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# Circular economy

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# Outline

- Global trends in resource supply and demand
- What are we consuming?
- What are governments doing?
- What is new with “circular economy”?
- What are businesses doing?
- Discussion on implications for developing countries



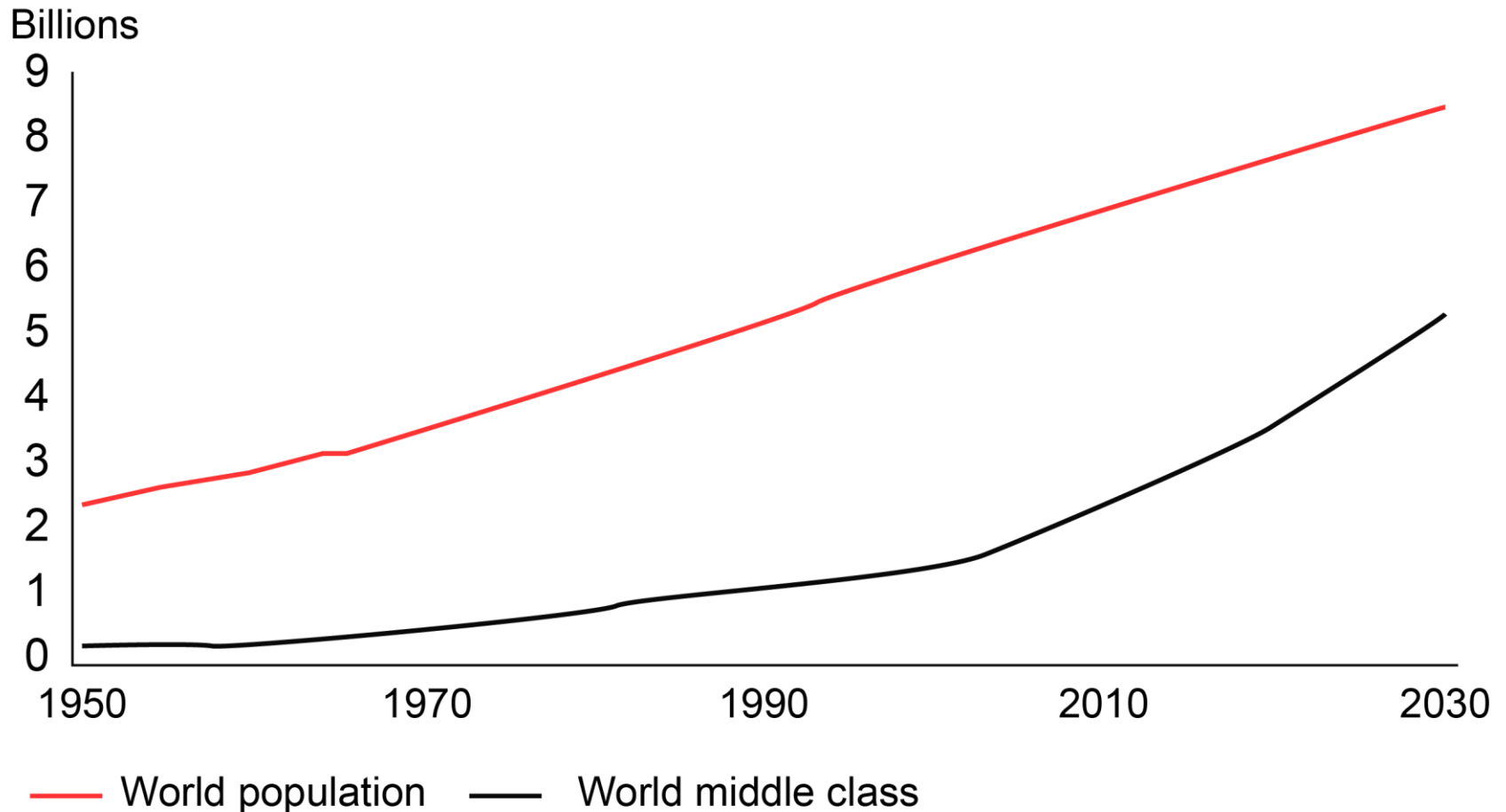


# Resource supply and demand

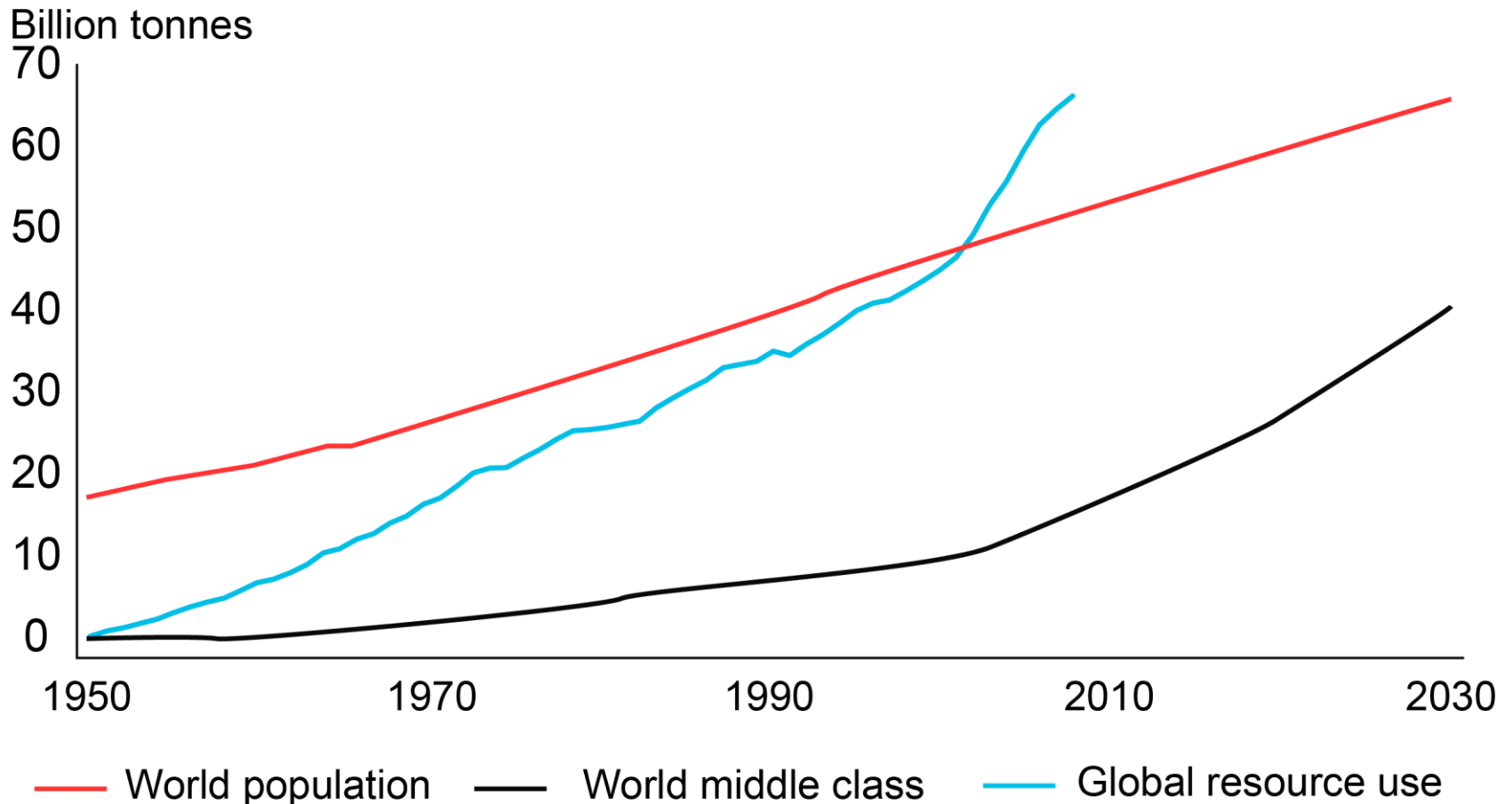




# World population

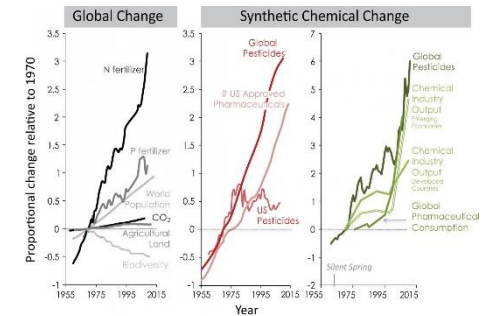
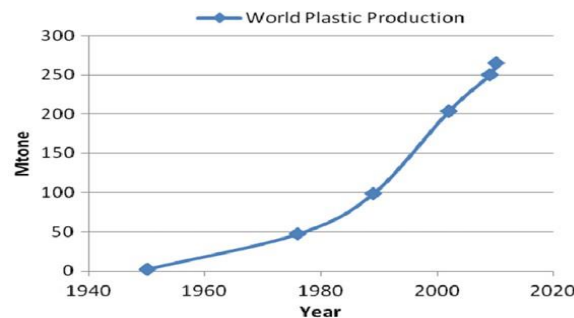
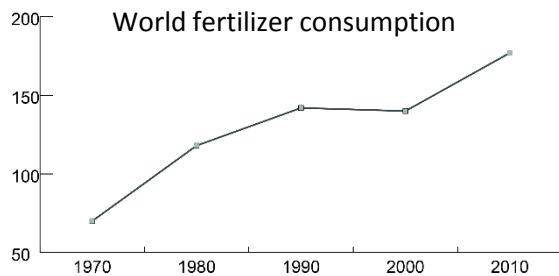
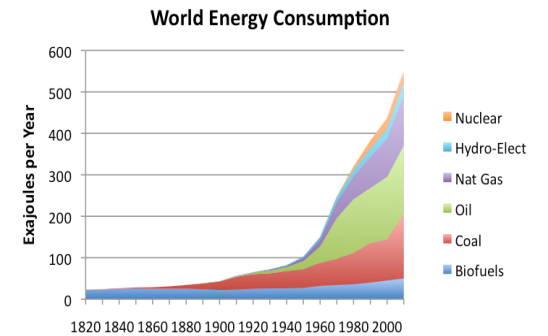
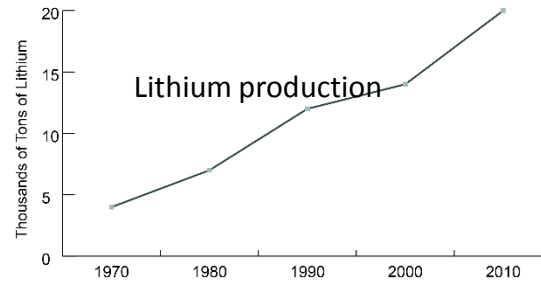
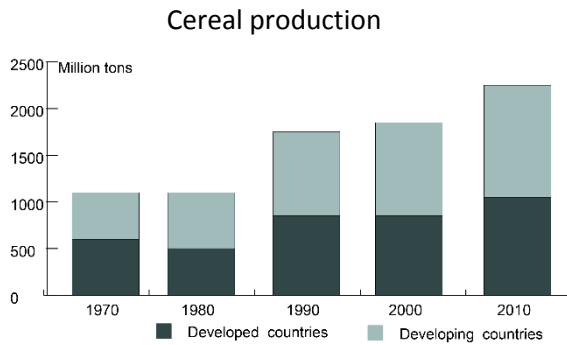
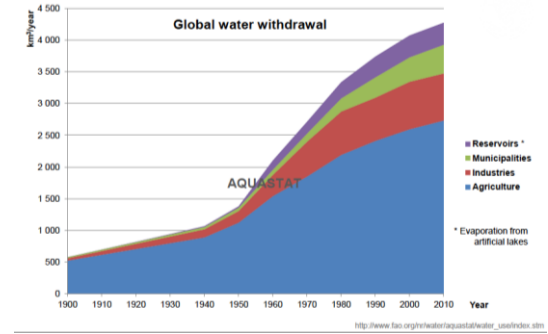
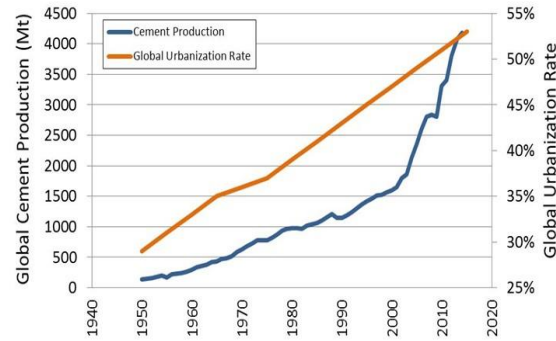


# World population and resource use





# Our consumption is skyrocketing!





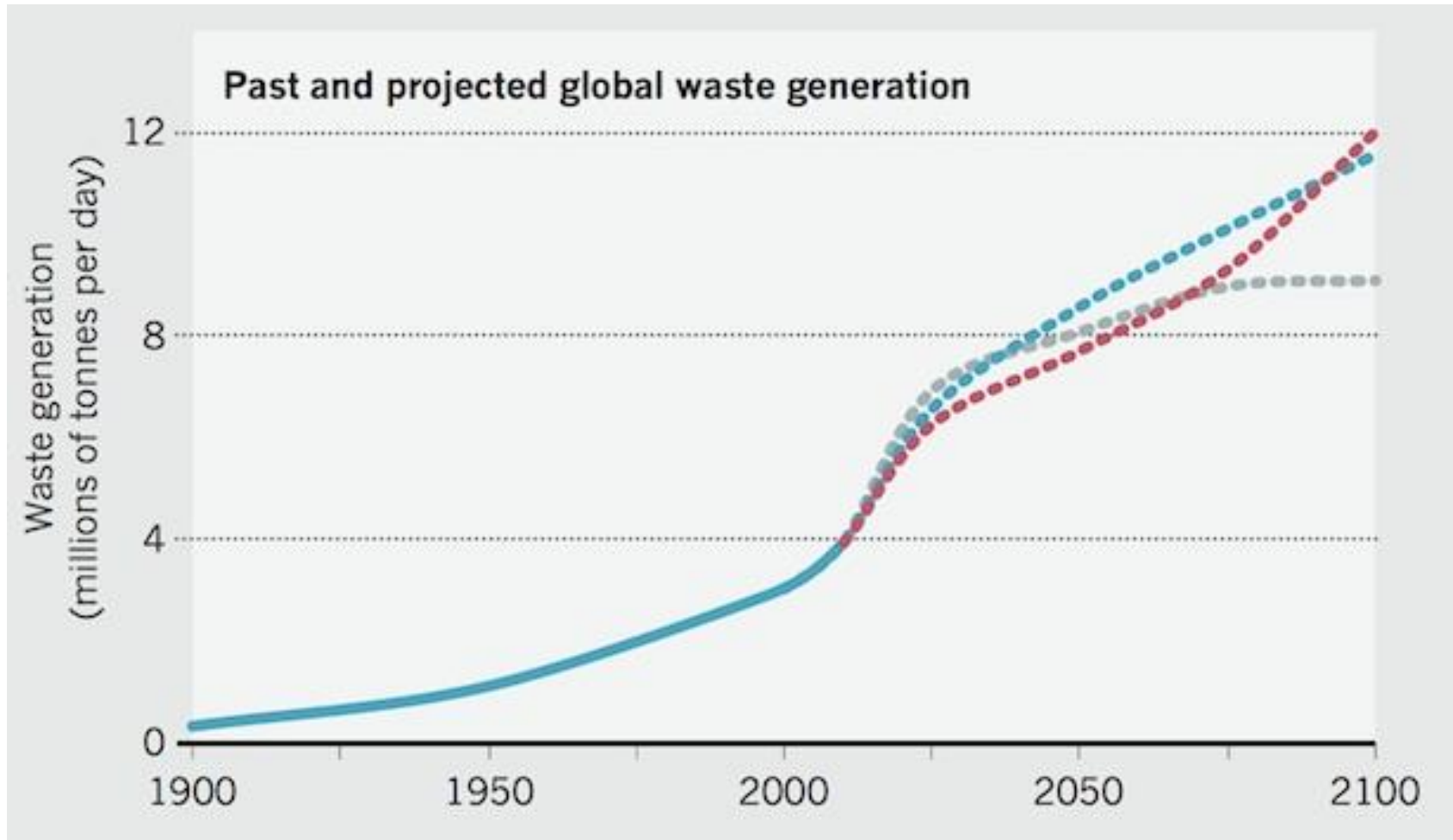


# Our cities are almost unlivable!

*But, more than 50% of urban fabric expected to exist by 2050 still needs to be constructed*



# Global waste generation





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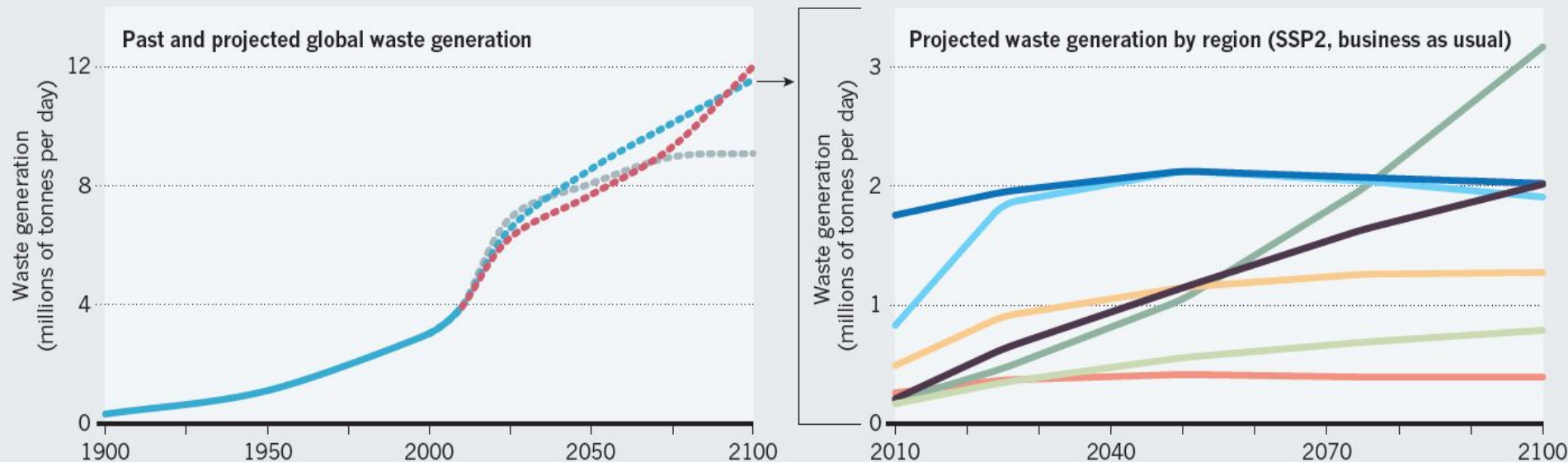
## WHEN WILL WASTE PEAK?

Three projections to 2100 for waste generation spell very different futures. In the first Shared Socioeconomic Pathway<sup>9</sup> scenario (SSP1), the 7-billion population is 90% urbanized, development goals are achieved, fossil-fuel consumption is reduced and populations are more environmentally conscious. SSP2 is the 'business-as-usual' forecast, with an estimated population of 9.5 billion and 80% urbanization. In SSP3, 70% of the world's 13.5 billion live in cities and there are pockets of extreme poverty and moderate wealth, and many countries with rapidly growing populations.

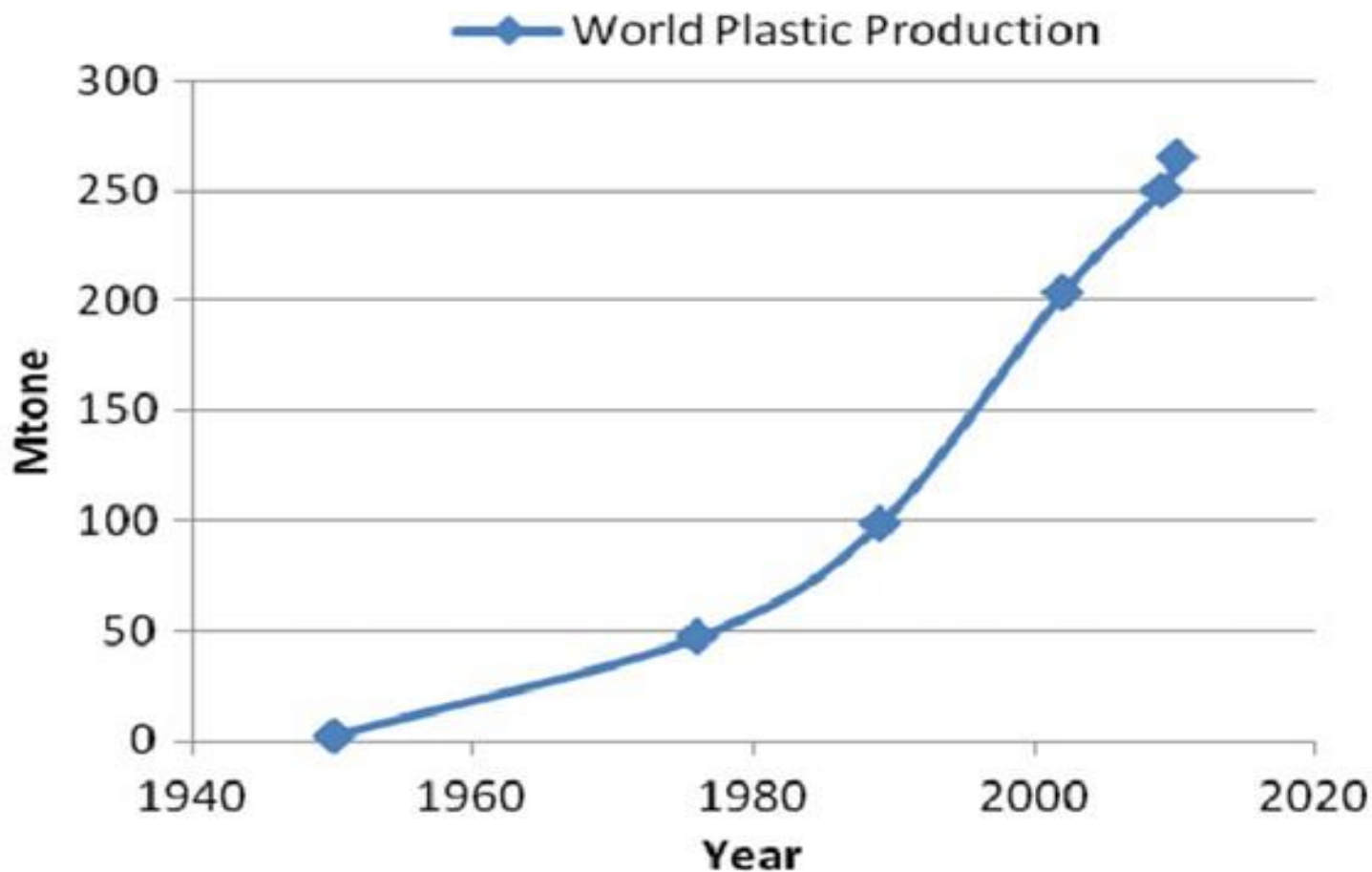
● SSP1 ● SSP2 ● SSP3

\*Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

- Sub-Saharan Africa
- East Asia and Pacific
- Europe and central Asia
- South Asia
- Latin America and the Caribbean
- Middle East and North Africa
- High-income and OECD\* countries

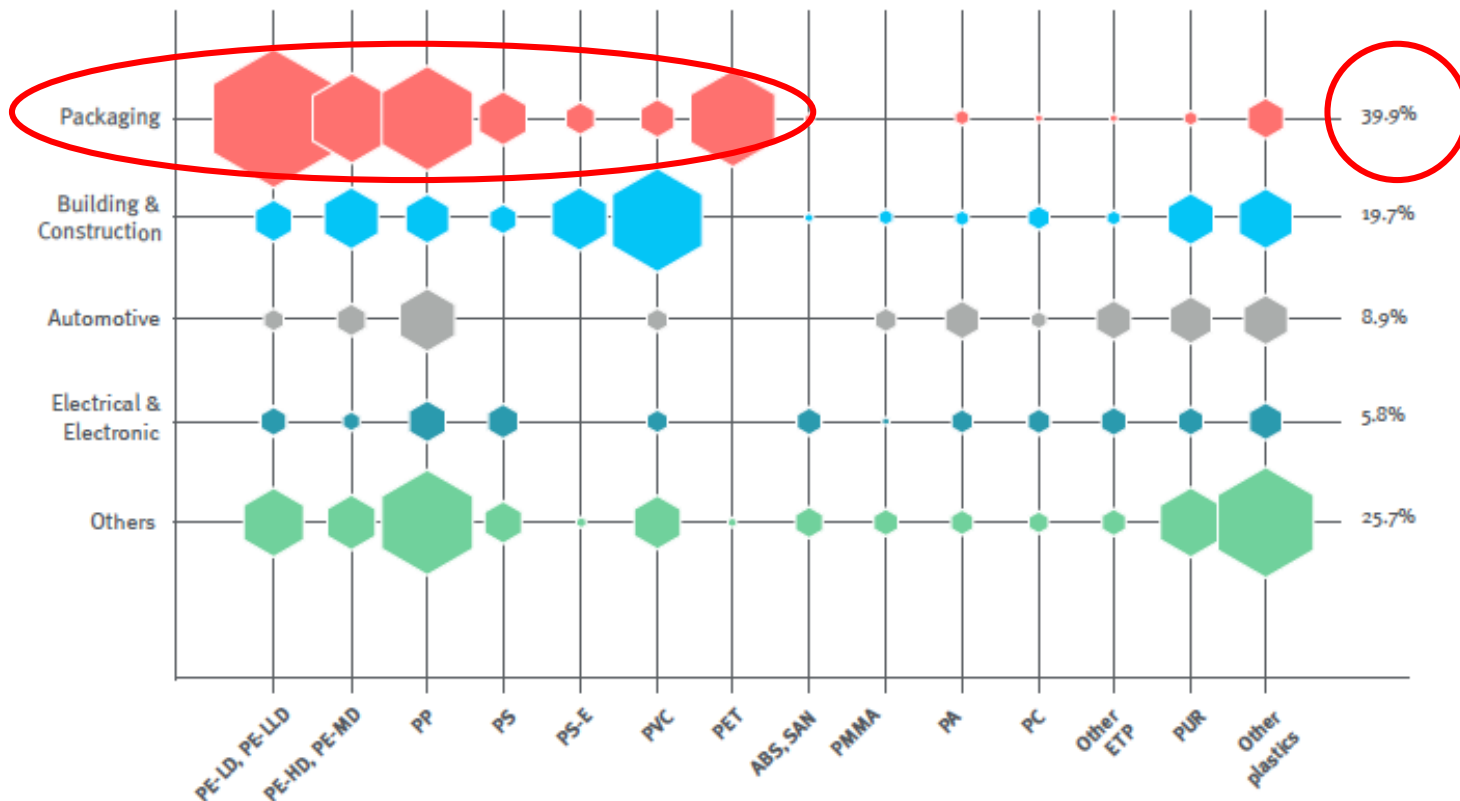


# Plastics



# Plastics use in Europe

Source: PlasticsEurope (PEMRG) / Consultic / myCeppi



# Our waterways and oceans are filled with waste!







# Pollution kills people and damages economies

- **9 million premature deaths per year** (16% of all deaths in the world!)
- **\$4.3 trillion welfare loss per year** (6% of global economic output)



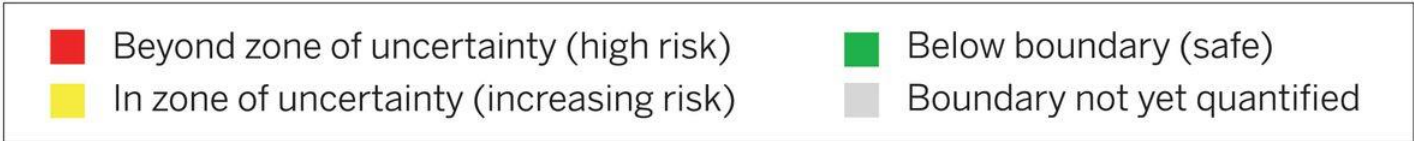
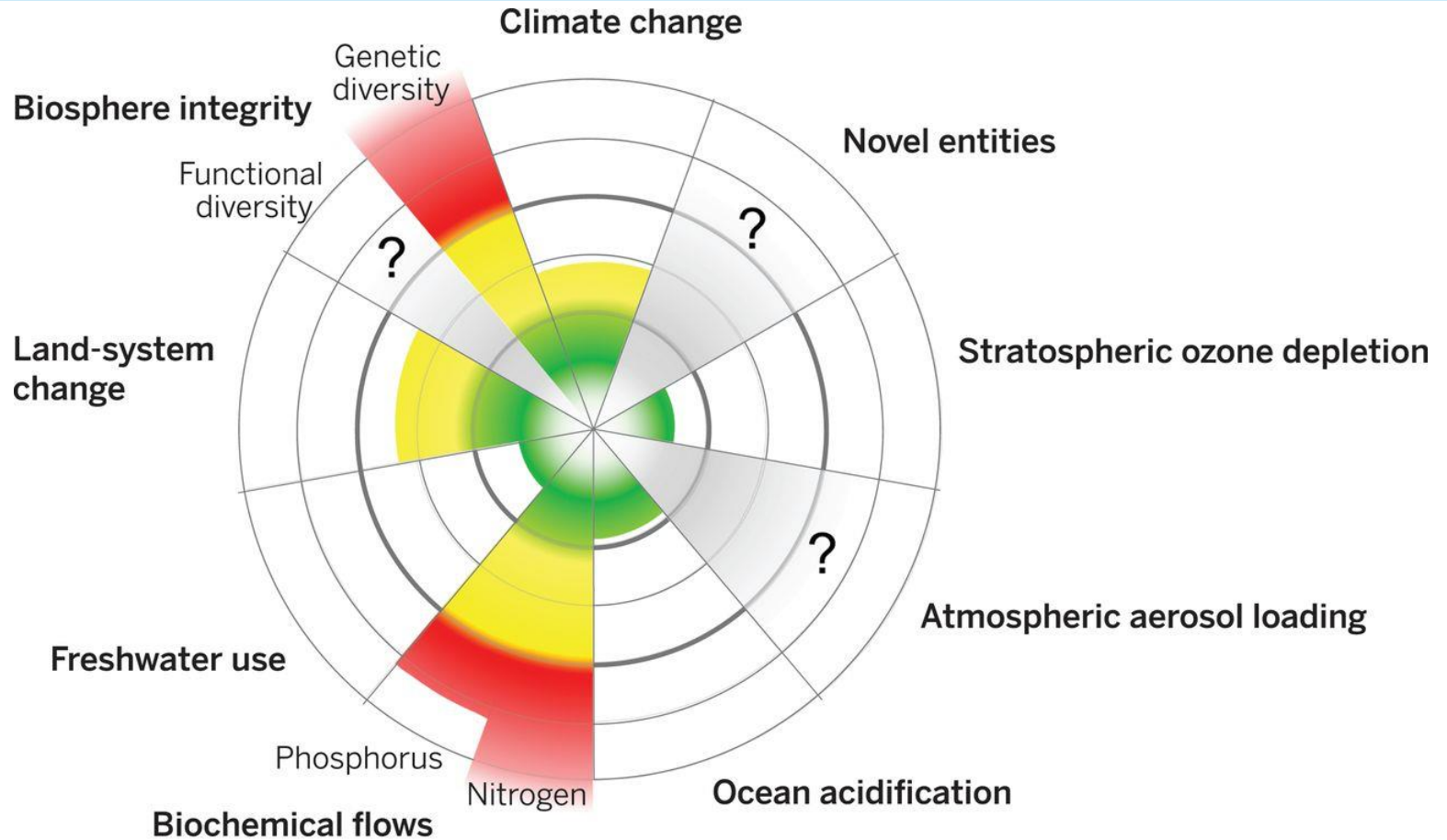
Source: Lancet Report on Health and Pollution, Oct 2017; funded by EC, UNIDO, USAID





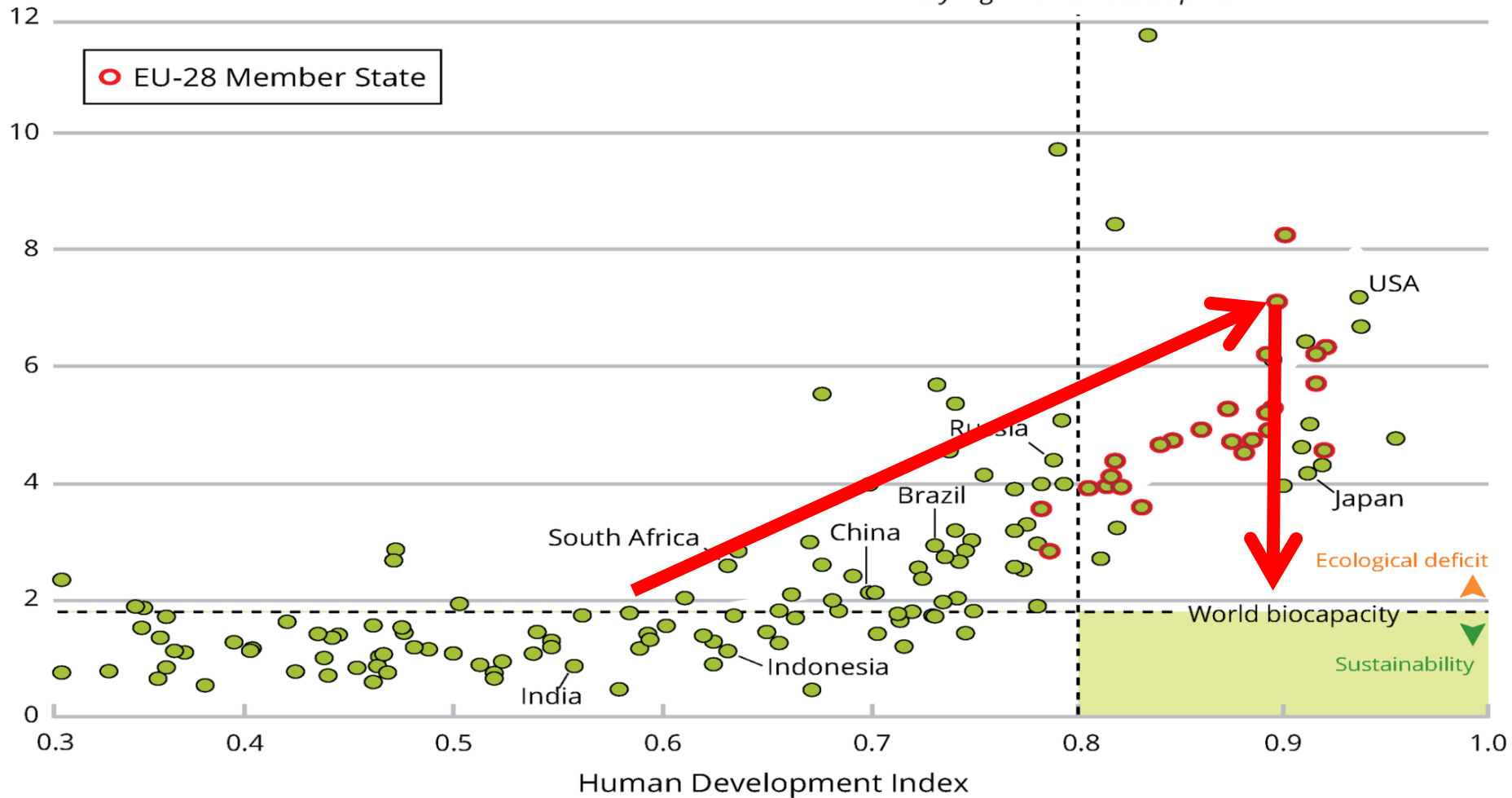
## In today's economy

- 65 billion tons of raw materials per year (22kg/person/day) are extracted, harvested and used (with total extraction **at 90 billion tons per year**)
- Only 7% of these materials are reused or recycled
  - About 8 million tons of plastics enter the oceans every year
  - 300 tons of gold is buried in 50 million tons of electronic waste every year
- 40 % of GHG emissions are attributable to materials management
- Waste of
  - Resources
  - Economic value
  - Business opportunities
  - Environment as a resource: Soil / water / air



Source: Steffen et al. Science, 2015

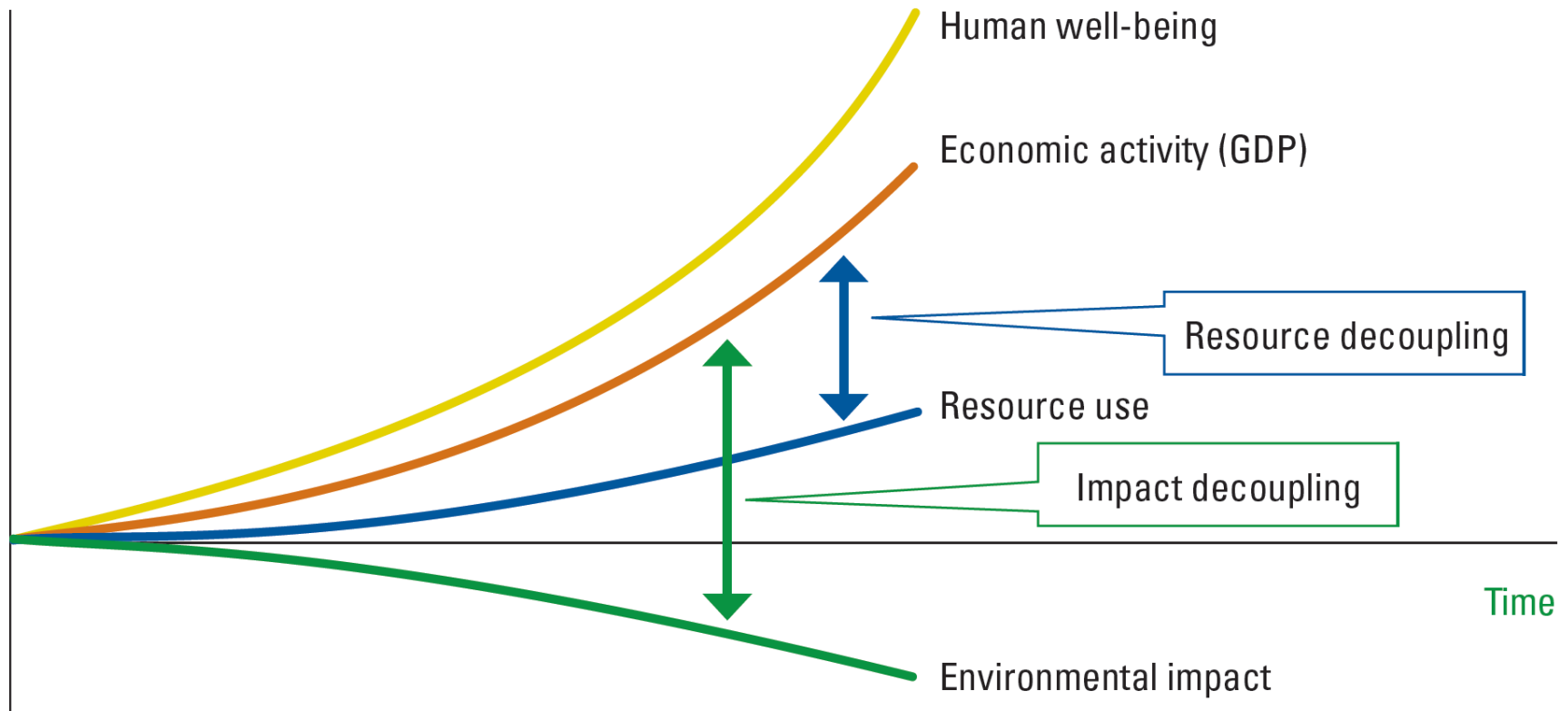
### Ecological footprint (hectares per person per year)



Source: Global Footprint Network, 2012; UNDP, 2014a

# “Decoupling is the imperative of modern environmental and economic policy”

*JANEZ POTOČNIK, Co-chair, International Resource Panel*









# What are we consuming?

## A closer look



# Products: planned obsolescence!



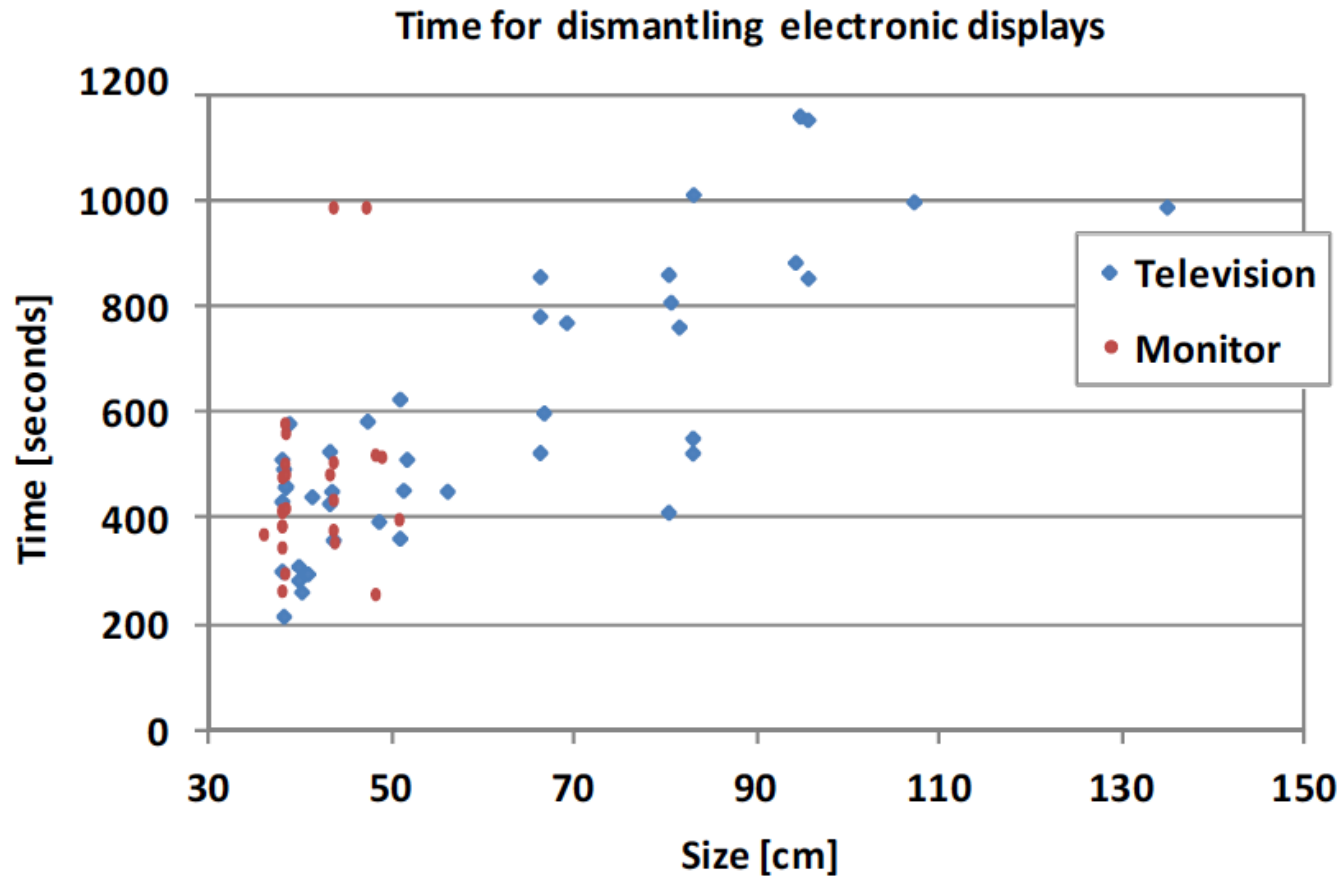
Is He Referring To The Food or The Refrigerator?



- Frequent cosmetic changes in products
- Non-durability a feature



# Products: difficult to disassemble, repair, recycle



Disassembly from 3 to 20 minutes, with special tools

# Products: Non-recoverable, non-recyclable waste





# What have governments been doing?



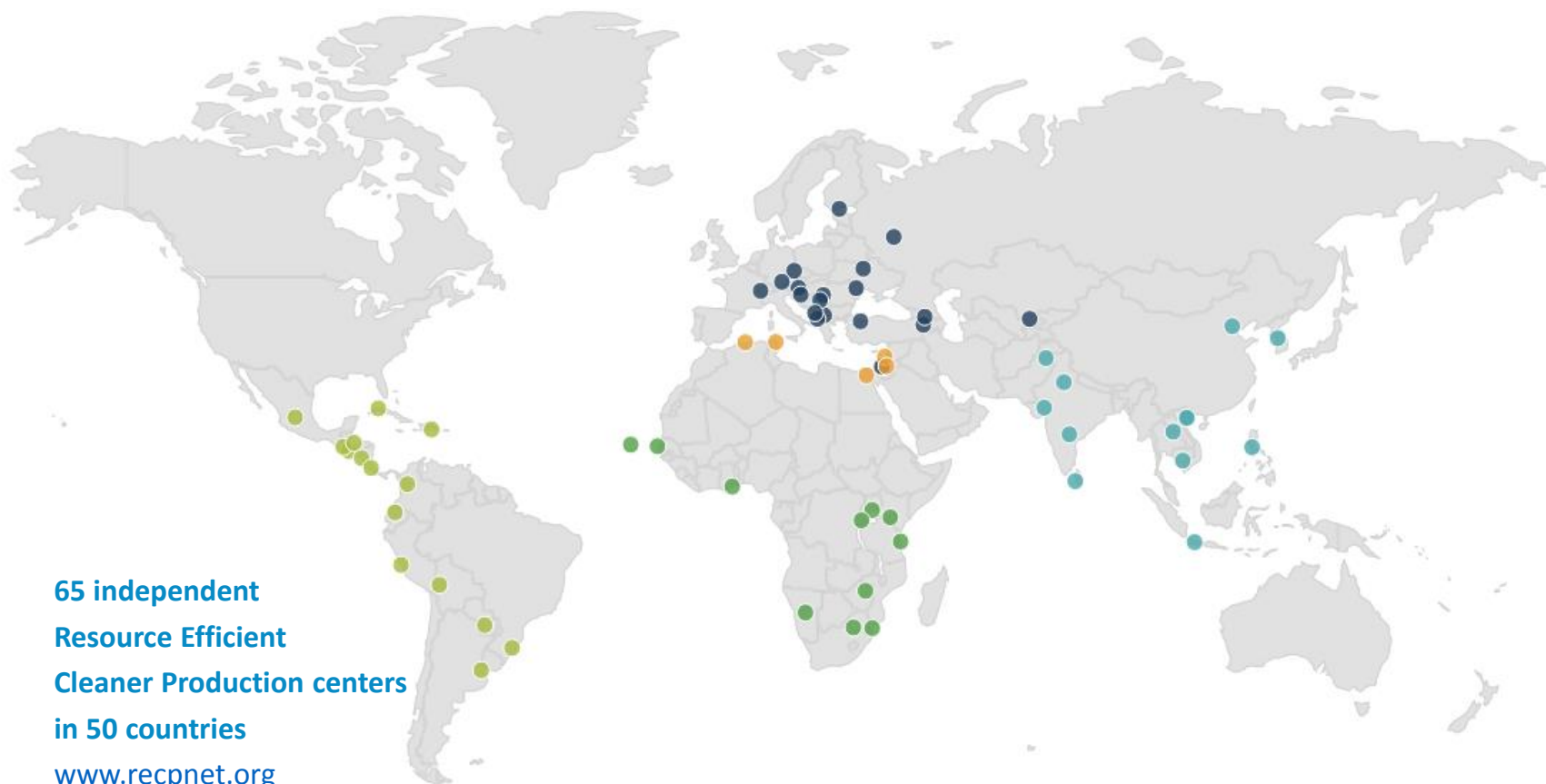


# Resource productivity– at the policy level

| Country   | Resource efficiency/productivity and circular economy initiatives   |
|-----------|---|
| Argentina | 2000's Resource efficiency in the food/feed chain and water use, industrial and solid waste management- federal laws and provincial regulations                             |
| Australia | 2013 National cleaner environment plan, updated 2016, resource efficiency initiatives at state and territories  |
| Brazil    | 2007 Product life-cycle approach to resource efficiency, 2010 Solid waste, extended producer responsibility (EPR), resource efficiency in the food/feed chain and water use |
| Canada    | 2009 EPR, 2015 Minerals and metals policy   |
| China     | 2001 <b>Circular Economy pilot zones</b> , 2002 Cleaner Production Promotion Law, 2008 Circular Economy Law, 2010 Eco-industrial parks                                      |
| France    | 2015 Energy transition for green growth act (circular economy one of 5 pillars; materials)  |
| Germany   | Started in early 1970's; more recently, 2002 National sustainability strategy, 2010 Raw materials strategy, 2012 Resource efficiency program (ProgRes) and 2016 ProgRes II  |
| India     | 2007 11 <sup>th</sup> National Development Plan industrial resource efficiency, waste reuse/recycling   |
| Japan     | 2001 Fundamental Law of Sound Material-Cycle Society, <b>3R</b> -a global initiative since 2008   |
| Turkey    | 2013 Input supply strategy and plan, 2014 National eco-efficiency/cleaner production program to 2017  |
| EU        | 2015 <b>Circular Economy</b> -Closing the Loop and Action Plan  |



# A UNIDO initiative since 1994<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> In collaboration with UNEP, in some aspects



# Innovation and partnerships at Eco-Industrial Parks (EIP)



EIPs instrumental  
in promoting sustainable and resilient “business infrastructure”

# UNIDO's Eco-Industrial Park Programme



Target beneficiaries:

- 15 industrial parks
- Over 200 companies

An effective means of scaling up Circular Economy!



# An international framework for Eco-Industrial Parks

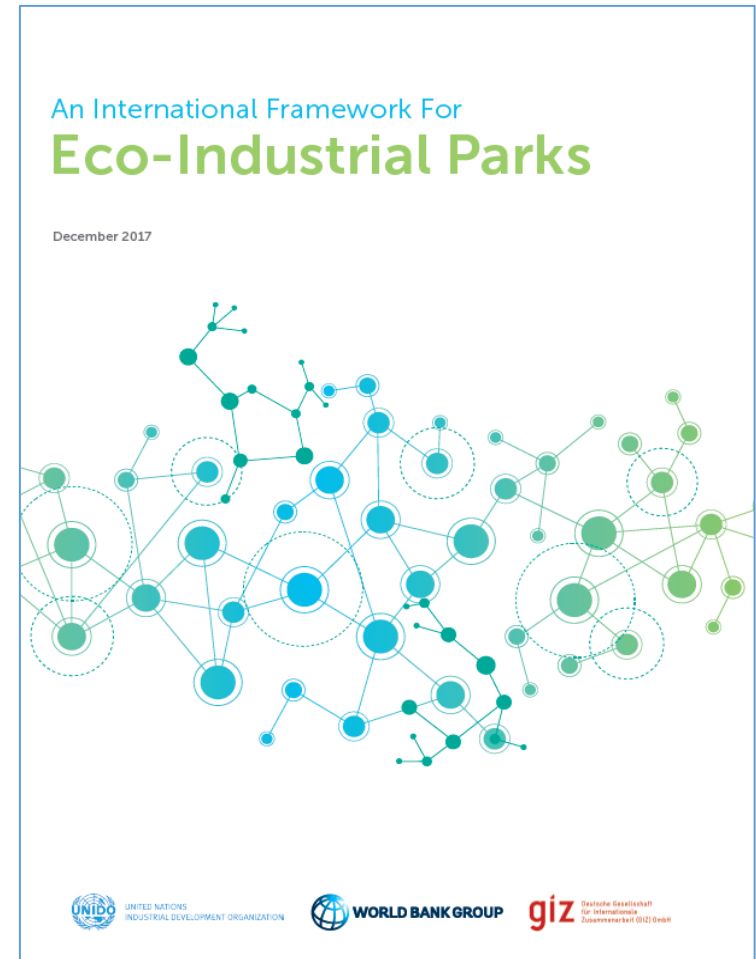
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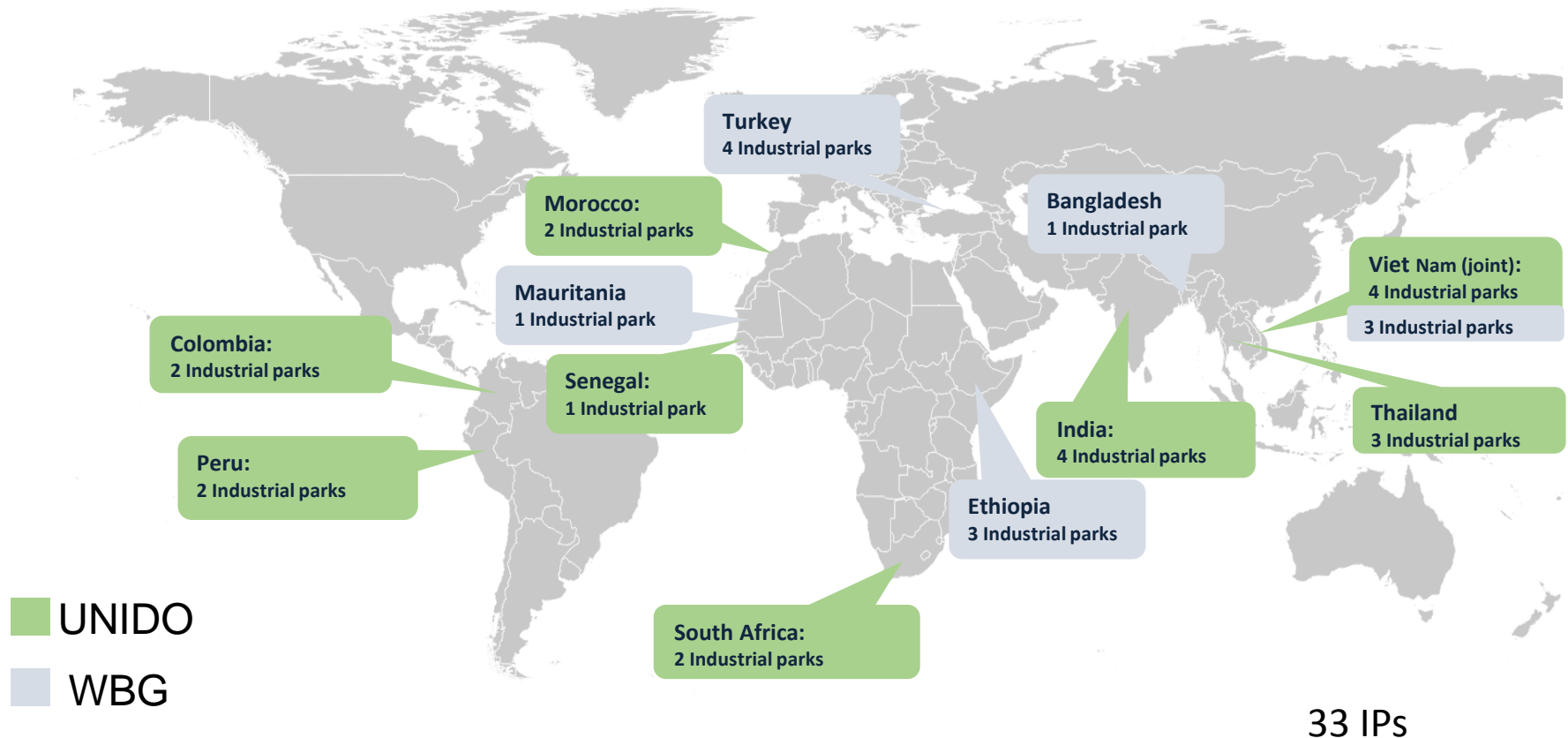


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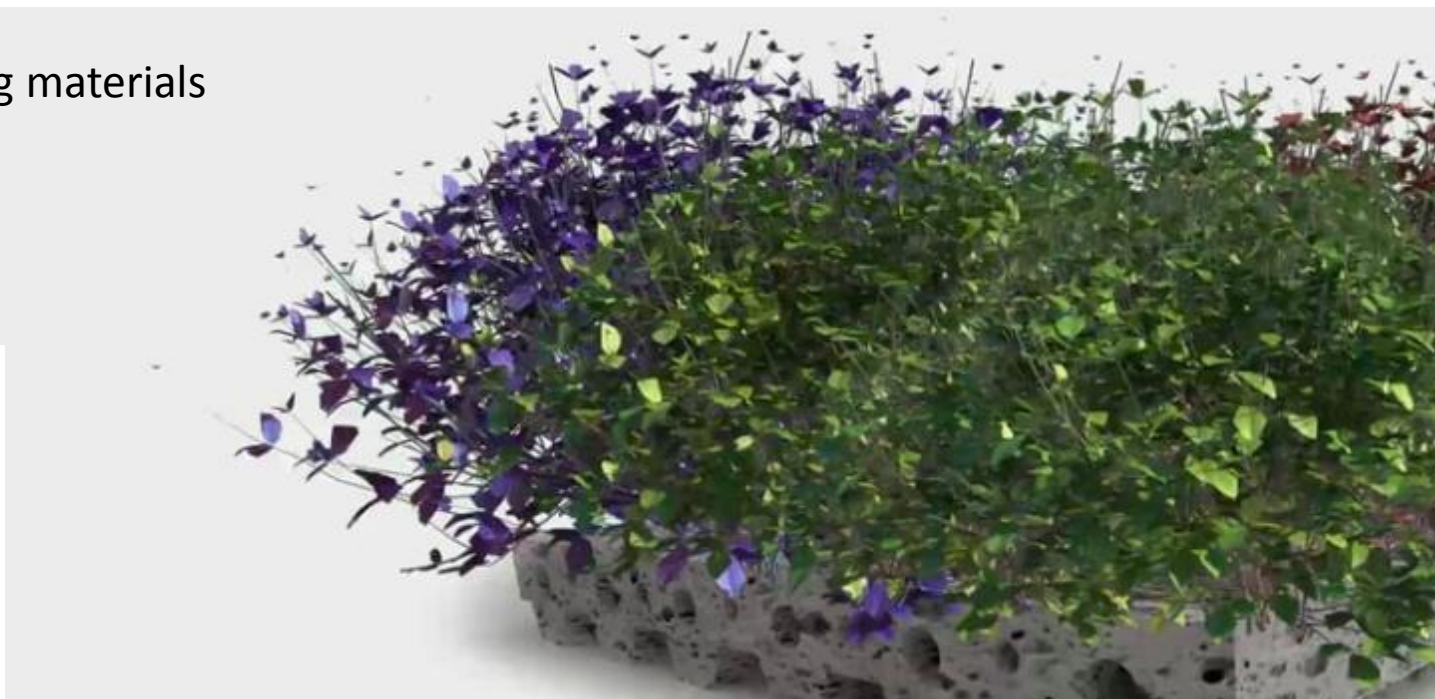
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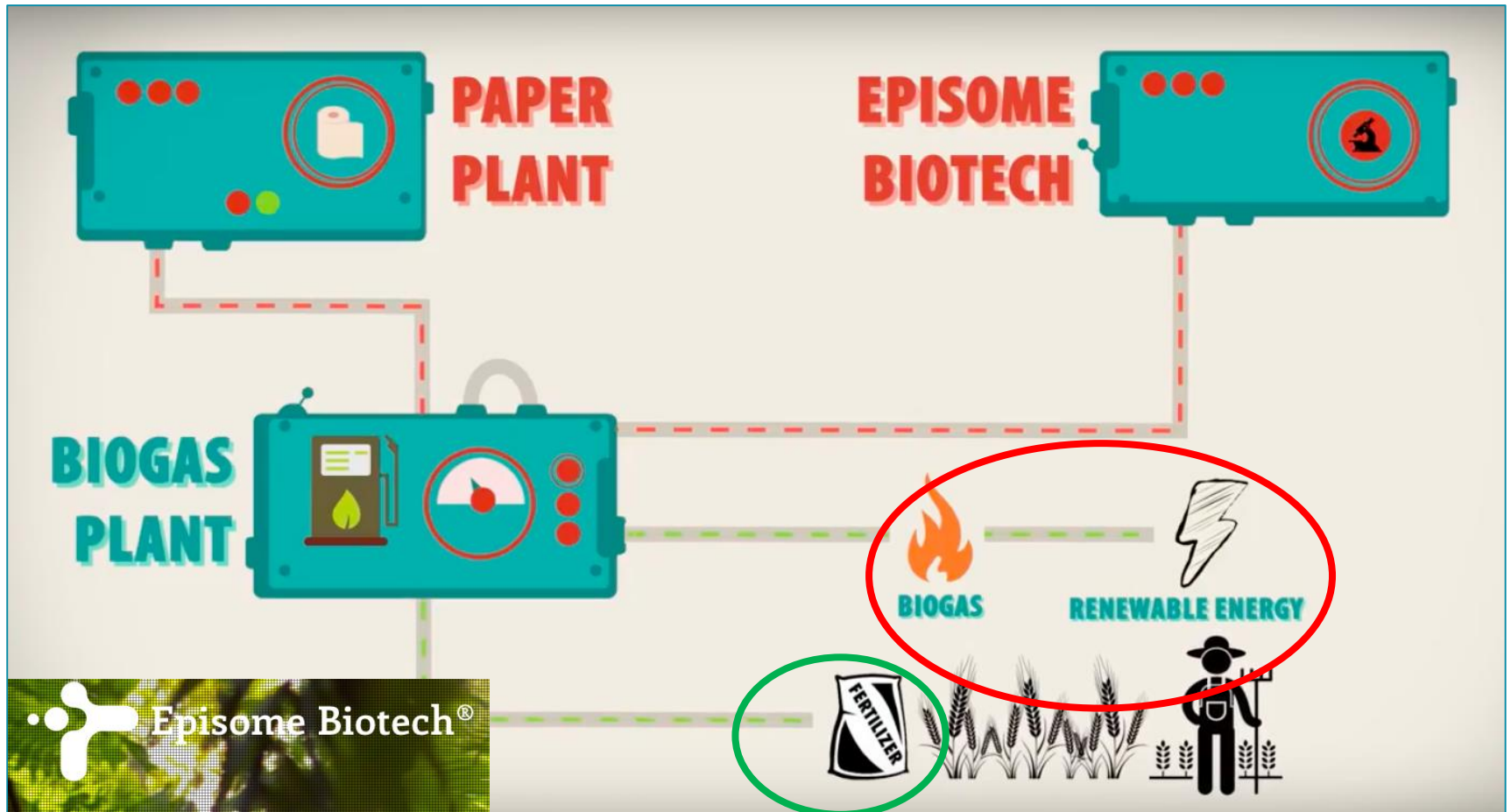


# GEF-UNIDO Global Cleantech Innovation Programme

Green building materials



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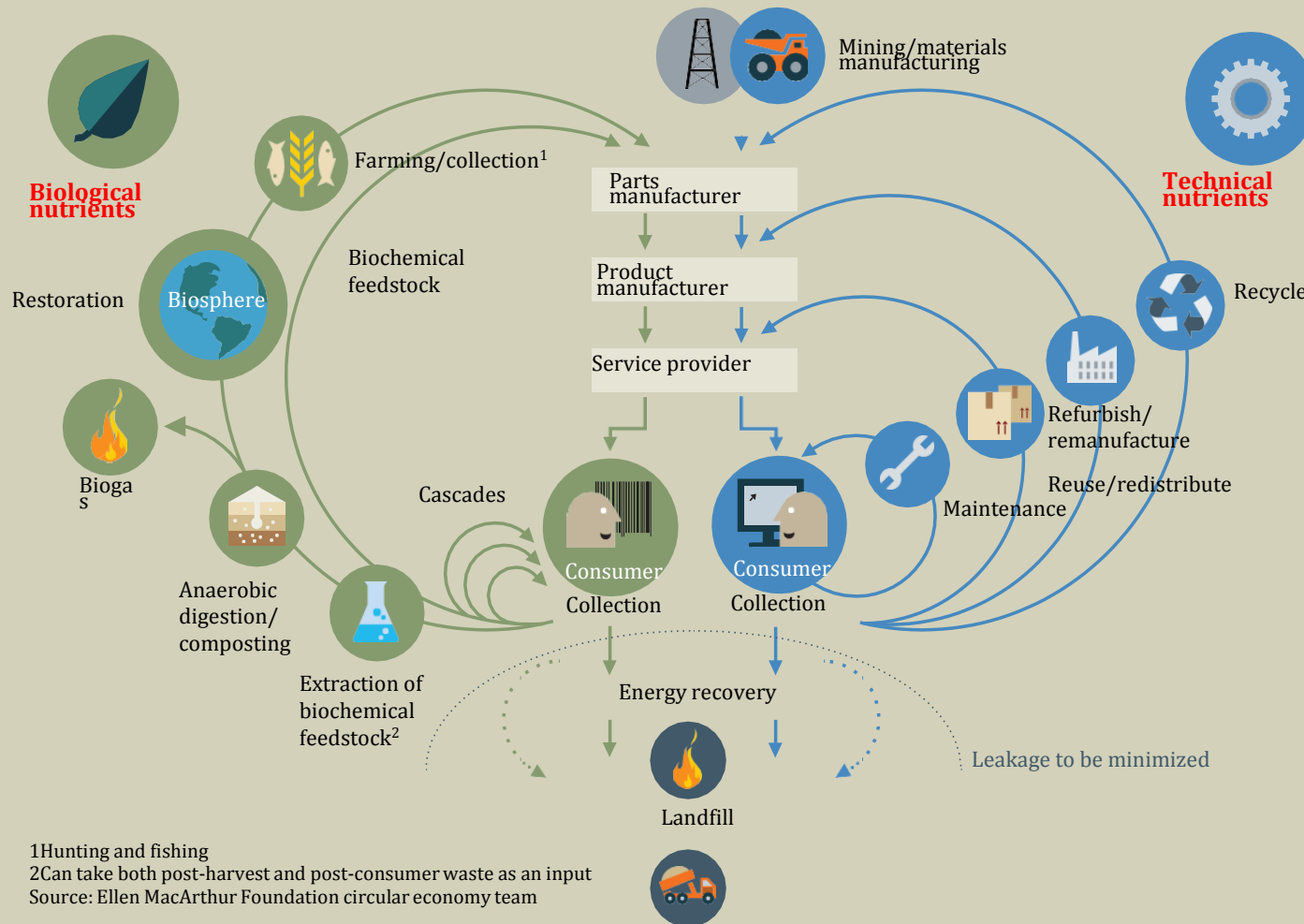
# What is new in “circular economy”?



# Circular economy principles and concepts

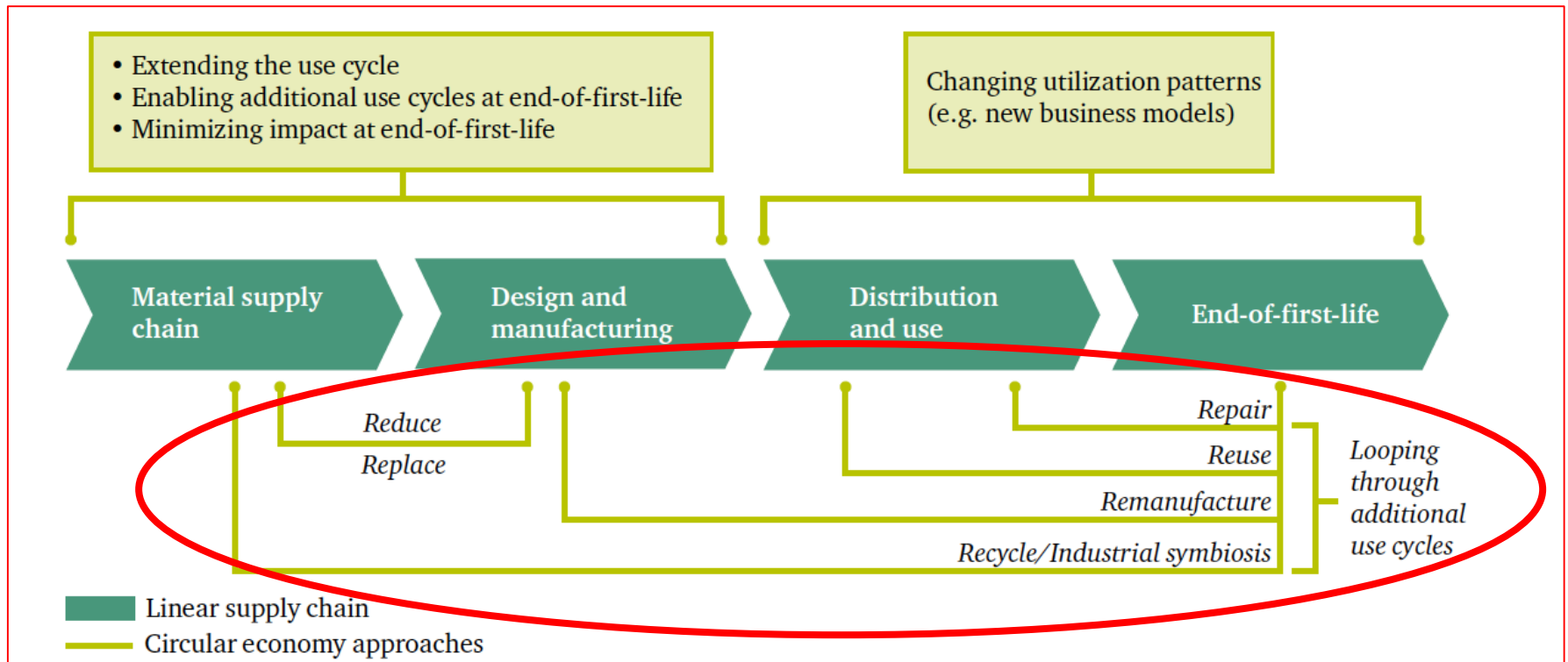
- Circular economy is **an industrial economy** that is
  - **Restorative** by intention
  - **Designs out waste**
  - Minimizes, tracks and **eliminates use of toxic chemicals**
  - **Systemic innovation** is at its core
  - Aims to rely on **renewable energy**
- **Raw and recycled materials are nutrients**
  - **Biological** (agriculture, animal husbandry, fisheries, forest resources)
  - **Technical** (extracted by mining; minerals, petroleum, chemicals and other synthetic materials not based on biological nutrients)

**The circular economy—an industrial system that is restorative by design**



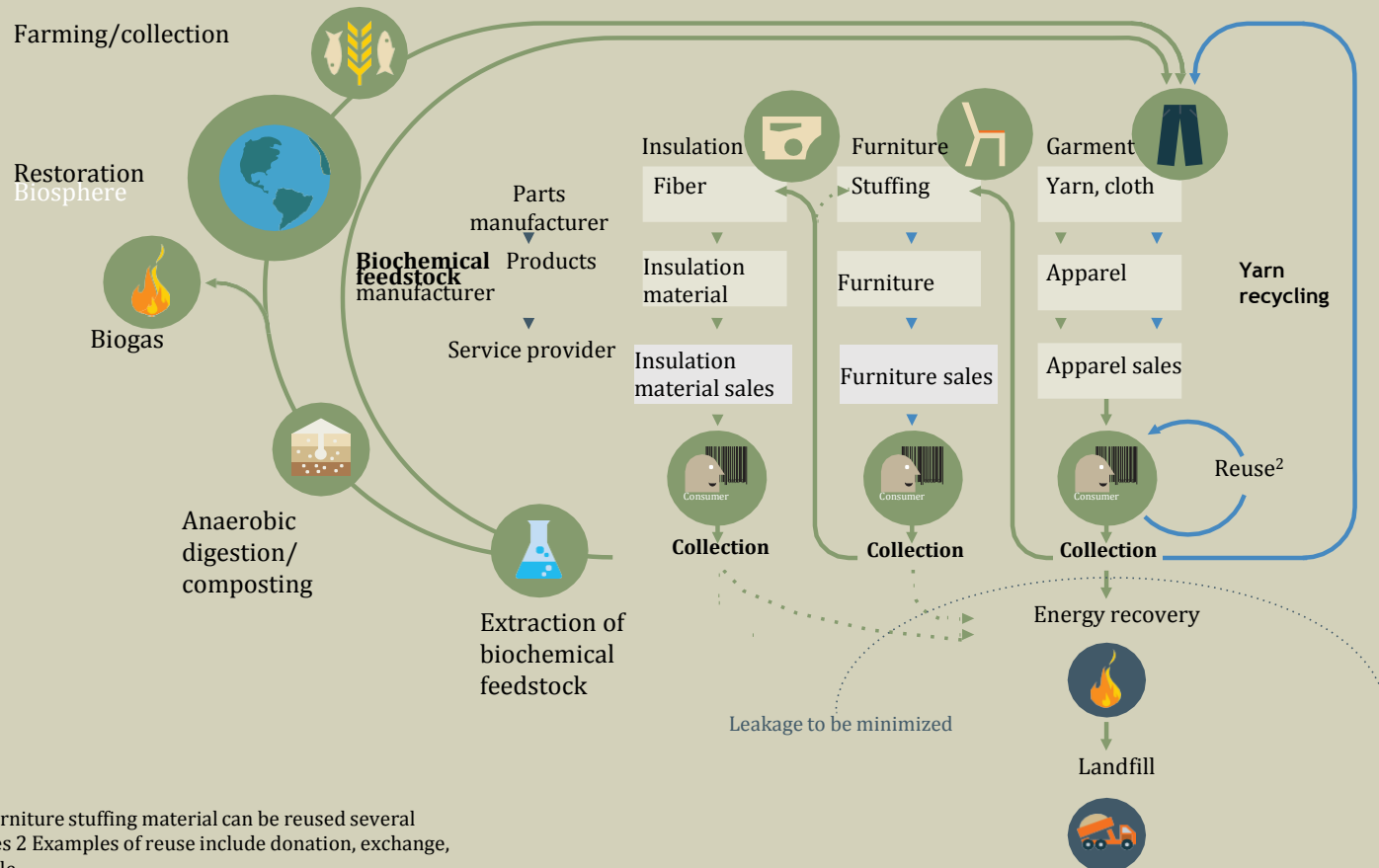


# Circular economy activities



Source: Felix Preston and Johanna Lehne, *A wider circle? The Circular Economy in Developing Countries*, Chatham House, Dec. 2017

## Cascading keeps materials in circulation for longer—textile example



1 Furniture stuffing material can be reused several times  
2 Examples of reuse include donation, exchange, resale

Source: Ellen MacArthur Foundation circular economy team

**REPURPOSE**



# What are businesses doing?



# Business models I

| Business models                           | Brief description  | Illustrative examples   | Illustrative circular economy benefits/advantages   |
|---|--|---|---|
| <b>ON DEMAND</b>                          |  |   |   |
| Produce on demand (made to order)         | Producing a product or providing a service only when consumer demand has been quantified and confirmed.  | <p>Aeroplanes, often furniture and designer clothes/footwear are only manufactured once ordered.</p> <p>Other items are produced based on user/customer votes (e.g. most popular t-shirt designs are made available for sale), where a mechanism is required to guarantee an informed response.</p> | Minimizes raw material demand and avoids over-stocking. Can enhance "personalization" via delivery of a better fit to customers' requirements, leading to less product redundancy.  |
| <b>DEMATERIALIZATION</b>                  |  |   |   |
| Digitization                              | Replacing physical infrastructure and assets with digital/virtual services.  | Move from physical video/DVD stores to online film and music services, etc., digital as opposed to camera film or vinyl records.  | Offers dematerialization advantages over tangible products, but without reducing the perceived value to the customer.   |
| <b>PRODUCT LIFE CYCLE EXTENSION/REUSE</b> |  |   |   |
| Product life-extension                    | New products are designed to be durable for a long lifetime (durability). Design improvements might be needed to also facilitate easier repair, particularly by third parties. | <p>Leading high-grade washing machines.</p> <p>An infrastructure and buildings specification with an extended design-life (e.g. 120 instead of 100 years).</p>  | Increased product life.   |
| Facilitated reuse                         | Reuse with or without repair/upgrade and supplied either free of charge (FOC) or resold.   | <p>FOC: furniture reuse networks.</p> <p>Resold: online auction and for-sale websites.</p>  | Reduces the demand for new products.  |
| Product modular design                    | Products designed to be modular so that parts can be replaced to update/upgrade a product, but not replace the whole item.   | Modular construction (e.g. mobile phones).  | Replacement at part(s) rather than product level (e.g. new screen as opposed to new mobile phone). Can also encourage cost-effective product repairs and reduce need for replacement of integrated components, thereby reducing resource consumption. |

**FIRMS**

Source: BSI 8001/2017

## Shooz: modular shoe

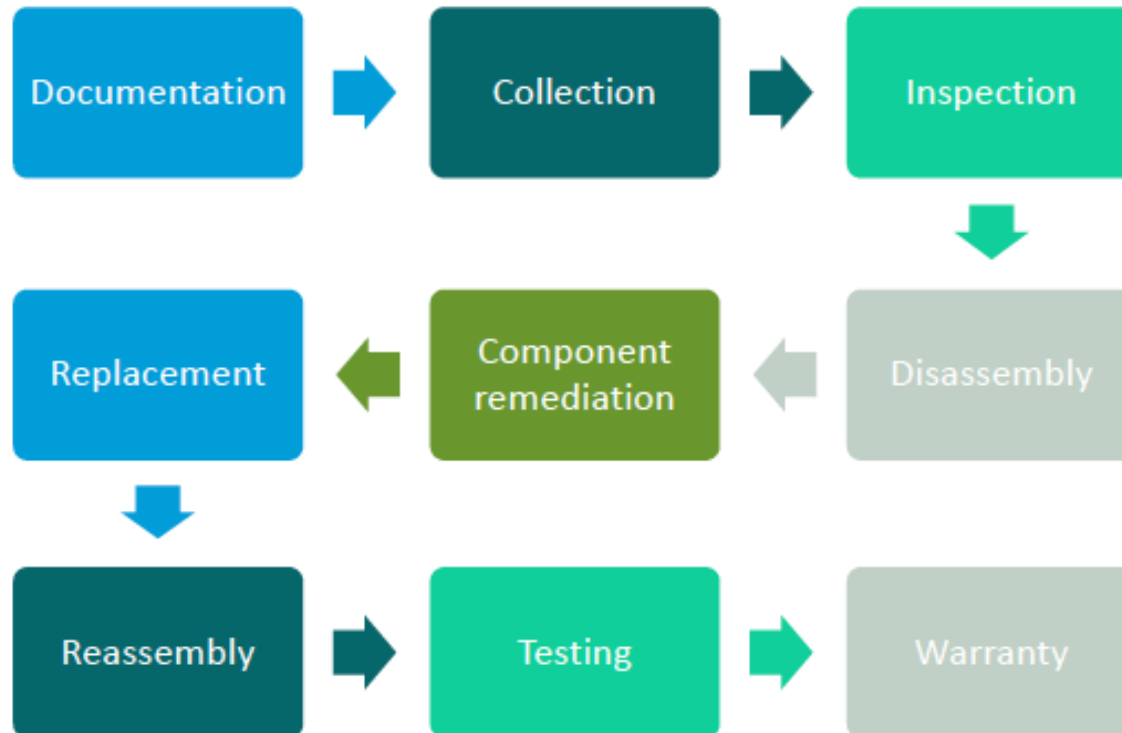


skin + sole = Shooz



# Remanufacturing

Returning a product to at least its original performance with a warranty that is equivalent to that of the new product

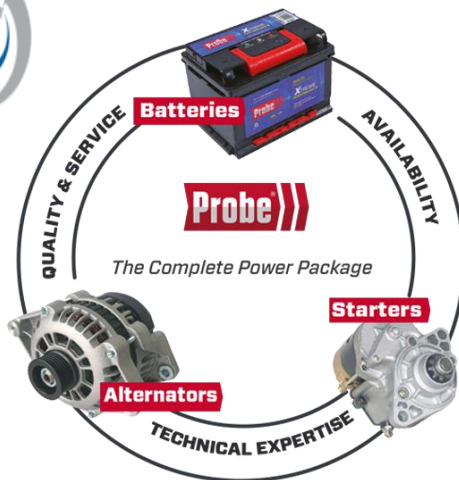




# Remanufacturing in South Africa

- Automotive industry in the country
  - produces over 600,000 vehicles per year;
  - supplier employment in 2014 was 80,000,
  - parts and components exports to EU, Africa, US, Brazil, Japan, Australia, South Korea, India and China
- Engines for major brands such as Toyota, Ford, VW, GM, Audi, Chevrolet, Isuzu, Opel, Mazda, Nissan and Land Rover
- Alternators, invertors, starters, compressors, etc.





We remanufacture engines for:



**Probe** re-manufactured, approved replacement parts and the highest quality approved repair facility

**REMTEC & PROBE**  
(Business Models working in SA)



**Caterpillar** remanufactured equipment

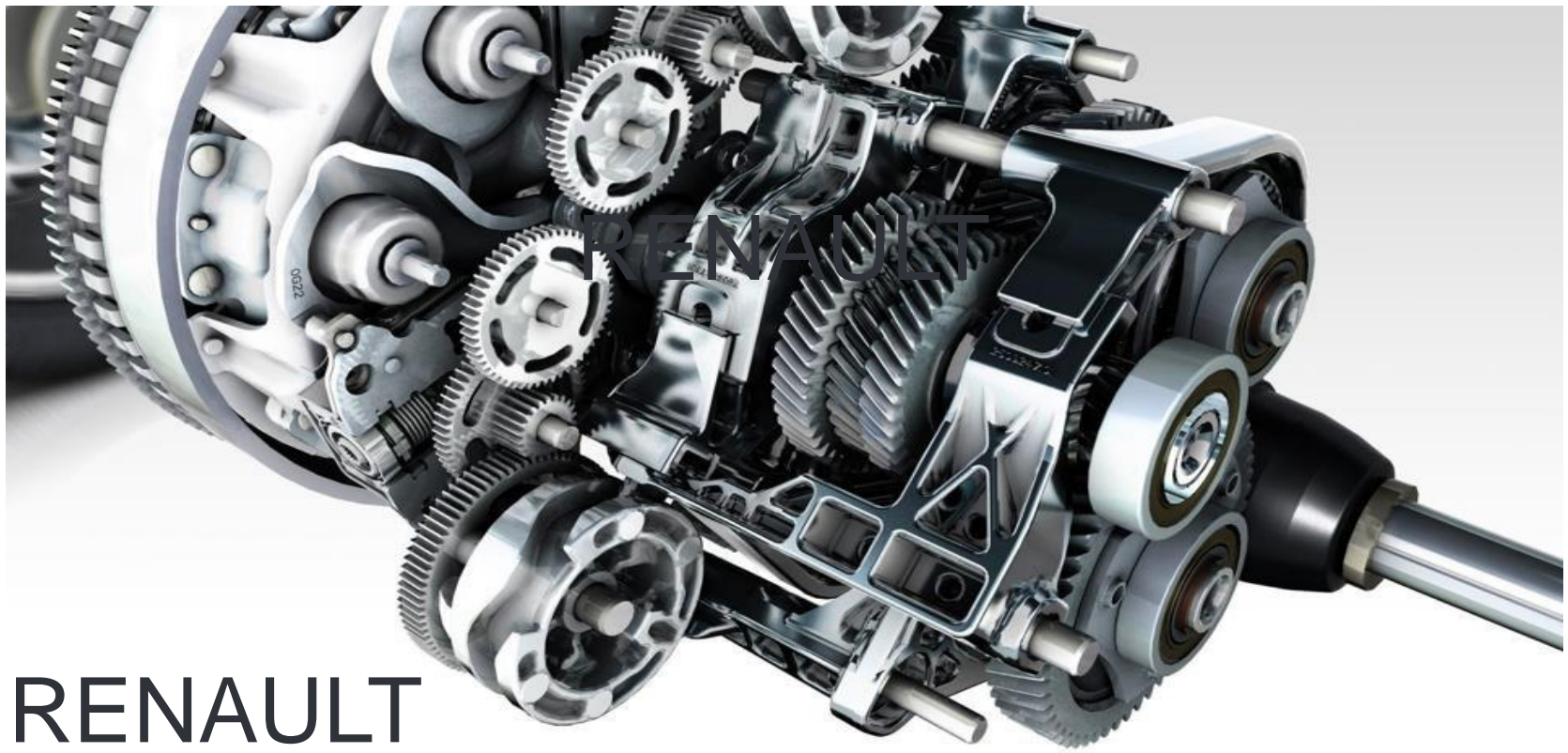
# Remanufacturing in Argentina

- SKF Argentina SA
  - Remanufacturing and maintenance services for life time extension





# Recover, reuse, remanufacture, recycle



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<https://youtu.be/7UVCCevwMfE>

# Business models II

| Business models   | Brief description  | Illustrative examples   | Illustrative circular economy benefits/advantages   |
|---|--|---|---|
| Refurbish, repair, remanufacture and recondition                  | Product gets a next life (e.g. after remanufacture – the process of restoring the product or part functionality to “as-new” quality; facilitated by design for disassembly). Enables the producer to put the product back into the market to earn a second or subsequent income, from a second or subsequent user. | <p>Remanufactured products, parts and components provided with “as-new” performance and reliability at a reduced cost compared with new.</p> <p>Major car manufacturer offering genuine exchange parts remanufactured from returned used parts which are inspected and rebuilt to meet the same quality standards and performance as new, and carry the same warranty.</p>  | Reduces demand for new products/raw materials.      |
| <b>RECOVERY OF SECONDARY RAW MATERIALS/BY-PRODUCTS</b>            |  |   |   |
| Recovery of secondary materials/by-products (including recycling) | Value optimization by creating products from secondary raw materials/by-products and recycling (e.g. polyethylene depolymerization, steel, bio-based materials), whether open or closed loop.  | <p>Closed loop:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• glass/plastics bottles back into glass/plastics bottles;</li> <li>• aluminium car body components back into auto-industry;</li> <li>• recycled asphalt planings in new roads.</li> </ul> <p>Open loop:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• plastic bottles recycled into fleece jackets and fibres for shoe lining;</li> <li>• nylon fishing nets used in carpet and skateboard manufacture;</li> <li>• reclaimed timber to make garden furniture;</li> <li>• car tyres into shoe sole outers;</li> <li>• marine plastic to manufacture training shoes;</li> <li>• clean wood-fibre to beer bottles;</li> <li>• bio-based materials/packaging to quality compost or digestate;</li> <li>• recycled aggregate to offset primary aggregate (e.g. block manufacture).</li> </ul> | Reduces natural capital demand and minimizes waste. |

Source: BSI 8001/2017

**FIRMS**



# Interface: Fishing nets into carpet tiles





# Recycling machine tools for raw materials

Desechos transformados en grandes ahorros

Crónica

**Industry 4.0!**



Sandvik Coromant Argentina recycles tungsten carbide inserts. Since 2012 the company has recycled 70% by weight of all the hard tools sold globally

# Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

- EPR is an “*environmental policy approach in which a producer’s responsibility for a product is extended to the post-consumer stage of a product’s life cycle*” (OECD, 2001)
- EPR
  - Obliges the producer to **take back its product at end-of-life**
  - Shifts responsibility (financially or operationally) **the treatment and disposal of the end-of-life product to the producer**
  - Partially or fully **relieves municipalities of waste management** for the said product (there could be mixed models; hence, partial or full relief of municipalities)
  - Provides **incentives to producers** to integrate environmental considerations in the **design** of their products.
  - Seeks to **integrate signals** related to environmental characteristics of products and production processes **throughout the product chain**.

# Car dismantling company



De-registration



Draining fluids



Used parts



Metal separation

## Post Shredder Technology (PST)



Shredder waste  
treatment

## Industry



New products



# Auto Recycling Netherlands (ARN)

## My car to the scrap yard: what happens?

A car taken to be dismantled is almost completely processed, and the various materials are reused. An overview of what is separated, where.

**1**  
**Deregistration of a vehicle**  
at the car dismantling company

**1380 kg**

A company approved by the RDW registers the vehicle for dismantling

**2**  
**Dismantling**  
at car dismantling company

**300 kg**  
Here, one-third of the car is separated:

**260 kg**  
**Second-hand parts** such as:  
• engine  
• gearbox  
• headlights etc.

**30 kg**

**ARN-materials**  
including:  
• liquids  
• tyres

**3**  
**Shredder company**

**570 kg**

Retrieval of metals  
• iron  
• copper  
• aluminium

**4**  
**PST facility**

**200 kg**

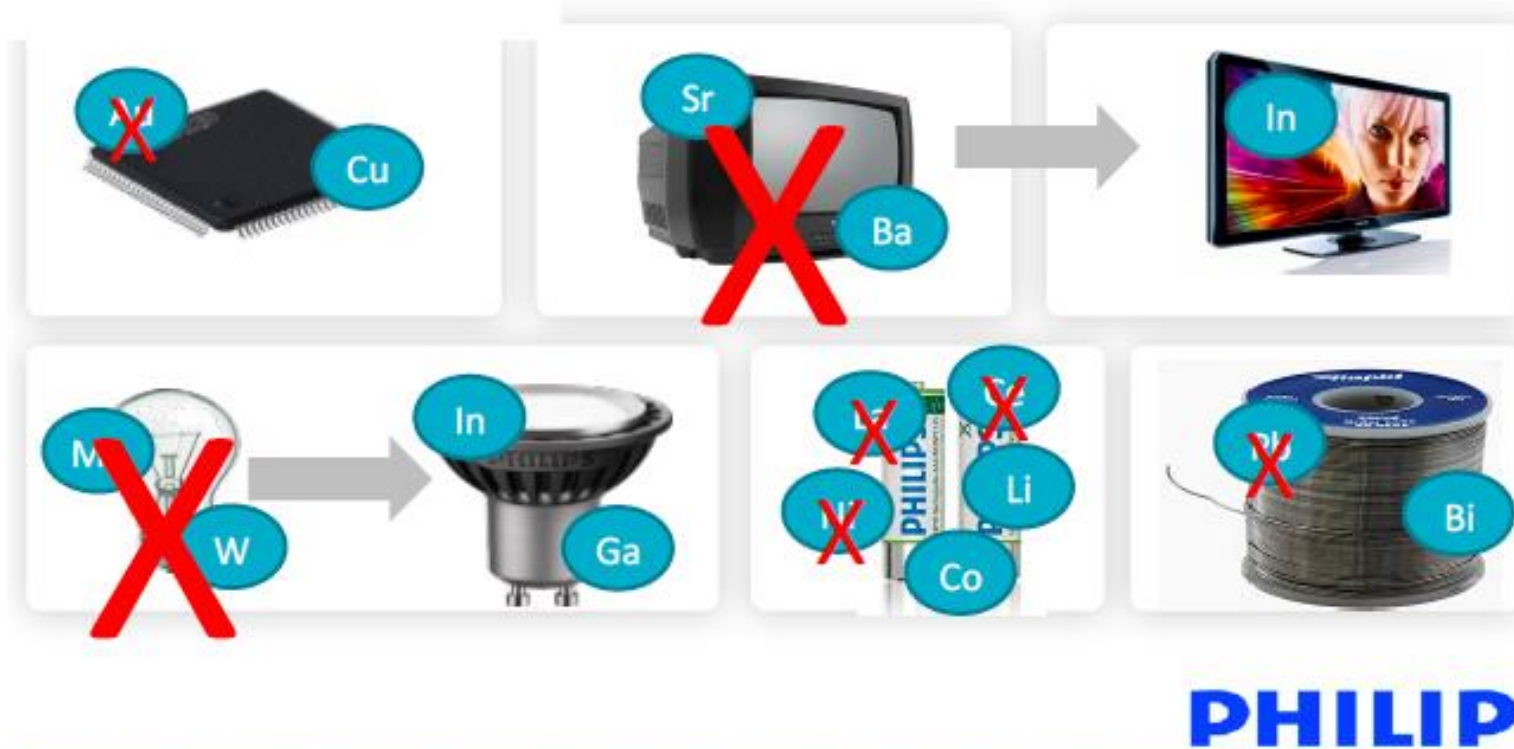
At the installation, materials are separated off for reuse, using Post Shredder Technology.

**1/3**  
Fibres

**1/3**  
Minerals

**1/3**  
Plastics

# Substitute critical materials and detoxify



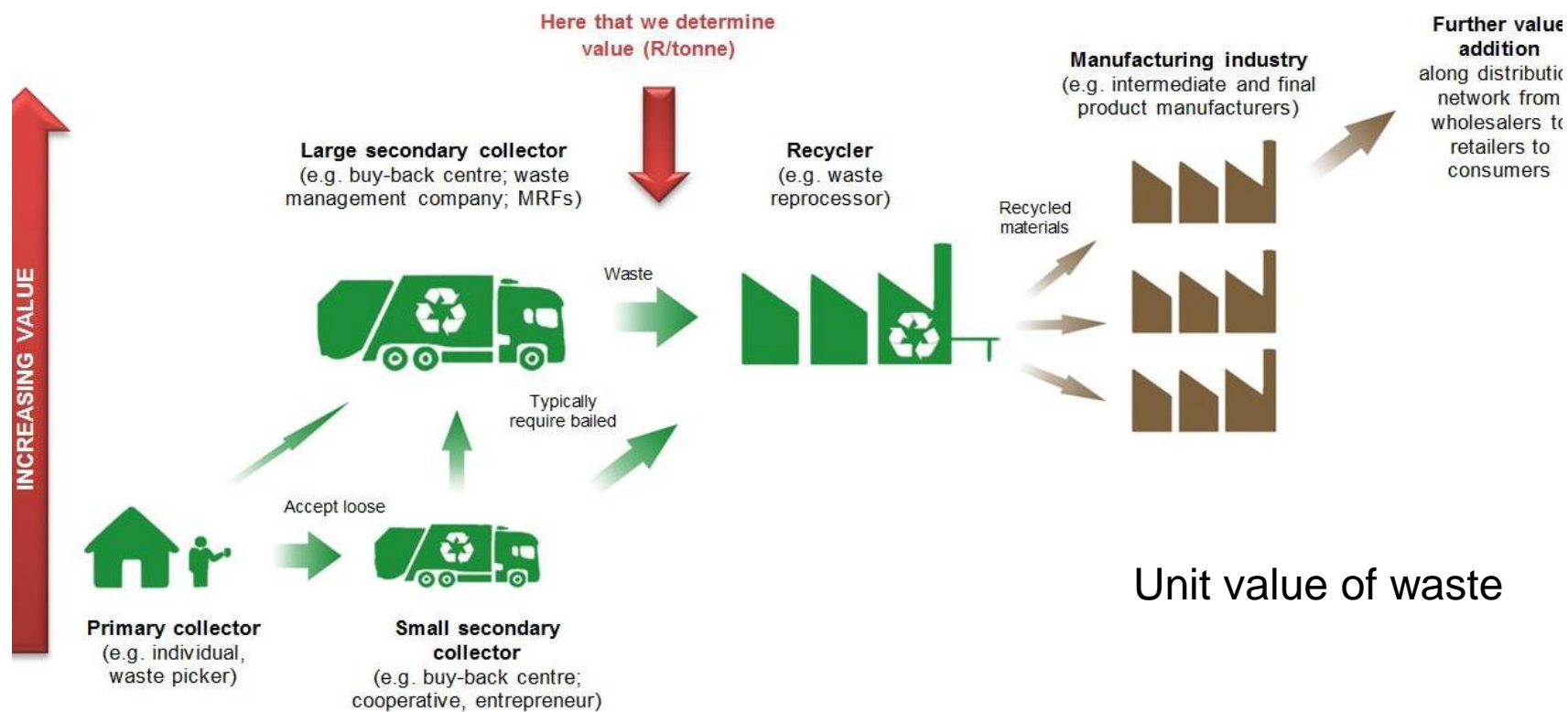


# Design for disassembly (DfD)



Less than 10 seconds by hand

# South Africa: estimating value of waste (2014)



Dr. Linda Godfrey, "Economic value of South Africa's waste", CSIR, 2014

| Stream   | SCENARIO 1<br>Baseline (2011) |                    |                 | SCENARIO 2                        |                                | SCENARIO 3<br>(DST Goal)       |                                | SCENARIO 4<br>(100% recovered)    |                                |
|--|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|  | Generated<br>(t/yr)           | Recycled<br>(t/yr) | Recycled<br>(%) | Recycled /<br>recovered<br>(t/yr) | Recycled /<br>recovered<br>(%) | Recycled /<br>recovered (t/yr) | Recycled /<br>recovered<br>(%) | Recycled /<br>recovered<br>(t/yr) | Recycled /<br>recovered<br>(%) |
| Municipal waste<br>(non-recyclable<br>portion) | 8 062 934                     | 0                  | 0               | 2 015 734                         | 25                             | 4 031 467                      | 50                             | 8 062 934                         | 100                            |
| Organic<br>component of<br>municipal waste     | 3 023 600                     | 1 058 260          | 35              | 1 587 390                         | 53                             | 2 116 520                      | 70                             | 3 023 600                         | 100                            |
| Biomass waste<br>from industry                 | 36 171 127                    | 0                  | 0               | 10 851 338                        | 30                             | 21 702 676                     | 60                             | 36 171 127                        | 100                            |
| Construction and<br>demolition waste           | 4 725 542                     | 756 087            | 16              | 1 559 429                         | 33                             | 2 362 771                      | 50                             | 4 725 542                         | 100                            |
| Paper  | 1 734 411                     | 988 614            | 57              | 1 087 476                         | 63                             | 1 387 529                      | 80                             | 1 734 411                         | 100                            |
| Plastic  | 1 308 637                     | 235 555            | 18              | 537 850                           | 41                             | 785 182                        | 60                             | 1 308 637                         | 100                            |
| Glass  | 959 816                       | 307 141            | 32              | 417 520                           | 44                             | 575 890                        | 60                             | 959 816                           | 100                            |
| Metals   | 3 121 203                     | 2 496 962          | 80              | 2 653 022                         | 85                             | 2 809 083                      | 90                             | 3 121 203                         | 100                            |
| Tyres  | 246 631                       | 9 865              | 4               | 103 585                           | 42                             | 197 305                        | 80                             | 246 631                           | 100                            |
| WEEE   | 64 045                        | 6 884              | 11              | 19 453                            | 30                             | 32 023                         | 50                             | 64 045                            | 100                            |
| Slag (from<br>mineral<br>processing)           | 5 370 968                     | 2 685 484          | 50              | 3 356 855                         | 63                             | 4 028 226                      | 75                             | 5 370 968                         | 100                            |
| Ash (from power<br>generation)                 | 36 220 000                    | 2 289 104          | 6               | 4 766 552                         | 13                             | 7 244 000                      | 20                             | 36 220 000                        | 100                            |
| Waste oils                                     | 120 000                       | 52 800             | 44              | 69 600                            | 58                             | 86 400                         | 72                             | 120 000                           | 100                            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                   | <b>101 128 914</b>            | <b>10 886 756</b>  | <b>11</b>       | <b>29 025 804</b>                 | <b>29</b>                      | <b>47 359 071</b>              | <b>47</b>                      | <b>101 128 914</b>                | <b>100</b>                     |

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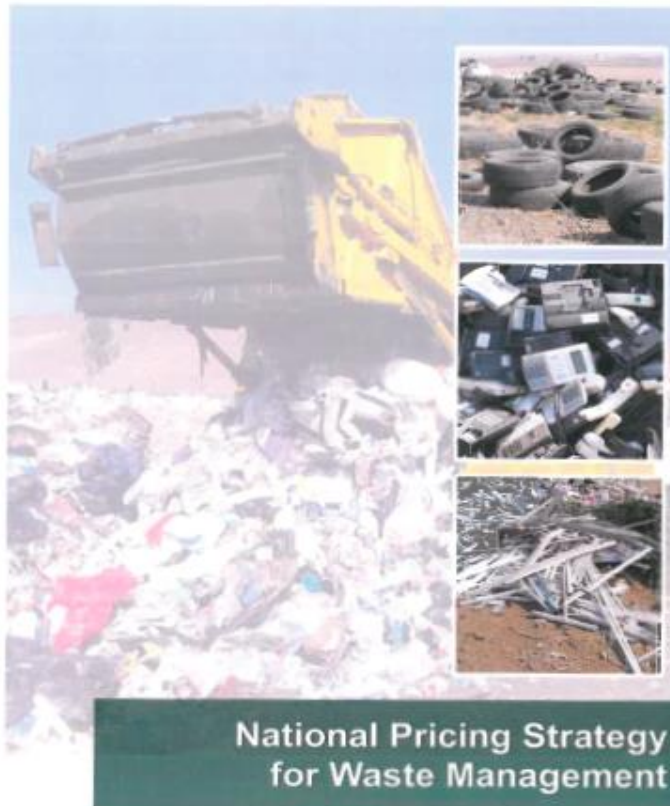
| Stream                                   | Unit value (R/t) | Current recycling rate (%) |
|--|------------------|----------------------------|
| Plastic                                  | 3119.54          | 18                         |
| Waste oils                               | 2777.78          | 44                         |
| Metals                                   | 2270.00          | 80                         |
| WEEE                                     | 1000.00          | 11                         |
| Paper                                    | 744.47           | 57                         |
| Glass                                    | 490.00           | 32                         |
| Tyres                                    | 367.00           | 4                          |
| Municipal waste (non-recyclable portion) | 367.38           | 0                          |
| Organic component of municipal waste     | 188.63           | 35                         |
| Biomass waste from industry              | 188.63           | 0                          |
| Slag                                     | 175.00           | 50                         |
| Construction and demolition waste        | 87.50            | 16                         |
| Ash                                      | 3.00             | 6                          |

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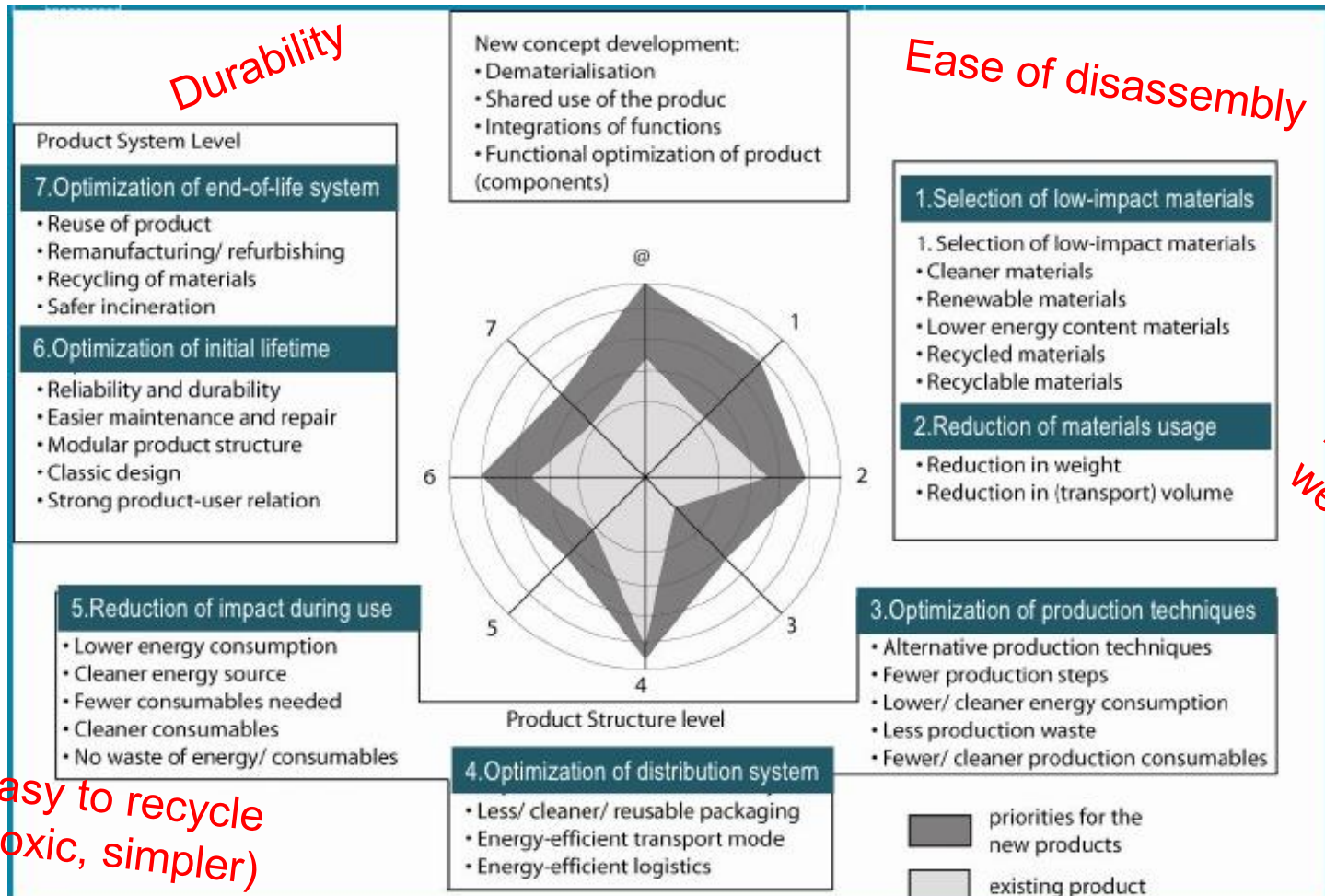
## South Africa

To **minimize**, reuse, recycle and **recover** waste:

- Operationalization of the Waste Management Bureau
- Design of economic incentives
- Industry waste management plans
- Extended Producer Responsibility schemes



# Designing waste out (eco-design strategies)





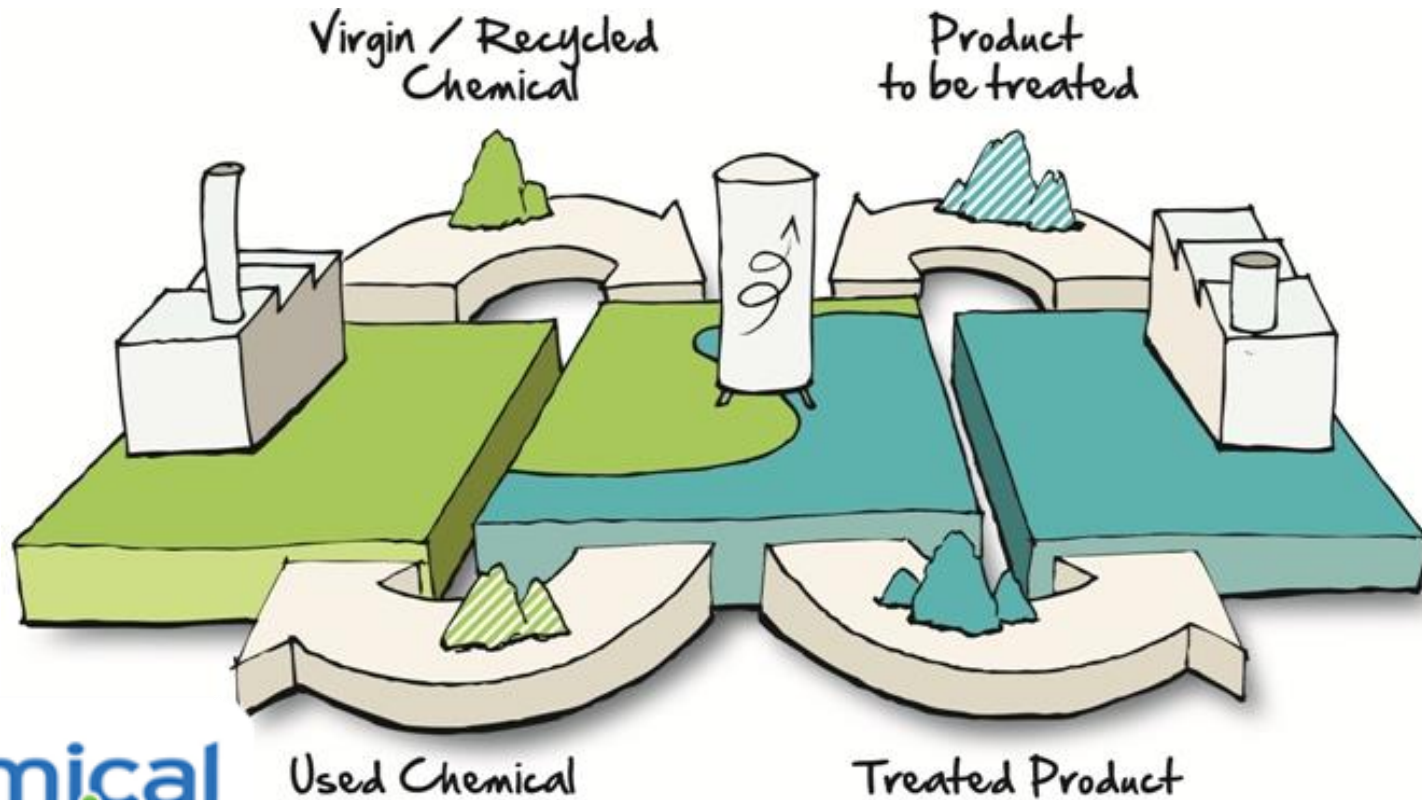
## Business models III

| Business models   | Brief description  | Illustrative examples   | Illustrative circular economy benefits/advantages  |
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| Incentivized return/extended producer responsibility      | Incentivizes customers to return used/unwanted items back to the producer via a convenient system. Producer then either recycles materials or repairs/refurbishes/remanufactures the product. Incentive usually in the form of a discount offered on a new product for surrendering the old one.   | Scope to implement at scale via national take-back schemes for product categories, in particular, via extended producer responsibility (e.g. batteries, light bulbs, appliances) Financial or alternative incentive offered for the return of used or unwanted electrical items. Store credit (money-off) on new purchases when returning worn/unwanted clothes items. Jeans returned for repair/refurbishment. | Facilitates recovery of used/unwanted products (and embodied materials) through a controlled and auditable system.   |
| <b>PRODUCT AS A SERVICE/PRODUCT-SERVICE SYSTEMS (PSS)</b> |  |   |  |
| Lease agreement   | Leasing access to and not selling ownership of a product or service. This can be on a B2B or B2C basis.<br><br>In general, an “operating lease” model is likely to be best suited for PSS models in the context of a circular economy as ownership of the asset is retained by the lessor and can be combined with service or performance-based business models. | Lease agreements on: fleet and domestic cars, industrial solvents, power tools, TVs and DVD players, etc., over a 6-or 12-month contract.<br><br>B2B: leasing of floor/wall coverings.<br><br>B2C: clothes leasing (e.g. jeans). Subscription to TV sports channel.   | The lessee's capital outlay is typically lower when compared to outright purchase when taking depreciation, maintenance and disposal/replacement costs into account.<br><br>The lessor typically benefits from higher overall profitability during the lease period and retains ownership. |
| Performance based (Pay for success)                       | Company delivers product performance or defined results rather than the product or service itself. The customer purchases a defined level of performance, where the company's primary revenue stream comes from payments for performance delivered or demand-fulfilment. Ownership remains with the operating company.   | Leasing a washing machine for 1 000 washing cycles or providing a pick-up and delivery laundry service.<br><br>Other examples include: lighting (pay per lux); printing (pay per print); aero-engines (power by the hour).  | Customer purchases a solution delivering the desired level of performance.   |

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Source: BSI 8001/2017

# Pay for performance



<http://www.chemicalleasing.com>



## Before:

- Badawi sold HC solvent to GM for cleaning metal parts
- After use, GM had to dispose of the waste solvent

## After:

- Badawi “leases” HC solvent and supervises its use in the factory. After use, Badawi takes the solvent back to its factory for recycling.

## Economic benefits:

- Badawi has increased efficiency of solvent use, and GM has reduced costs linked to solvent use by 15%. Proper solvent recycling has reduced GM’s liability from solvent waste. Badawi now has a long-term relationship with GM (much less chance that GM will purchase solvent from another company).

## Environmental benefits:

- Less solvent is used, and it is properly recycled.

General Motors &  
Badawi Chemical  
Works, Egypt

# Michelin Fleet Solutions: pay for km travelled

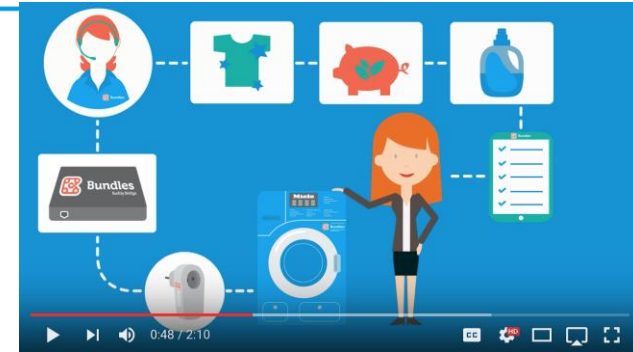


320,000 subscribers of the service

## Pay for a service

# Industry 4.0!

- Subscription on Clean laundry with a Miele at home ([www.bundles.nl](http://www.bundles.nl))
- Pay for use instead of ownership; Bundles IoT/Big data software platform makes paying for use of household appliances possible
- A quality washing Machine (Miele WKG 120 WCS) in your home for €20,95-€22,95 per month. No investment, no fixed contract, no repair costs and an app to help you use the machine better ([www.wasbundles.nl](http://www.wasbundles.nl))





## MUDJEANS: Recycle materials, lease a jean



### *“Recycle materials*

*The starting point of our designs is recycling. The fabrics we use contain at least 98% of cotton, we don't use leather labels but printed logo's and on our knits we use buttons made out of recycled cotton. No polybags are use in our packing and hangtags are made out of recycled paper. We reuse the fabrics and make them useful again. That's why worn out jeans are sent to factories in Spain or in Italy. Here the jeans are shredded and mixed with new organic cotton. A new spun yarn containing recycled denim is born out of which new products are manufactured. An added value is that this circular process promotes job creation in the fields of recycling and remanufacturing.”*



## Business models IV

| Business models  | Brief description   | Illustrative examples  | Illustrative circular economy benefits/advantages  |
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| <b>SHARING ECONOMY / PLATFORMS AND COLLABORATIVE CONSUMPTION</b> |   |  |  |
| Sharing economy  | C2C or B2B, but where no direct financial transaction occurs, or income is secured. More socially driven, rather than commercial, where access might strengthen community relationships. For B2B lending, business benefits might include reduced costs over directly sourcing the products/services concerned. | <p>More traditionally dependent on the participation and generosity of community members (C2C) to share goods/ services.</p> <p>Can be more formalized via tool libraries (e.g. electric drill, lawnmower).</p> <p>Increasing interest in community-based lending of skills/know-how. Facilitates the sharing of over-capacity or underutilization (e.g. cars or apartments).</p>  | Strengthens local/community engagement. Reduces need for ownership and storage of goods. Sharing of skills/know-how.   |
| Sharing platforms/resources (collaborative consumption)          | Peer to peer (P2P) lending or “collaborative consumption” amongst users, either individuals or organizations, but where some form of transactional arrangement (which could be financial) is provided.  | <p>Renting out private parking spaces; shared ownership of products (e.g. pressure washer purchased between several neighbours). Space and logistics sharing (e.g. shared containers, storage, shipping and logistics). Bike sharing systems in cities (e.g. self-service cycle hire schemes in London and Paris etc.); users need to take out a subscription. This system can also be viewed as a form of “lease agreement”, given that the user has to take out a subscription. The main difference is that the per cycle hire retention period is typically very short (e.g. same day) and payment is not re-occurring.</p> | Enables increased utilization rate of products and services by making possible shared use/ownership among consumers. Enables customers to access a product, rather than owning it outright, and use it only as needed. |

Source: BSI 8001/2017

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## Bike sharing, with mobile phones and apps



Mobike

### Sharing

- Cars (Car2Go,...)
- Accommodations (Airbnb)
- Tools
- .....

Both are billion dollar investments, expanding internationally out of China

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# Financing the new business models

| Circular aspect                | Conventional business models   | New business models  |
|--------------------------------|--|--|
| Value added                    | Circular business models could produce products or services that customers value higher.   | Increased pricing power, revenues or competitive advantage.  |
| Pay per use                    | Implementing a pay per use scheme increases the demand for working capital in comparison to a 'sell after production' business model.  | Increased working capital demand, spreading of cash flows over time, increased costs for receivables management and possibly increased credit risk on clients. |
| Cost of materials / production | Increased return flows of used products or materials can lower production costs and the need for working capital if virgin materials are more expensive to source.   | Possible lower working capital demand and lower production costs can boost profit margins.   |
| Ownership                      | If producers retain ownership of products during their life cycle it provides them with strong incentives to look after these products, maintain them well and make them valuable at the end of life. From a circular point of view this has strong advantages but it comes with increased financial obligations.              | Balance sheet extension increases capital demand. Ownership also raises the question how to value goods on the balance sheet (valuation).                      |
| Asset tracking                 | Tracking sold products and services in order to perform maintenance over the life span or take them back at the end of the lifecycle requires knowledge about the whereabouts and conditions of the so called 'installed base'. Innovations like the 'internet of things' make easy tracking possible but require investments. | Increased R&D costs or investments in tracking and tracing devices.  |
| Return flow                    | The return flow of products might be costly to handle.   | Increased transportation and handling costs.   |
| Supply Chain Finance           | Supply chain finance lowers working capital costs in the supply chain.   | Lower working capital costs and better cash flow management  |

Source: ING Economics Department based on ideas from Jonker (2014) and Accenture (2014)



## Discussion

### Implications of circular economy activities underway for developing countries? What are the opportunities and challenges?

- Trade in raw materials, wastes and secondary materials?
  - ✓ Ferrous and non-ferrous metal scrap
  - ✓ Plastics, paper and textiles
  - ✓ Waste of electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE)
- When new regulations emerge on
  - ✓ Disclosure of contents of secondary raw materials?
  - ✓ Waste handling standards?
  - ✓ New product standards?



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