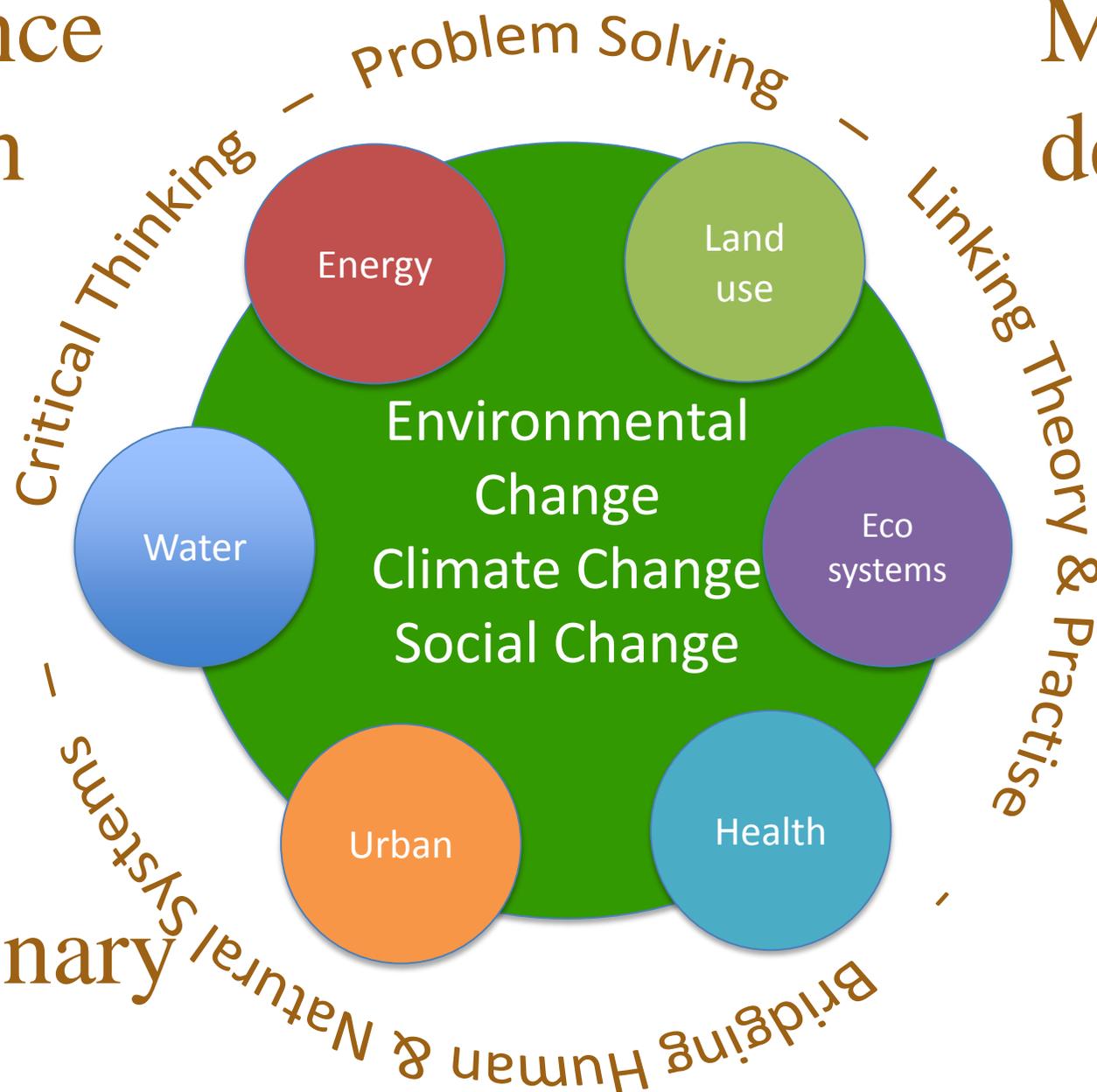
Face-to-face processes

Teambuilding

Leader supports process skills

Social science
contribution

Methodological
development



Impact
and Societal
relevance

Interdisciplinary
advances



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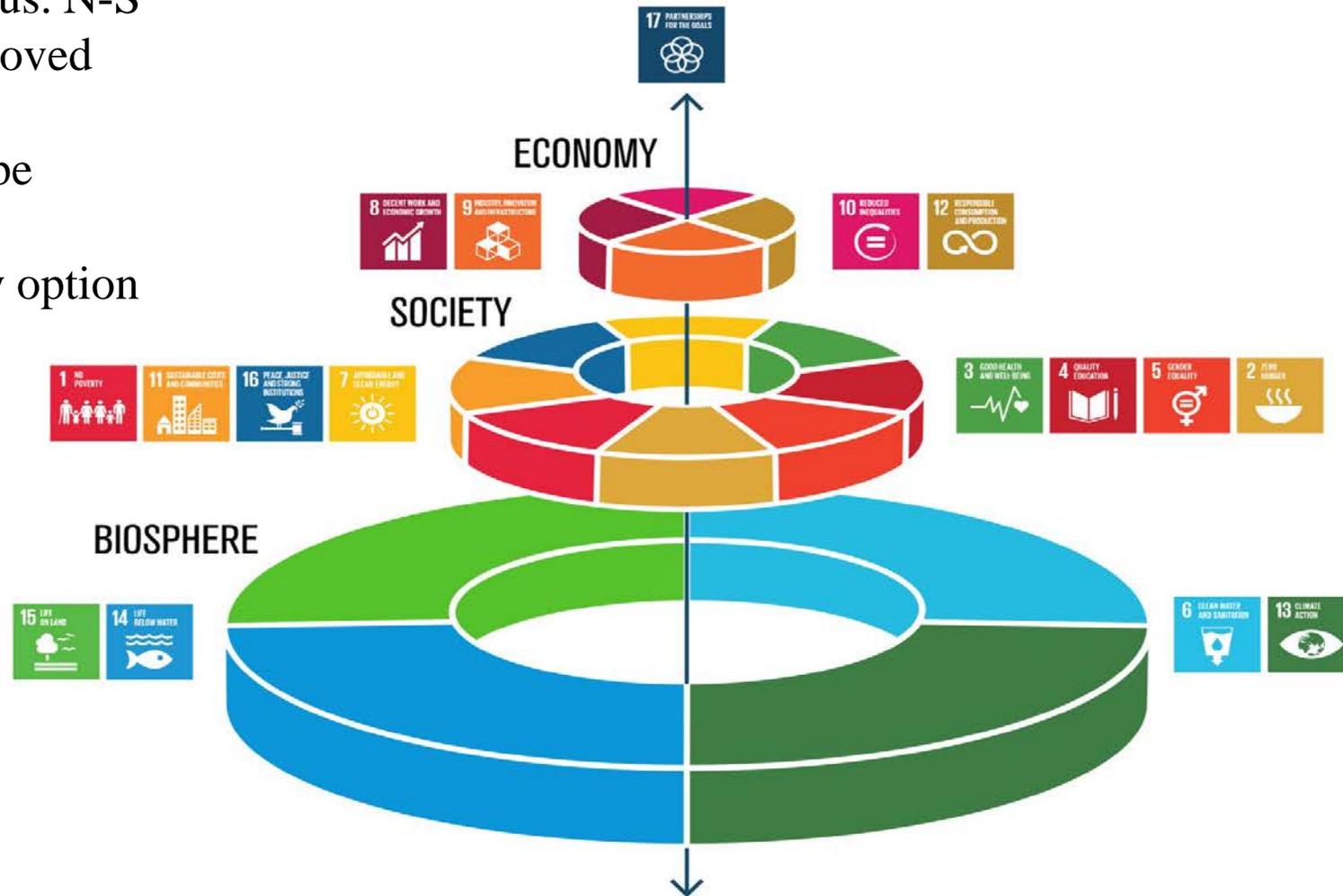
The SDGs

Global focus. N-S
divide removed

Wider scope

Soft policy option

17 goals
169 targets
15 years



The Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF)



-Novel
science

-Measurable
and scalable
impact

A 5-year £1.5Bn fund
and a key component
in the delivery of the
UK Aid Strategy:
tackling global
challenges in the
national interest.

Trade offs, synergies and governance

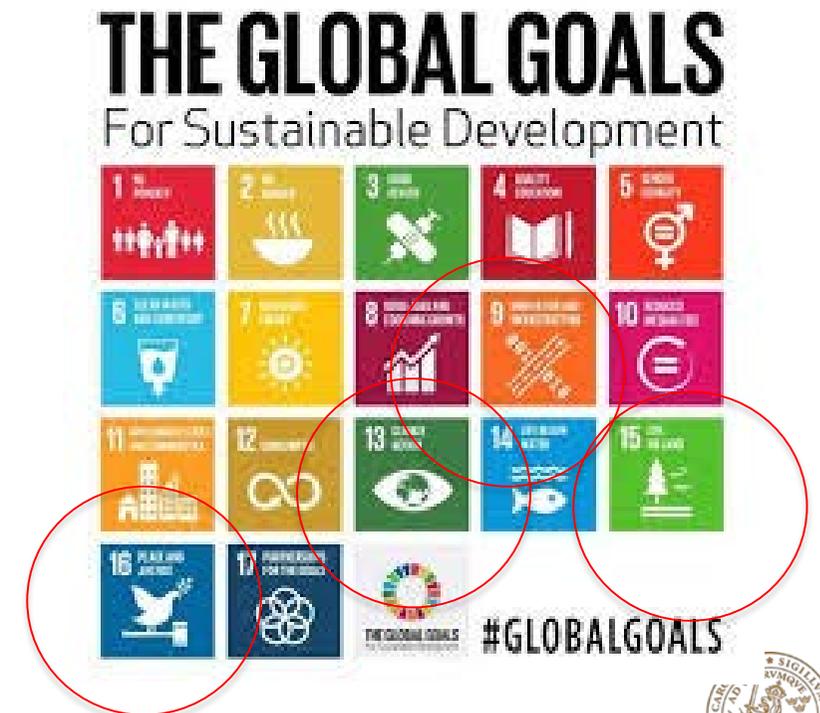
- Many reports emerging on the trade-offs/synergies
- Less well understood is the governance mechanisms
- Governance, social and behavioral intersections with these tradeoffs at different scales,



E.G topics / themes

e.g. Transitions towards sustainable and inclusive societies (ESRC UK)

- Synergies and tradeoffs between wellbeing, equity and economic growth and climate change, biodiversity, clean energy and air.
- What models of economic growth can help to overcome potential tradeoffs? How do these models work to overcome tradeoffs?
- How can governance, innovation or institutional regulatory frameworks play a role?



The National Research Programme on Climate: Future Pathways

Area 1: Research projects on: Fulfilment of goals, governance and approaches



How much you can apply for: Up to SEK 2.5 million per year.

The length of the project: Up to 4 years.

In total Formas grants: Up to SEK 168.4 million for area 1 and 2 together.

Critiques of SDGs

- There are no clear linkages between some of the SDGs in the way they are written.
 - Goal 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
 - Goal 13. Climate Action
- Trade offs are not always obvious (either unrelated or desired synergies are clearer).
- They are vast
- Measurement by whom and how?
- Human rights and roots of poverty

SDGs and our research

- Critical thinking and problem solving in our approach to finding synergies and trade offs between and within the goals
- Use of interdisciplinary research (get better at it!)
- Identify impact - mapping our work onto the SDGs, partnerships, co-development of knowledge, geographical focus and national interests



How we can work together around the SDGs?

- Research and networks of partnerships around SDGs e.g. Urban Mistra, ESG
- Education and SDGs at minimum clearly signpost the relationship to SDGs
- Leadership and SDGs (signals)
 - Resources (e.g. developing research impact)
 - Repackaging
 - Social networks [hashtag #globalgoals](#)
 - No impact week
 - Support equal pay for women etc.
 - Encourage divestment from fossil fuels

Thank you!

