



Renewable Energy Hubs

New business models

Renewable Energies for the Americas



Key elements to success:

- **INCLUSION** - Policies that favor the migration of existing investors to new models of energy generation: Shared Value Approach
- **INNOVATIVE APPROACH** - Institutional based design and public policy from the standpoint of technological, managerial and regulatory innovation
- **TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION** – Forward-looking, complementary use of technologies increases the sustainable value added proposition to the companies that implement them – and the societies that benefit from them
- **MONEY** – Without it, nothing will happen!

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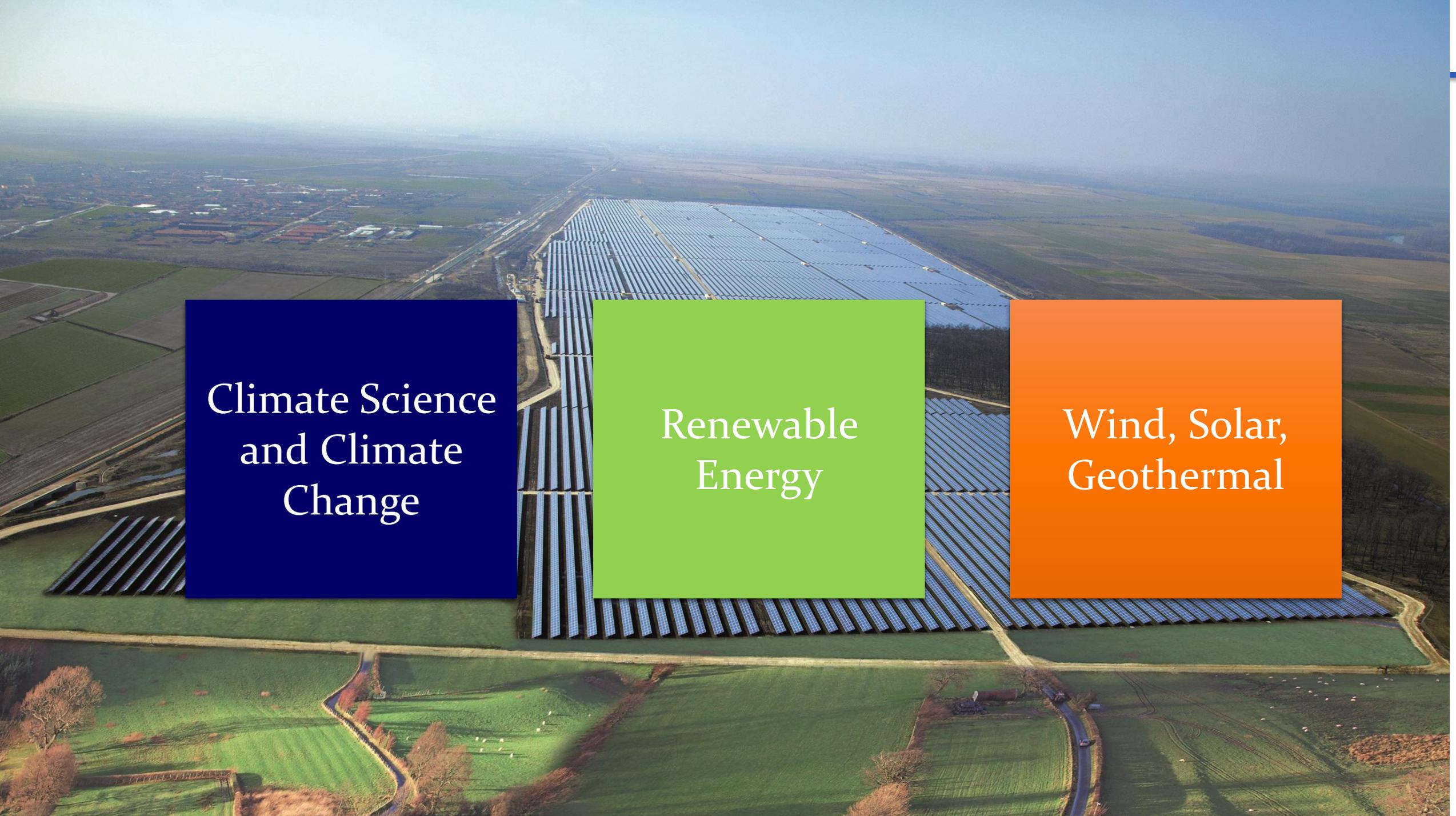
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Climate Science
and Climate
Change

Renewable
Energy

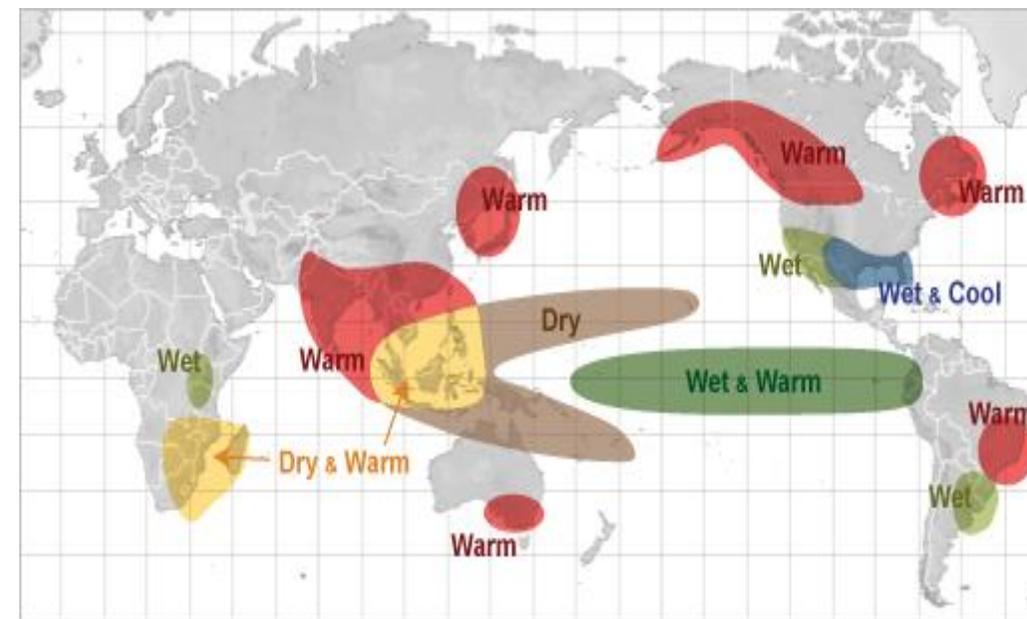
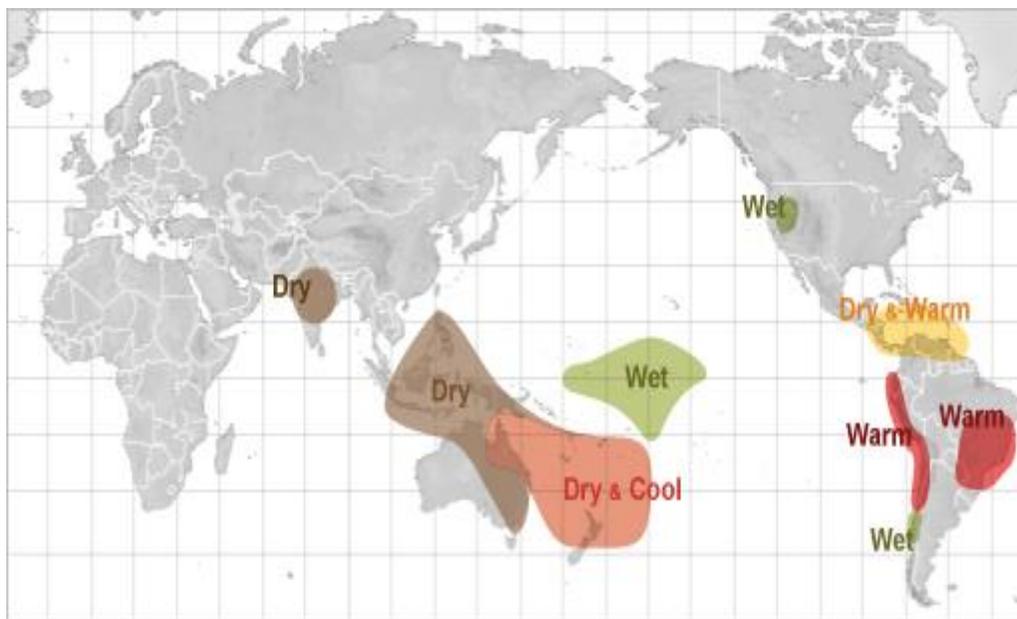
Wind, Solar,
Geothermal

Climate Science has come of Age



- The **evidence**, indisputable is all around us
- The “**Defining Issue**” of our generation (President Obama)
- **Variations in Climate** from 1 year to the next is expected. Recognizing an acceleration in Climate Change factors, California laid down laws to **combat greenhouse gas emissions, CO₂ in particular**, requiring that **30% Power Generation must be from renewable energy sources by 2020**
- **Even though Big countries take action**, it is sometimes Small countries that take the lead
- For example Belize and Costa Rica, here in Central America in their eco system protection and development
- This conference in Guatemala today is more evidence of Central America taking the lead

- El Niño maps (warming of surface waters, Eastern and Central Pacific) influence temperature **and rainfall** in particular as shown below.



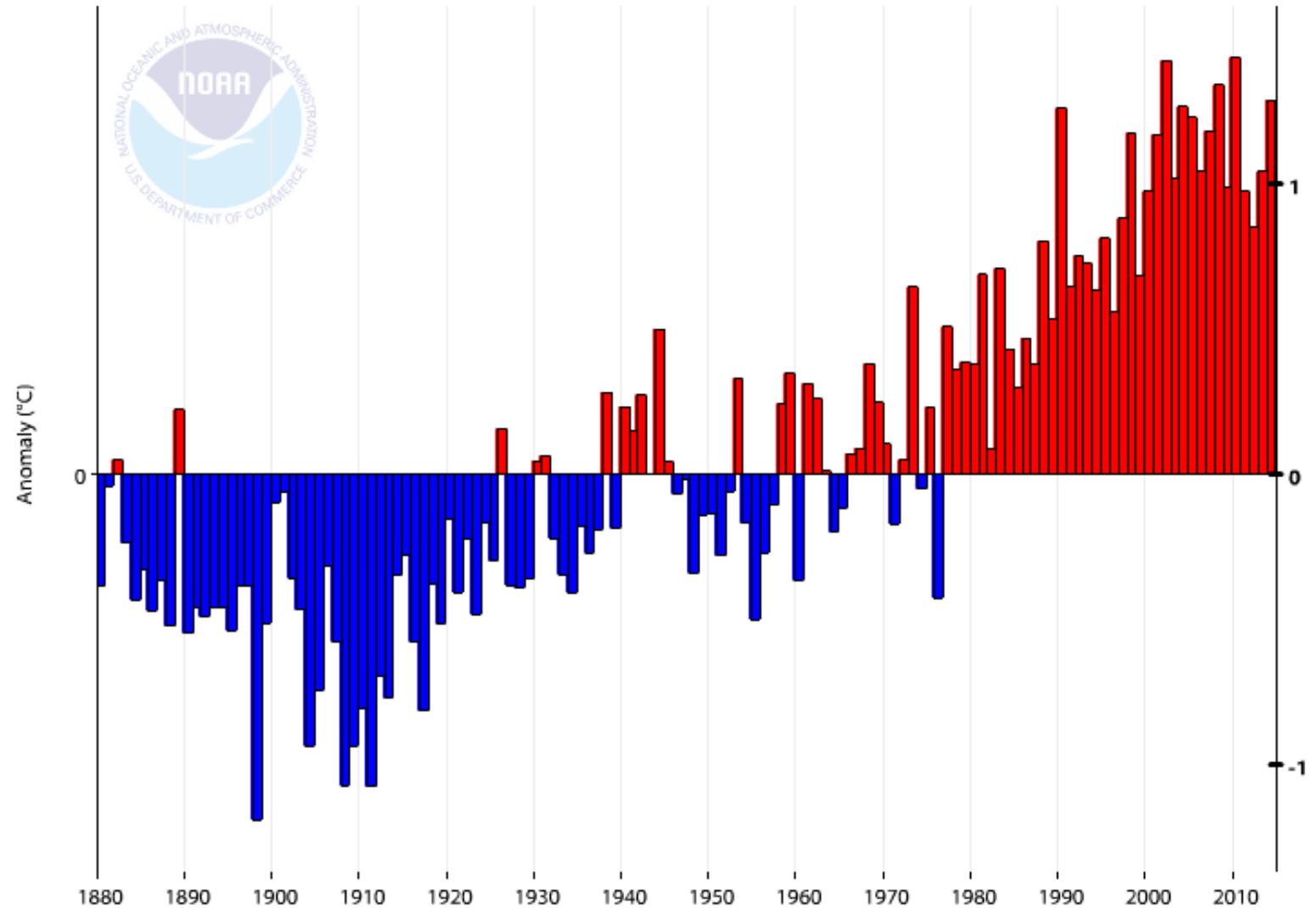
- Predictions are for a **Fair to Good** El Niño in 2014
- **Abundant fishing** usually reported off Coast Western Americas as warmer water sweeps to the **Western coast**

Not so good news

This graph shows the NOAA*₁ Chart of Temperature Anomalies: 1880 to 2010.

In the last 30 years, all the Red Temperature Increases show continuous warming and very little cooling of the land and oceans.

Global Land and Ocean Temperature Anomalies, March



Source: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Alternative Energy Systems



Application depends on your needs, location, usage, funding available, etc.

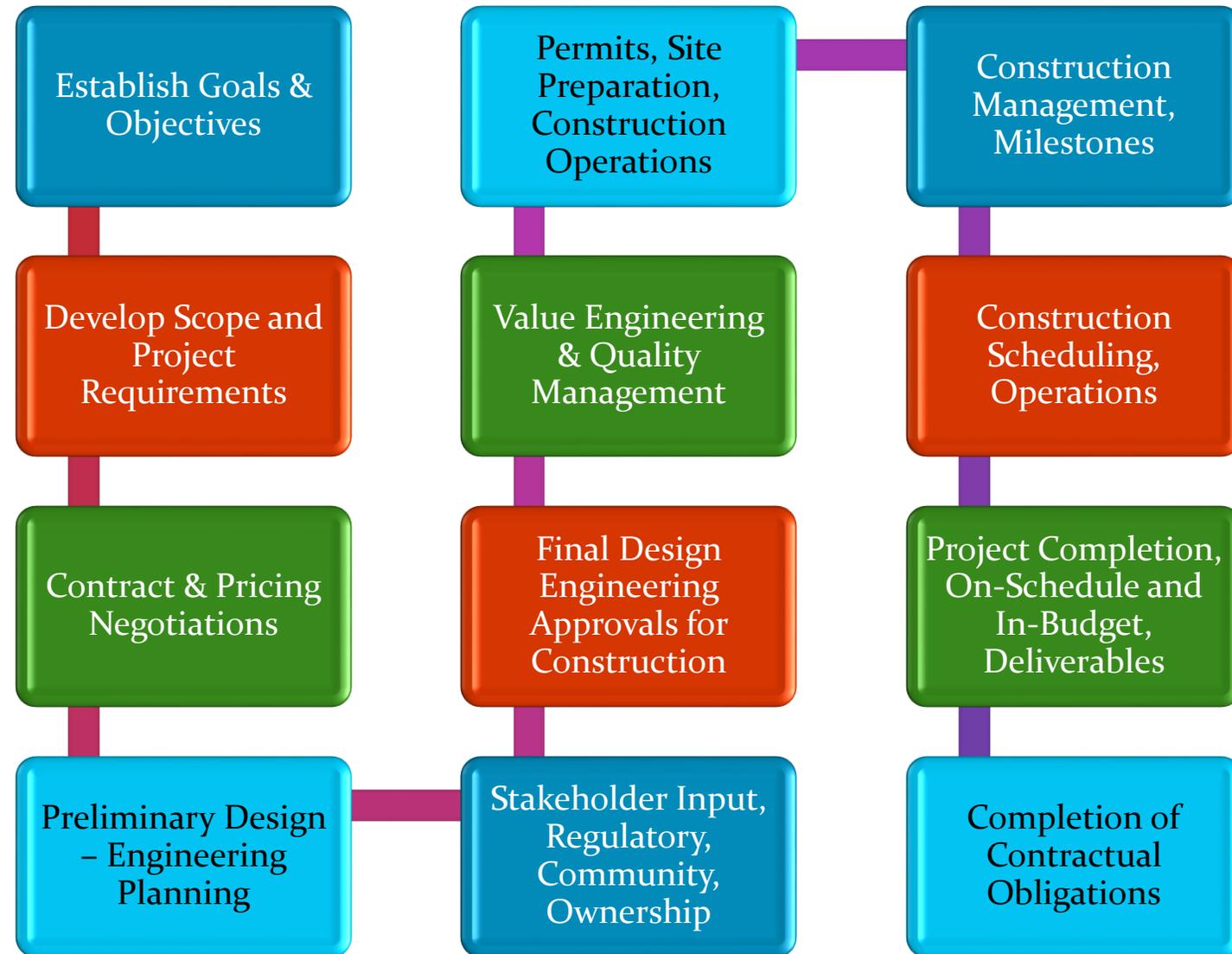


- Wind
- Geothermal
- Solar

- Hydroelectric
- Energy Storage
- Biomass



Engineering and Project Management Methodologies



Chow Engineering Example

- One example of a **small Solar Plant** we performed for a California utility.
- This shows a **7 MW Solar PV Plant**
- Approximately **14.2 hectares, 35,000 panels, 200w per panel**



- We are all becoming **very aware** of Climate Change issues
- Some countries including Central America nations have taken action, leading to a **Reduction of Greenhouse Emissions** with the simultaneous Development of Clean Energy
- So...We have started.



Let's continue with a **Commitment to Clean Energy and Renewables**

A blue-tinted image of a renewable energy hub. In the foreground, there are several solar panels. In the background, there are several wind turbines of varying sizes. The sky is blue with some clouds. The overall scene is a representation of clean, sustainable energy.

Renewable Energy Hubs, Business and Financial Integration

There is great debate around the Renewable Energy Business in the world. The central question is:

Are Renewable Energy Programs failing?

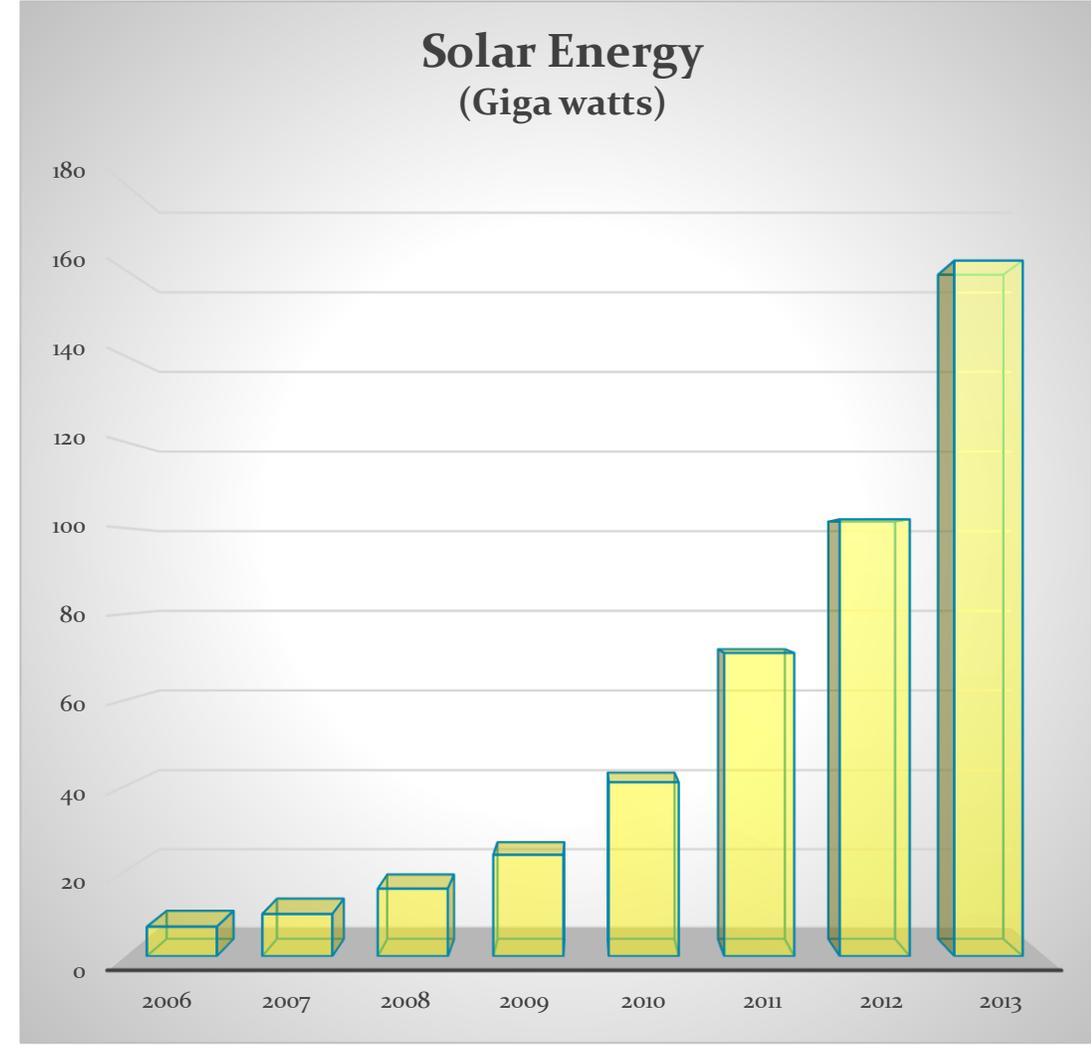
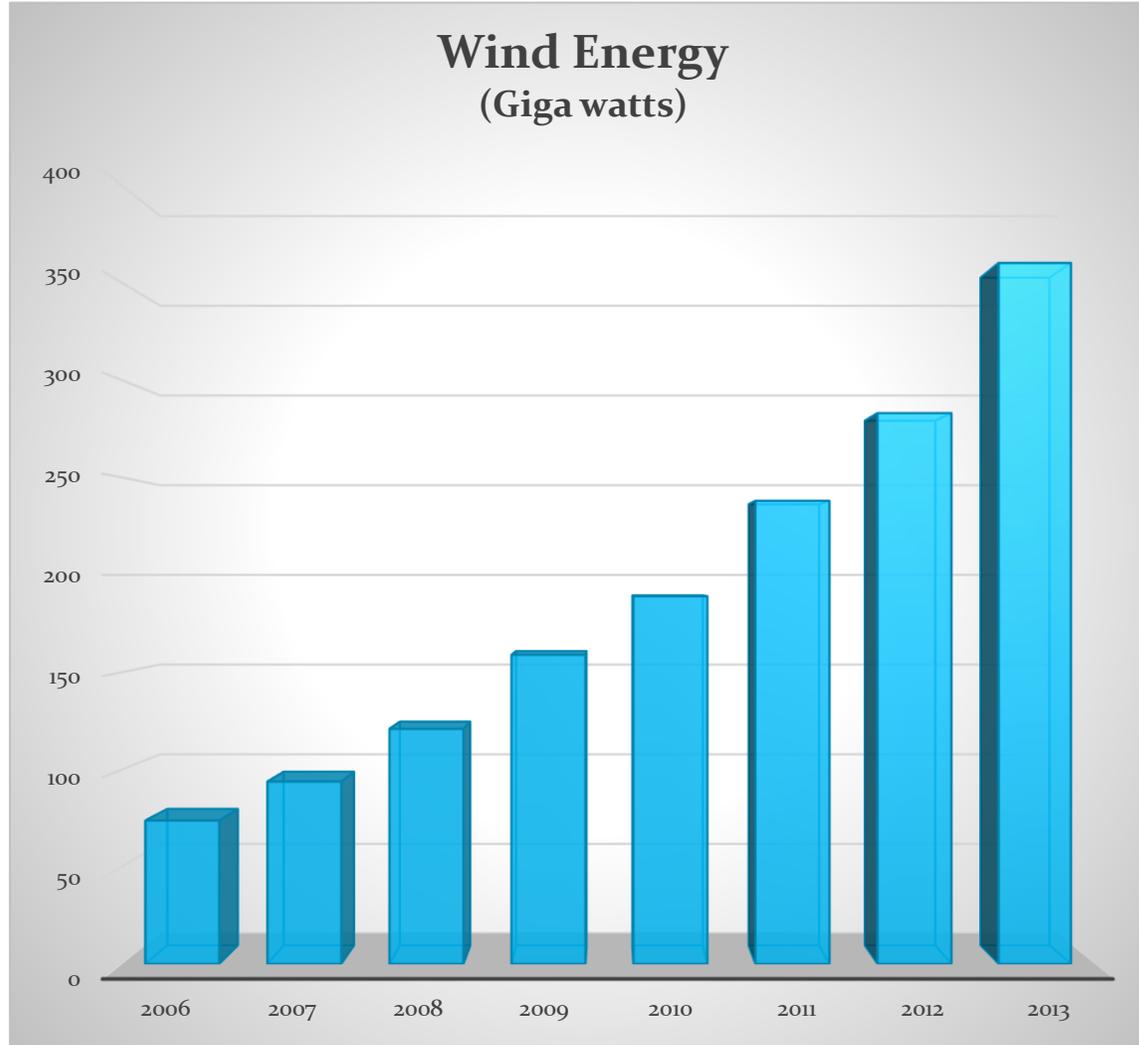
The answer is **NO**



Myth 1: There is Resistance

- There is an unstoppable cultural adoption: the train has left the station
- There are public mandates for migration that are not being met due to:
 - Lags in technological development
 - Difficulty of access to funds even when the world is awash with money
- The cases of open opposition are increasingly individual and not collective

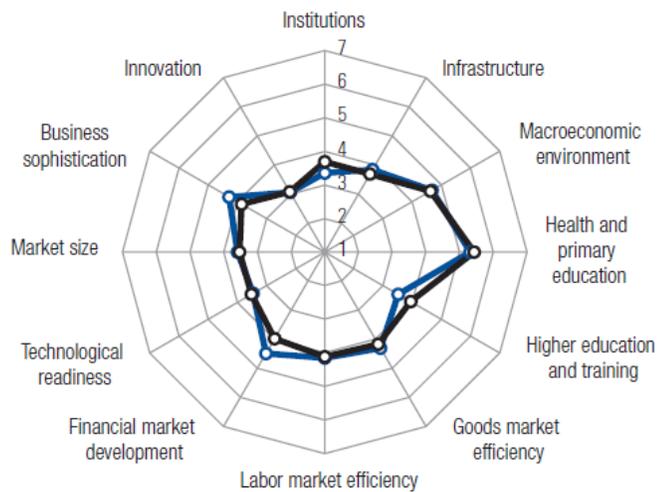
Myth 1: Resistance?



Myth 2: They Can't be Adapted

Innovation forces economies to search for alternative renewable energies if they want to be competitive:

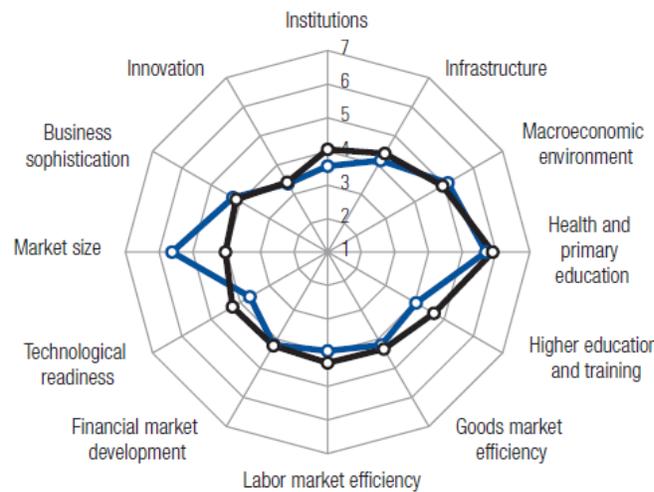
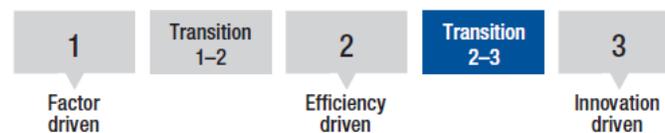
Stage of development



—○— Guatemala —○— Efficiency-driven economies

Guatemala

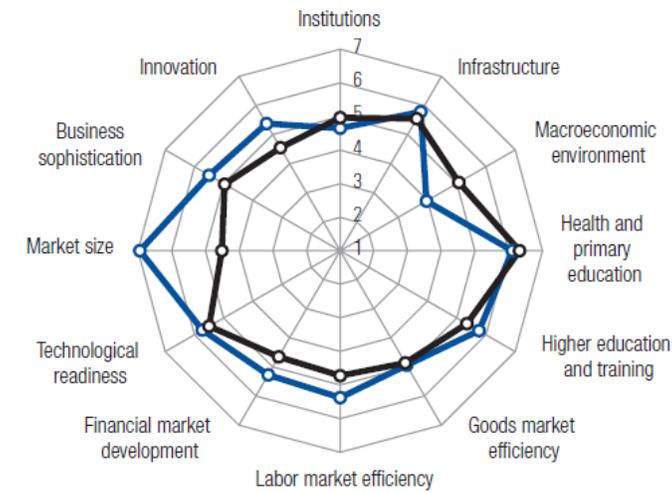
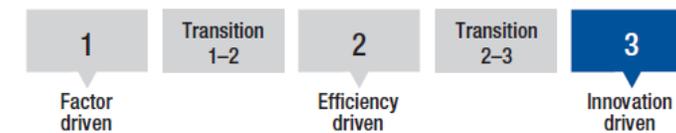
Stage of development



—○— Mexico —○— Economies in transition from 2 to 3

Mexico

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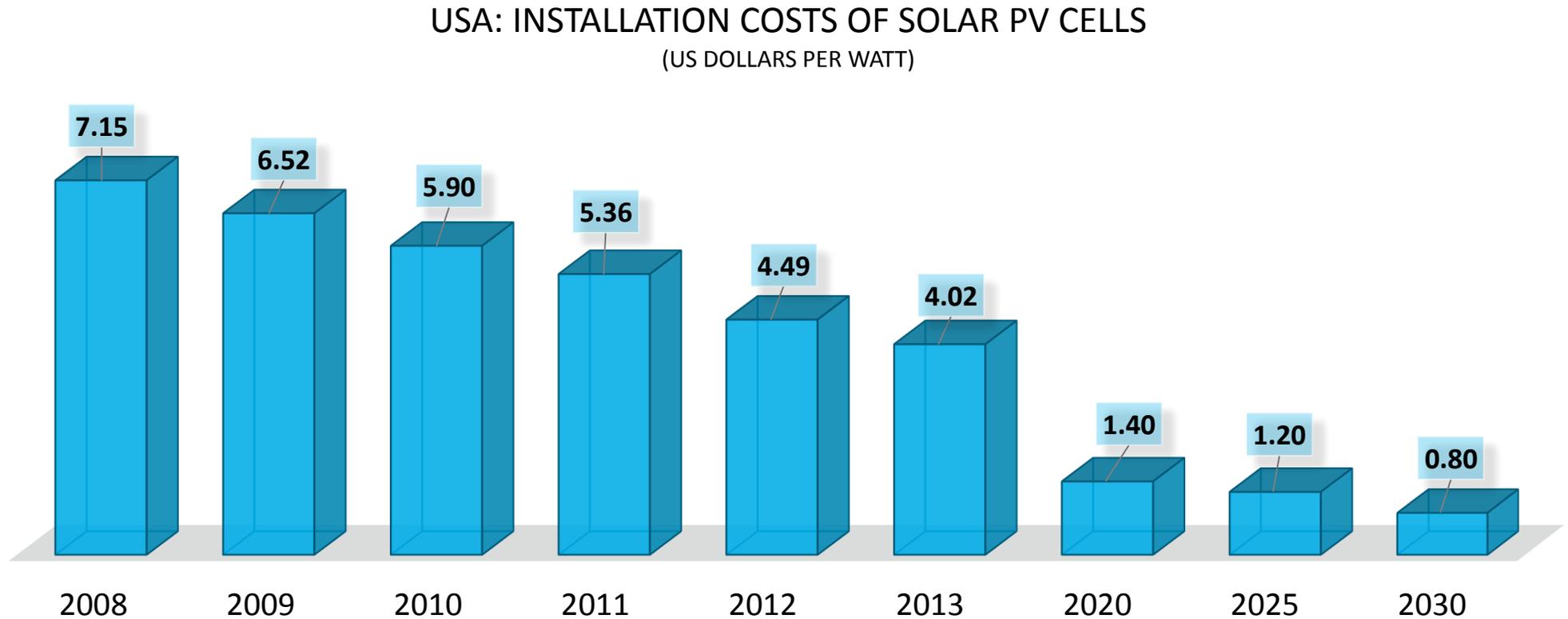


—○— United States —○— Innovation-driven economies

United States

Myth 2: They Can't be Adapted

Solar PV installation cost has fallen 44% in the US since 2008 and is primed to tumble further:



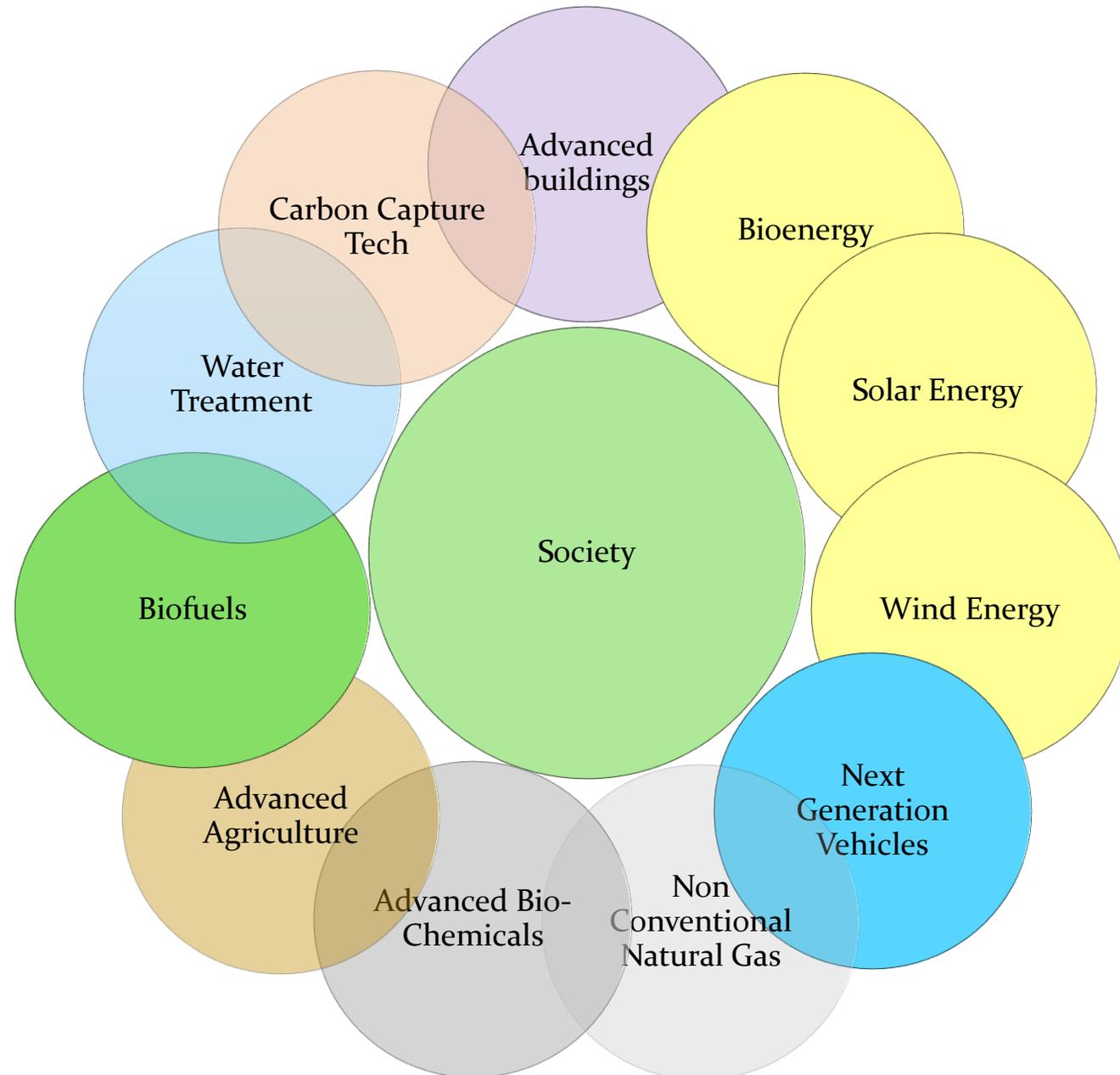
Myth 3: They are Intermittent and Unreliable

- Some are, most aren't
- Solar and wind are intermittent, but many other such as biofuels, bio-generators, tidal energy and municipal waste are not
- The impact of intermittency can be reduced or eliminated through deployment of advanced energy storage systems such as:
 - Batteries
 - Underwater Compressed Air
- Just eliminating electric utilities' need to provide for peak demand (one or two hours per day) can save money in capital and ongoing costs

Myth 4: They are Purely Government Driven

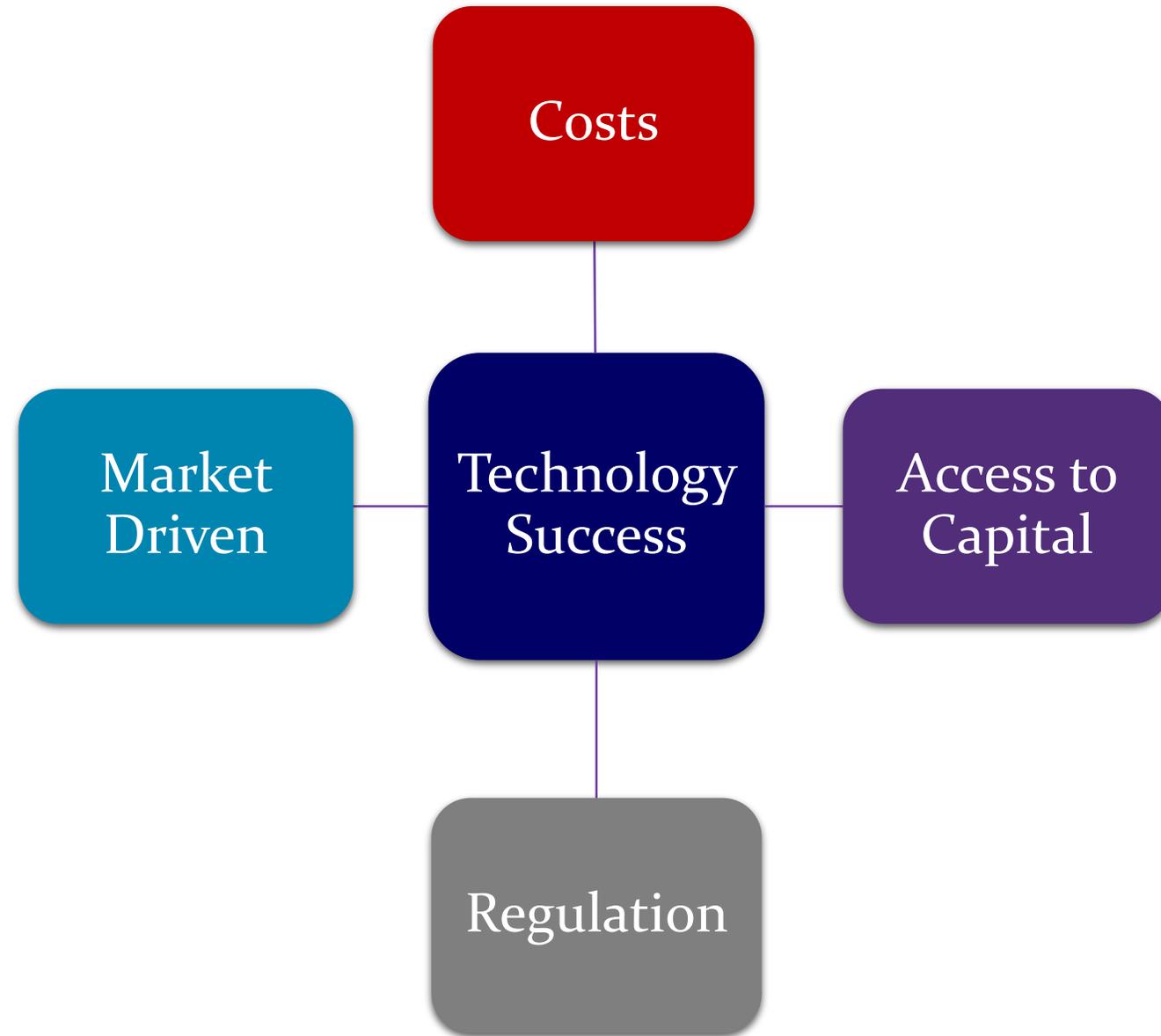
- Most research and development today is carried out by private companies and institutions
- Many corporations are disappearing as the business is consolidating
- This leaves fewer players but they operate in a more robust market
- Investments into the sector continue to flow: they rose from \$30 billion in 2005 to more than \$180 billion globally in 2013
- Two big drivers that continue to propel the switch towards renewables are
 - Growing middle class in emerging markets
 - Declining deposits of traditional resources

Technologies in
the hands of
private entities:



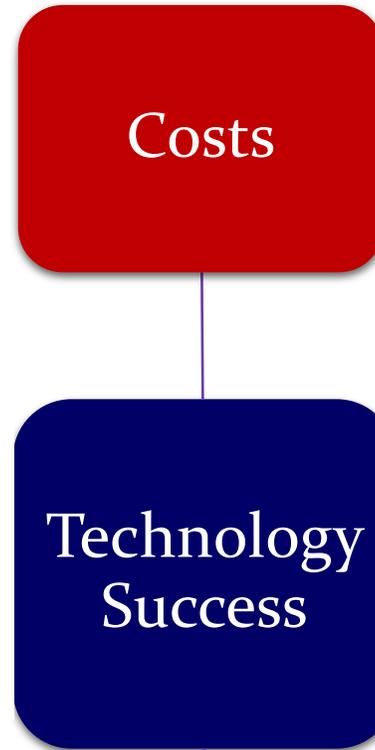
MSI Universal Investment Model in Renewable Energies





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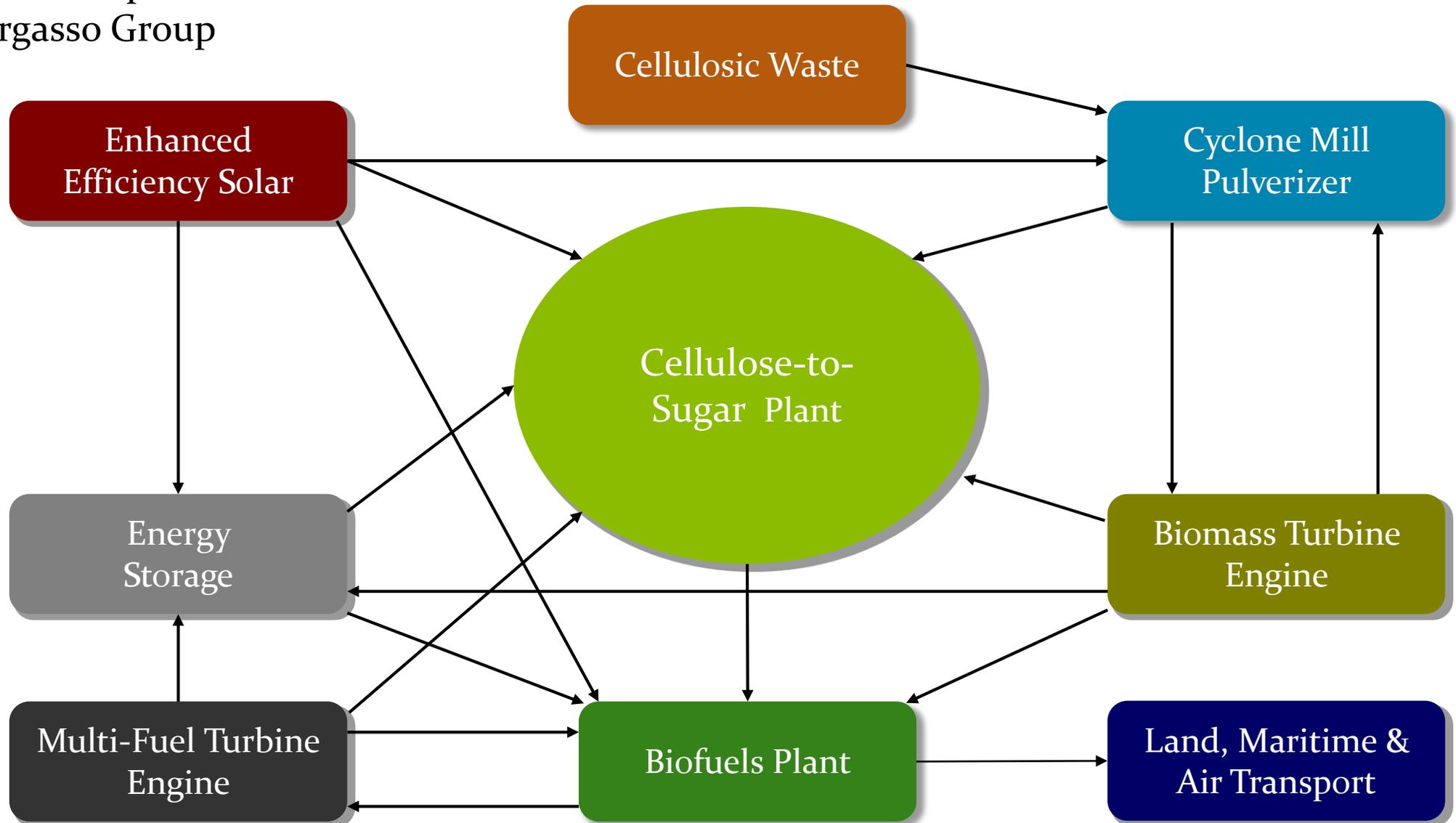
- Technology Integration that reduces operating, financial and adoption costs.
- Know what is available today but **plan for what will be possible tomorrow.**



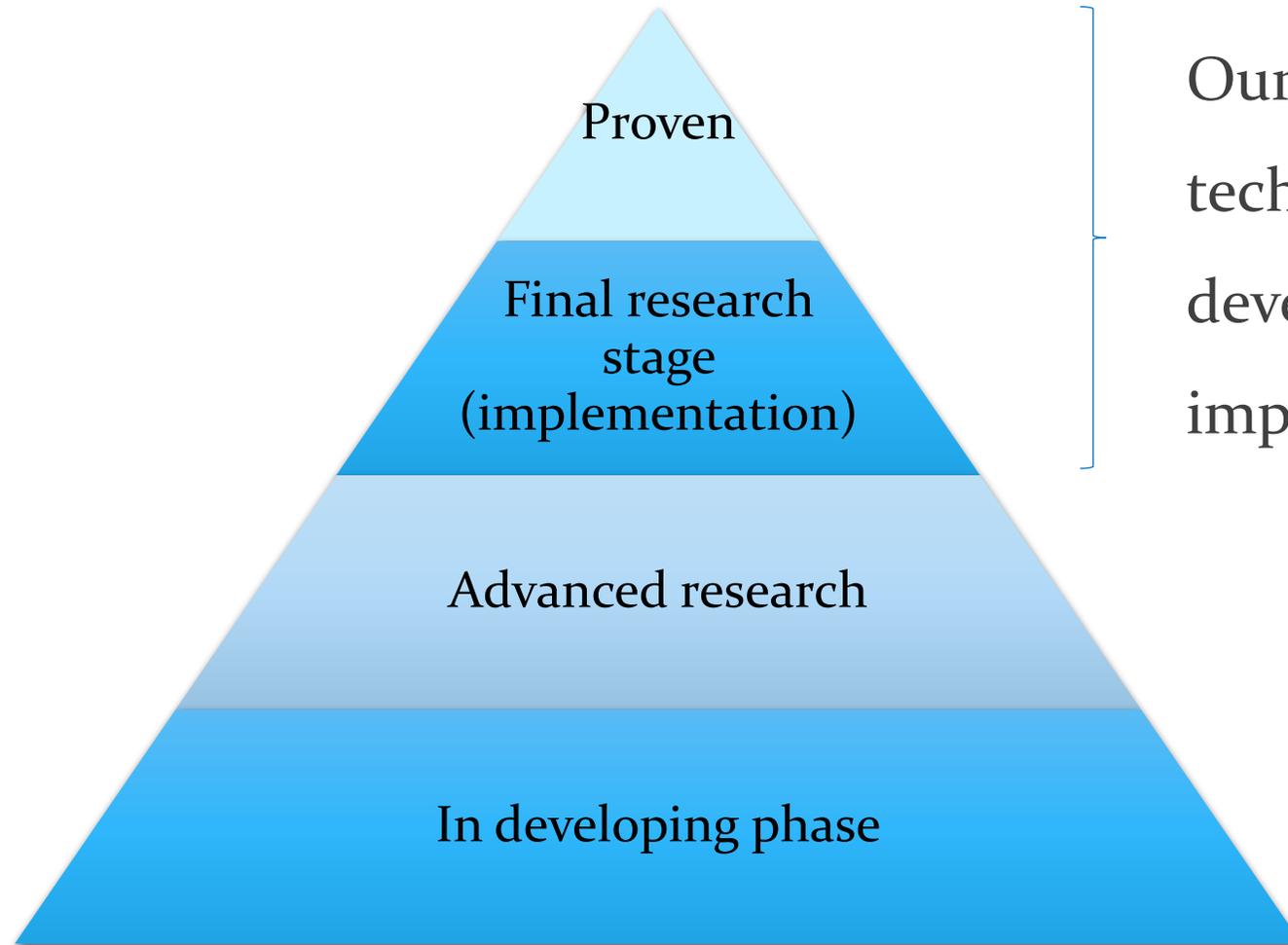
By integrating complementary **technologies**, countries and companies can deliver the **massive, rapid and durable economic and social benefits** of sustainable technologies to their people.

MSI Universal Model – Integrating Technologies

Business example:
The Sargasso Group

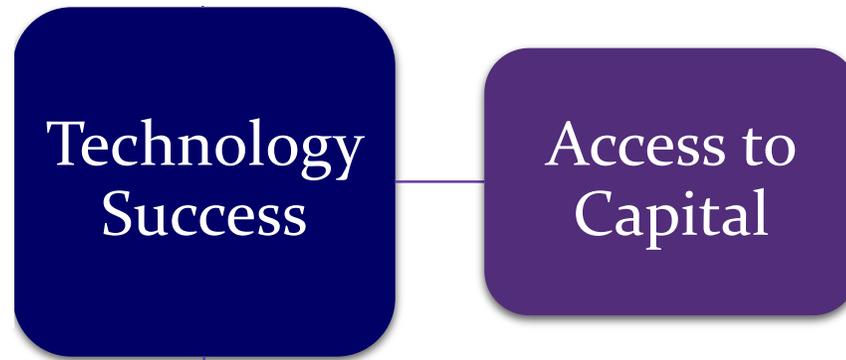


Windows to capital access differ depending on the development stage of technologies:



Our financial model applies only to technologies in the final stage of development (ready to be implemented) or already proven

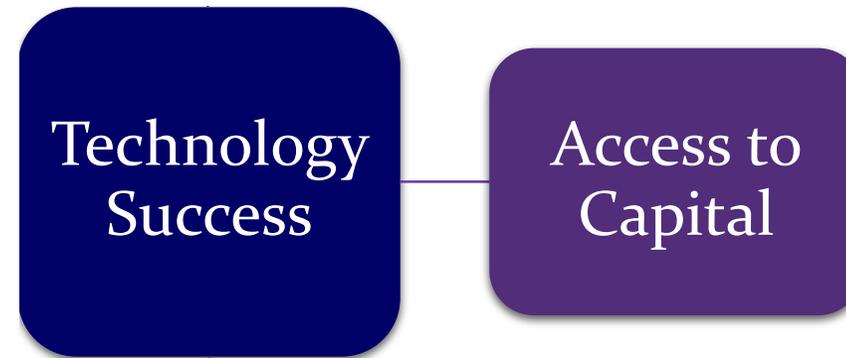
- Financial solutions designed on a project and country basis.
- Solutions adapted to the prevailing regulatory, economic and market conditions especially the return requirements of investors and lenders.



- Different arrangements with multiple capital sources that share our philosophy of technology integration and reflect the type of funding required.
- Type, term and cost of capital depend on purpose and (perceived) risks.

MSI Universal Model – Access to Funding

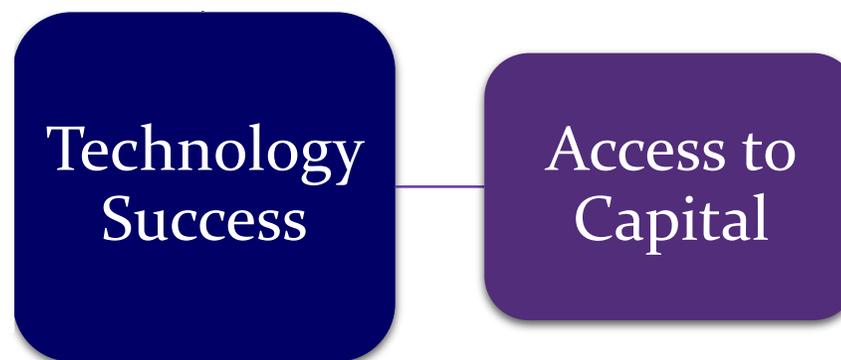
- Development Capital: Wealth management firms, investment banks, private equity funds. Equity or equity + debt
- Buyer Finance: Commercial banks, leasing companies. Debt.



- Export-Import Finance: Commercial banks, export agencies. Debt.
- Project Finance: Investment banks, commercial banks, investment funds, development banks, grants, specialist lenders. Debt or debt + equity.

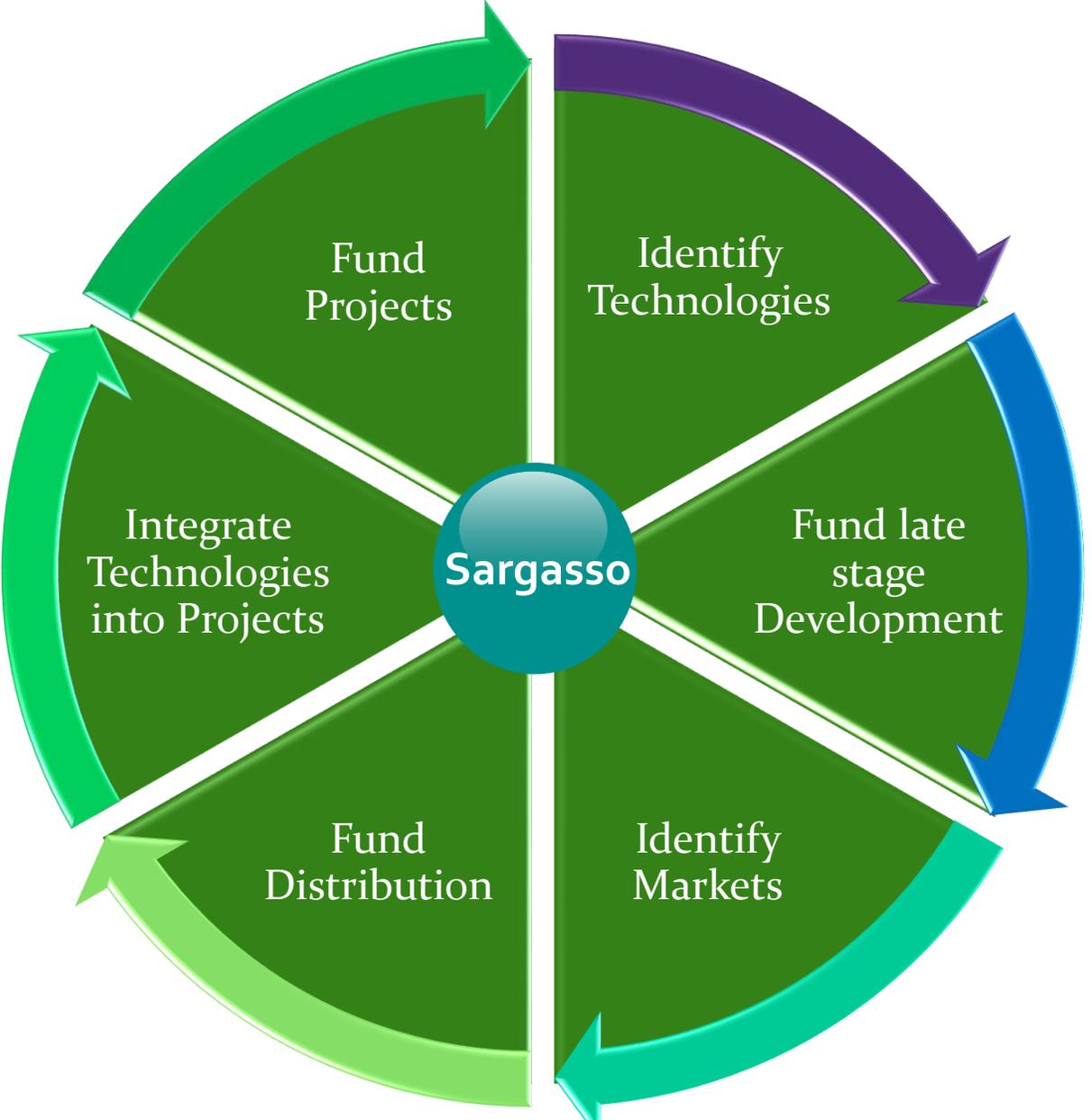
MSI Universal Model – Risk Factors

- Company: How sound is the borrower? How do you know?
- Technology: How proven is the technology?
- Market: Merchant risk vs Agreements or Letters of Intent with customers

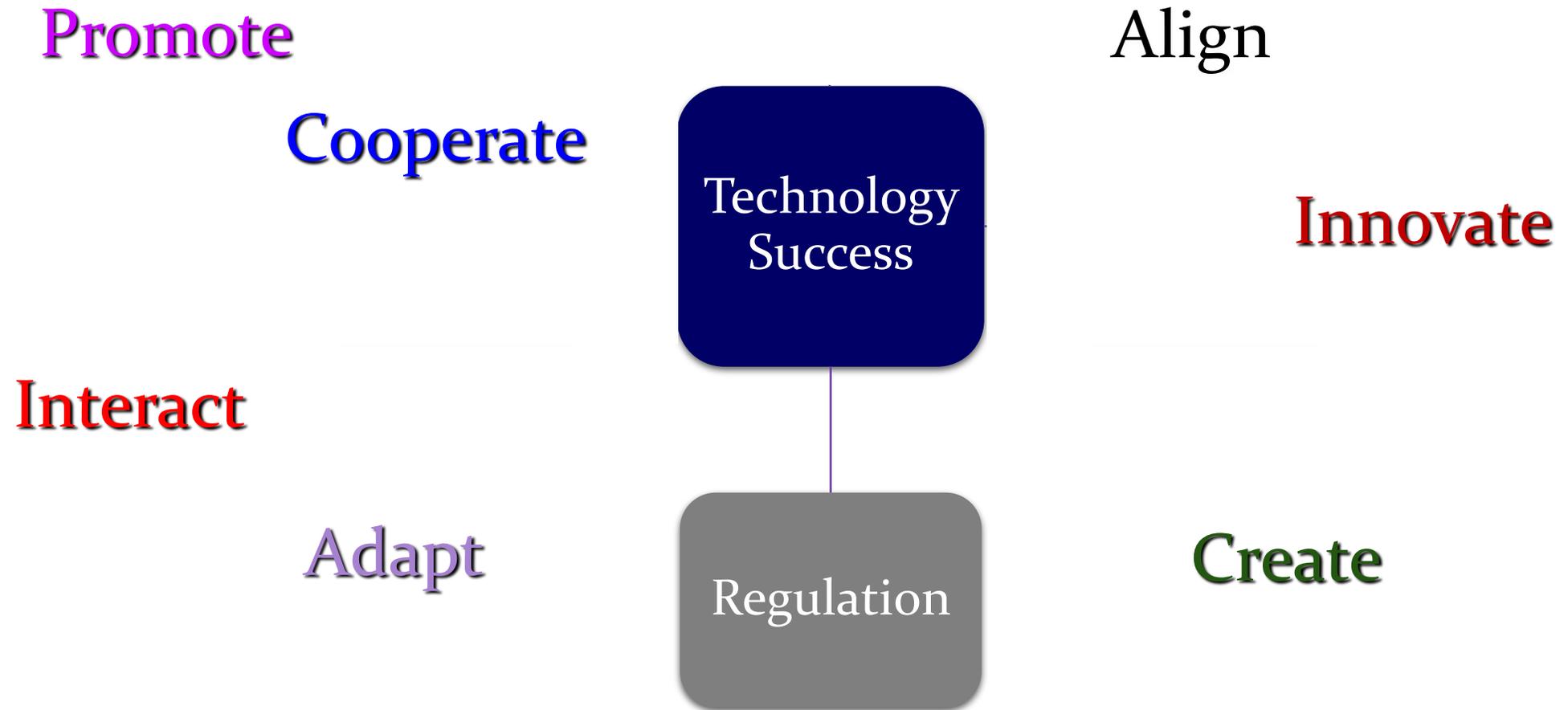


- Political: Stability of democracy; rule of law; corruption; conflicts
- Currency: Convertibility, volatility, devaluations
- Execution: If it goes wrong, how easily can I sue?

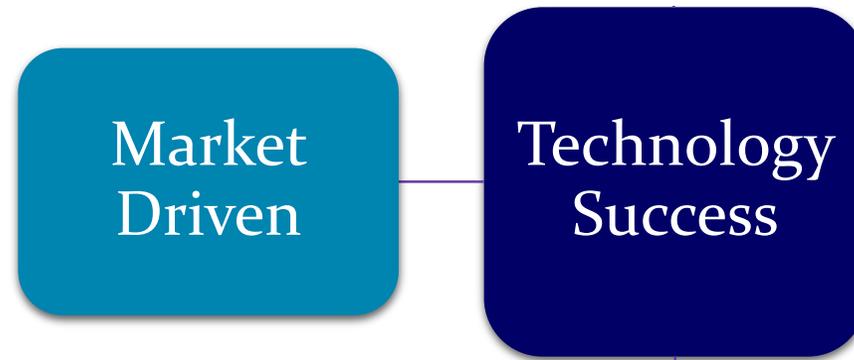
MSI Universal Value Proposition



We work with local authorities to take advantage of the domestic regulatory framework that the country offers:



- Just having good technologies, access to capital and sound legislation is not sufficient.
- Without a robust business model that promotes sustainable development based on ongoing innovation, success will not be durable.



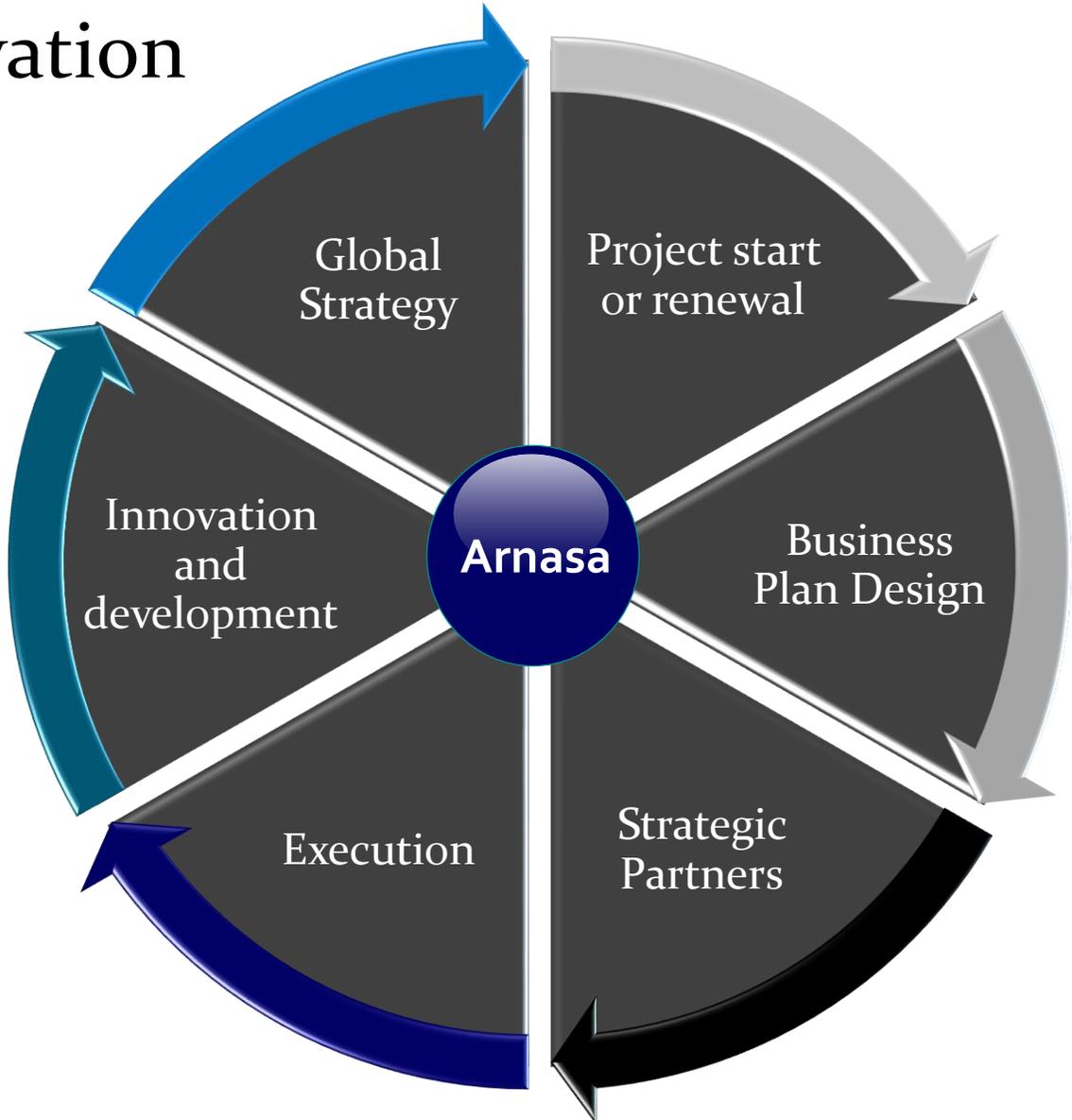
Our business focus is based on the concept of:

“Shared Value” between Governments, Companies & Society

MSI Universal Value Proposition



Continual innovation process



Sustainable Project Management



MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS



MSI Universal – Integrated Solutions





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