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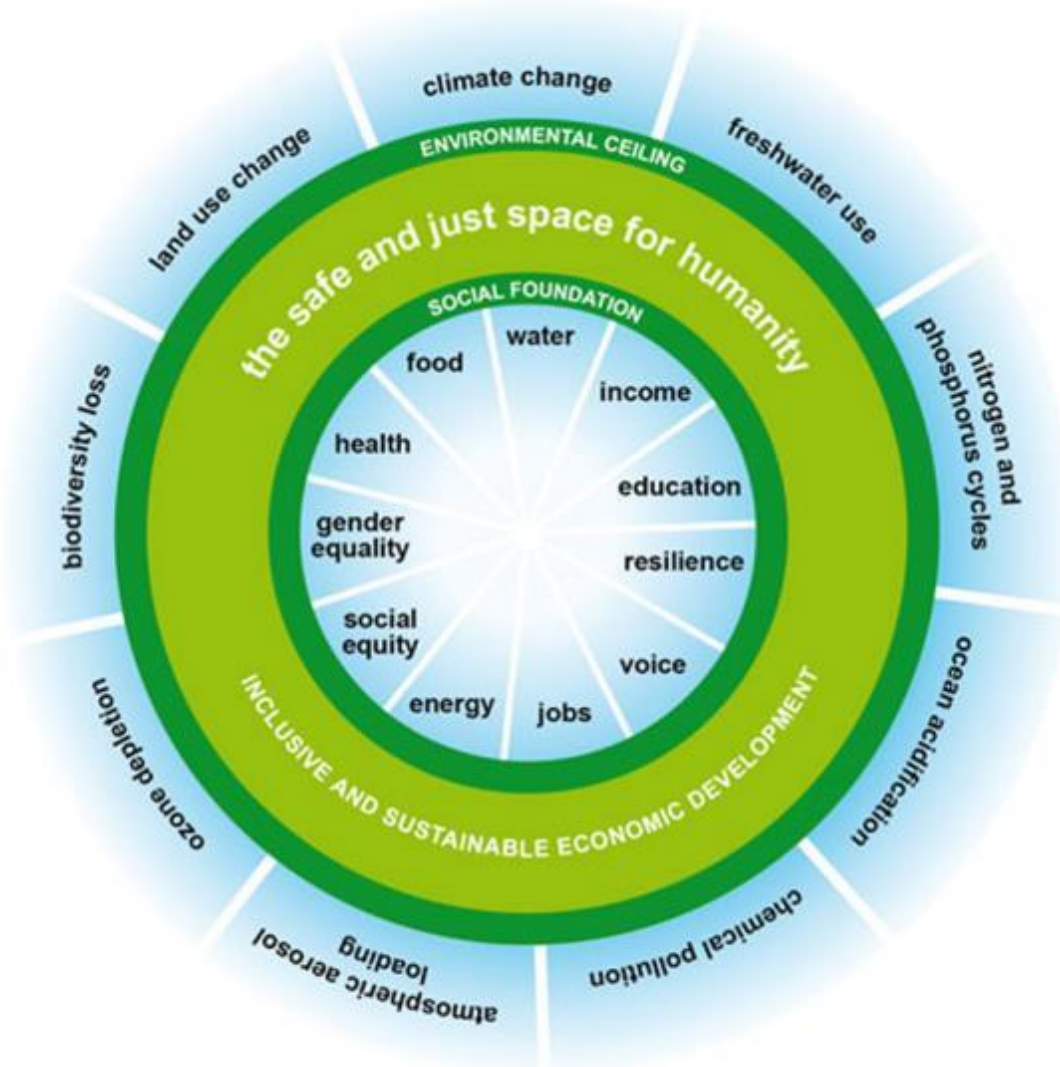
Complementarity of two processes to ensure safe operating space

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Sustainable development and safe operating space



Sustainable development is “development that meets the needs of the present while safeguarding Earth’s life-support system, on which the welfare of current and future generations depends.”

Griggs et al. (2013) “Sustainable development goals for people and planet”. Nature 495, 305–307

Source: Reworth (2012) Oxfam Discussion Paper

Complementarity of SDGs and climate processes

UNFCCC: International process aiming to keep environmental ceiling



SDGs: Expected to ensure the both environmental ceiling and the social foundation. How?

MDGs: Ensure social foundation (poverty alleviation) for the *selected* targets (8 MDGs)

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Lessons from MDGs and climate processes

- Flexibility vs. Effectiveness
- Comprehensiveness vs. Implementability
- Crucial role of “support” from developed countries to developing countries

SDGs are designed to be comprehensive and flexible. A key question is how to ensure effectiveness, implementability, and sufficient international support.