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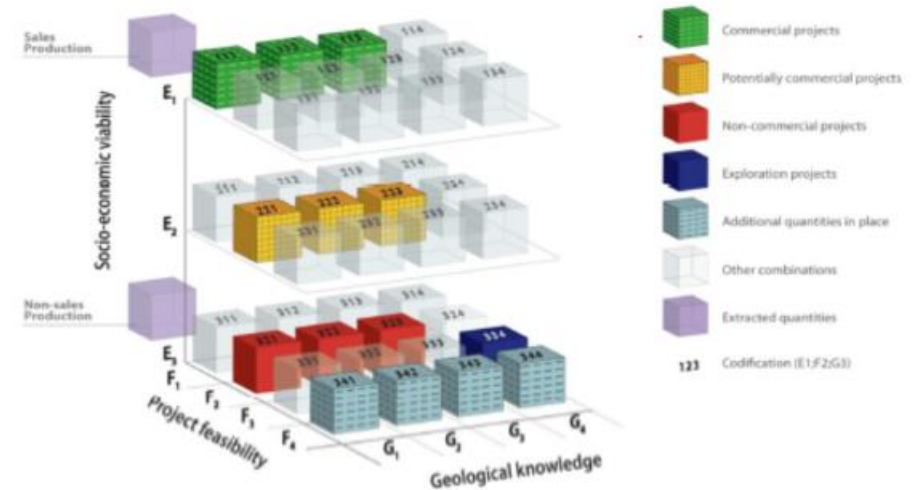


UNFC and SDGs:
Why a step change for UNFC is required?

Or perhaps just inevitable?

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Agenda 2030: A Global System Reset

We are now all equally incompetent in how to deliver it...

But with constraint comes creativity

Agenda 2030

A Plan of Action for People, Planet, Prosperity...

5. This is an Agenda of unprecedented scope and significance.

It is accepted by all countries and is applicable to all, taking into account different national realities, capacities and levels of development and respecting national policies and priorities.

These are universal goals and targets which involve the entire world, developed and developing countries alike.

They are integrated and indivisible and balance the three dimensions of sustainable development.

= Step Change

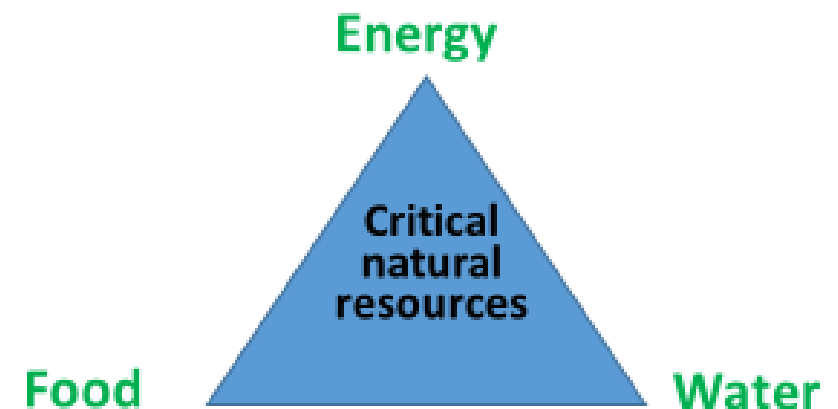
Balanced, integrated, sustainable... measurably meeting unmet needs

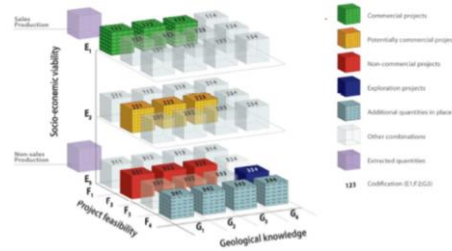
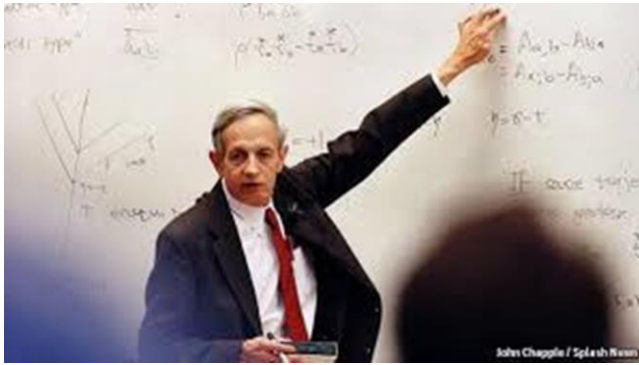
We are resolved to free the human race from the tyranny of poverty and want and to heal and secure our planet.

We are determined to take the **bold and transformative** steps which are urgently needed to shift the world onto a sustainable and resilient path.

The Hierarchy of Needs... the FEW and the UN SDGs

- Food security, accessibility, affordability
- Energy security, accessibility, affordability
- Water security, accessibility, affordability





Resolving the case for transformative change: A Syllogism

We are pathfinding... towards the new environmental-economic (win/win) point of equilibrium

The UN/ World Bank SEEA Tool Kit: Value release from “residuals”



- (a) All sustainable natural resource management and progression activities keep the interests of people and planet in equilibrium in meeting their needs;
- (b) UNFC is a tool for classifying and measuring the nature and progression of natural resource management;
- (c) Therefore UNFC is a tool that keeps the interests of people and planet in equilibrium, delivering prosperity through efficient, transparent and equitable resource progression and use.



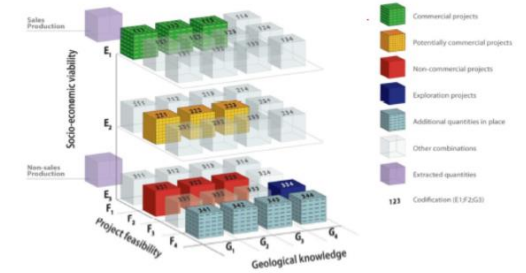
United Nations
Framework Convention on
Climate Change

**Integrated Indivisible
Balanced**

Planet

We are determined to protect the planet from degradation, including through sustainable consumption and production, **sustainably managing its natural resources and taking urgent action on climate change**, so that it can support the needs of the present and future generations.

Necessary and Sufficient Conditions for Success: Classification and Management of Resources




- Classification is a necessary but not sufficient condition for integrated, balanced, sustainable resource management, as required by Agenda 2030
- To meet the requirement of sufficiency, the pursuit of equitably shared, sustainable Prosperity for the benefit of the People requires an integrated approach to management of the natural resources of the Planet, once classified
- Hence the transformative step change required of UNFC is to assimilate its project-centred linear classification framework into a programmatic, value-additive resource progression pathway, resulting in a new environmental-economic equilibrium aligned to the principles of the circular economy and the delivery of Agenda 2030

SDG Delivery Working Group ToR

Primary objectives

1. To define, promote and support mechanisms for the delivery of specific Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as relevant to the application and use of the United Nations Framework Classification (UNFC) and other products generated by EGRC.
2. To foster policies, regulations, capabilities, technologies and a related professional development curriculum, for realizing value release from new economic resources created from residuals/ secondary resources
3. To demonstrate through good practices and case studies that SDG compliant businesses augment or create wealth and prosperity rather than deplete or destroy it.
4. Provide feedback and inputs for continuous development and strengthening of UNFC and other products of EGRC

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Role of the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources in the delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals

United Nations Framework Classification for Resources supporting the attainment of Sustainable Development Goals

Transforming our world's natural resources: A step change for the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources?

Prepared by the Sustainable Development Goals Delivery Working Group of the Expert Group on Resource Classification

Summary

The transformative 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development has inaugurated a new era in global development. This era is marked by a new narrative, substituting the previous orthodoxy, expressed in business process language, of pursuing "economic, social and environmental" gains in equal measure, with a commitment to meeting the needs of two key beneficiaries "people" and "planet" through the common goal of sustainable "prosperity" for all. As a first transformative step, the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources (UNFC) in its current form has incorporated guidelines for applying social and environmental considerations to resource classification and management (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2018/3). These guidelines provide the critical social and environmental basis for classification of resources in a manner that allows environmental, social and economic aspects to be in equilibrium. A second such step is proposed in this document, redefining UNFC's core purpose and underlying principles and assumptions according to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Assimilate UNFC into a resource progression pathway

Tool categories:

- **Resource centred** (life-cycle resource management, primary, secondary, circular, zero waste...)
- **Customer and service centred** (energy as service, the right to produce and sell energy and/or form local energy communities, inclusive artisanal resource management...)
- **Security centred** (maintaining security of supply for food, energy, water, critical materials...)
- **Value centred** (ending poverty, new economic resources, equitable distribution of benefits, governance, transparency...)

The SDGs Delivery WG – Core Tasks

Bridge UNFC to the SDGs... then set UNFC as resource progression tool:

1. Develop the **curriculum** to apply revised UNFC to the **competent, responsible** management (integrated-indivisible-balanced) of natural resources
2. Shape the resource management **policy** objectives to meeting the key **outcomes** (zero waste, comprehensive recovery)
3. Develop the **technologies/ integrated materials flows** to deliver the industrial **eco-system**
4. **Study and define the attributes of prosperity-generating projects that successfully reinvent themselves by aligning themselves to the SDGs.**