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# Resource Efficiency and Circular Economy in the Indian Context

## Module 3

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Towards RE and CE through sectoral strategies  
in India





# Course overview



## Basic modules

1	Introductory session
2	Foundations of RE and CE in the international context
3	Towards RE and CE through sectoral strategies in India

## Applied and advanced modules

4	Tools, standards and indicators for RE and CE
4a	Material Flow Analysis
4b	Life Cycle Assessment
4c	RE and CE Standards
4d	RE and CE Indicators
4e	Public Procurement
4f	Circular Business Models
4g	RE and CE Funding

## Recap and evaluation

5	Summary, outlook and evaluation
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## Learning objective: module 3



### **After completion of module 3, participants will be able to**

- contextualize challenges and opportunities of RE and CE in India;
- outline the existing policy context along the entire lifecycle;
- capture the key elements of the RE strategy and four sectoral strategy papers; and
- map out the stakeholders involved in the implementation of sectoral strategies at the national level.



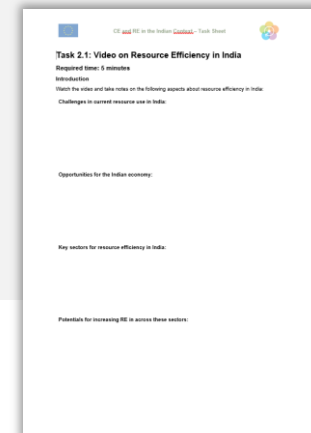
# RE and CE: challenges and opportunities in India



## Exercise 3.1: Video analysis

- Watch the following video and take notes on the following aspects:
  - Challenges of current resource use in India
  - Opportunities for the Indian economy
  - Key sectors for increasing RE
  - Potentials for increasing RE in across these sectors

**Estimated time requirement: 5 min**





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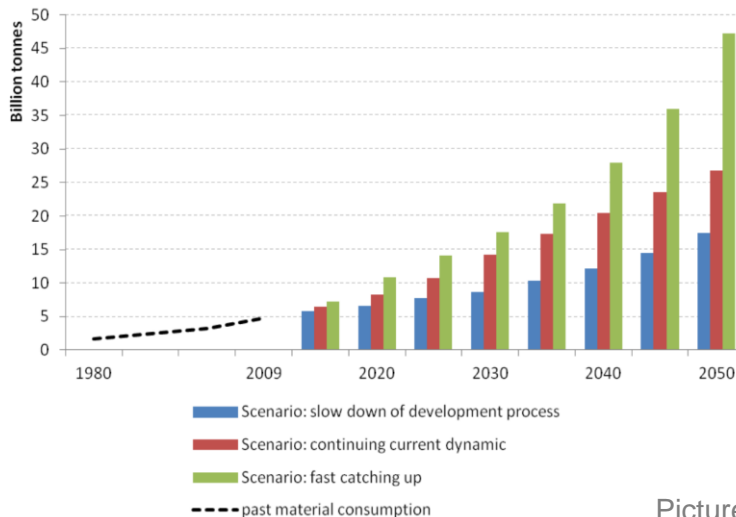


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**India's growing middle income class, urbanization and industrialization are major drivers of resource consumption.**

- Almost 1.4 billion people as of 2019; projected to overtake China and become the most populous country by 2027
- Steady economic growth fuelled resource consumption: 1970 – 2015 saw a sixfold increase in annual material consumption, from 1.8 billion tonnes to 7 billion tonnes



India's raw material demand might increase **tenfold** by 2050. Without further actions, scarcity may create shocks to the Indian economy.

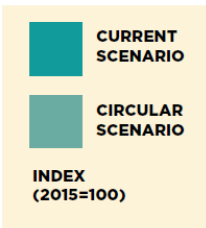
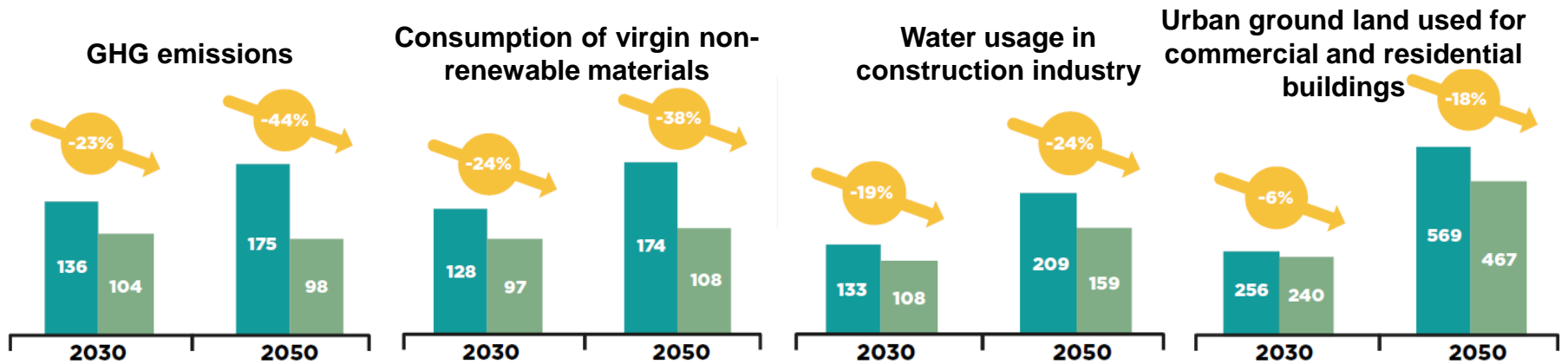


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*“The usage of natural resources especially raw materials in the entire value chain - from extraction to end-of-life - leads to environmental threats like GHG emission, pollutants in various media viz. air, water and soil, and risks to ecology and biodiversity.”*

**A circular economy development path could significantly mitigate negative environmental externalities.**



Potential impact scenarios of transition to CE in the ‘mobility and vehicle manufacturing’, ‘food and agriculture’ and ‘cities and construction’ sectors combined



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## How do we determine priority materials?

### EU definition of “critical raw materials”:

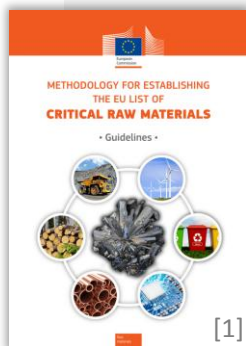
- Raw materials which are economically and strategically important for the European economy, but have a high risk associated with their supply
- Economic importance, supply chain disruptions, price volatility, environmental issues

#### Example: RHENIUM

- super-alloys in aerospace & manufacturing → **high economic importance**
- **India is 100% import dependent** with no declared reserves

### Parameters as per the Indian RE Strategy:

- Economic importance of the material based on its usage across different sectors
- Environmental impact due to extraction and production
- Embodied energy
- Supply risks determined through:
  - Limited geological availability and criticality
  - High import dependency for critical resources
  - Geopolitical constraints



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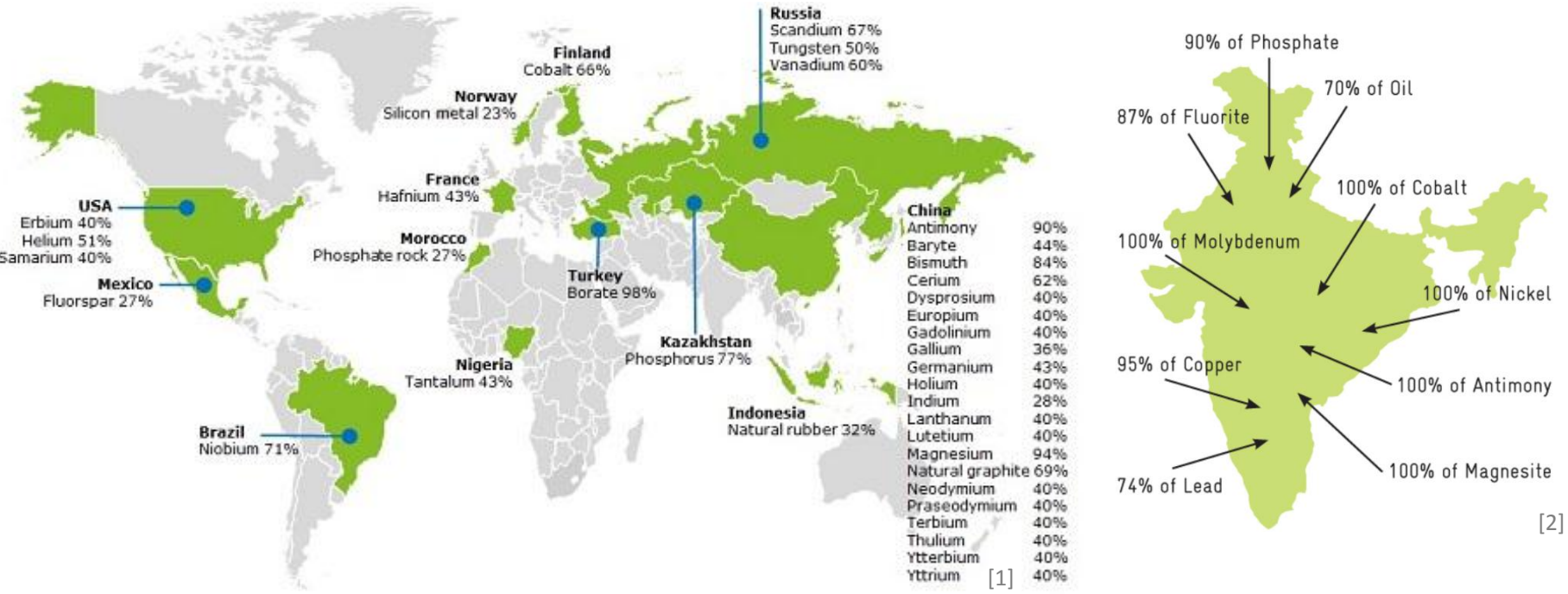
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Although 97% of India's resources are produced domestically, it is highly dependent on the import of critical raw materials.



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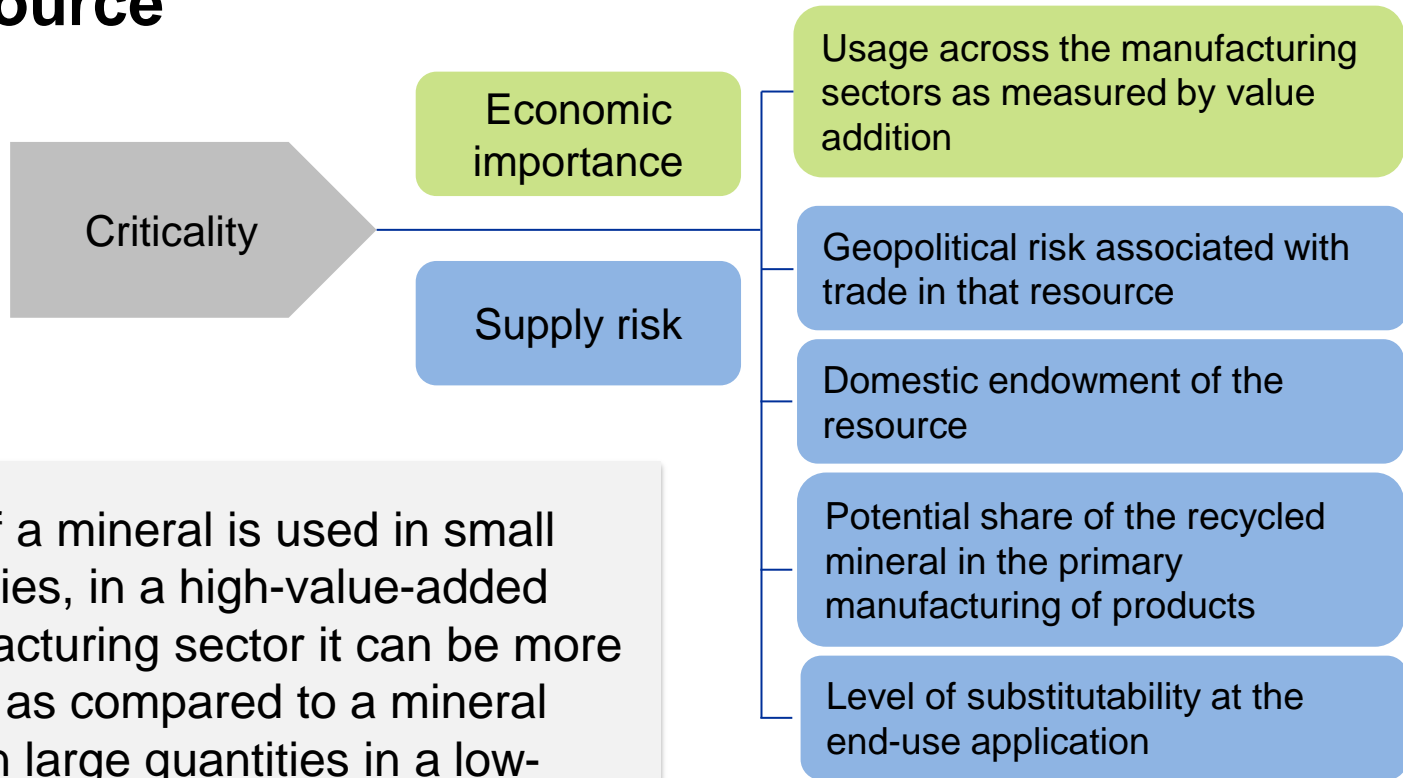
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## How to determine the level of “criticality” of a resource



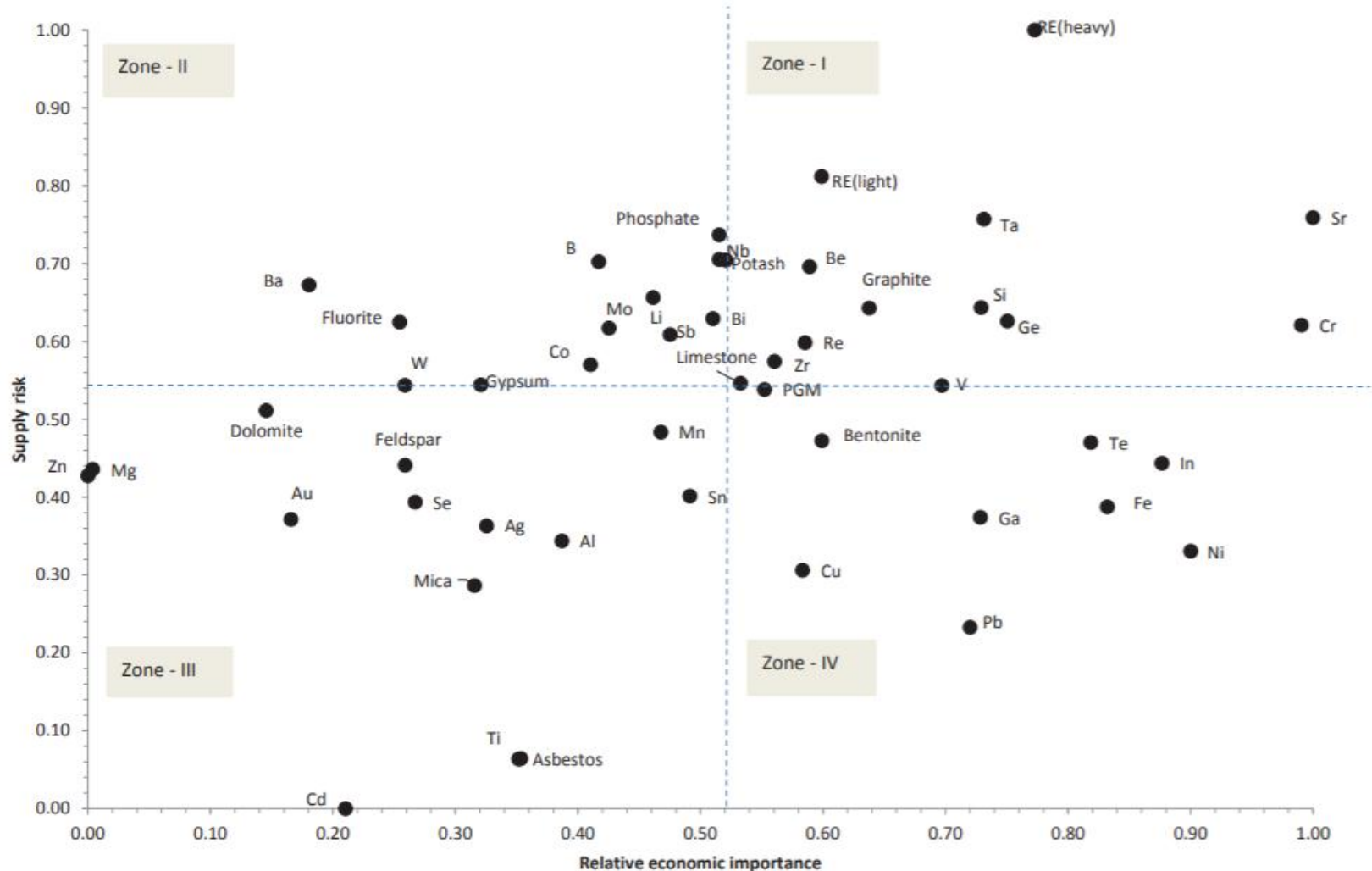
**!** Even if a mineral is used in small quantities, in a high-value-added manufacturing sector it can be more critical as compared to a mineral used in large quantities in a low-value-added manufacturing sector



# RE and CE: challenges and opportunities in India



## Critical minerals for 2030 regarding the Indian manufacturing sector





# RE and CE: challenges and opportunities in India



## Economic benefits of CE and RE

- Development of CE and RE in India could create annual value of  14 lakh crore (US\$ 218 billion) in 2030.
- Secure long-term material needs and increase resilience of Indian economy.
- Businesses could achieve material cost savings and increase their profit.
- Making use of digital technology to enable CE could reinforce India's position as a hub for technology and innovation.

### Example: Vehicles as service

- New revenue stream for automotive industry
- Increased utility (in terms of total km driven) & decreased running costs
  - more intensive use of each car
  - easier maintenance and boosted fuel efficiency through innovative vehicle design

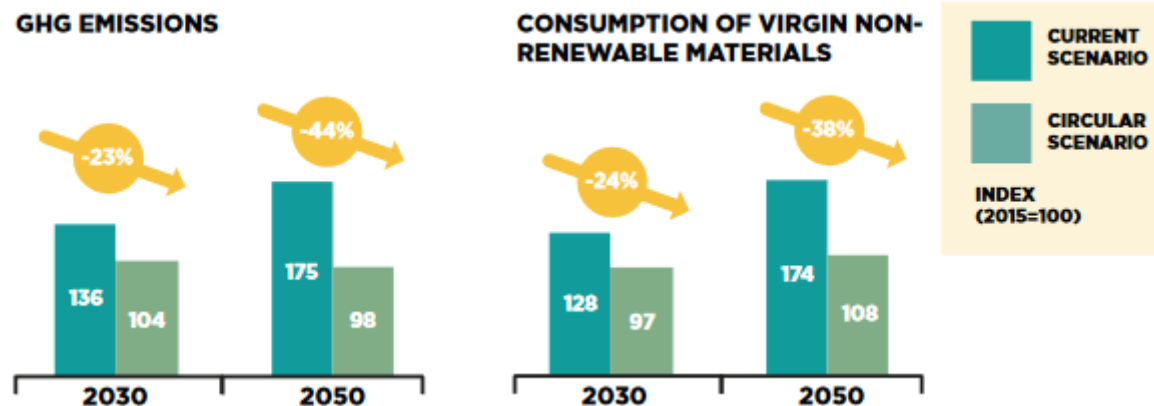


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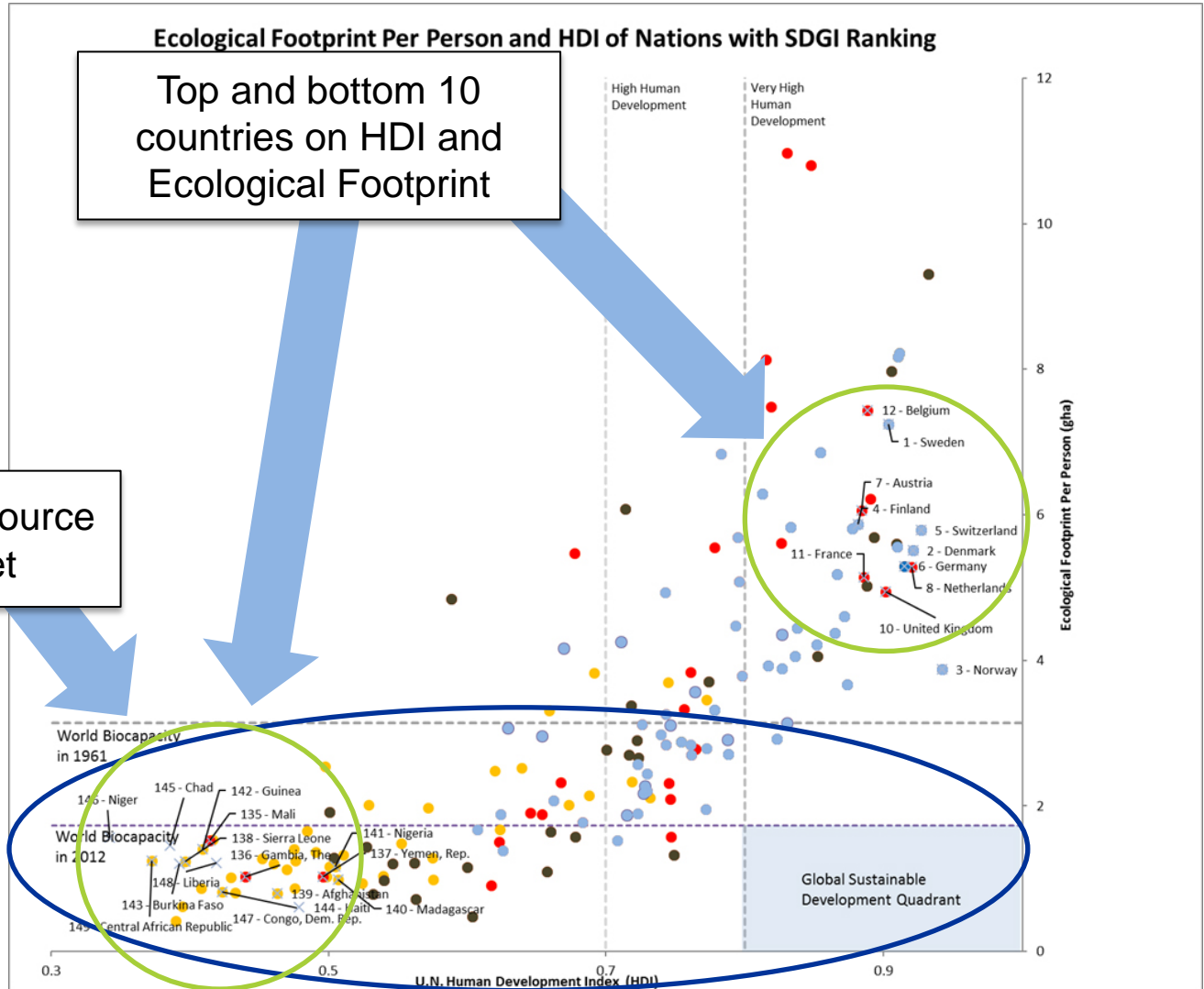
## Environmental and social benefits of RE and CE

- A circular economy development path could significantly mitigate negative environmental externalities.
- Cheaper products and services for India's population while reducing congestion and pollution



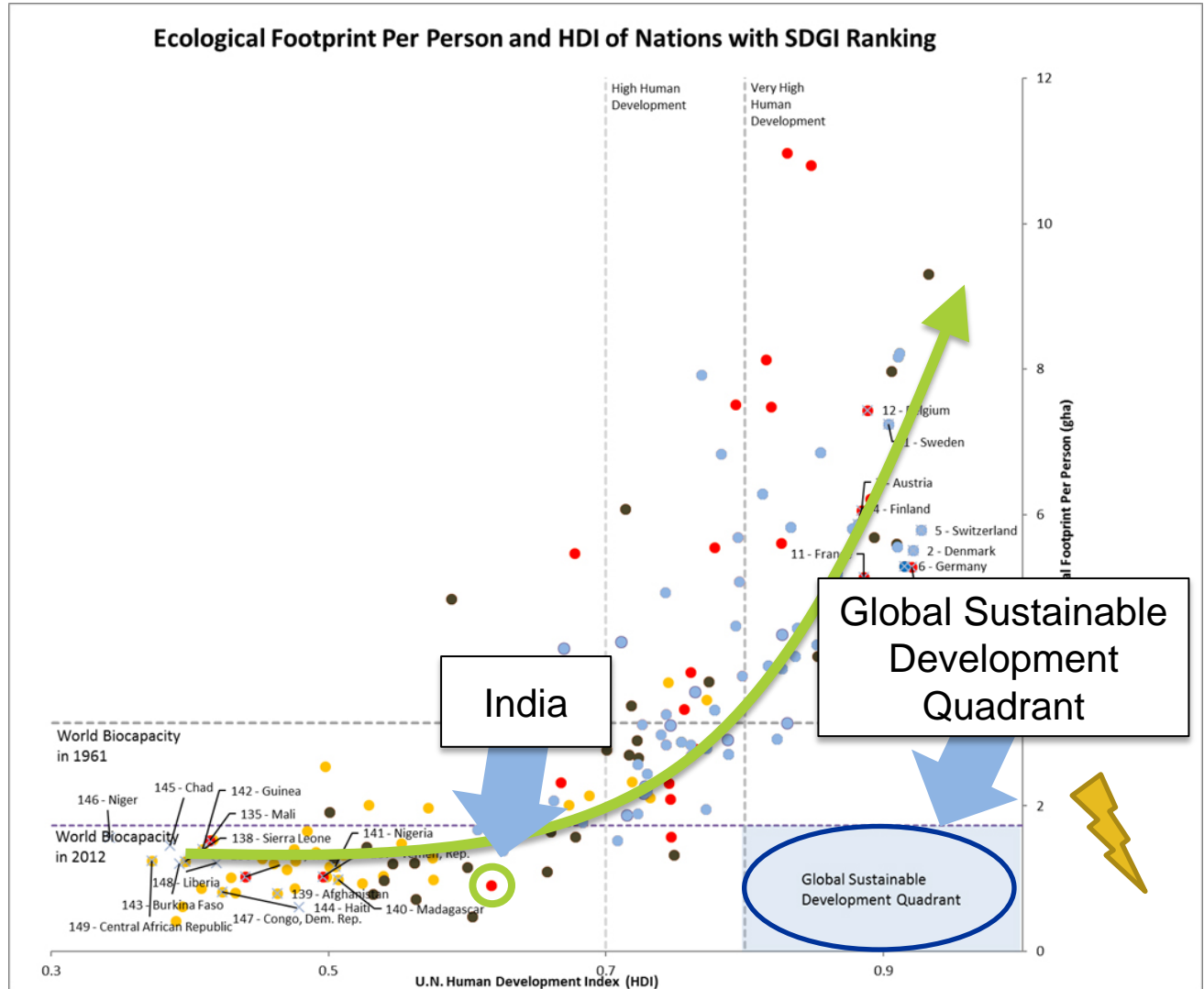


# National progress on RE and CE





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World Biocapacity in 1961

World Biocapacity in 2012



# National progress on RE and CE



## Ecological Footprint Per Person and HDI of Nations with SDGI Ranking

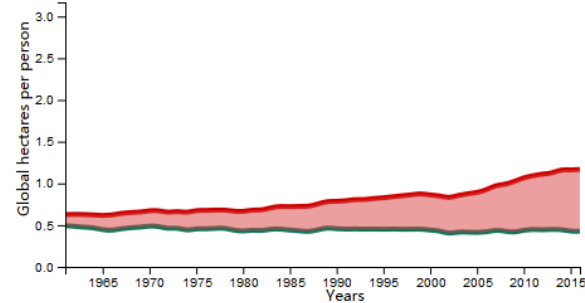
Countries must **reduce both absolute and per capita consumption** in order to move into the global sustainable development quadrant!

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 \text{Biocapacity per person} & - & \text{Ecological Footprint per person} & = & \text{BIOCAPACITY RESERVE(+)/DEFICIT(-)} \\
 0.5 & & 0.7 & & -0.2 \\
 \text{gha} & & \text{gha} & & \text{gha}
 \end{array}$$

Ecological Footprint and Biocapacity From 1961 to 2016

Ecological Footprint per person

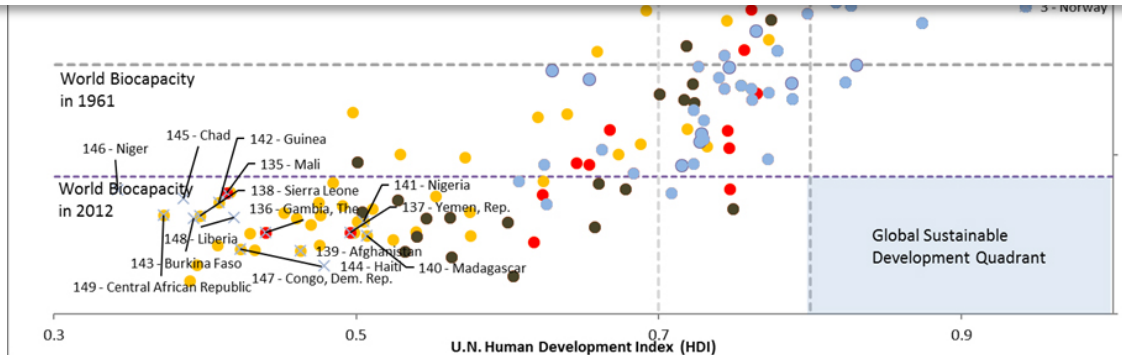
Biocapacity per person



Ecological Footprint Per Person (gha)

World Biocapacity in 1961

World Biocapacity in 2012



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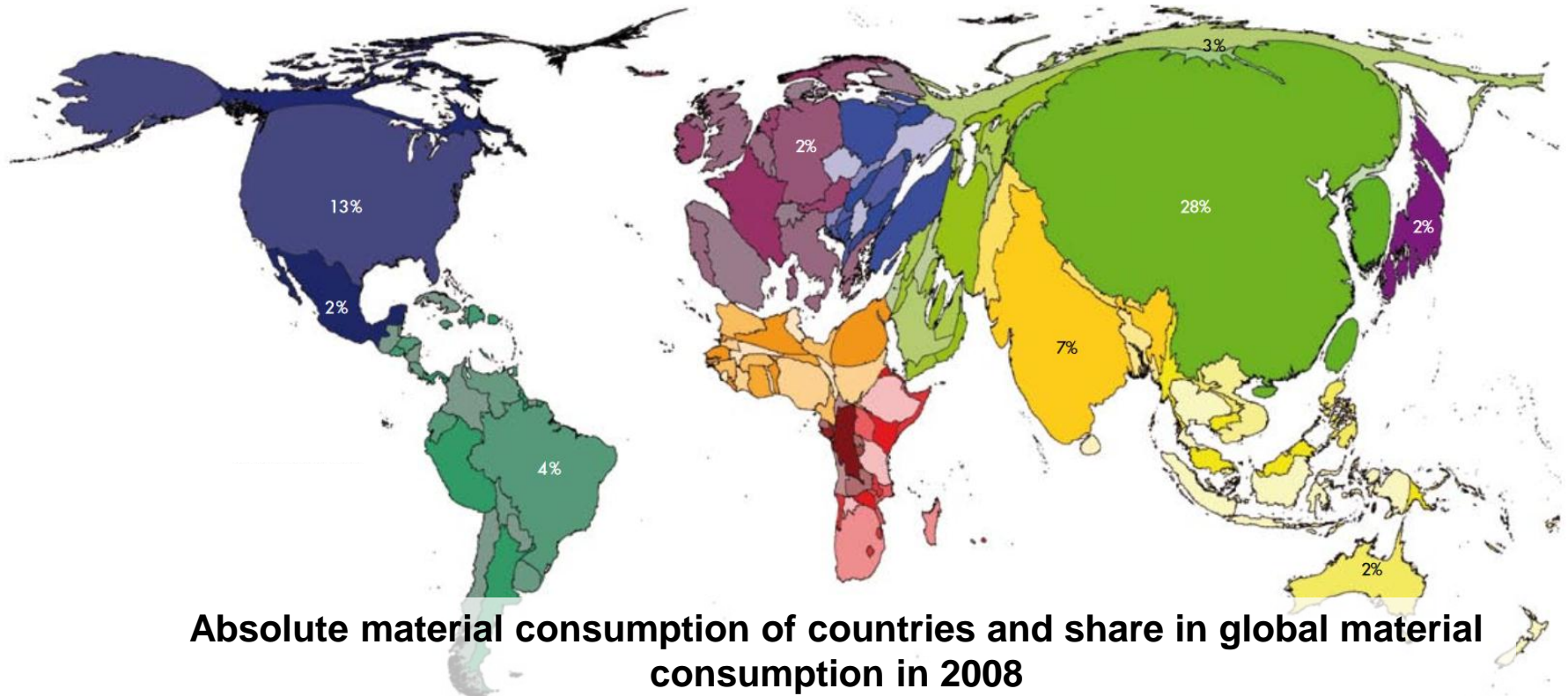
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# National progress on RE and CE



**Globally, the “big five” material consuming countries – China, the United States, India, Brazil and Russia – are responsible for 55% of total material requirement.**



**Absolute material consumption of countries and share in global material consumption in 2008**

Country size is proportional to its share in global material consumption

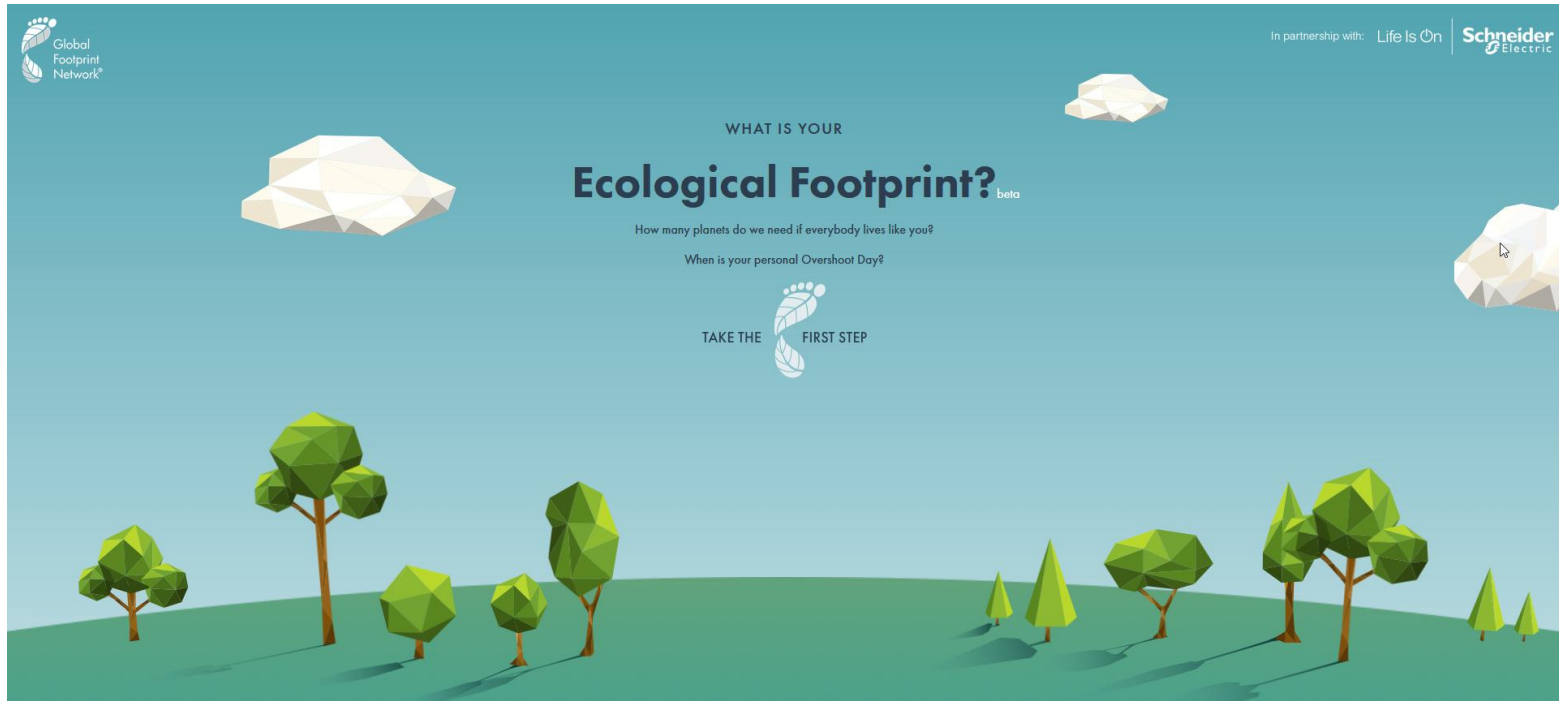


# National progress on RE and CE



Find out what your personal Ecological Footprint is at:

<https://www.footprintcalculator.org/>

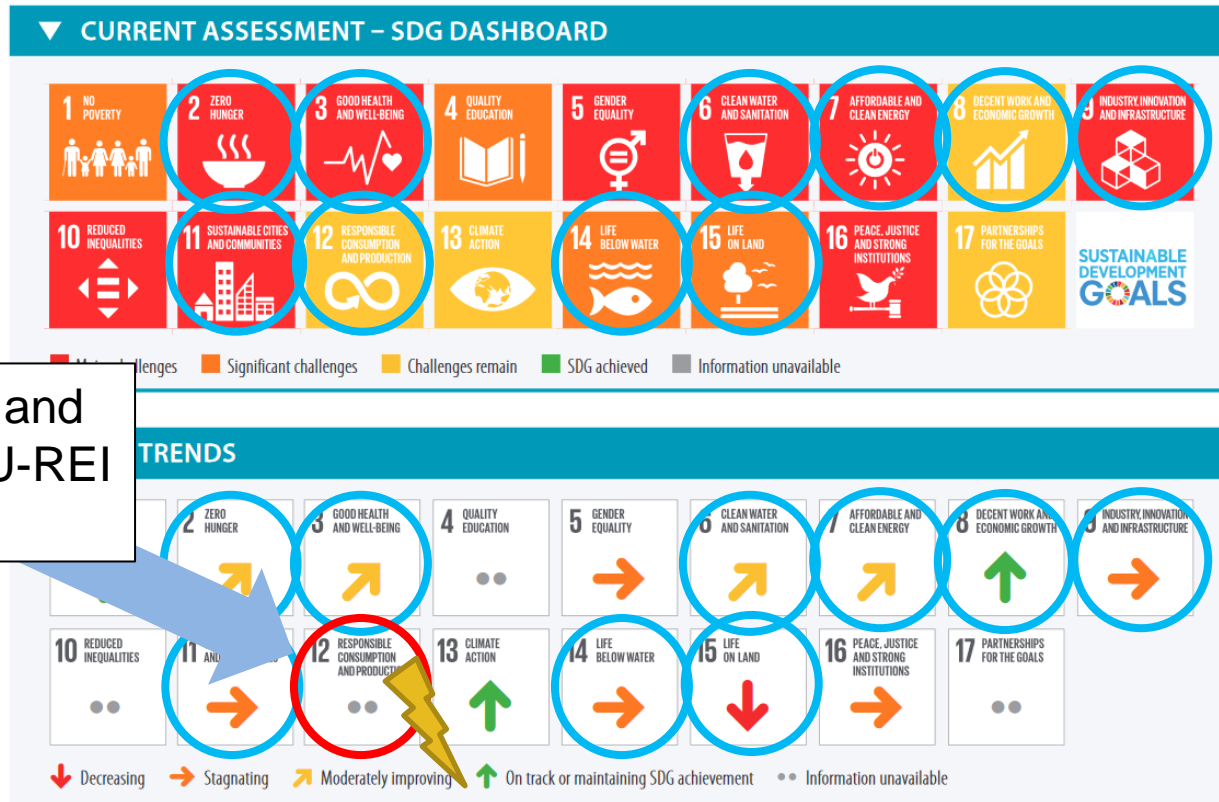




# National progress on RE and CE



## India's Performance on the SDGs: making progress, but acute lack of data on SDG 12.



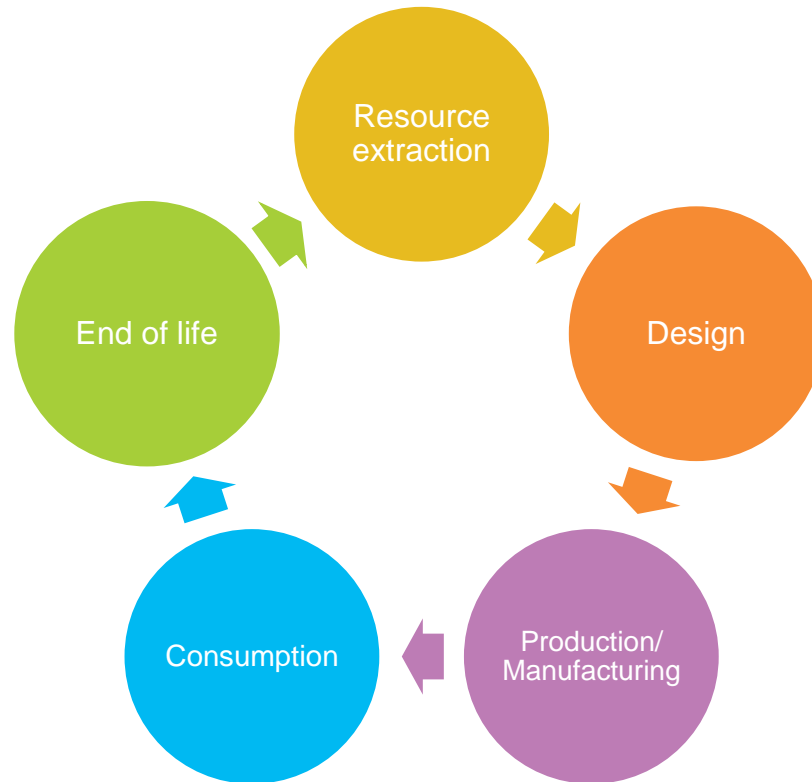
Intervention and support by EU-REI project



# National progress on RE and CE

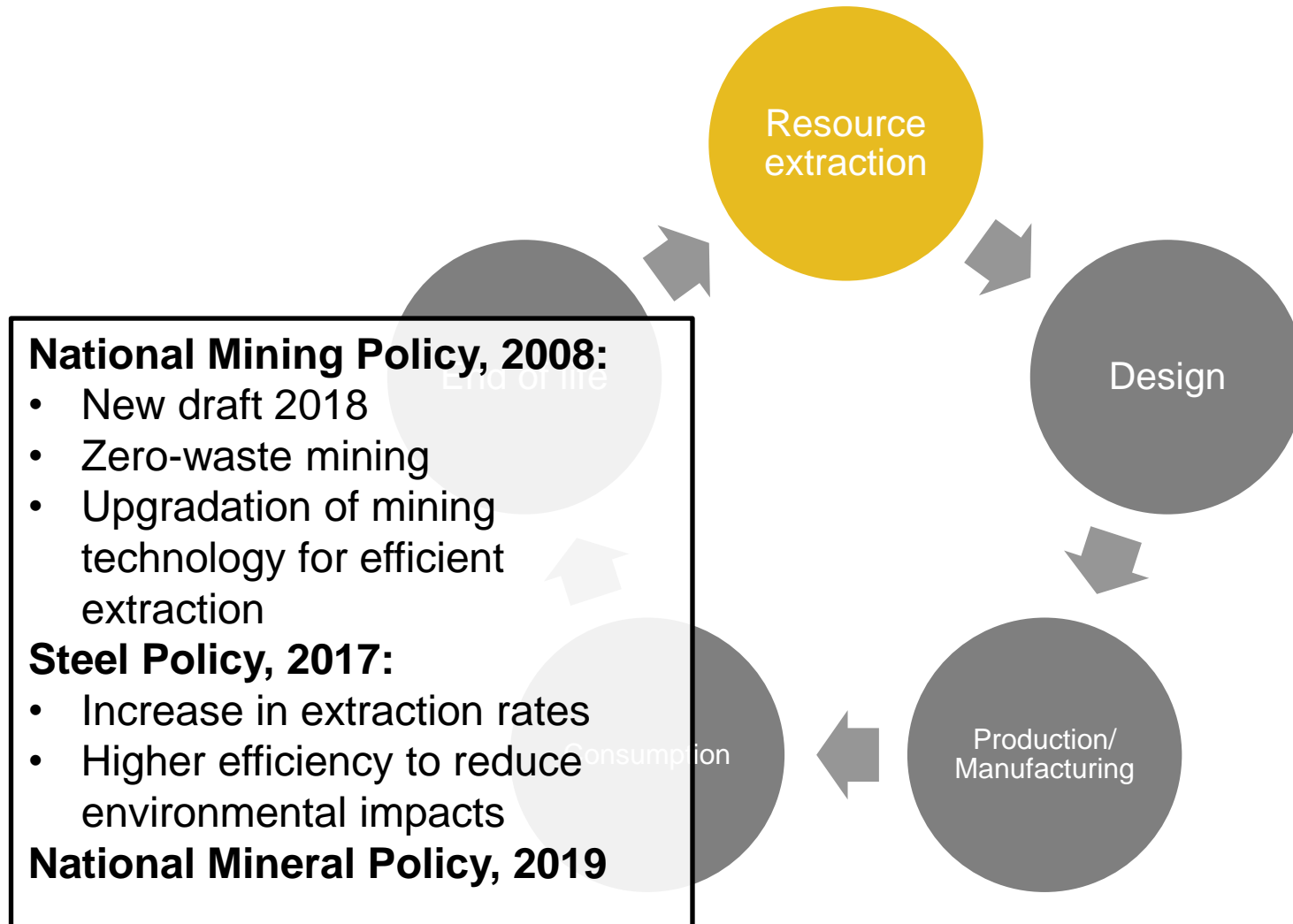


Current policies and legislations in India seek to create change across various lifecycle stages





# National progress on RE and CE





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Resource extraction

## National Housing and Habitat Policy

- Ecological design standards for building components, materials and construction

## National Design Policy, 2007

- Eco-friendliness, ecology and sustainability criteria for the India Design Mark (I Mark)

## E-Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2016

- Restricts usage of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronics equipment

## Ecomark issued by the Bureau of Indian Standards

India RoHS restricts the same six substances at the same maximum concentrations as in the EU, just the scope of products differ

Production/  
Manufacturing



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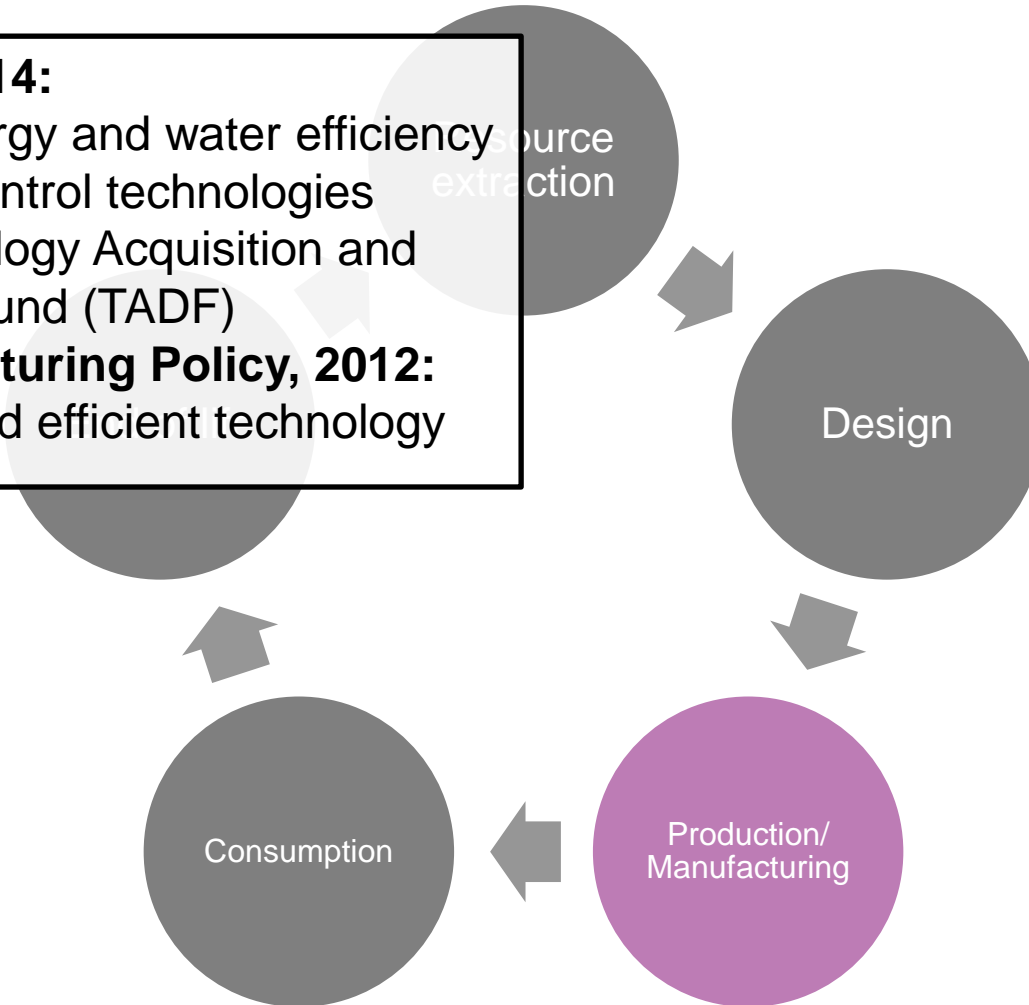


## Make in India, 2014:

- Increase in energy and water efficiency and pollution control technologies through Technology Acquisition and Development Fund (TADF)

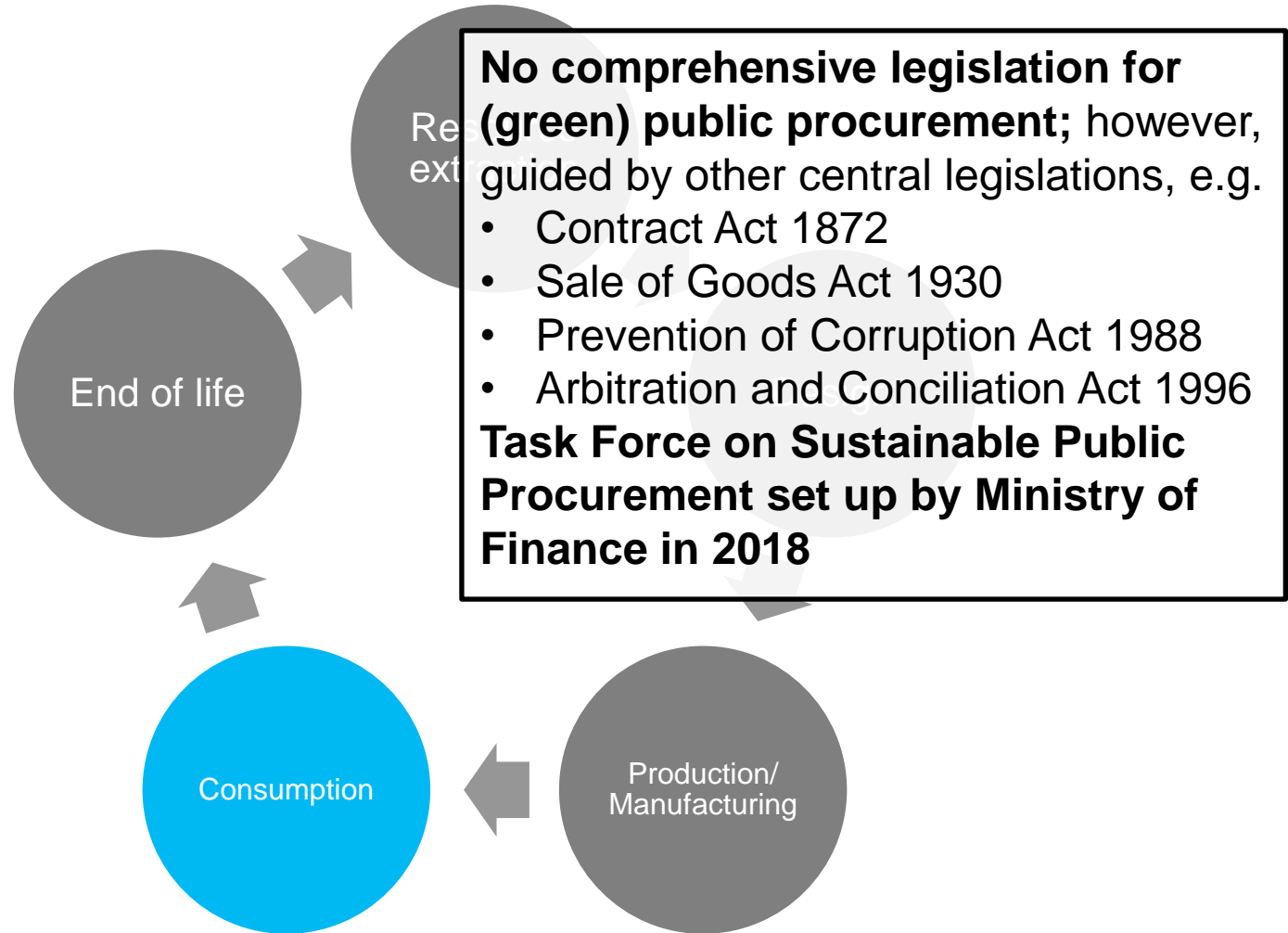
## National Manufacturing Policy, 2012:

- Use of clean and efficient technology



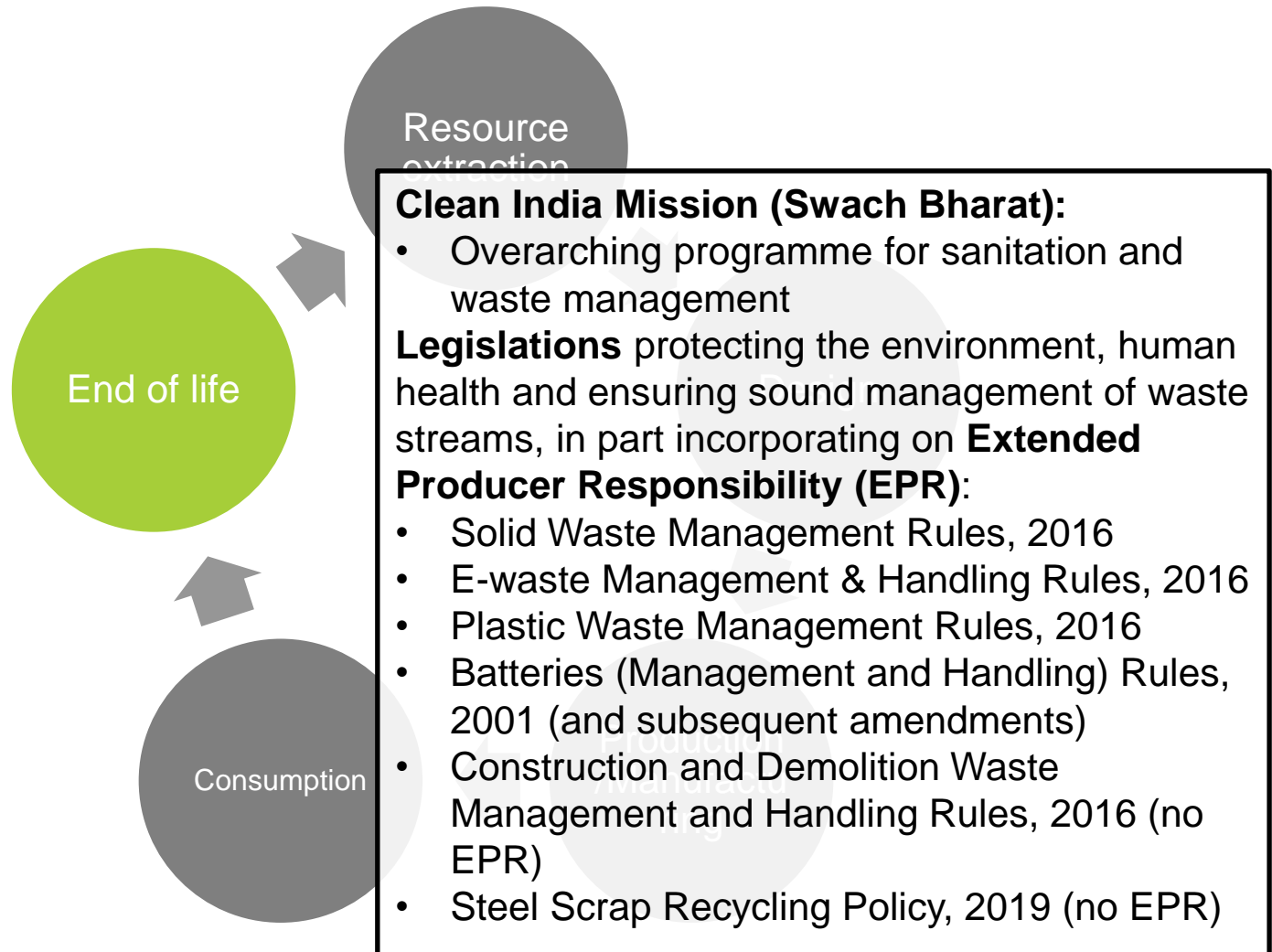


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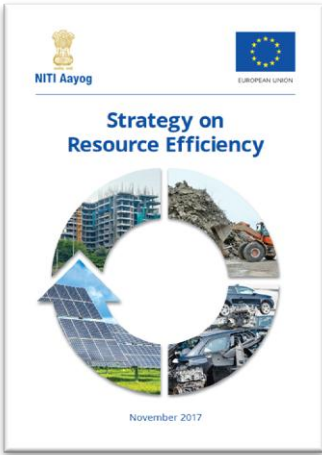




# Strategies on RE and CE across selected sectors in India



2017



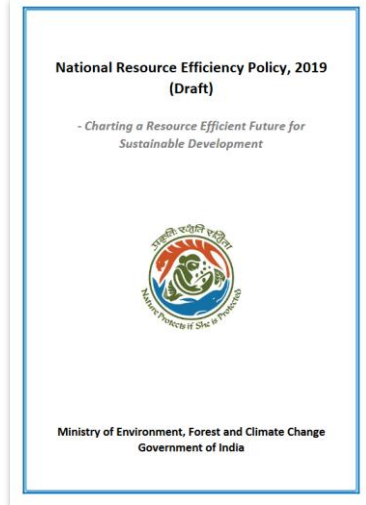
2019



2018



2014 - 2017





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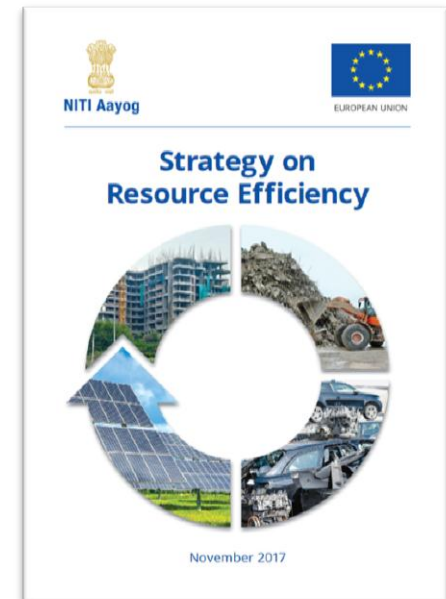
Year	Name	Actors
2014	BMZ-funded project on formation of InRP	MoEF&CC, BMZ Germany
2017	Strategy on Resource Efficiency	NITI Aayog, EU-REI
2018	Sectoral studies on RE and CE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electric Vehicles</li> <li>• Solar PV</li> <li>• Building and Construction</li> <li>• EPR for E-waste and Plastic Packaging</li> </ul>	Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, EU-REI
	Strategy on Resource Efficiency in Aluminum Sector	Ministry of Mines, NITI Aayog, EU-REI
	Strategy on Resource Efficiency in Steel Sector	Ministry of Steel, NITI Aayog, EU-REI
	Strategy on Resource Efficiency in the Electrical and Electronic Equipment Sector	Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, NITI Aayog, EU-REI
	Strategy on Resource Efficiency in Construction & Demolition Sector	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, NITI Aayog, EU-REI
	Resource Efficiency & Circular Economy – Current Status and Way Forward	NITI Aayog, EU-REI
2019	National Resource Efficiency Policy (Draft)	Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, EU-REI



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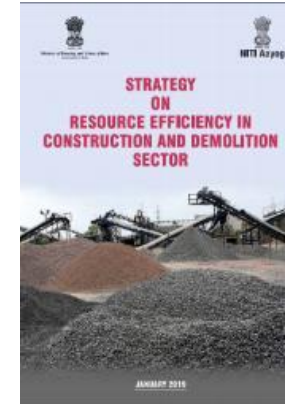
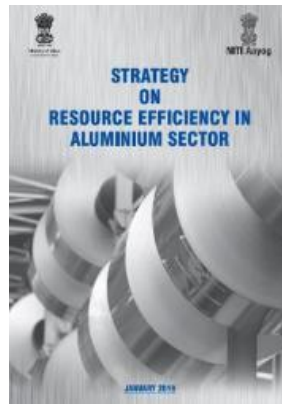


- The **Strategy for Resource Efficiency** by NITI Aayog (2017) establishes a broad framework for enhancing RE in the Indian economy
- Key recommendations addressing all lifecycle stages as well as cross-cutting issues:
  1. **Promotion:** Eco-labelling, standards, technology development, green public procurement, industrial clusters, awareness
  2. **Regulation:** economic instruments, viability gap funding, policy reforms across life cycle stages
  3. **Institutional development:** capacity development, institutional set-up and strengthening, database and indicators, resource index as a part of economic survey





# Strategies on RE and CE across selected sectors in India



## NITI Aayog and Mo/Steel, Mo/Mines, MoHUA, MEITY release

- Strategy on RE in Steel Sector
- Strategy on RE in Aluminium Sector
- Strategy on RE in EEE Sector
- Strategy on RE in C&D Sector



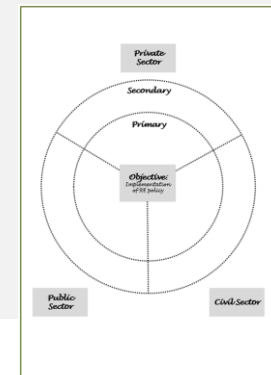
# Strategies on RE and CE across selected sectors in India



## Exercise 3.2: Identifying key stakeholders of India's Resource Efficiency Strategy

- Form groups of 4-5 persons
- Analyse the summary of India's Resource Efficiency Strategy with respect to status, concerns and opportunities.
- Identify and classify the key stakeholders in relation to the implementation of the strategy (objective) on the prepared flipchart.

**Estimated time requirement: 55 min**





# Strategies on RE and CE across selected sectors in India



## Methodology for classification:

### Relevance

- Primary
- Secondary
- Veto player

### Sector

- Private
- Public
- Civil society

### Relationship

- Strong ———
- Weak ······

*Relationships between*

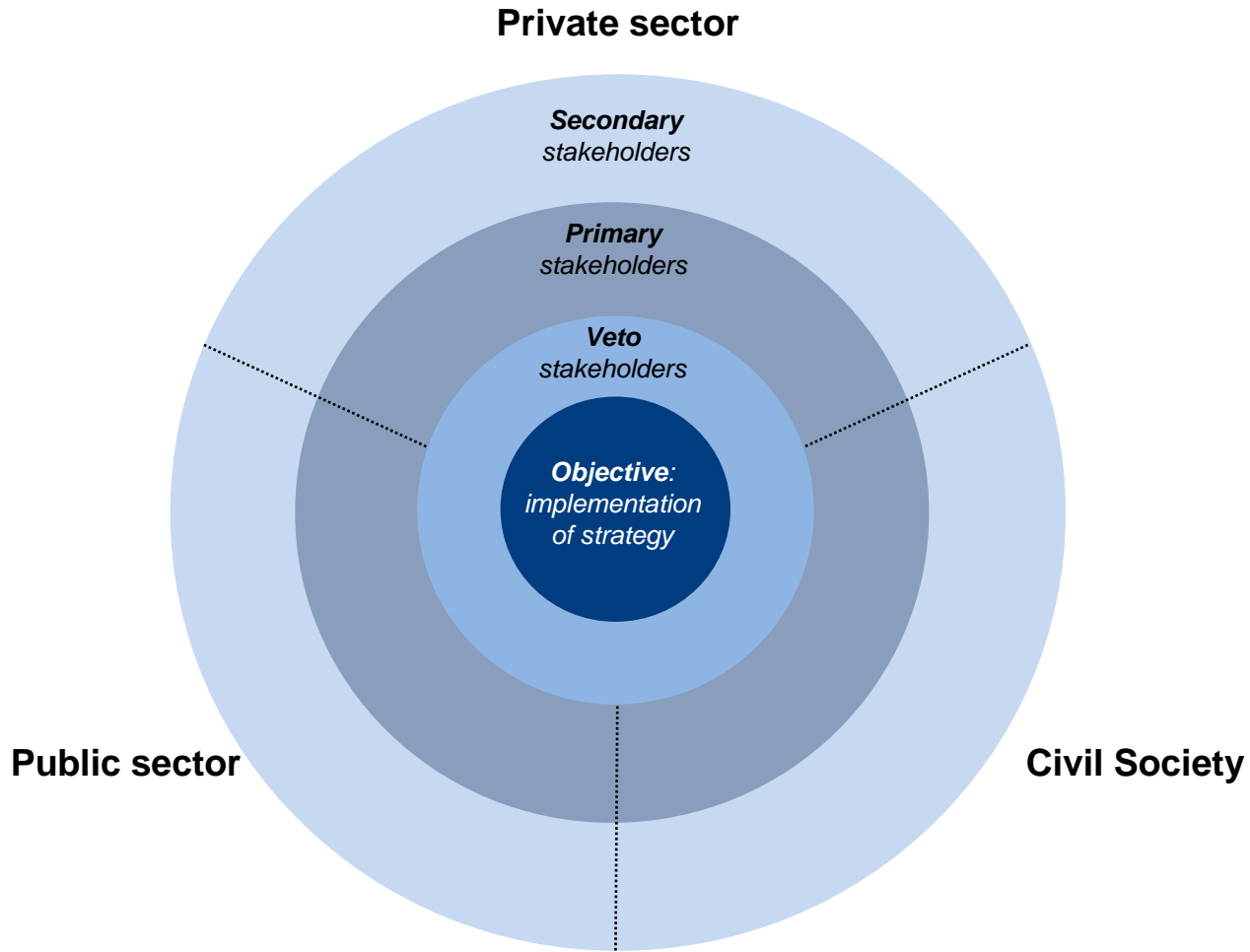


All actors that are affected by the policy or have a potential stake in the action to be brought about by the policy are considered to be STAKEHOLDERS.

- **Primary actors:** directly affected by the policy (i.e. will gain or lose power, privileges, etc. due to the implementation of the policy)
- **Secondary actors:** involvement is temporary or indirect
- **Veto players:** actors without whose support and participation the targeted result cannot be achieved



# Strategies on RE and CE across selected sectors in India





# Summary



## Take-home messages:

- India's growing middle income class, urbanization and industrialization are major drivers of resource consumption.
- Although most resources are extracted domestically, India remains highly dependent on critical raw materials, which are important for its long-term development.
- India has made important progress in moving towards the sustainable development quadrant by releasing overarching and sectoral strategies on RE and CE.
- However, most strategies are yet to be implemented; this will require concerted efforts from various stakeholders in order to be successful.



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