

HUMAN RIGHTS BASED APPROACH TO SDG'S

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***"TheWorldWeWant or TheWorldWeNeed
for present and future generations"***

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Social

Environment

Economy

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Social

Equity / equality

Right to Life, Food, Water, Health, Property,
Housing, Self-determination, Development,
Work, Family life, Cultural rights, Information
and Participation

Women, Children, Future generations.
Indigenous Peoples
Refugees and Security Issues

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Economy

As mentioned at Social. Plus:

Fair Economy

Workers Rights, Land & Property Rights,
Corrupt, Bribery v. Transparency.

Investment (pension) funds ratings

HR & Business -

Ruggie Framework

UN Guiding Principles

GRI G4 and OECD norms

Natural disasters have costed 2.5 trillion since
2000. Excl. Haiyan.

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Environment

As mentioned at Social, plus:

The Right to a healthy & clean Environment ("RtE"):

- UN GA Resolutions, preamble of treaties like Aarhus, two regional Human Rights treaties and 100 constitutions.

Like Brazil, article 225 FC:

“Everyone has the right to an ecologically balanced environment, which is an asset of common use and essential to a healthy quality of life, and both the Government and the community shall have the duty to defend and preserve it for present and future generations.”

- European Court (ECHR in *Di Sarno v Italy*) and ESC in *Marangopoulos v Greece*.

- UN Decl. Rights of Indigenous Peoples

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Environment

At the Rio+20 General Meeting with Heads of States, Mr. Abdelkader Bensalah, President of Algeria, stated on behalf of G77 and China:

"The necessity to realize sustainable growth is now bigger than ever.

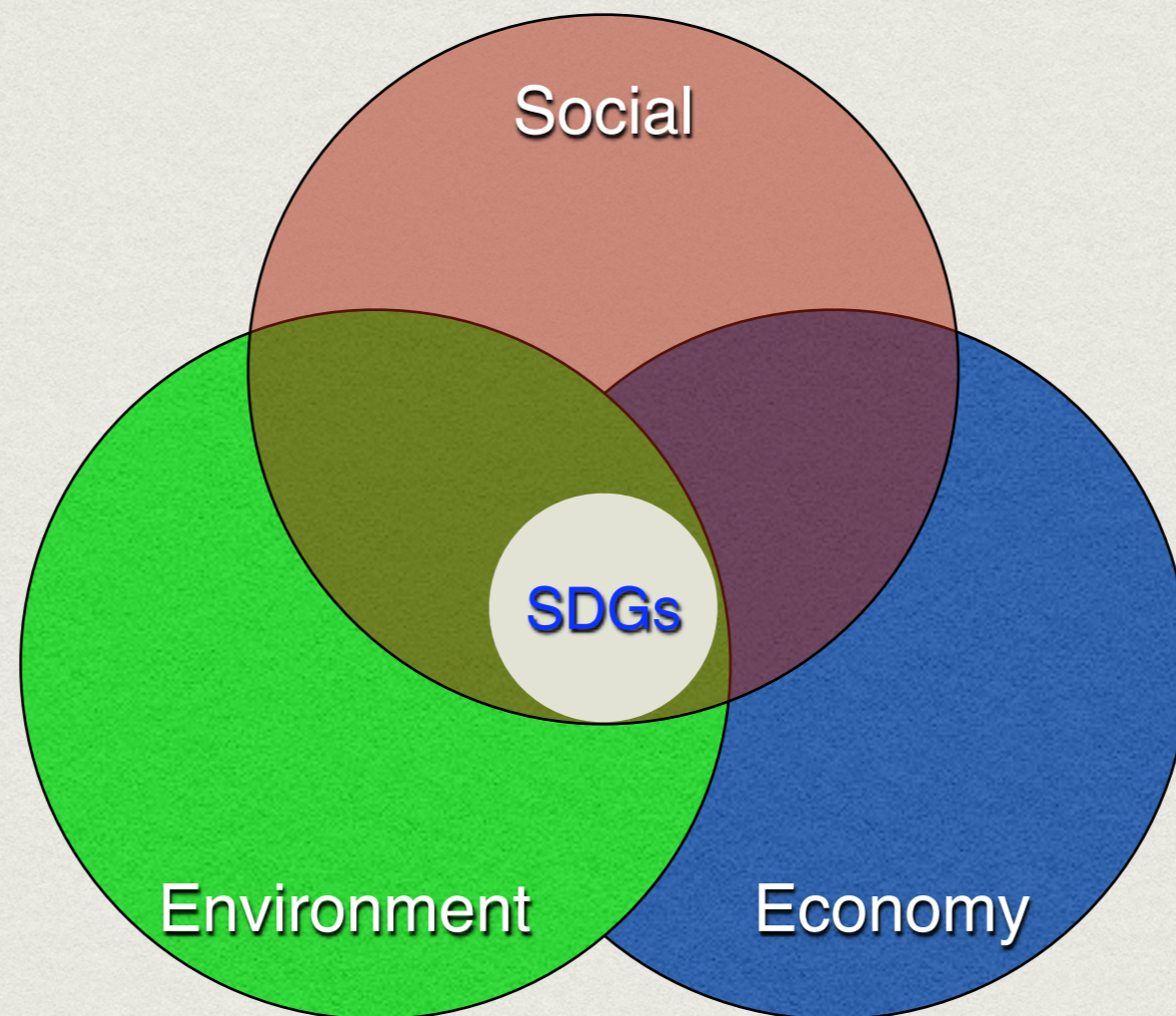
The human right to a healthy environment is the fundament of the basis of the three pillars of sustainable development."

'Child's Right to Nature and a Healthy Environment' Resolution at the 2012 IUCN congress: 150 nations and over 1,000 ngo's

Commons project

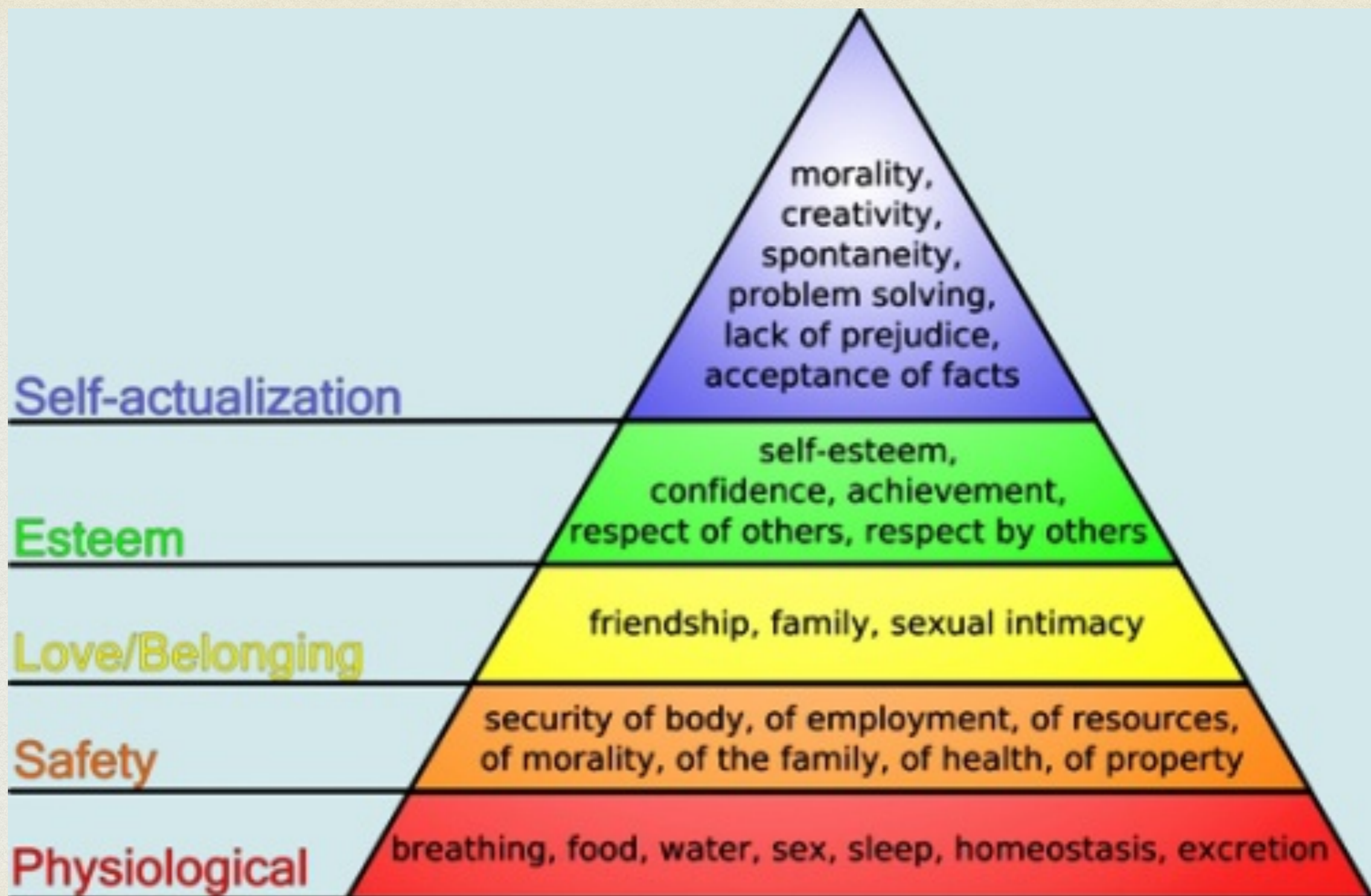
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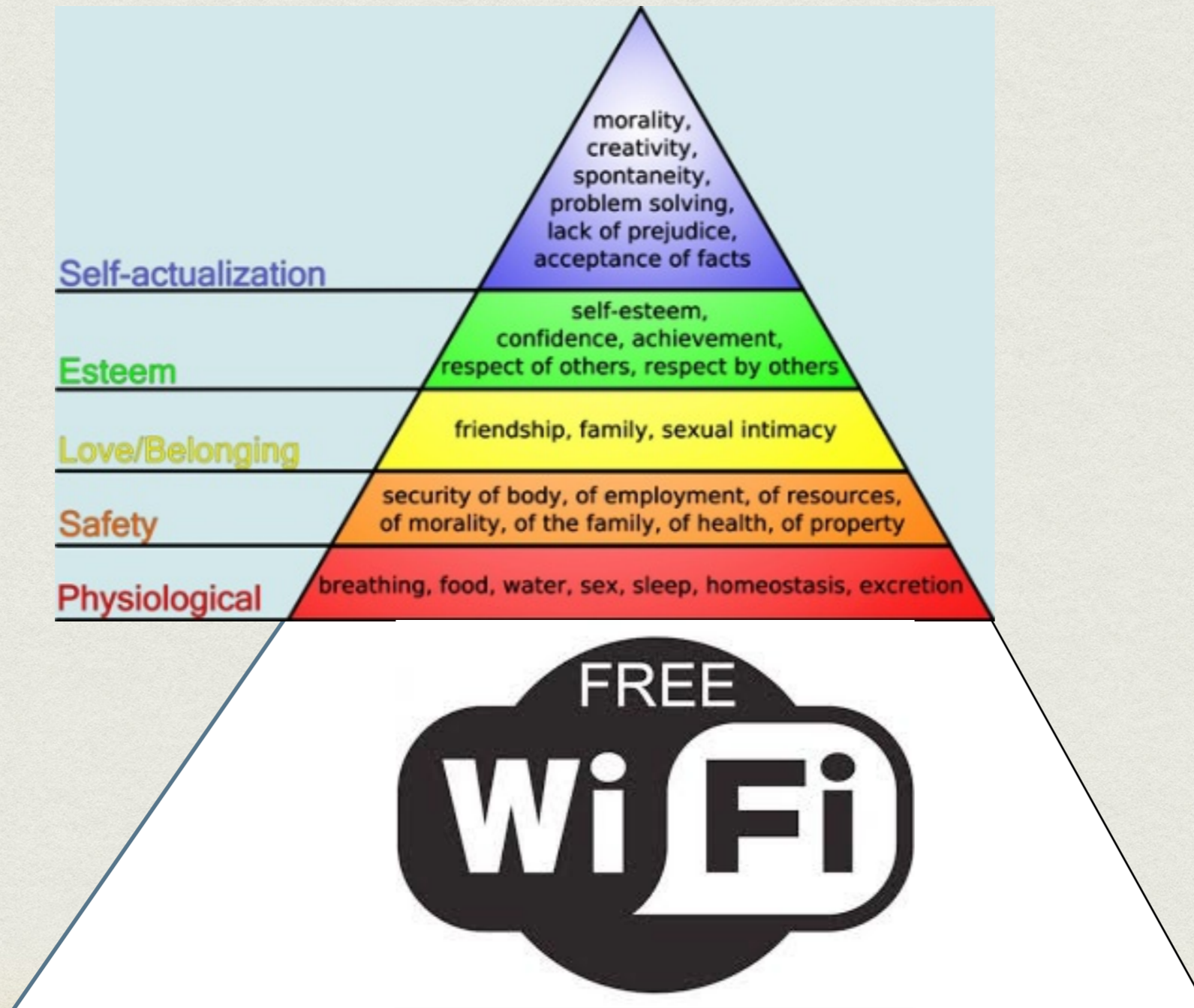


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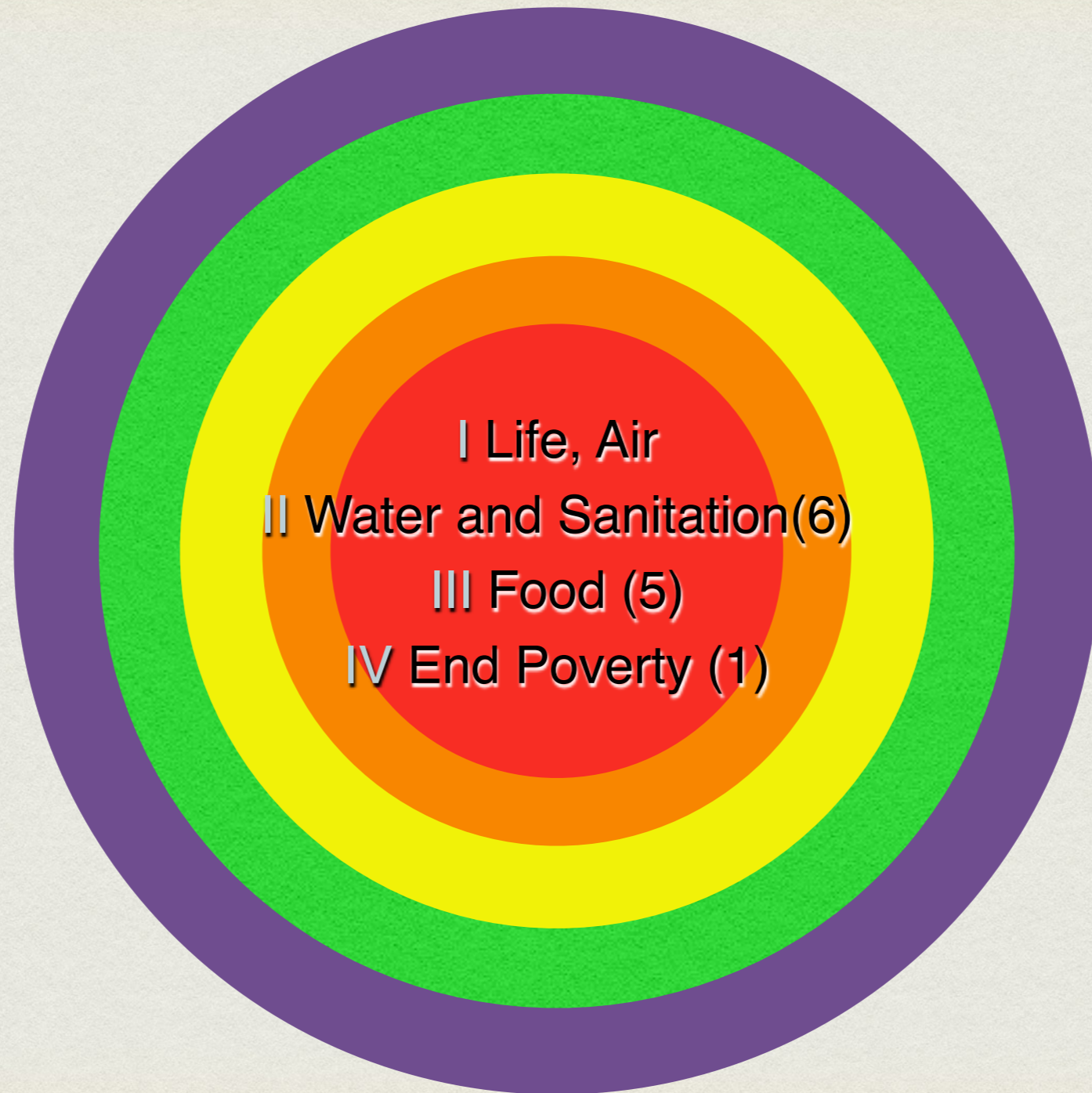
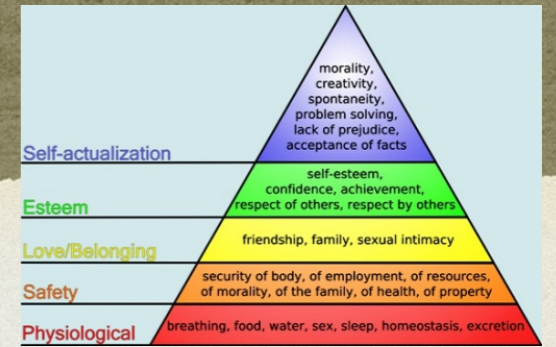
UNIVERSAL GOALS, NATIONAL TARGETS

- ¹ Candidates for global minimum standards, including 'zero' goals.
² Indicators to be disaggregated.
³ Targets require further technical work to find appropriate indicators.

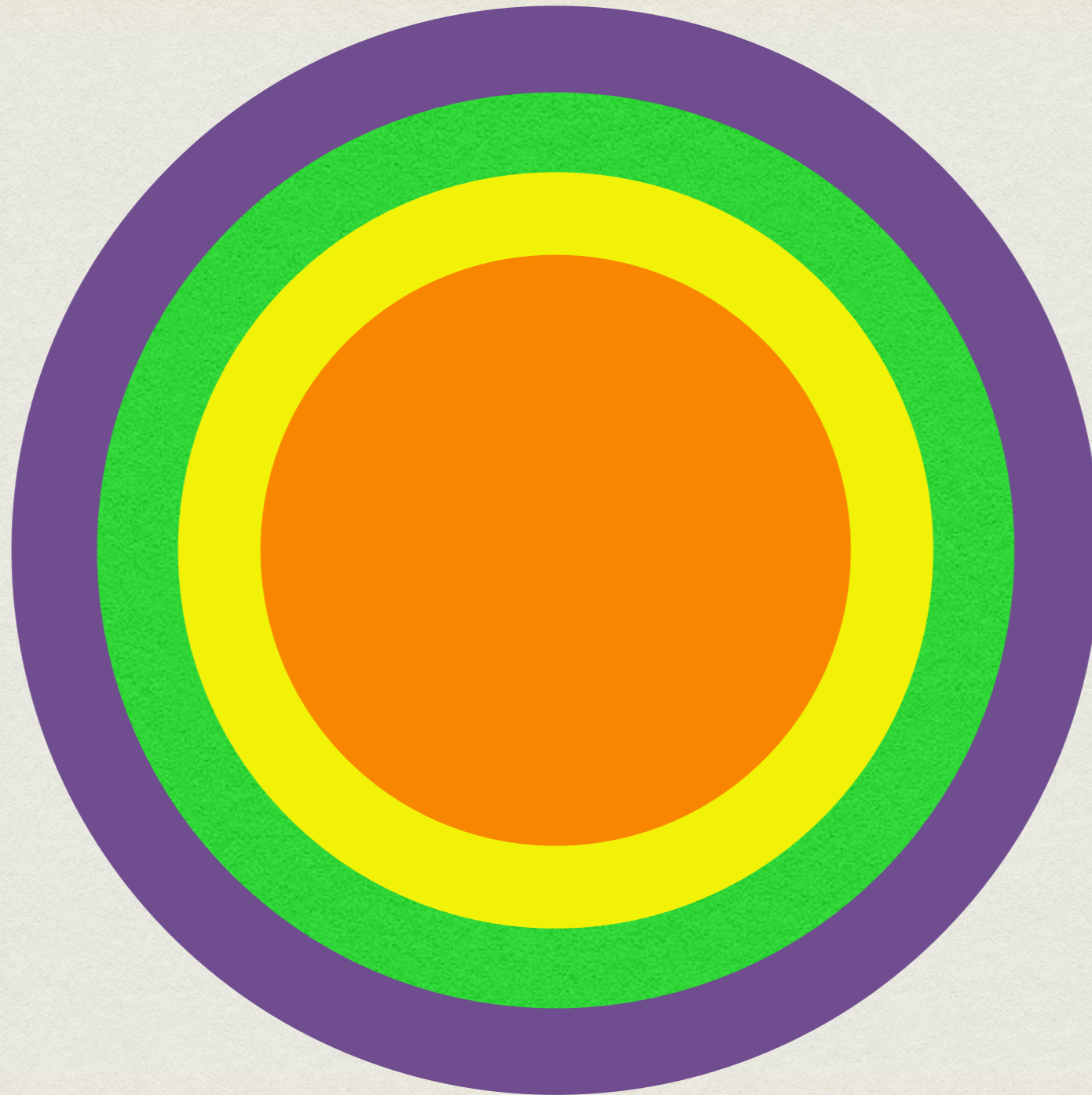
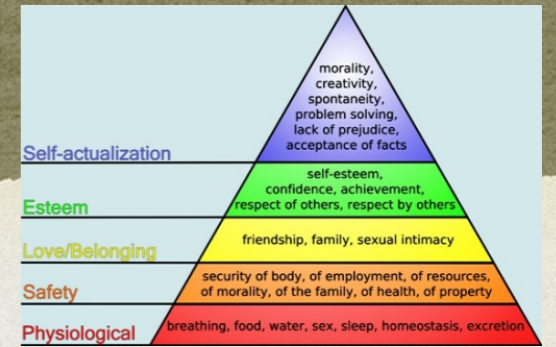
	1. End Poverty	<p>1a. Bring the number of people living on less than \$1.25 a day to zero and reduce by x% the share of people living below their country's 2015 national poverty line ^{1,2}</p> <p>1b. Increase by x% the share of women and men, communities, and businesses with secure rights to land, property, and other assets ^{2,3}</p> <p>1c. Cover x% of people who are poor and vulnerable with social protection systems ^{2,3}</p> <p>1d. Build resilience and reduce deaths from natural disasters by x% ²</p>
	2. Empower Girls and Women and Achieve Gender Equality	<p>2a. Prevent and eliminate all forms of violence against girls and women ^{1,2,3}</p> <p>2b. End child marriage ^{1,2}</p> <p>2c. Ensure equal right of women to own and inherit property, sign a contract, register a business and open a bank account ^{1,2}</p> <p>2d. Eliminate discrimination against women in political, economic, and public life ^{1,2,3}</p>
	3. Provide Quality Education and Lifelong Learning	<p>3a. Increase by x% the proportion of children able to access and complete pre-primary education ²</p> <p>3b. Ensure every child, regardless of circumstance, completes primary education able to read, write and count well enough to meet minimum learning standards ^{1,2}</p> <p>3c. Ensure every child, regardless of circumstance, has access to lower secondary education and increase the proportion of adolescents who achieve recognized and measurable learning outcomes to x% ^{1,2}</p> <p>3d. Increase the number of young and adult women and men with the skills, including technical and vocational, needed for work by x% ^{2,3}</p>
	4. Ensure Healthy Lives	<p>4a. End preventable infant and under-5 deaths ^{1,2}</p> <p>4b. Increase by x% the proportion of children, adolescents, at-risk adults and older people that are fully vaccinated ^{1,2}</p> <p>4c. Decrease the maternal mortality ratio to no more than x per 100,000 ^{1,2}</p> <p>4d. Ensure universal sexual and reproductive health and rights ^{1,2}</p> <p>4e. Reduce the burden of disease from HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, neglected tropical diseases and priority non-communicable diseases ²</p>
	5. Ensure Food Security and Good Nutrition	<p>5a. End hunger and protect the right of everyone to have access to sufficient, safe, affordable, and nutritious food ^{1,2}</p> <p>5b. Reduce stunting by x%, wasting by y%, and anemia by z% for all children under five ^{1,2}</p> <p>5c. Increase agricultural productivity by x%, with a focus on sustainably increasing smallholder yields and access to irrigation ³</p> <p>5d. Adopt sustainable agricultural, ocean and freshwater fishery practices and rebuild designated fish stocks to sustainable levels ¹</p> <p>5e. Reduce postharvest loss and food waste by x% ³</p>
	6. Achieve Universal Access to Water and Sanitation	<p>6a. Provide universal access to safe drinking water at home, and in schools, health centers, and refugee camps ^{1,2}</p> <p>6b. End open defecation and ensure universal access to sanitation at school and work, and increase access to sanitation at home by x% ^{1,2}</p> <p>6c. Bring freshwater withdrawals in line with supply and increase water efficiency in agriculture by x%, industry by y% and urban areas by z%</p> <p>6d. Recycle or treat all municipal and industrial wastewater prior to discharge ^{1,3}</p>

	7. Secure Sustainable Energy	<p>7a. Double the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix</p> <p>7b. Ensure universal access to modern energy services ^{1,2}</p> <p>7c. Double the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency in buildings, industry, agriculture and transport</p> <p>7d. Phase out inefficient fossil fuel subsidies that encourage wasteful consumption ^{1,3}</p>
	8. Create Jobs, Sustainable Livelihoods, and Equitable Growth	<p>8a. Increase the number of good and decent jobs and livelihoods by x ²</p> <p>8b. Decrease the number of young people not in education, employment or training by x% ²</p> <p>8c. Strengthen productive capacity by providing universal access to financial services and infrastructure such as transportation and ICT ^{1,2,3}</p> <p>8d. Increase new start-ups by x and value added from new products by y through creating an enabling business environment and boosting entrepreneurship ^{2,3}</p>
	9. Manage Natural Resource Assets Sustainably	<p>9a. Publish and use economic, social and environmental accounts in all governments and major companies ¹</p> <p>9b. Increase consideration of sustainability in x% of government procurements ¹</p> <p>9c. Safeguard ecosystems, species and genetic diversity</p> <p>9d. Reduce deforestation by x% and increase reforestation by y%</p> <p>9e. Improve soil quality, reduce soil erosion by x tonnes and combat desertification</p>
	10. Ensure Good Governance and Effective Institutions	<p>10a. Provide free and universal legal identity, such as birth registrations ^{1,2}</p> <p>10b. Ensure people enjoy freedom of speech, association, peaceful protest and access to independent media and information ^{1,3}</p> <p>10c. Increase public participation in political processes and civic engagement at all levels ^{2,3}</p> <p>10d. Guarantee the public's right to information and access to government data ¹</p> <p>10e. Reduce bribery and corruption and ensure officials can be held accountable ¹</p>
	11. Ensure Stable and Peaceful Societies	<p>11a. Reduce violent deaths per 100,000 by x and eliminate all forms of violence against children ^{1,2,3}</p> <p>11b. Ensure justice institutions are accessible, independent, well-resourced and respect due-process rights ^{1,2}</p> <p>11c. Stem the external stressors that lead to conflict, including those related to organised crime ³</p> <p>11d. Enhance the capacity, professionalism and accountability of the security forces, police and judiciary ³</p>
	12. Create a Global Enabling Environment and Catalyse Long-Term Finance	<p>12a. Support an open, fair and development-friendly trading system, substantially reducing trade-distorting measures, including agricultural subsidies, while improving market access of developing country products ²</p> <p>12b. Implement reforms to ensure stability of the global financial system and encourage stable, long-term private foreign investment ³</p> <p>12c. Hold the increase in global average temperature below 2°C above pre-industrial levels, in line with international agreements</p> <p>12d. Developed countries that have not done so to make concrete efforts towards the target of 0.7% of gross national product (GNP) as official development assistance to developing countries and 0.15 to 0.20% of GNP of developed countries to least developed countries; other countries should move toward voluntary targets for complementary financial assistance</p> <p>12e. Reduce illicit flows and tax evasion and increase stolen-asset recovery by \$x ³</p> <p>12f. Promote collaboration on and access to science, technology, innovation, and development data ³</p>

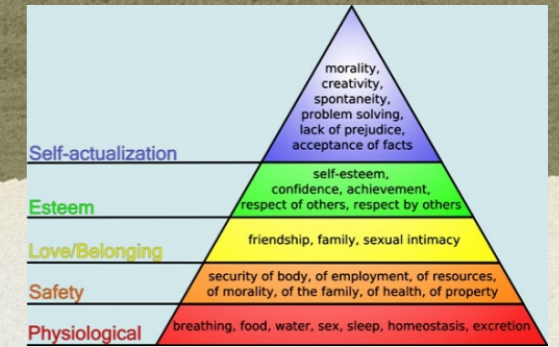
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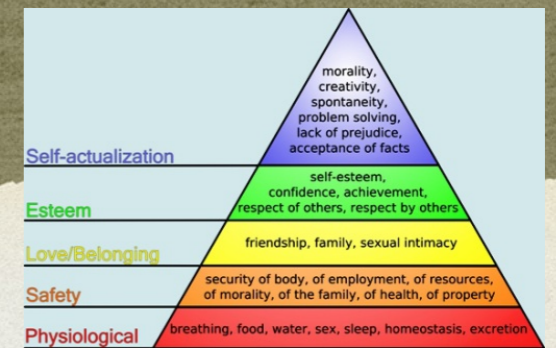


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- V Empower Girls and Women and Achieve Gender Equality (2)
- VI Education and Information (3)
- VII Ensure Healthy Lives (4)
- VIII Secure Sustainable Energy (7)
- IX Create Jobs, Sustainable Livelihoods and Equitable Growth (8)
- X Manage Natural Resources Sustainably (9)
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WHY?

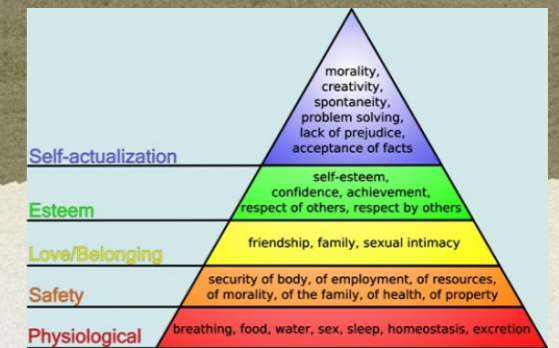
- **Human Rights are our basic needs, the things we cannot live without.**
- **We, present and future generations, need a healthy planet, economy, and society - which partly is already reflected in / through human rights law.**
- **Reflecting these 'needs', people express their 'wants' and stand up for their rights: ETOs, Commons, RtE, Ecocide, HCFutureGenerations, ClimateC. Litigation, HR&B, etc.**
- **At the core of this, we need Sustainable Development. The relevant 'needs / rights' must be reflected and safeguarded through UN institutions and the SDGs.**

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WHY?

- **Rights are connected with responsibilities and obligations. Creation of rights and duties and more awareness for individuals, business and States**
- **Human Rights claims are and remain absolute (no lobby or successful pressure). When specific Rights are violated, victims have access to Courts.**
- **SDG defenders are Human Rights Defenders.**
- **A Human Rights based SDGs approach transforms moral imperatives into legal obligations, it further develops Human Rights Law and functions as the fundament on which the SDGs are built.**

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HOW?

- **Easy :-)**
- **Integrate Human Rights at the basis of the SDGs and the accompanying framework and documents.**
- **Mention specific relevant rights and Acknowledge the right of all, present and future generations, to live in a healthy and clean environment.**
- **Call for treaties and institutions supporting a Rights based realisation of SDGs on: ETOs, Commons & RtE, Ecocide, High Commissioner Future Generations, etc.**

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HOW?

- **Look at and design the specific goals through 'human rights eyes'.**
- **Same strong goals, outcomes, markers, they help realise SDGs and Human Rights!**
- **Give global, regional and local governments, business and people 'Pieces of the Puzzle': *Avicii, Wake Me Up, 'I tried carrying the weight of the world, but I only have two hands.'***
- **Make it real. Tangible. As soon as you're infected the SustDev virus, you'll become an ambassador as well.**

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**Governments, States, are in place
for the people and peoples.
A Human Rights based approach
on SDGs, helps us towards
'TheWorldWeNeed', that's
'TheFutureWeWant'**

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