



# 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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An aerial photograph of a vast solar farm, with rows of solar panels stretching across a green field. In the background, there are rolling hills and a small town under a clear blue sky. The solar panels are arranged in neat, parallel rows, reflecting the sunlight. The surrounding landscape is a mix of green fields and some bare trees, suggesting a rural or agricultural setting.

Climate Science  
and Climate  
Change

Renewable  
Energy

Wind, Solar,  
Geothermal



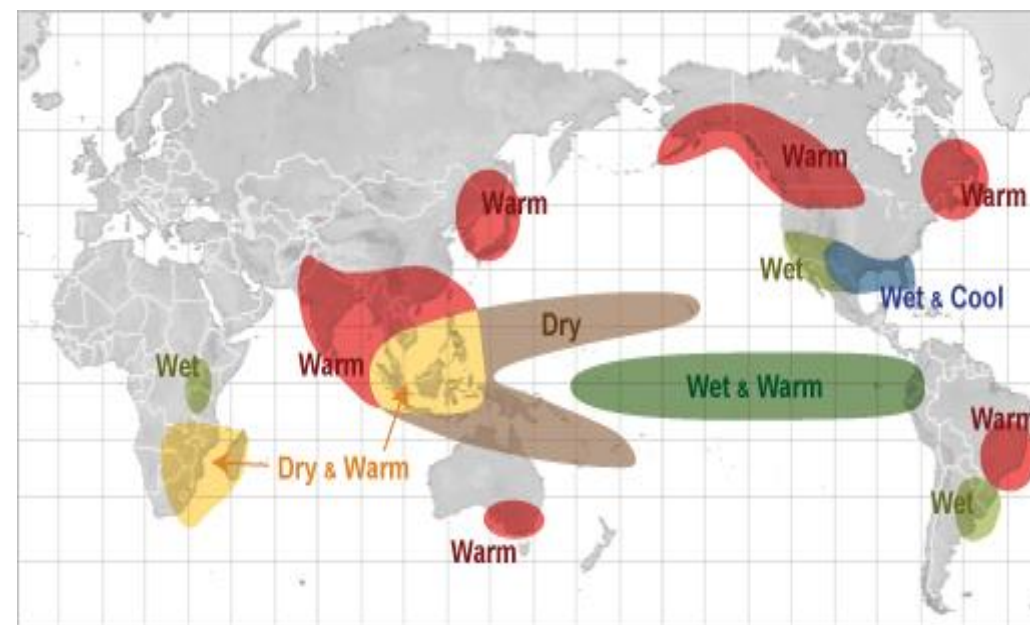
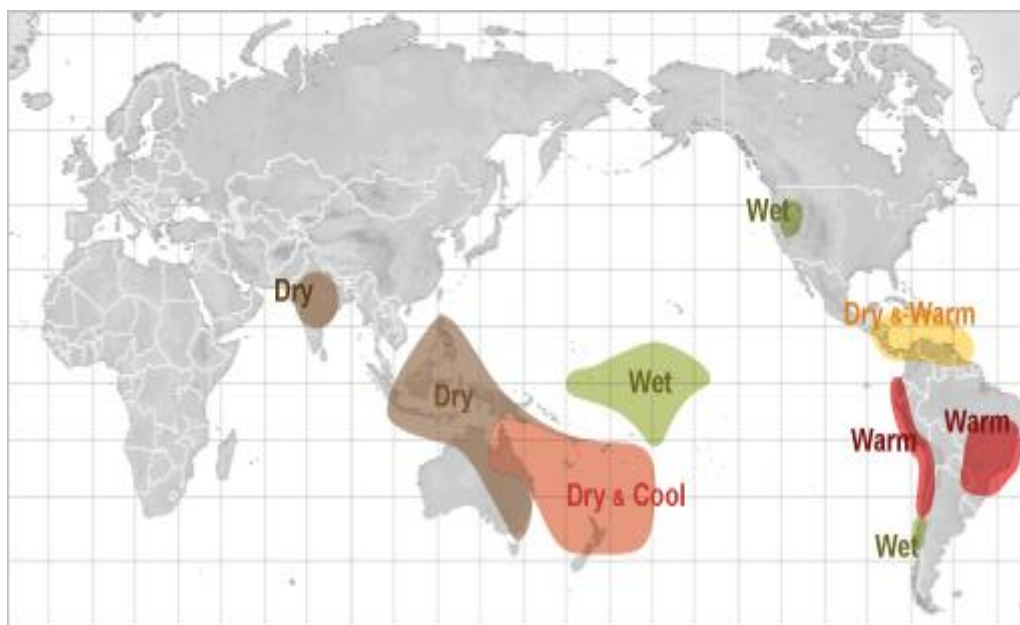
# Climate Science has come of Age

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- 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, CO<sub>2</sub> 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.

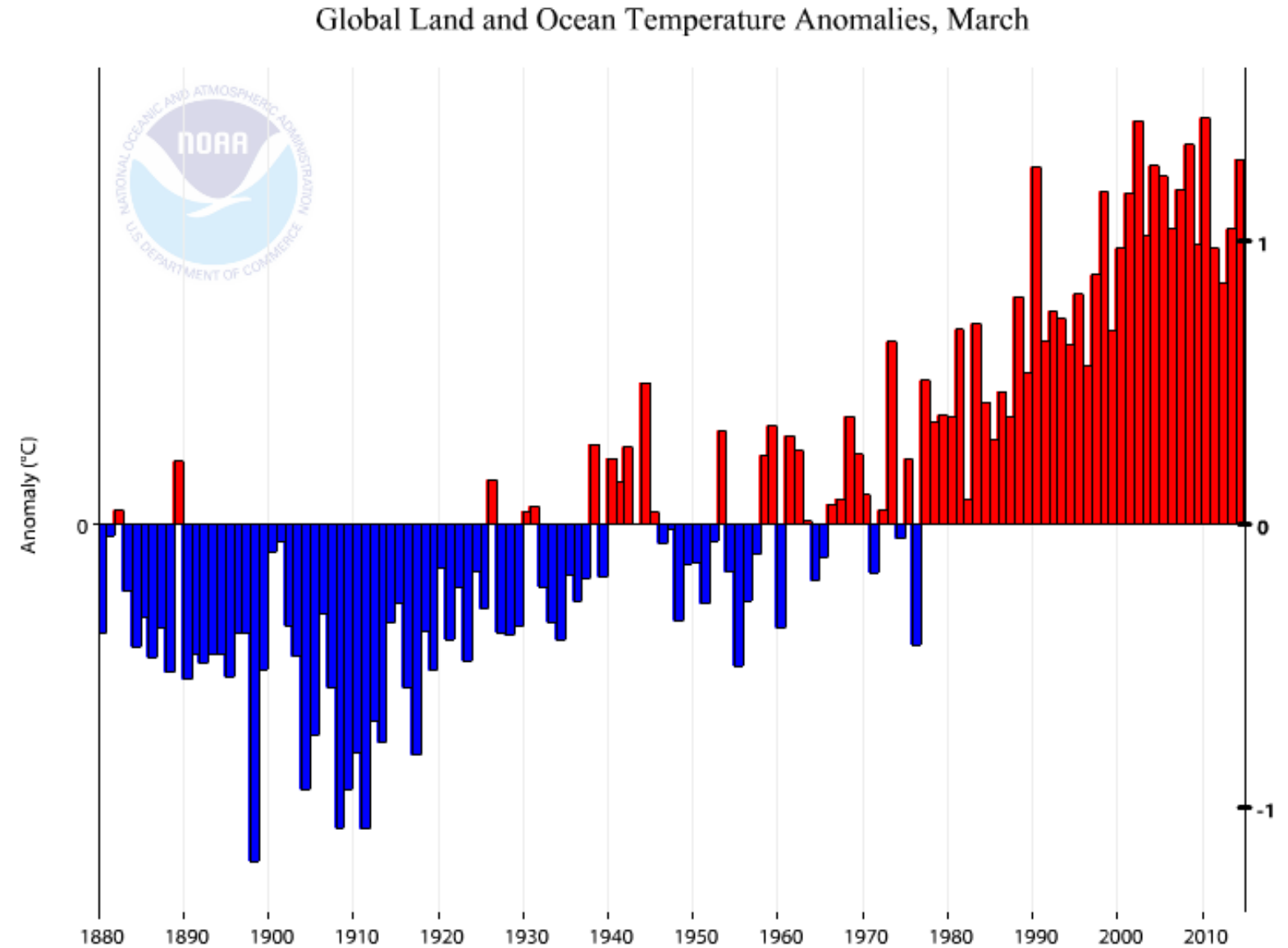


- Predictions are for a **Fair to Good** El Nino in 2014
- **Abundant fishing** usually reported off Coast Western Americas as warmer water sweeps to **the Western coast**

# Not so good news

This graph shows the  
NOAA\*<sup>1</sup> 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.



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**



The image is a full-page background with a blue color scheme. It depicts a renewable energy landscape. On the left, several white wind turbines of varying sizes are visible against a sky filled with soft, white clouds. On the right side, there are large, dark solar panels arranged in rows. Overlaid on the solar panels and the sky are several thin, white, curved lines that suggest the flow of energy or data. The overall composition is clean and modern, emphasizing sustainable technology.

# 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

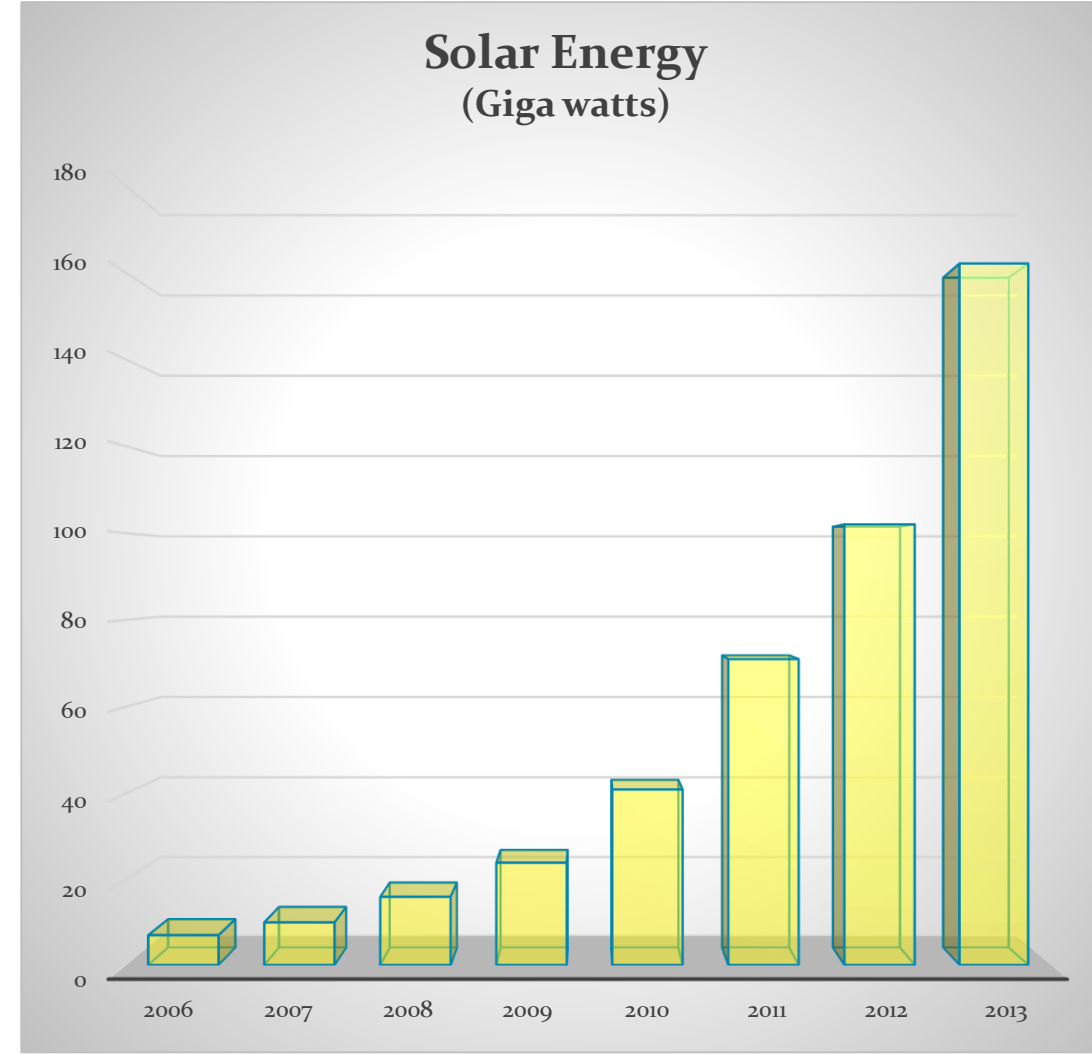
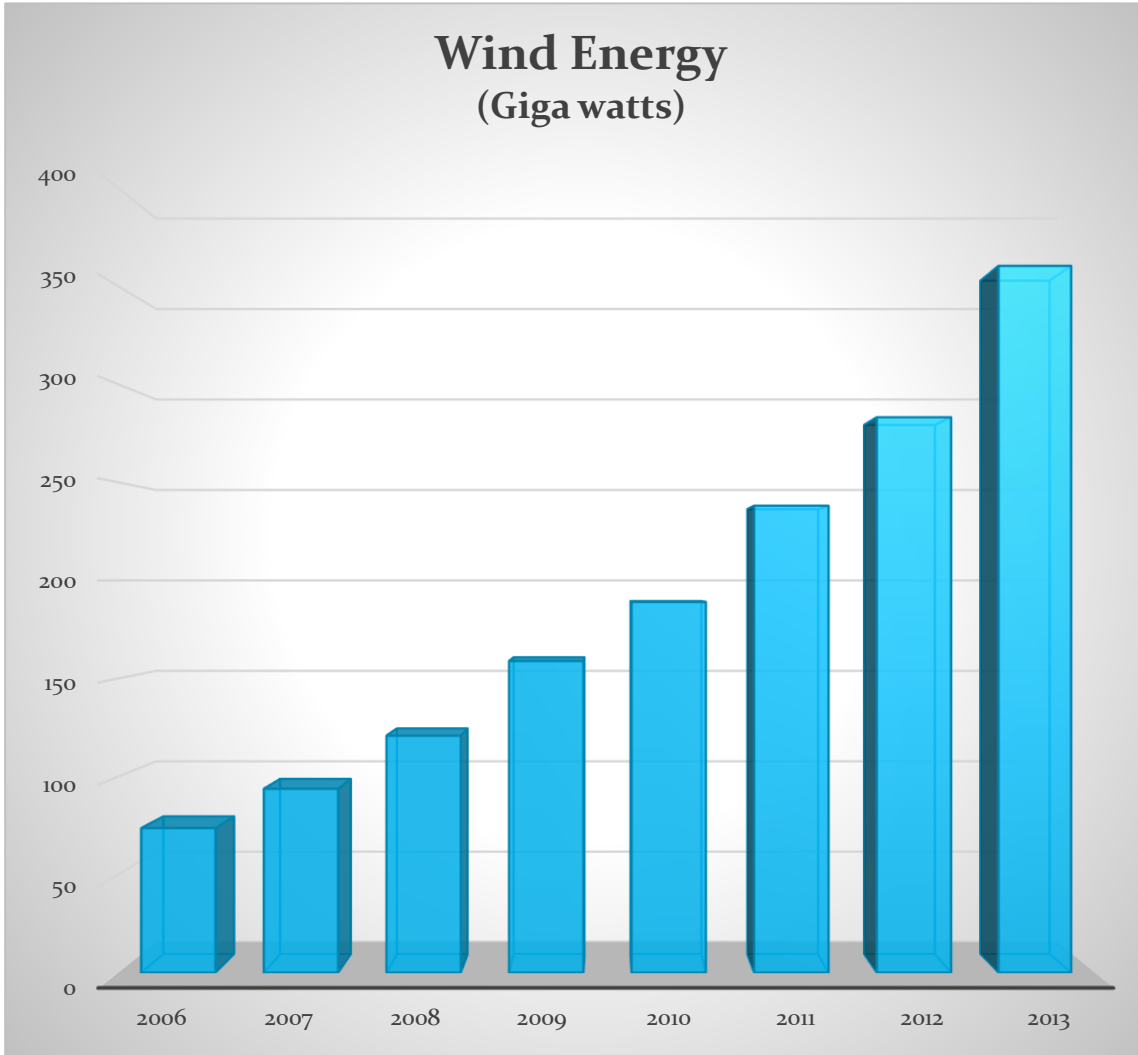




## Myth 1: There is Resistance

- 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?



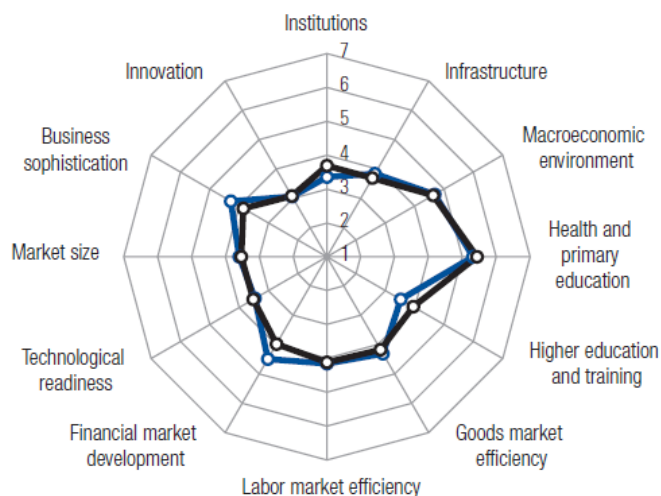
Source: McKinsey



## Myth 2: They Can't be Adapted

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

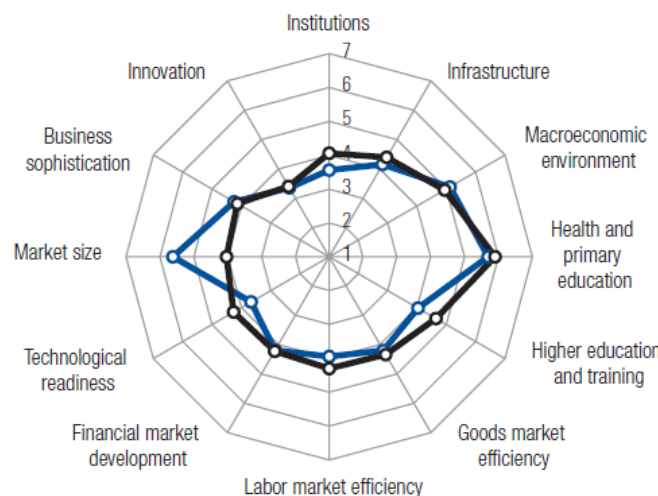
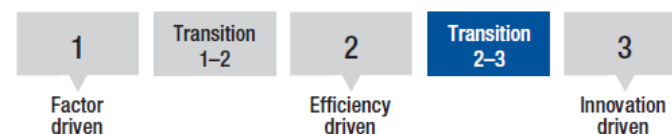
Stage of development



Guatemala Efficiency-driven economies

Guatemala

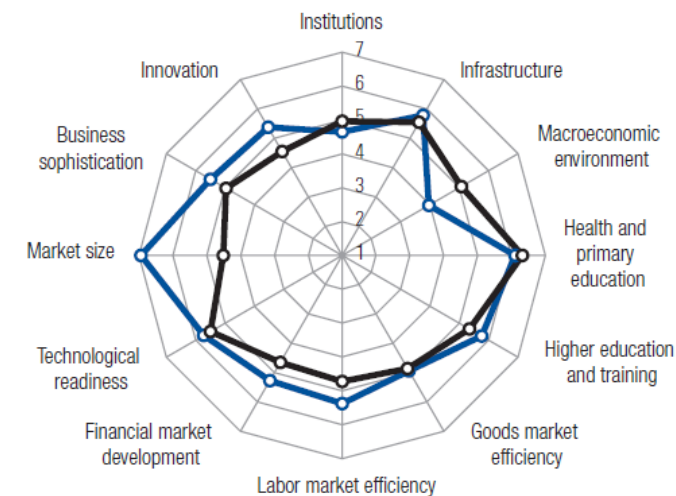
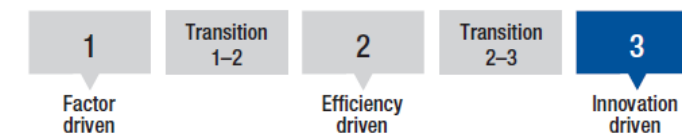
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Mexico Economies in transition from 2 to 3

Mexico

Stage of development

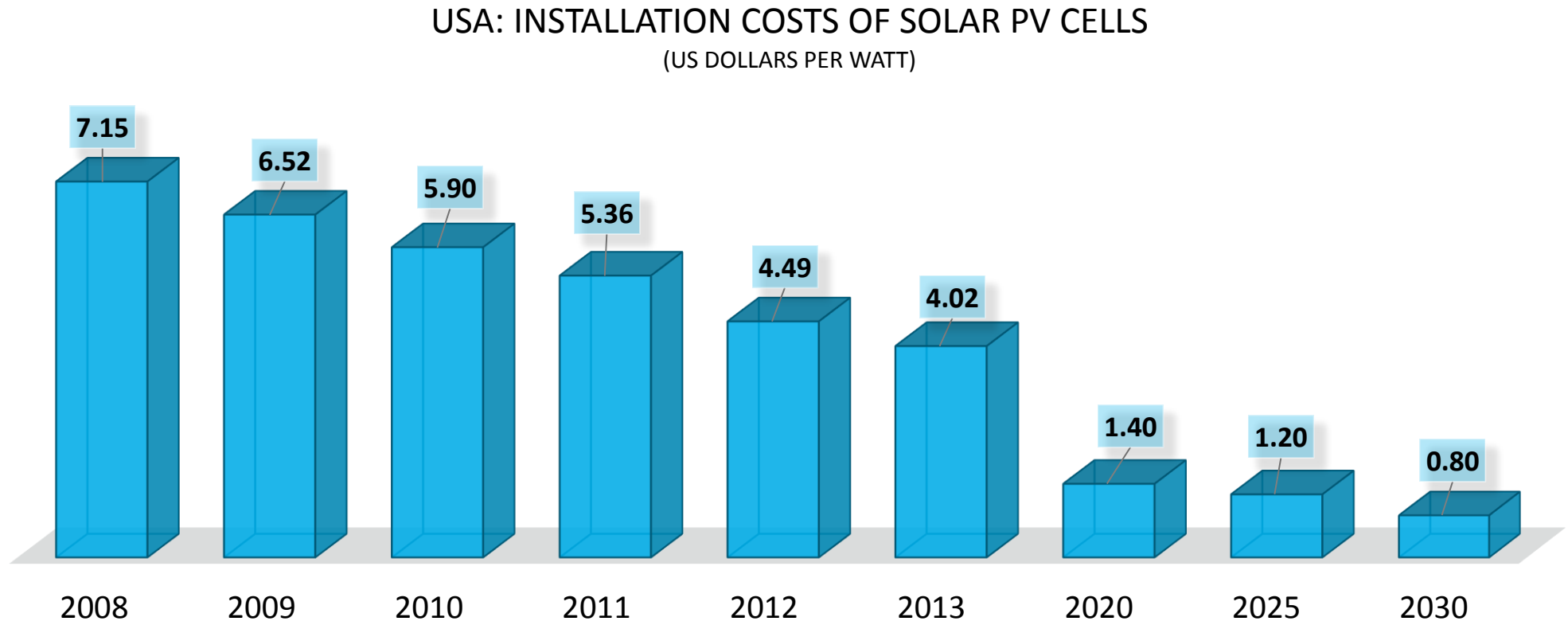


United States Innovation-driven economies

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

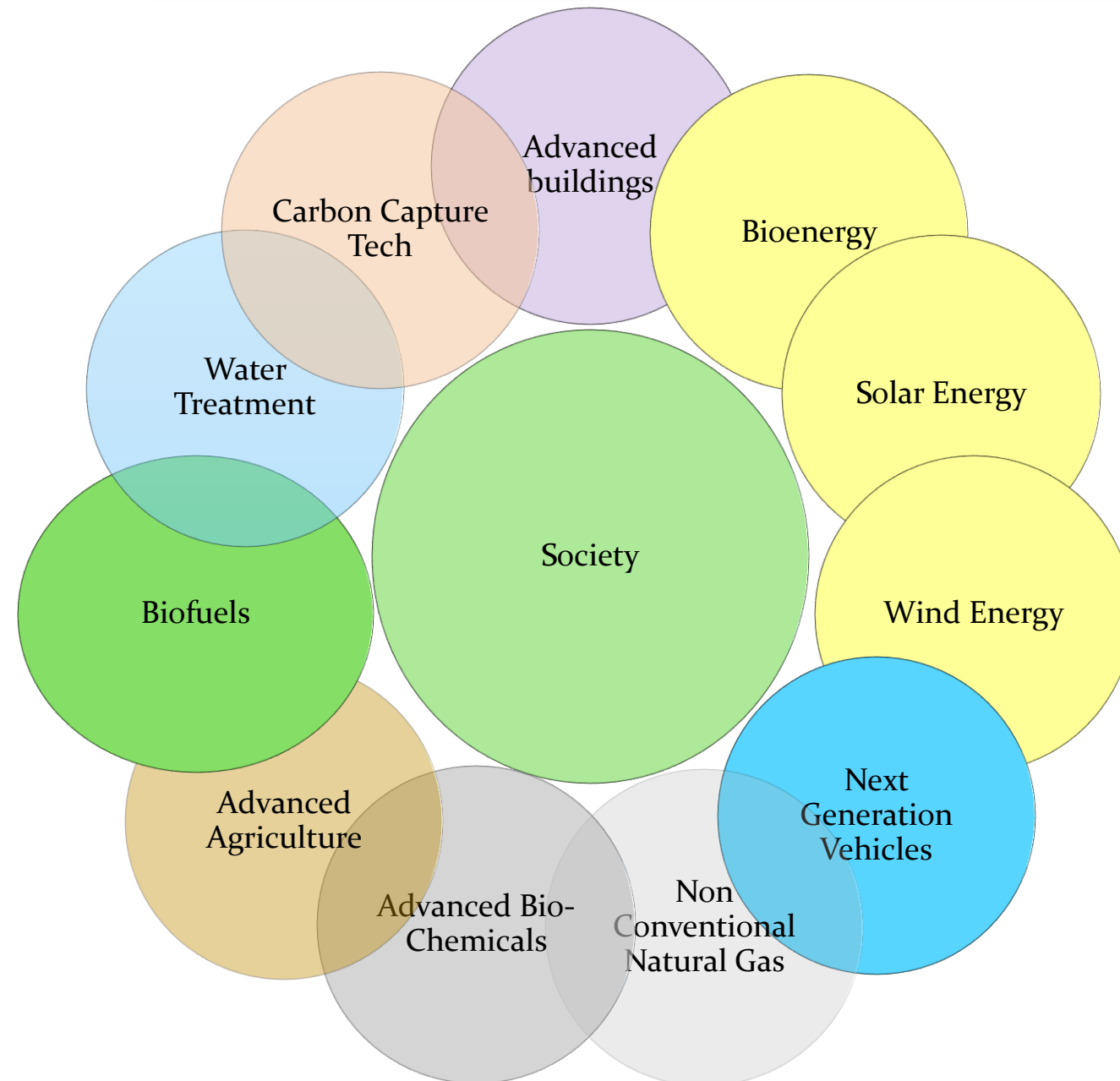
- Some are, most aren't
- Solar and wind are intermittent, but many other such as biofuels, bio-generators, tidal energy and municipal waste are not
- The impact of intermittency can be reduced or eliminated through deployment of advanced energy storage systems such as:
  - Batteries
  - Underwater Compressed 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:

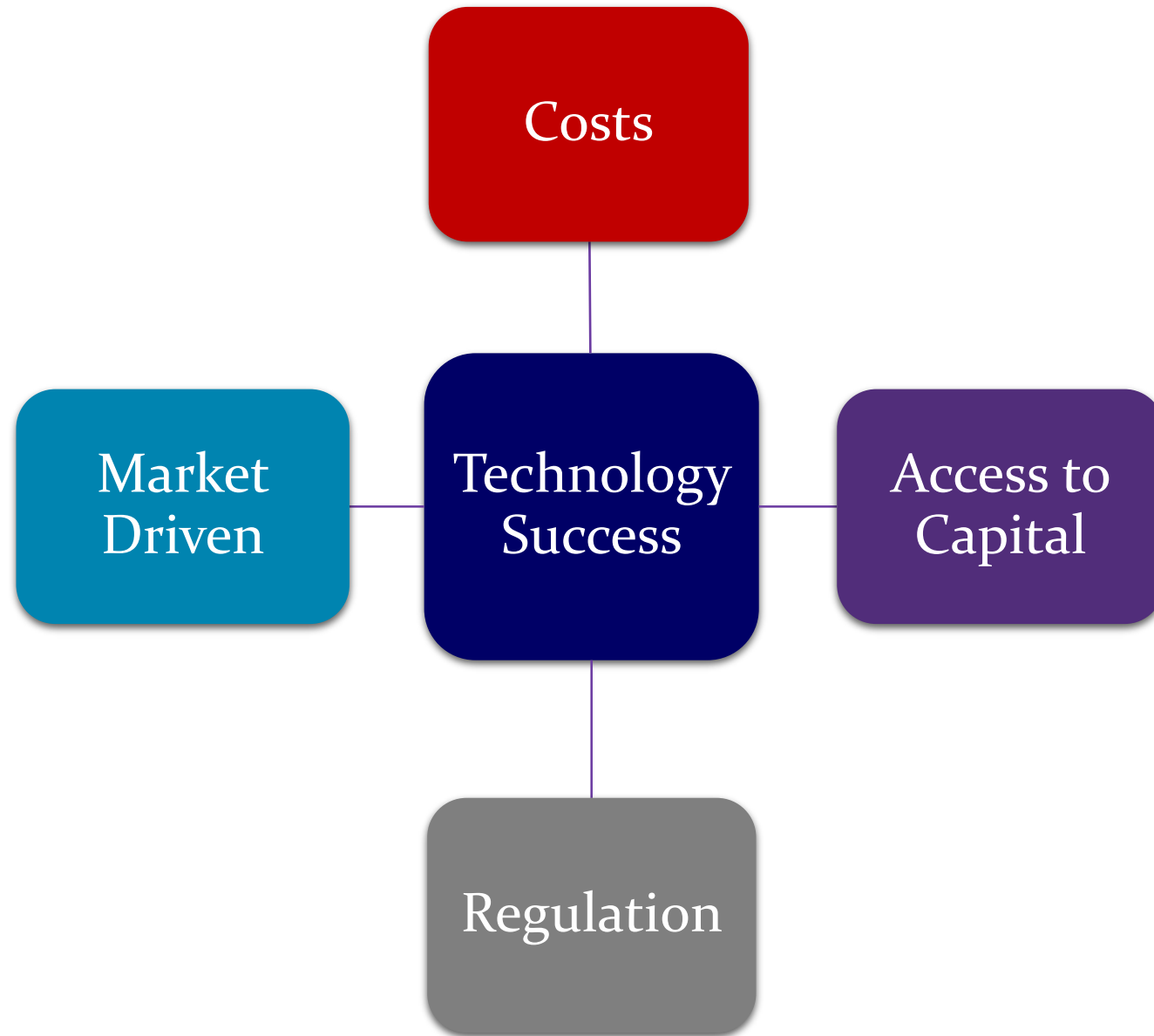




# MSI Universal Investment Model in Renewable Energies







## Renewable Energy Hubs:

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

Costs

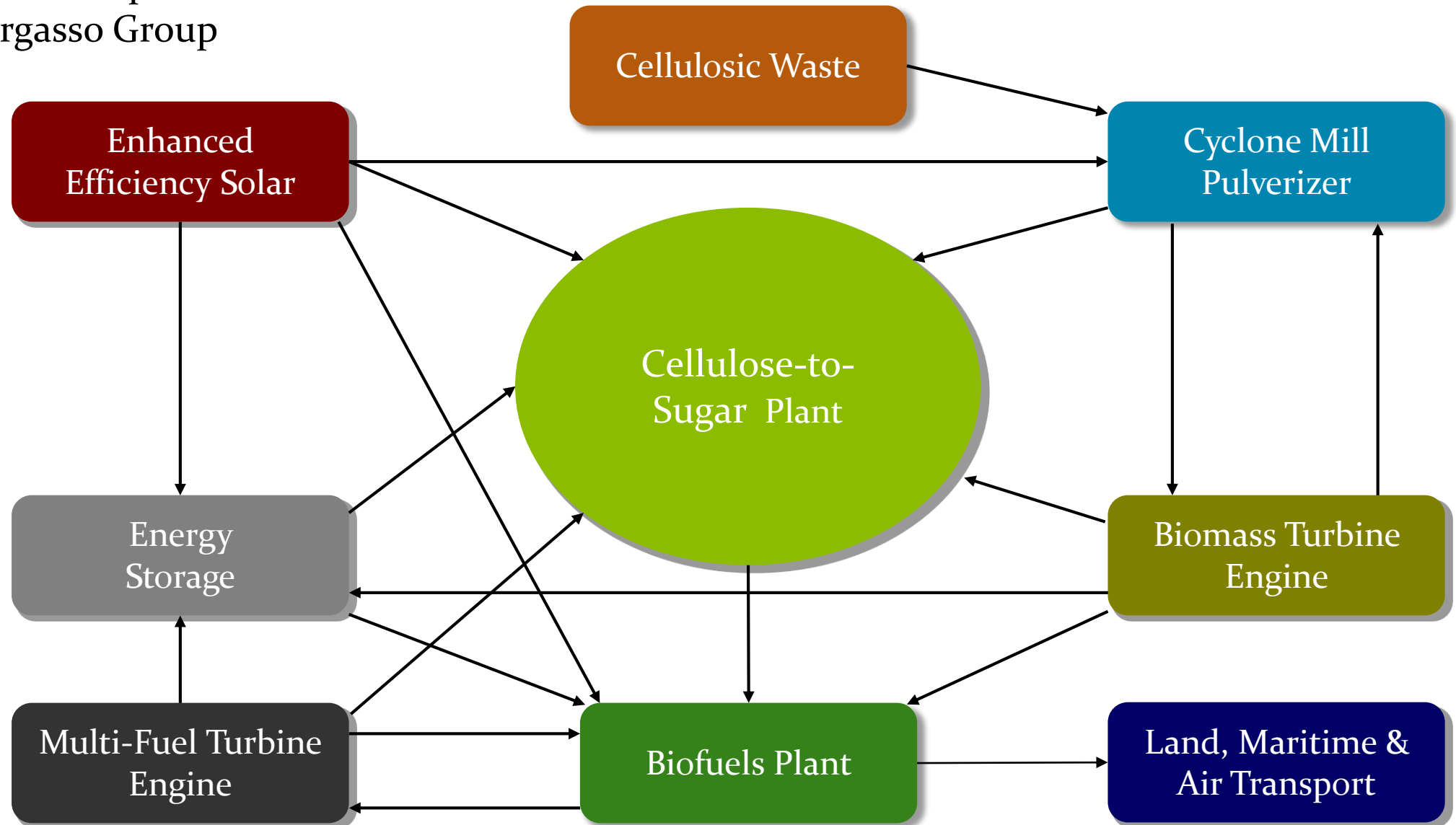
Technology  
Success

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

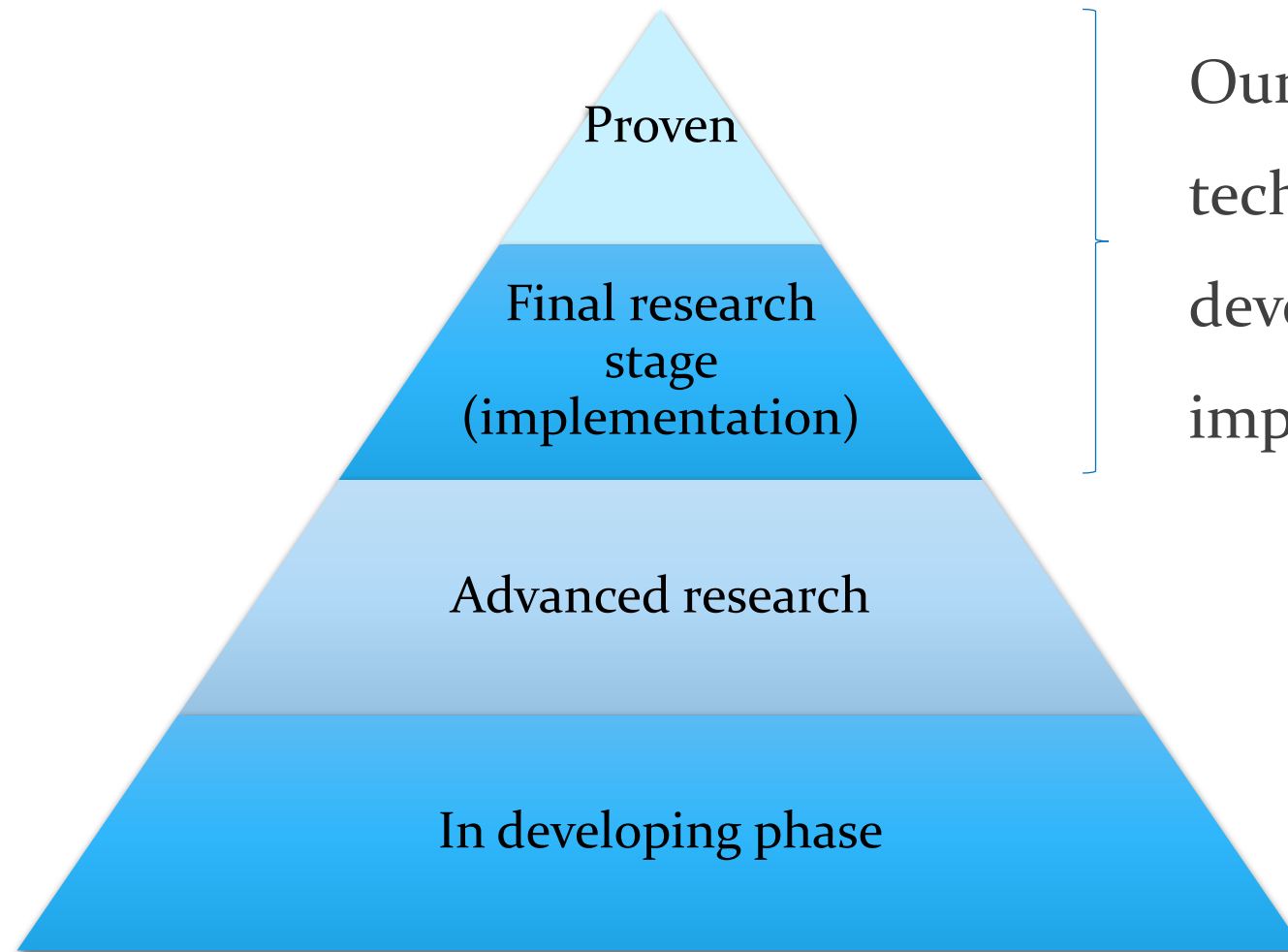


# MSI Universal Model – Integrating Technologies

Business example:  
The Sargasso Group



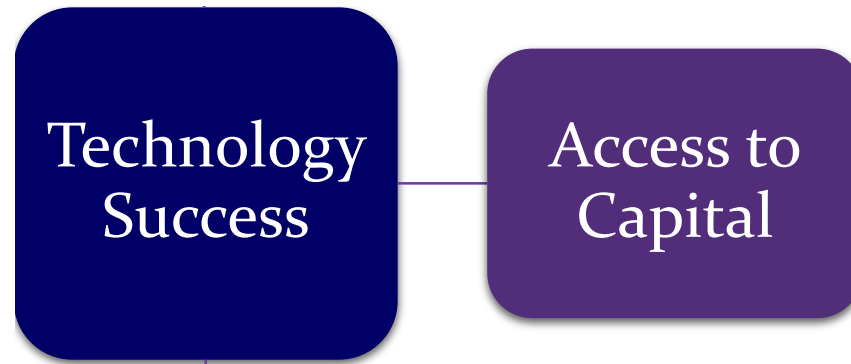
Windows to capital access differ depending on the development stage of technologies:



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



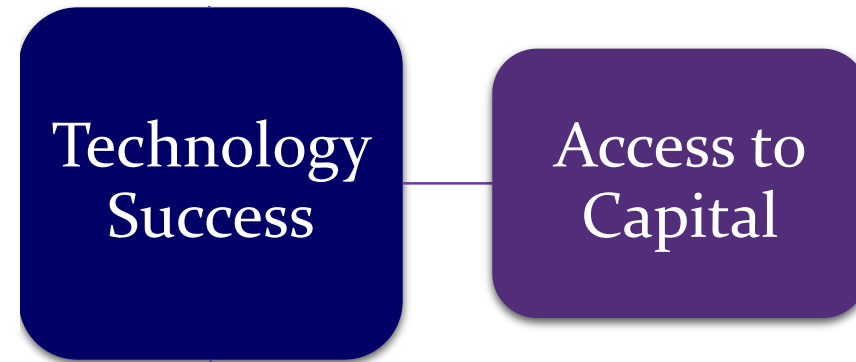
- Financial solutions designed on a project and country basis.
- Solutions adapted to the prevailing regulatory, economic and market conditions especially the return requirements of investors and lenders.



- 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.

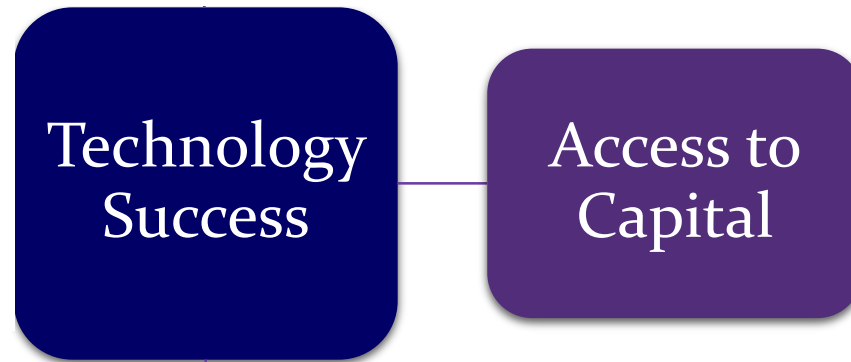


- Export-Import Finance: Commercial banks, export agencies. Debt.
- Project Finance: Investment banks, commercial banks, investment funds, development banks, grants, specialist lenders. Debt or debt + equity.



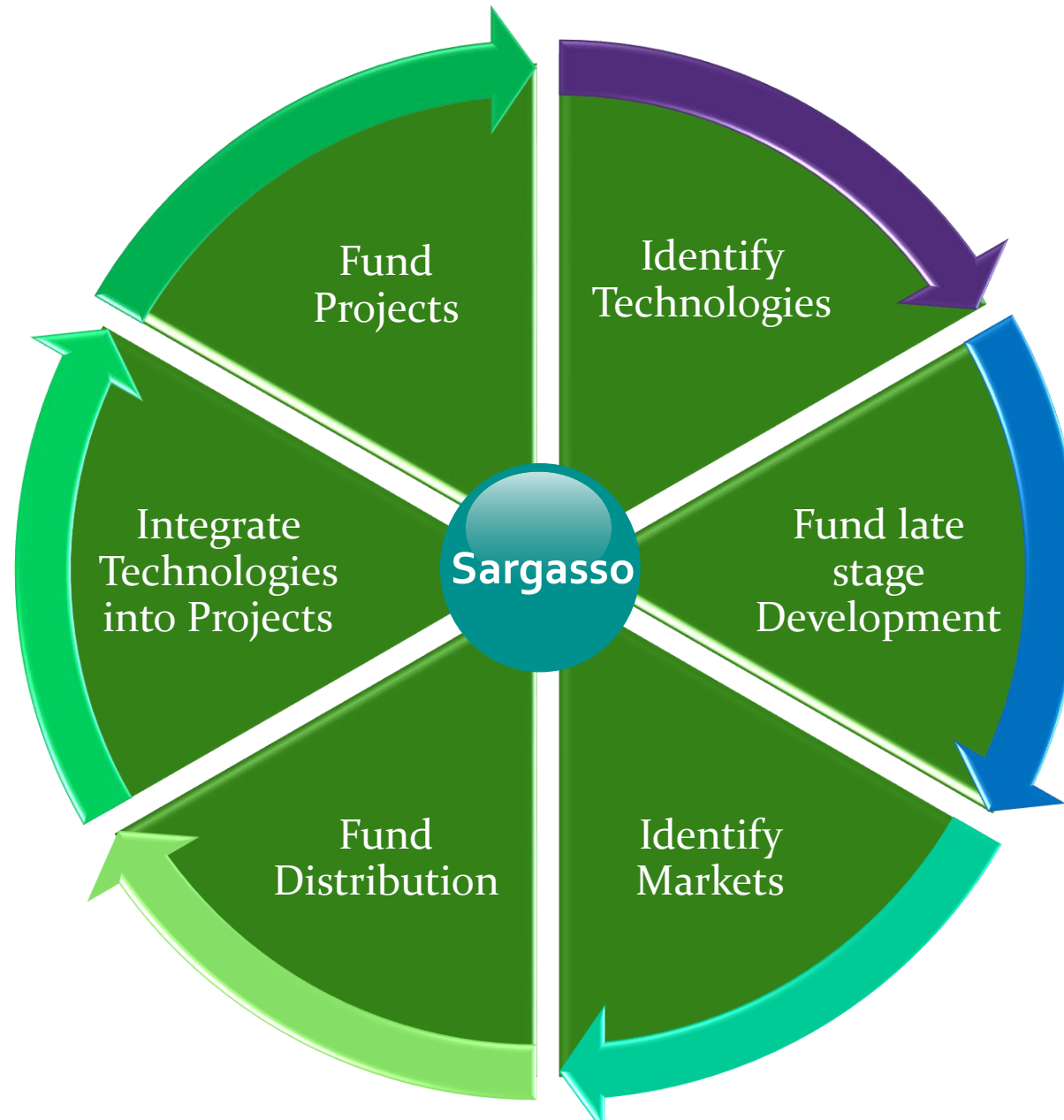
# MSI Universal Model – Risk Factors

- 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



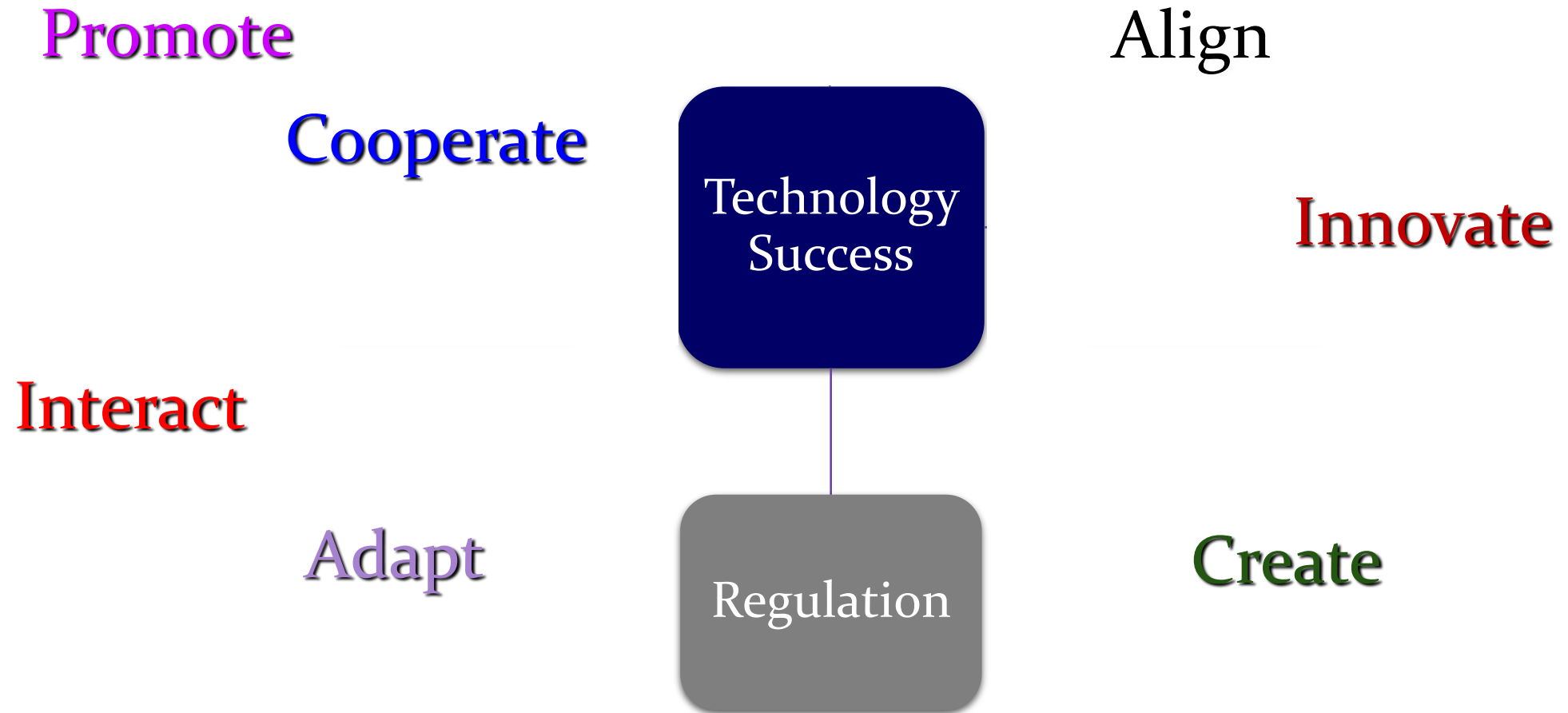
- Political: Stability of democracy; rule of law; corruption; conflicts
- Currency: Convertibility, volatility, devaluations
- Execution: If it goes wrong, how easily can I sue?

# MSI Universal Value Proposition

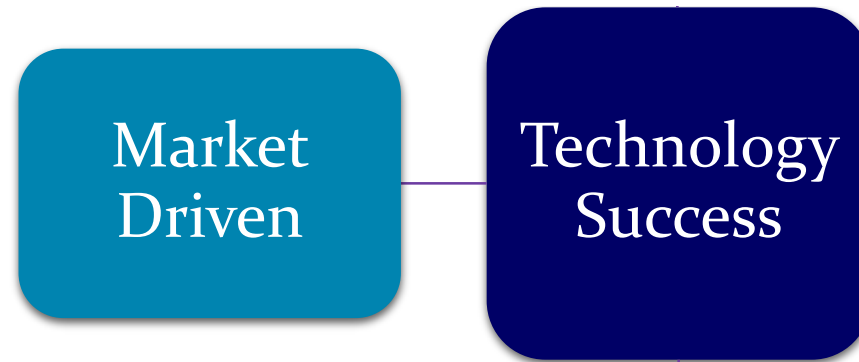




We work with local authorities to take advantage of the domestic regulatory framework that the country offers:



- 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:

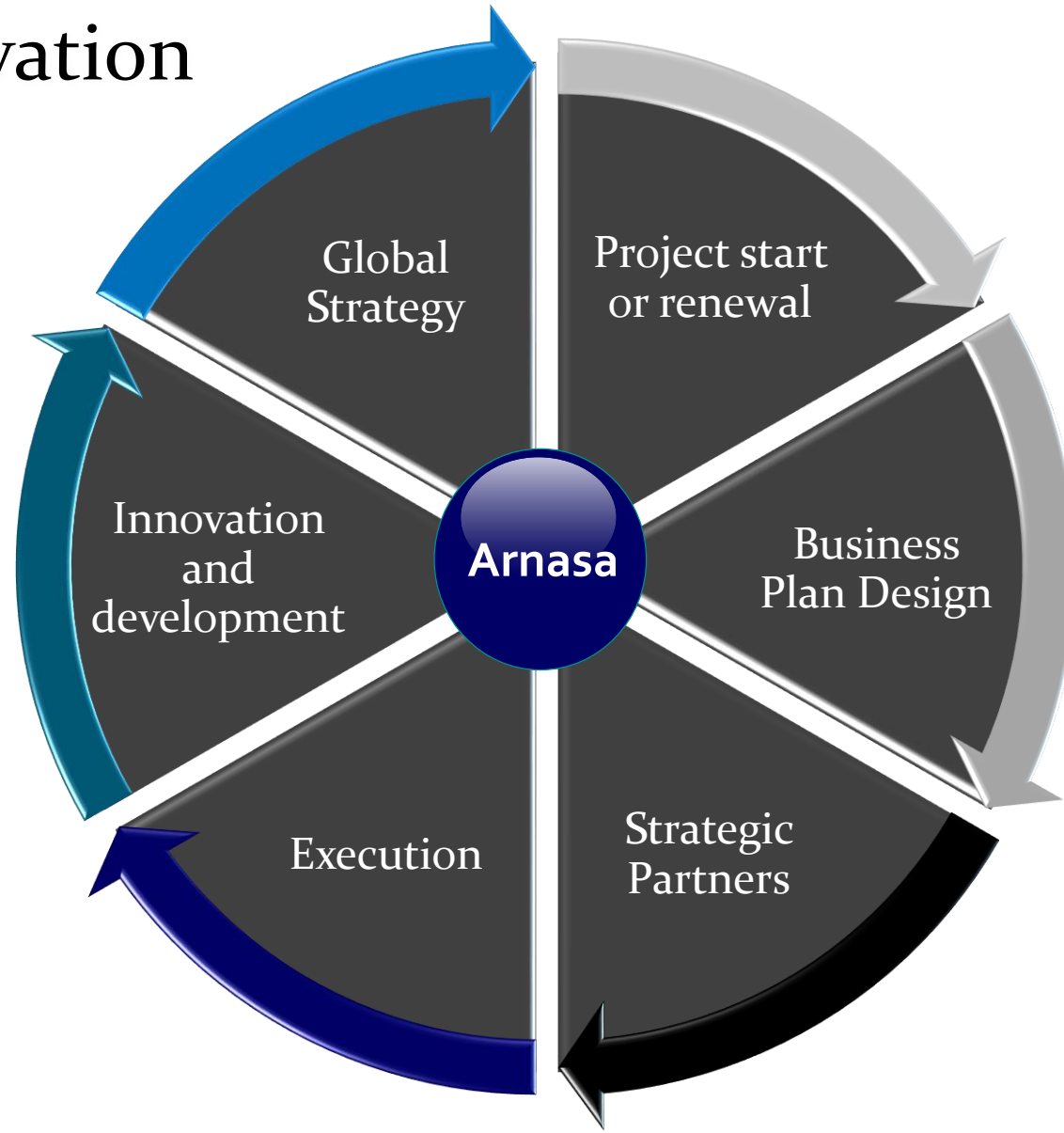
“Shared Value” between Governments, Companies & Society



# MSI Universal Value Proposition



## Continual innovation process





## Sustainable Project Management



# MSI Universal – Integrated Solutions







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