



Insights perspective:
Assessing the ESG and sustainability landscape

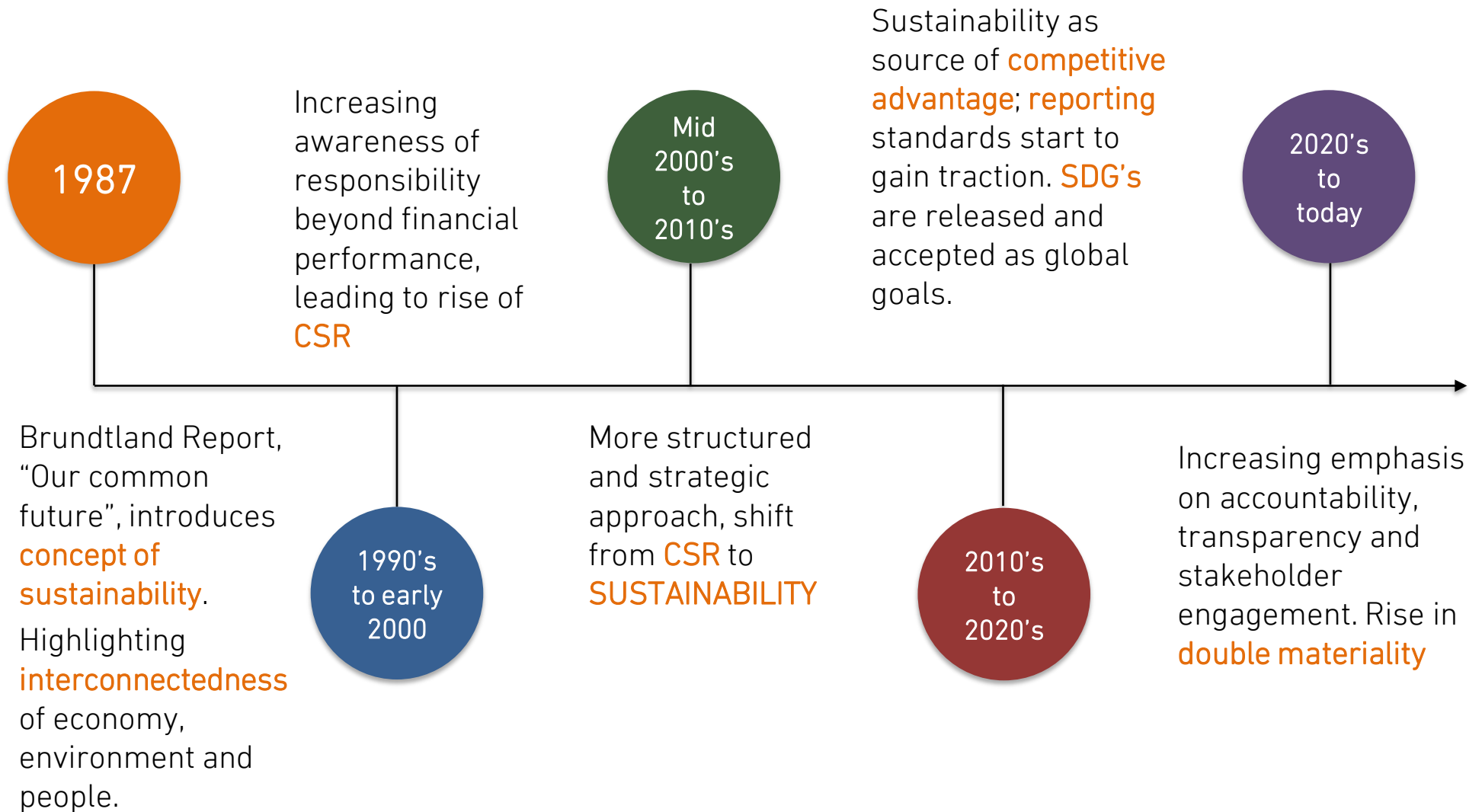
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Introduction

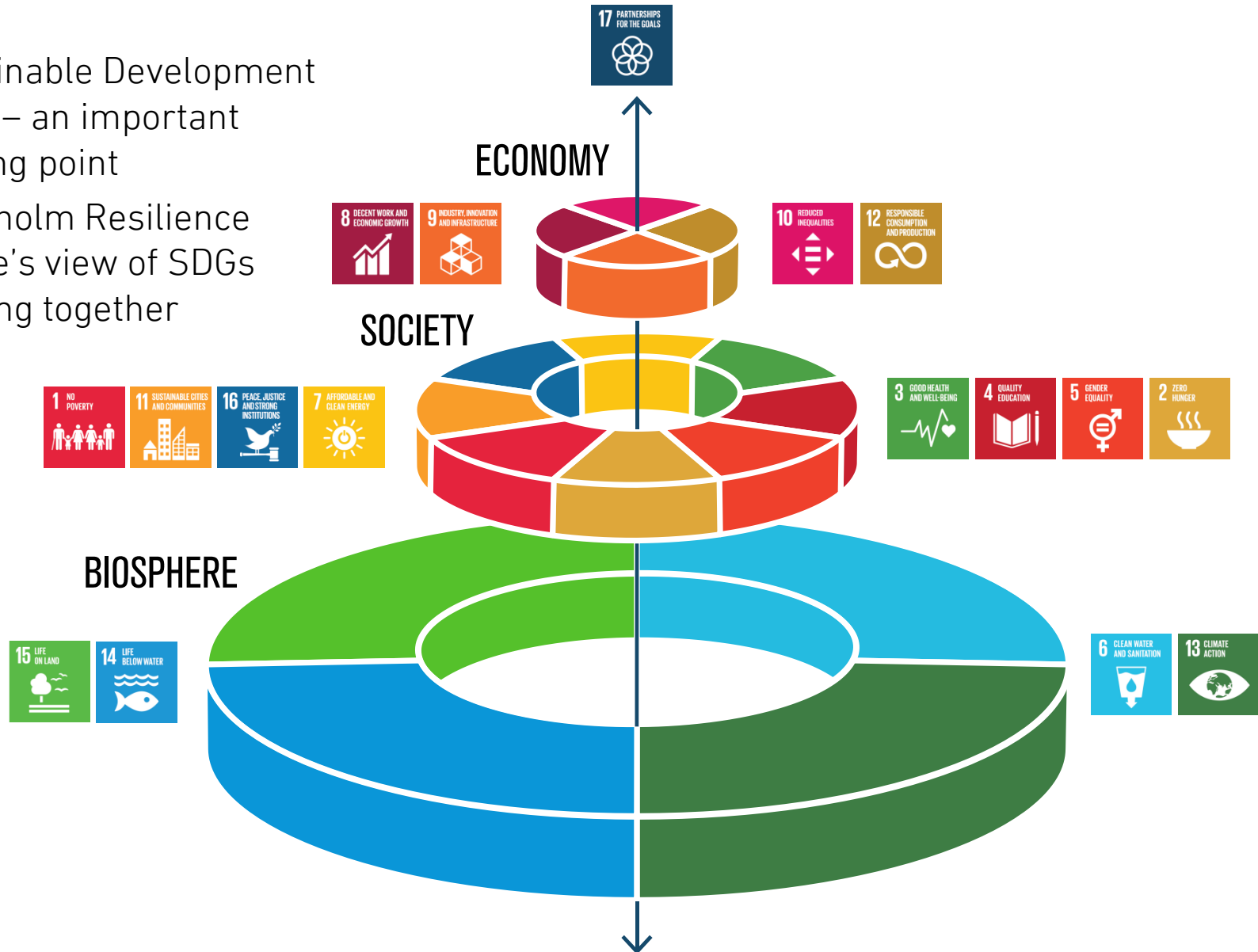


The evolution of thinking



The wedding cake of SDGs

- Sustainable Development Goals – an important starting point
- Stockholm Resilience Centre's view of SDGs working together



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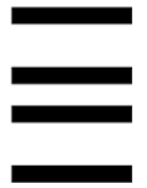


What do we see?

Greater **convergence** of guidelines

Gradual move taking place from voluntary to mandatory reporting

Significant rise in importance of **double materiality**
(**financial + impact**)



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Aligned with: GRI , OECD , SDGs , UNGC , TCFD , IFRS , IIRC , CDP , SASB , SFDR , GHG Protocol and many other standards and frameworks.



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The SA context

How do we navigate all of this on SA soil?



Financial materiality

Double materiality

Impact materiality

Let us recap

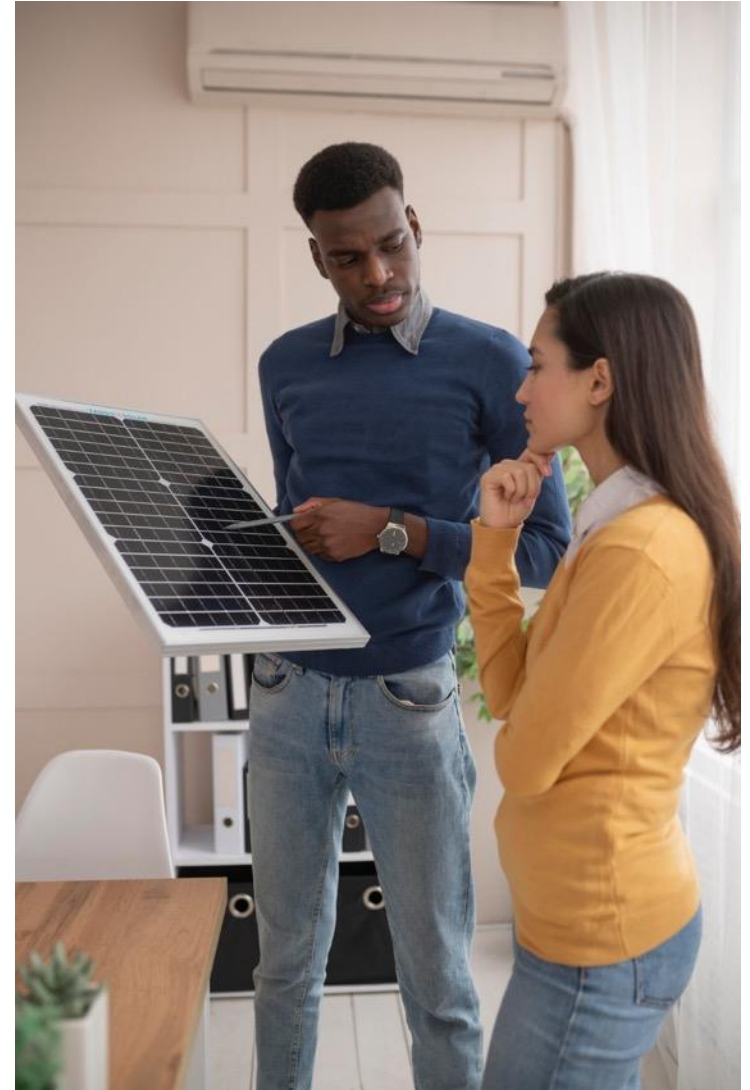
Workshop on 8 February 2024

- Why, how what?
- 6-step process in compiling ESG roadmap
- Double materiality
- Biggest risk factors for sector
- Themes discussed

Qualitative interviews with agribusinesses & industry bodies

- Progress made towards ESG
- Thematic areas that are deemed as material
- Reporting and communication methods
- Stakeholders in ESG reporting
- Areas for growth and risks
- Agbiz as a lobbyist and facilitator

Result: Paper on ESG Insights as at June 24

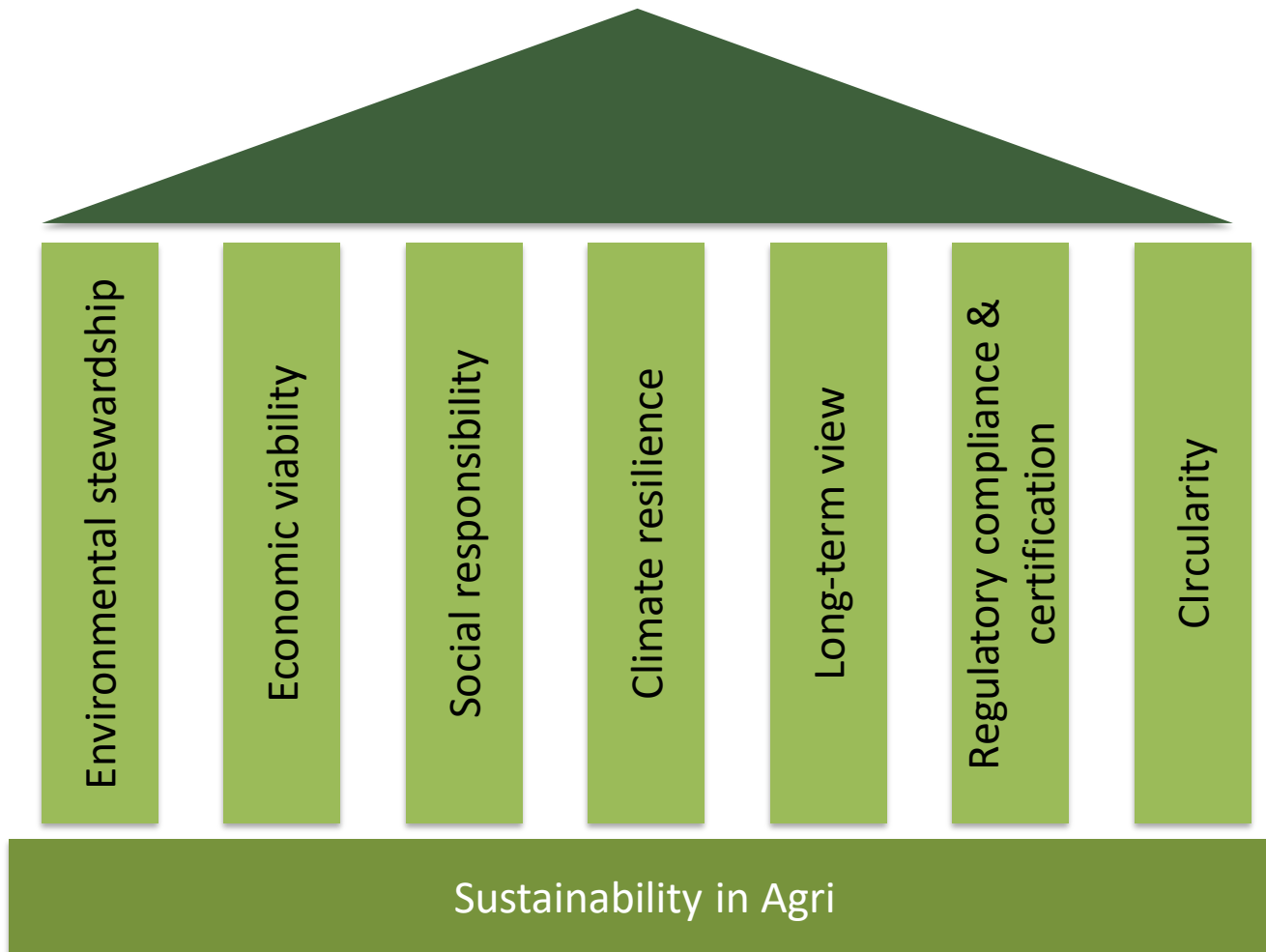


Defining Sustainability



How should we define SUSTAINABILITY?

Defining this term can be complex, but it is important:



Sustainability

“The ability to meet the needs to the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”

-Brundtland Report
1987

Insights from agribusinesses



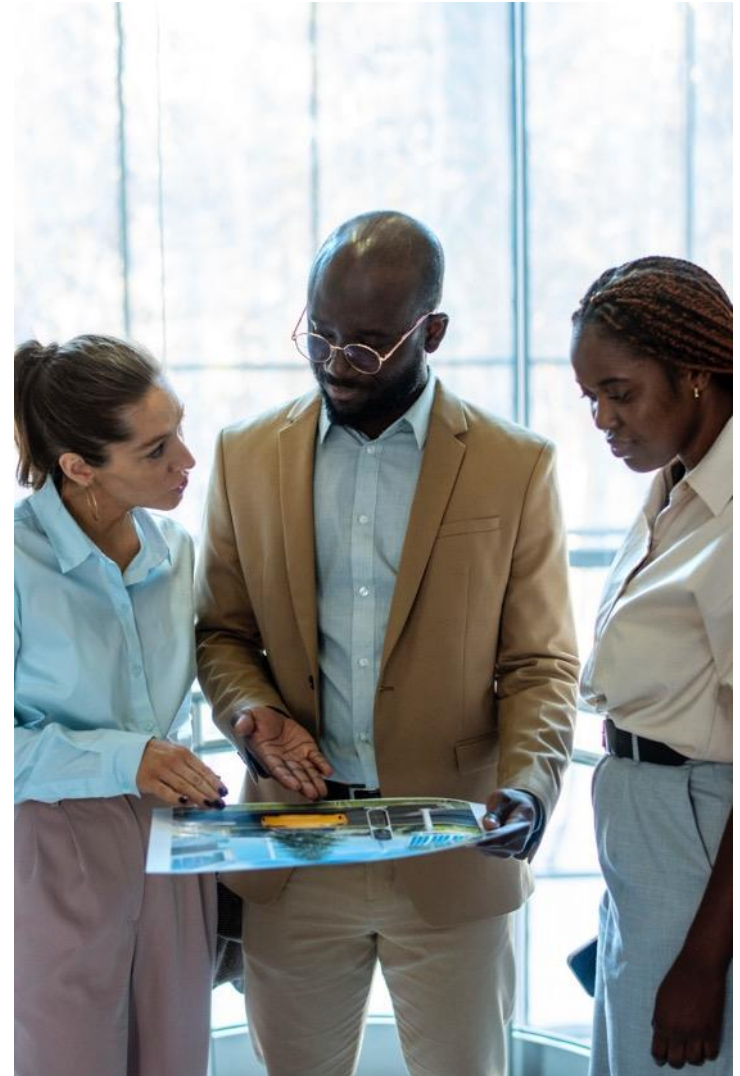
Key challenges



- Lack of knowledgeable and capacitated staff and resources
- Diverse sector
- Fragmented approach within organisations
- Different levels of awareness and a need for education
- Government as a stakeholder – support and alignment
- Unrealistic expectations from the market

Stakeholder assessment

- Institutions governing existing compliance and licensing
- Financial institutions
- Investors
- Government
- Communities
- Employees
- Input suppliers
- Consumers
- Media



Biggest perceived risks



- Access to climate related finance
- Market expectation
- Reputation risk
- Missed opportunities
- Failure to communicate sufficiently and appropriately

Methods of communication

- Roadmaps and implementation plans
- Integrated reporting
- Visual communication
- Storytelling and case studies
- Training and capacity building
- Existing compliance reports



Proposed role of Agbiz

- Advocacy and policy influence
- Capacity building and education
- Guidance and support
- Facilitation of collaboration
- Promotion of responsible practices
- Stakeholder engagement and communication
- Monitoring and reporting



The positive story – key themes



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Closing remarks