



Living in Harmony with Nature

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World Spiritual University**

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Individual Impact:

"When I change the world changes"

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Individual Impact:

Sustainable Lifestyle

Meditation

Vegetarian Diet

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Community Impact:

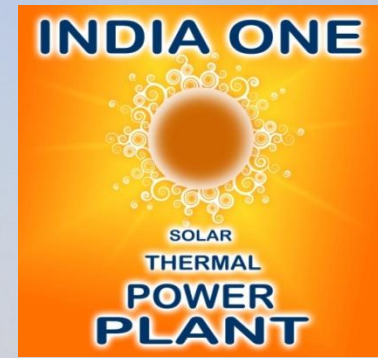
***Faith-based communities
responsible for their
communities.***

In 1999 the world largest solar steam cooking system of 600KW



India One Solar field

25 acres in Rajasthan desert



770 of 60m² parabolic dishes



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Community Policy Principles:

Living with Simplicity

Buying Compassionately

Using Economically

Learning Continuously

Sharing Generously

Role of Faith-Based Groups:

- **Reach the masses**, 85% of the human family embrace religious traditions
- **Articulate** a value-based response for safeguarding biodiversity
- **Ethical issue** – loss of biodiversity affects the poor
- Raise fundamental **spiritual question**: Role of human beings within this created world - for lordship to creation care

Faith Communities can: invest in renewable technology

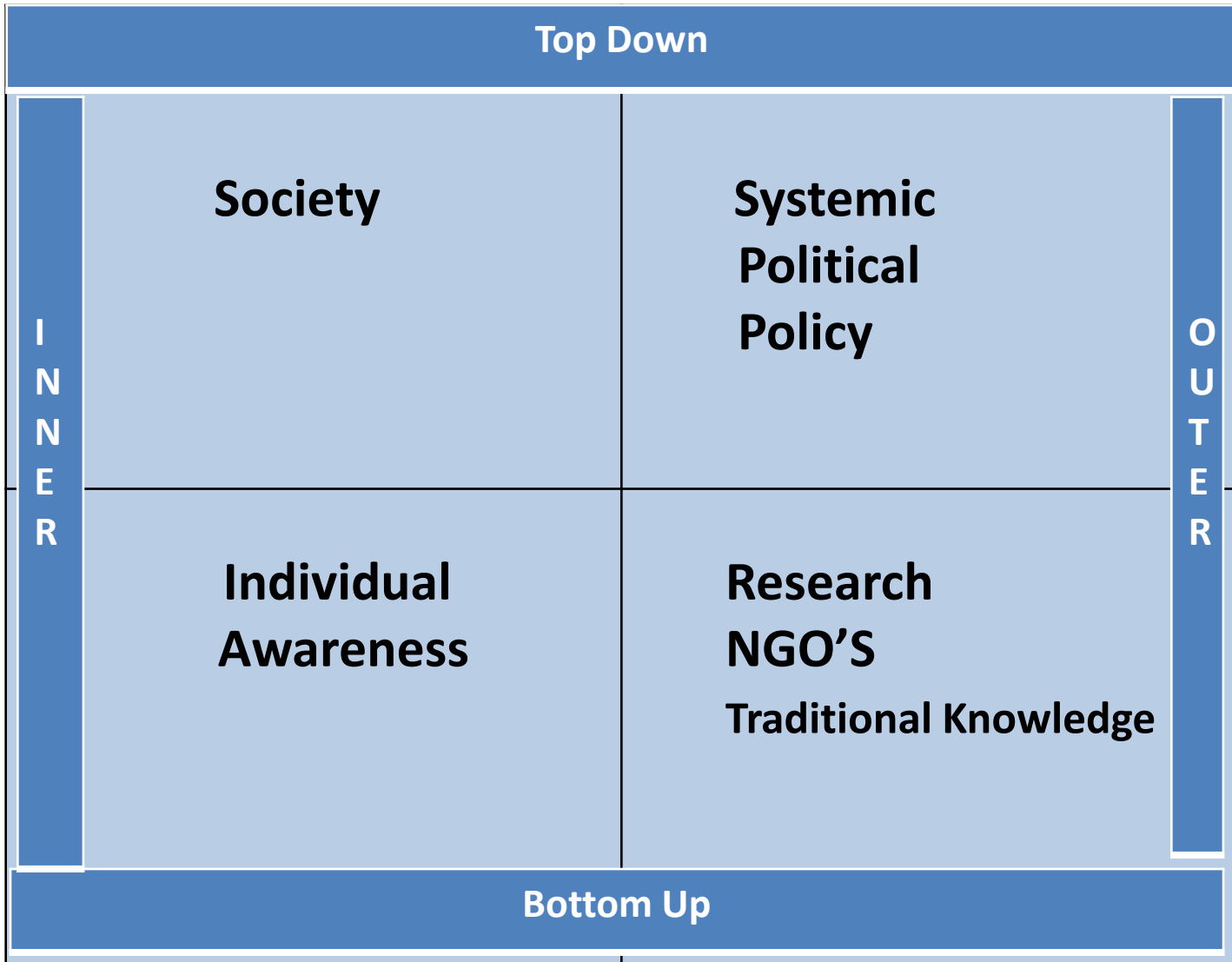


Integrating the Heart – Bonn 2014



Ms. Christiana Figueres, Executive Secretary of UNFCCC addressing BK side event Global Justice & Equity





The Power of Human Awareness



- Understanding
 - Outlook/Attitude
 - Choices and decision
 - Action – Global Impact

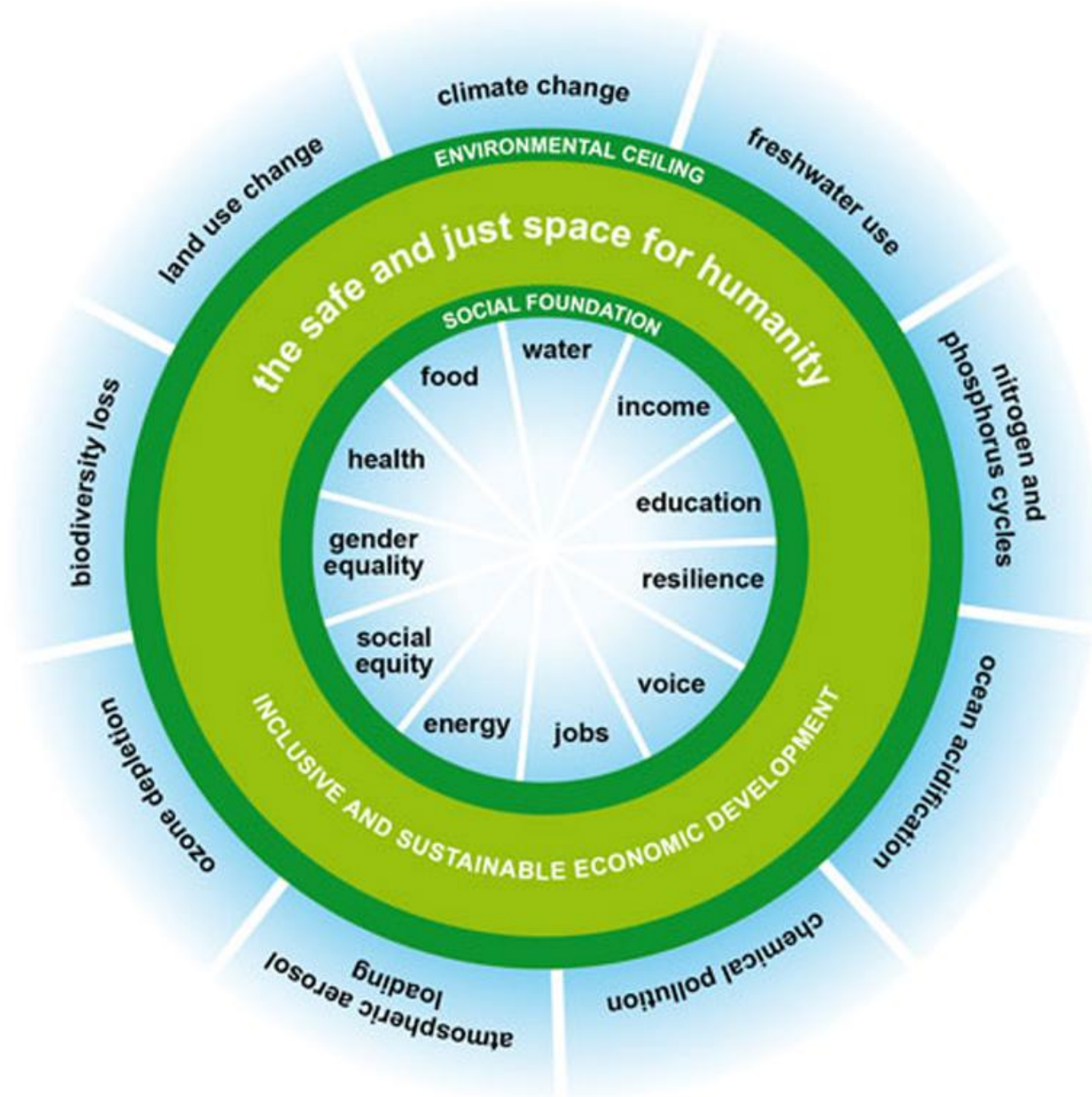
Cultivating Systemic Vision: A Vision of Love



“When we see with love, seeing the other (in this case the Earth and the human family) as legitimate, our vision expands and we see the whole delicate system.

However, when we see from a place of self-interest, we are blinded by our own desires.”

*Chilean cognitive biologist and systems theorist
Mr. Humberto Maturana*



climate change

freshwater use

nitrogen and phosphorus cycles

ocean acidification

chemical pollution

atmospheric aerosol loading

ozone depletion

biodiversity loss

land use change

the safe and just space for humanity

ENVIRONMENTAL CEILING

SOCIAL FOUNDATION

INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

food

water

income

education

resilience

voice

jobs

energy

social equity

gender equality

health

Love expands our vision

Solar steam for
38.000 meals pr day



Meditation or silence expands our vision



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- Understanding **to incl. spiritual dimension**
 - Outlook/Attitude – **Systemic vision of love**
 - Choices and decision
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Creating the Future We Want:

Thoughts not only comment -

they create

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