

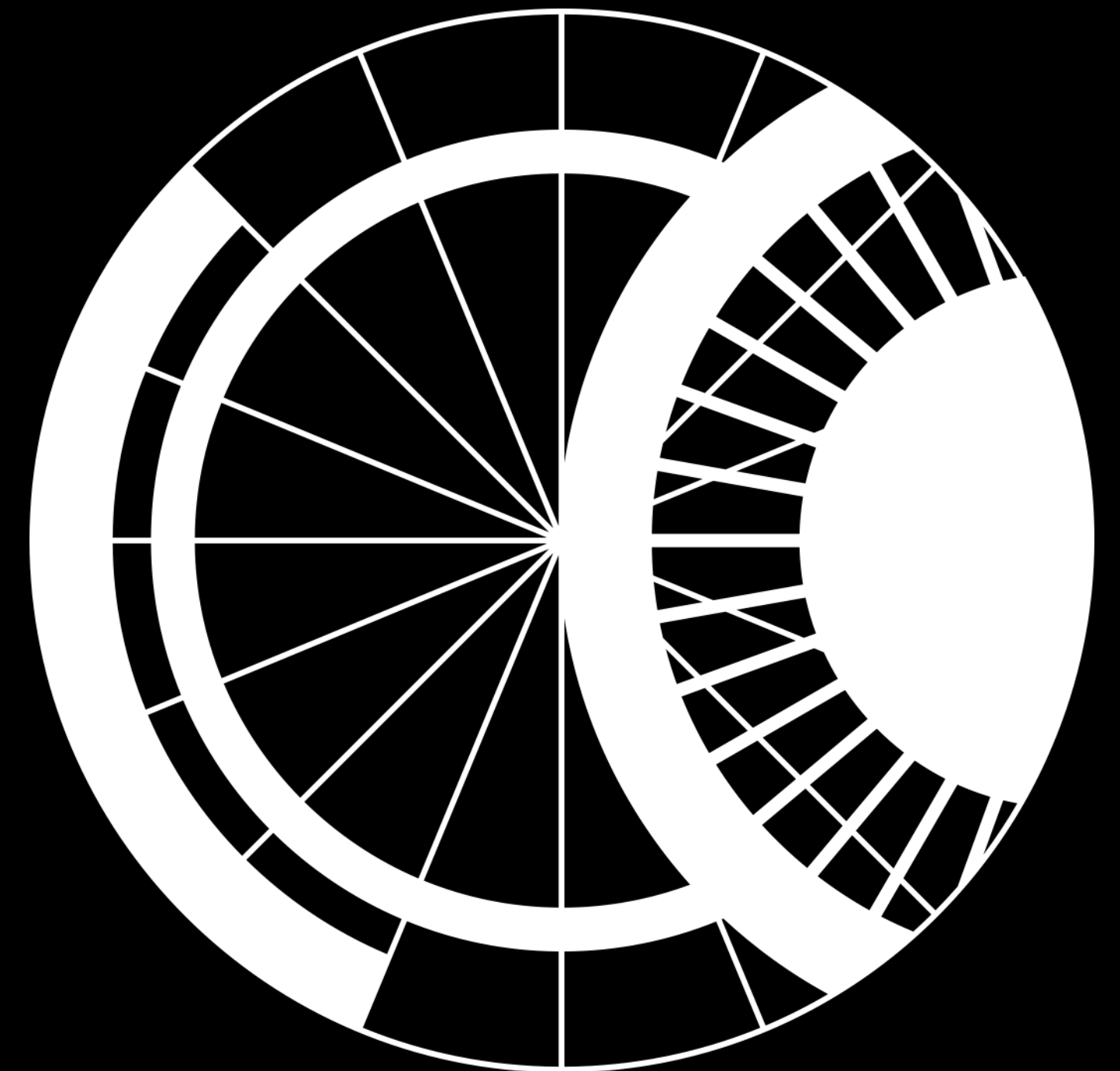


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HOWARD HENDRICKS

MANAGING EXECUTIVE: CONSERVATION
SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL PARKS

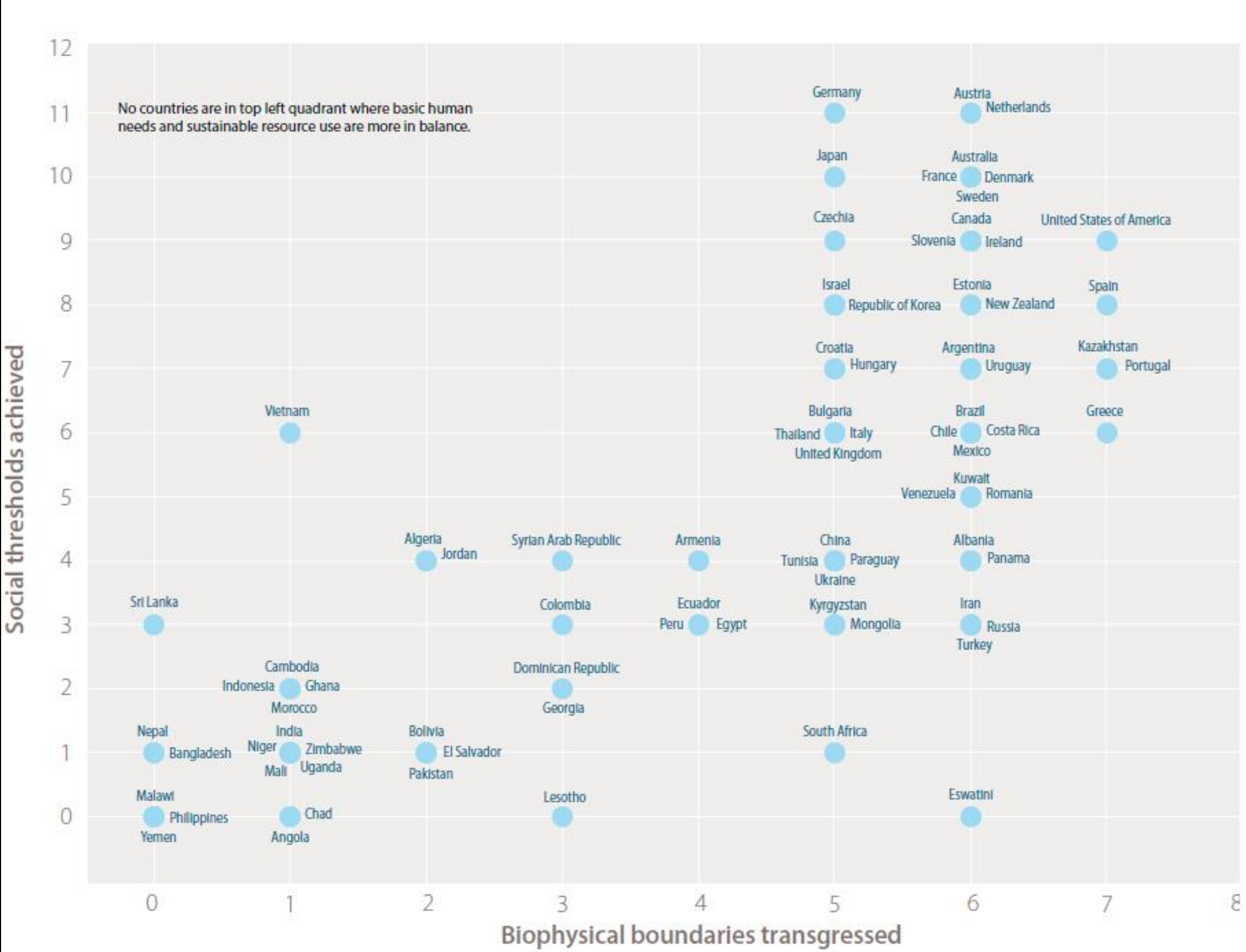
INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM
"INVENTING THE FUTURE"



TECHNOLOGIES TO
ADDRESS GLOBAL
ENVIRONMENTAL
CHALLENGES

ESG Agenda

No country is meeting basic human goals within biophysical boundaries!

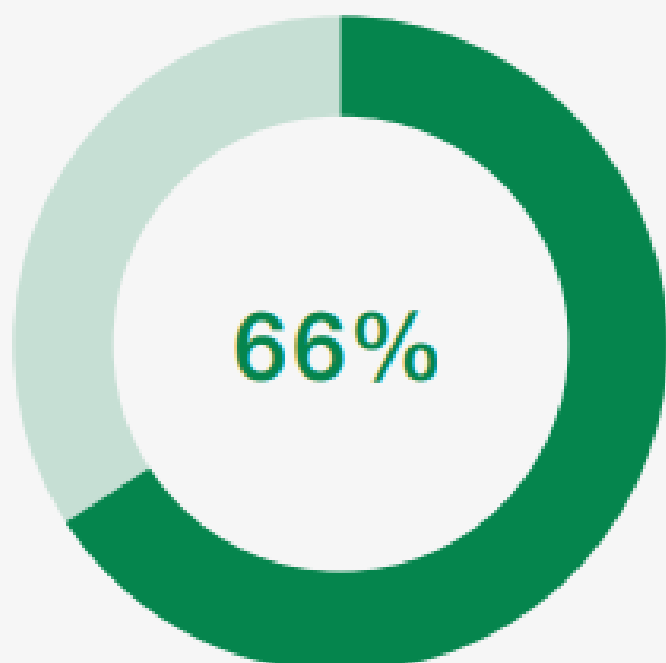


Environmental challenges - current

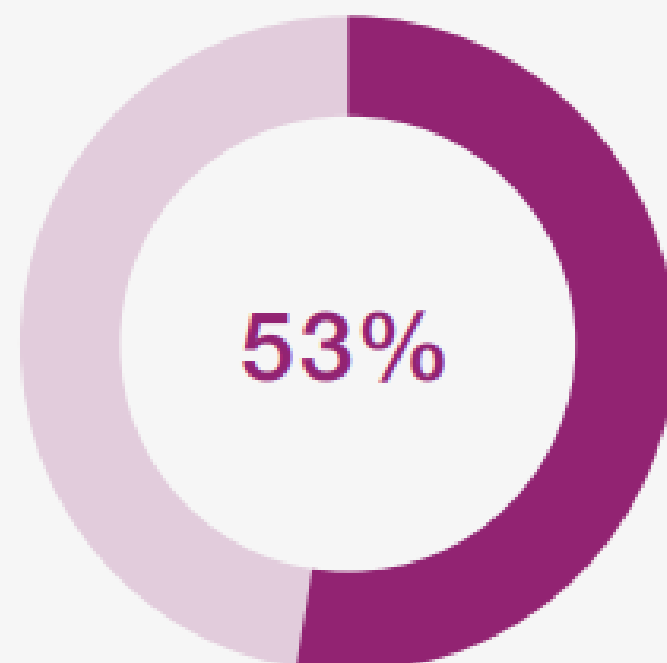
FIGURE B

Current risk landscape

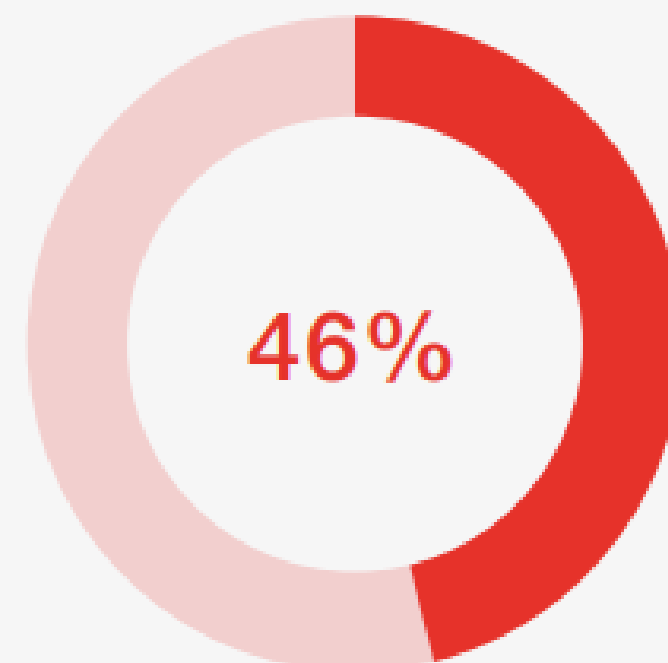
- Risk categories
- Economic
 - Environmental
 - Geopolitical
 - Societal
 - Technological



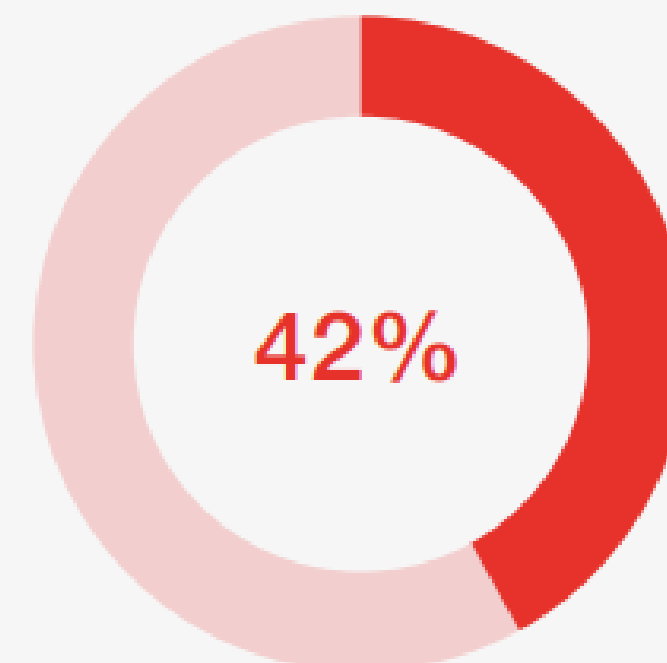
1st
Extreme weather



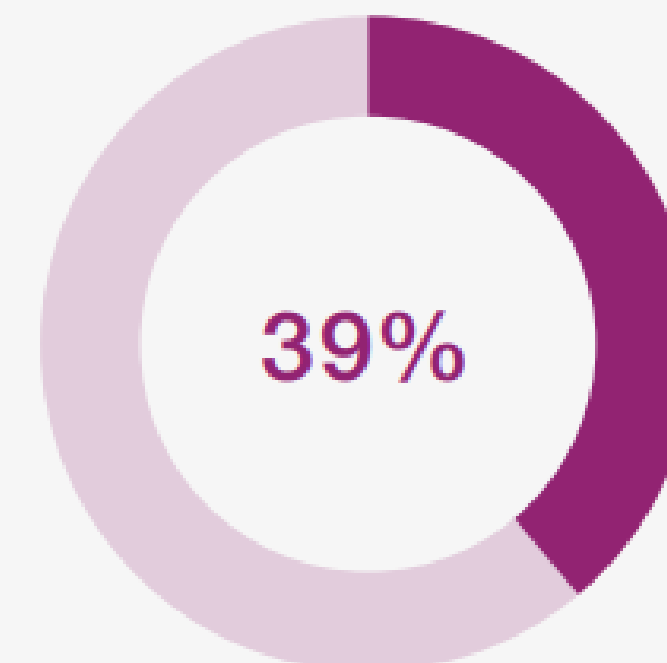
2nd
AI-generated
misinformation
and disinformation



3rd
Societal and/or
political polarization



4th
Cost-of-living crisis



5th
Cyberattacks

Source
World Economic Forum Global Risks
Perception Survey 2023-2024.

Environmental challenges - future

FIGURE C

Global risks ranked by severity over the short and long term

Risk categories

- Economic
- Environmental
- Geopolitical
- Societal
- Technological

2 years

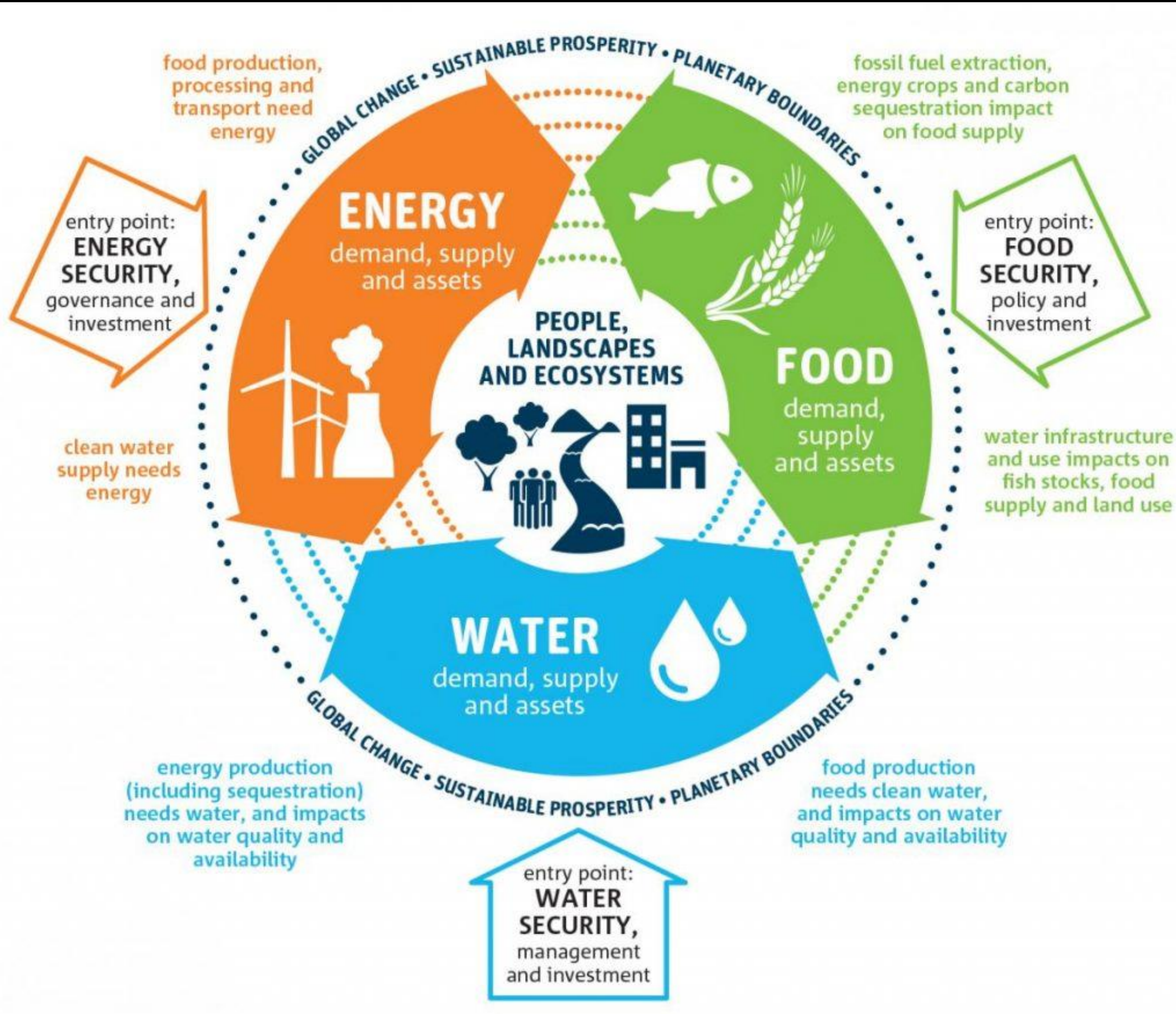


10 years



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The need to balance the environment and social wellbeing

- 10 years
- 1st Extreme weather events
 - 2nd Critical change to Earth systems
 - 3rd Biodiversity loss and ecosystem collapse
 - 4th Natural resource shortages
 - 5th Misinformation and disinformation
 - 6th Adverse outcomes of AI technologies
 - 7th Involuntary migration
 - 8th Cyber insecurity
 - 9th Societal polarization
 - 10th Pollution

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Energy security is not just about having uninterrupted access to energy, but also about securing energy supplies at an affordable price. It is a topic of perennial importance as a result of the global energy crisis.



ENERGY SECURITY



Clean energy investment and energy efficiency are key to a secure exit from today's crisis

- 1 Synchronise scaling up a range of clean energy technologies with scaling back of fossil fuels
- 2 Tackle the demand side and prioritise energy efficiency

With the rapid escalation of energy prices and geopolitical risk in world, energy security has moved to center stage.. Digital solutions are emerging as a strategic tool to help organizations navigate volatility, both short and long term.

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As of 2023, an estimated 2.5 billion people are either moderately or severely food insecure – many households with children up to the age of 5 years old. Yet, for the global population, every third meal goes to waste.

The world needs innovations and new approaches to help achieve the UN's Sustainable Development Goal 2 of Zero hunger by 2030

FOOD SECURITY



- Innovation in agriculture will be key to solving food security problems.
- Promising areas include emerging production technologies such as regenerative methods and vertical farming.
- Digital and data-driven solutions can also allow more informed decision-making.

WATER SECURITY

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By 2030, the global demand for water will exceed sustainable supply by an alarming 40%. (source: www.unep.org/resourcepanel)

- Advances in sensor technology, computing, artificial intelligence, and big data management, can help monitor water quantity and quality and inform operational decisions by the policy makers and water management companies.
- Also, innovations in nature-based systems to manage water can contribute to resilient water management.



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LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

If correctly contextualised, focusing technology on environmental tipping points could make the difference between significant environmental deterioration versus a more sustainability driven and thriving path for the future.

Some key areas in terms of the future of technology are emerging. Innovation in the food-water-energy nexus will help to avoid crossing certain environmental thresholds