

# **Tracking the Influence of Grey Literature in Public Policy Contexts: The Necessity and Benefit of Interdisciplinary Research**

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## The future we want

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 64/236 of 24 December 2009, in which it decided to organize the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development at the highest possible level in 2012, as well as its resolution 66/197 of 22 December 2011,

1. Expresses its profound gratitude to the Government and the people of Brazil for hosting the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro from 20 to 22 June 2012, and for providing all the necessary support;
2. Endorses the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled "The future we want", annexed to the present resolution.

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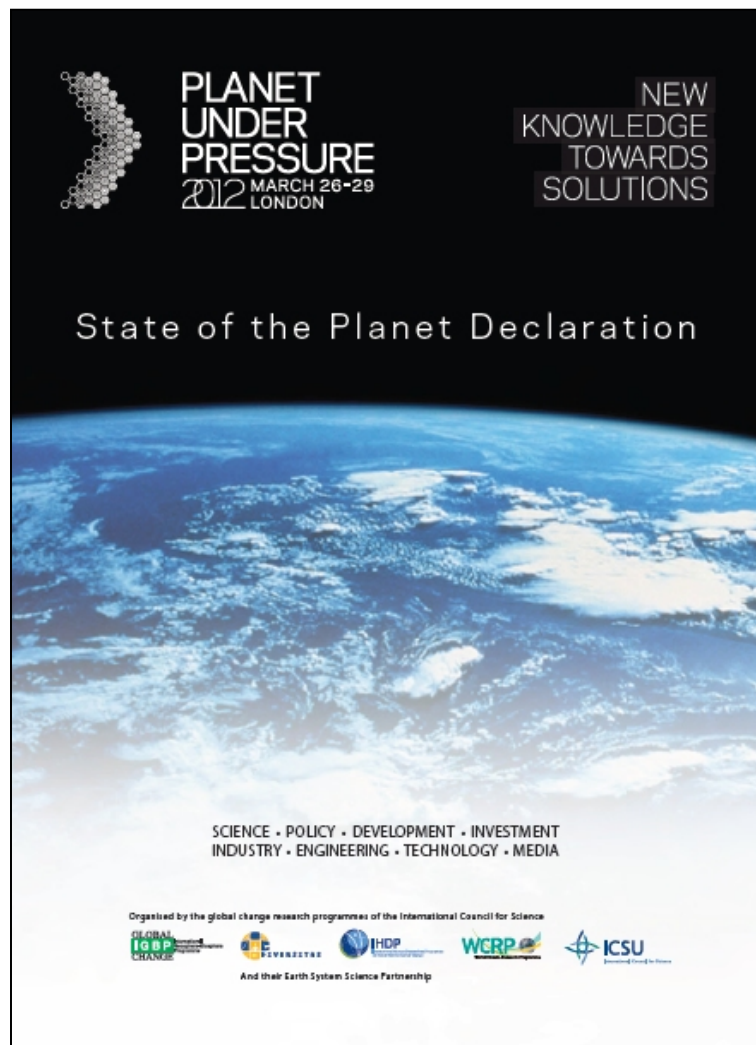
## Annex

## The future we want

## I. Our common vision

1. We, the Heads of State and Government and high-level representatives, having met at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012, with the full participation of civil society, renew our commitment to sustainable development and to ensuring the promotion of an economically, socially and environmentally sustainable future for our planet and for present and future generations.
2. Eradicating poverty is the greatest global challenge facing the world today and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development. In this regard we are committed to freeing humanity from poverty and hunger as a matter of urgency.
3. We therefore acknowledge the need to further mainstream sustainable development at all levels, integrating economic, social and environmental aspects and recognizing their interlinkages, so as to achieve sustainable development in all its dimensions.
4. We recognize that poverty eradication, changing unsustainable and promoting sustainable patterns of consumption and production and protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development are the overarching objectives of and essential requirements for sustainable development. We also reaffirm the need to achieve sustainable development by promoting sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth, creating greater opportunities for all, reducing inequalities, raising basic standards of living, fostering equitable social development and inclusion, and promoting integrated and sustainable management of natural resources and ecosystems that supports, inter alia, economic, social and human development while facilitating ecosystem conservation, regeneration and restoration and resilience in the face of new and emerging challenges.
5. We reaffirm our commitment to make every effort to accelerate the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals by 2015.
6. We recognize that people are at the centre of sustainable development and in this regard we strive for a world that is just, equitable and inclusive, and we commit to work together to promote sustained and inclusive economic growth, social development and environmental protection and thereby to benefit all.
7. We reaffirm that we continue to be guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, with full respect for international law and its principles.
8. We also reaffirm the importance of freedom, peace and security, respect for all human rights, including the right to development and the right to an adequate standard of living, including the right to food, the rule of law, gender equality, women's empowerment and the overall commitment to just and democratic societies for development.
9. We reaffirm the importance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as well as other international instruments relating to human rights and international





“Research now demonstrates that the continued functioning of the Earth system as it has supported the well-being of human civilization in recent centuries is at risk.”

# Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

The image is a screenshot of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) website. The central focus is the cover of the 'Special Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change on Renewable Energy Sources and Climate Change Mitigation'. The cover features a blue sky with white clouds and a large, curved, metallic structure, possibly a solar collector or a wind turbine component, reflecting the sky. The title 'RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES AND CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION' is prominently displayed in white text on a blue background. Below the title, it says 'SPECIAL REPORT OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON CLIMATE CHANGE' and the IPCC logo is visible.

The website layout includes a navigation menu on the left with the following links: Home, Organization, Procedures, Working Groups / Task Force, Activities, Calendar, Meeting Documentation, News and Outreach, Publications and Data, Presentations and Speeches, IPCC Scholarship Programme, Links, and Contact. Below the menu is a gold Nobel Prize medal and contact information: Phone: +41-22-730-8208 /84/54, Email: IPCC-Sec@wmo.int. The footer contains copyright information (Copyright 2012), a Scams notice, Disclaimer, Sitemap, and social media links (Share, Like, 5k).

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- IPCC at COP 18**
  - Media Advisory
  - Side Events **New**
- Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) - Update**
  - WGIII Lead Author Meeting
  - WGI Government and Expert Review
  - Press Release - New stage of AR5 review
  - Synthesis Report website
  - Review of Working Group contributions to the AR5
  - Key AR5 Dates
  - Cut-off Dates for literature
- IPCC 35<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session**  
Geneva, Switzerland  
6-9 June 2012
  - Decisions and Documents
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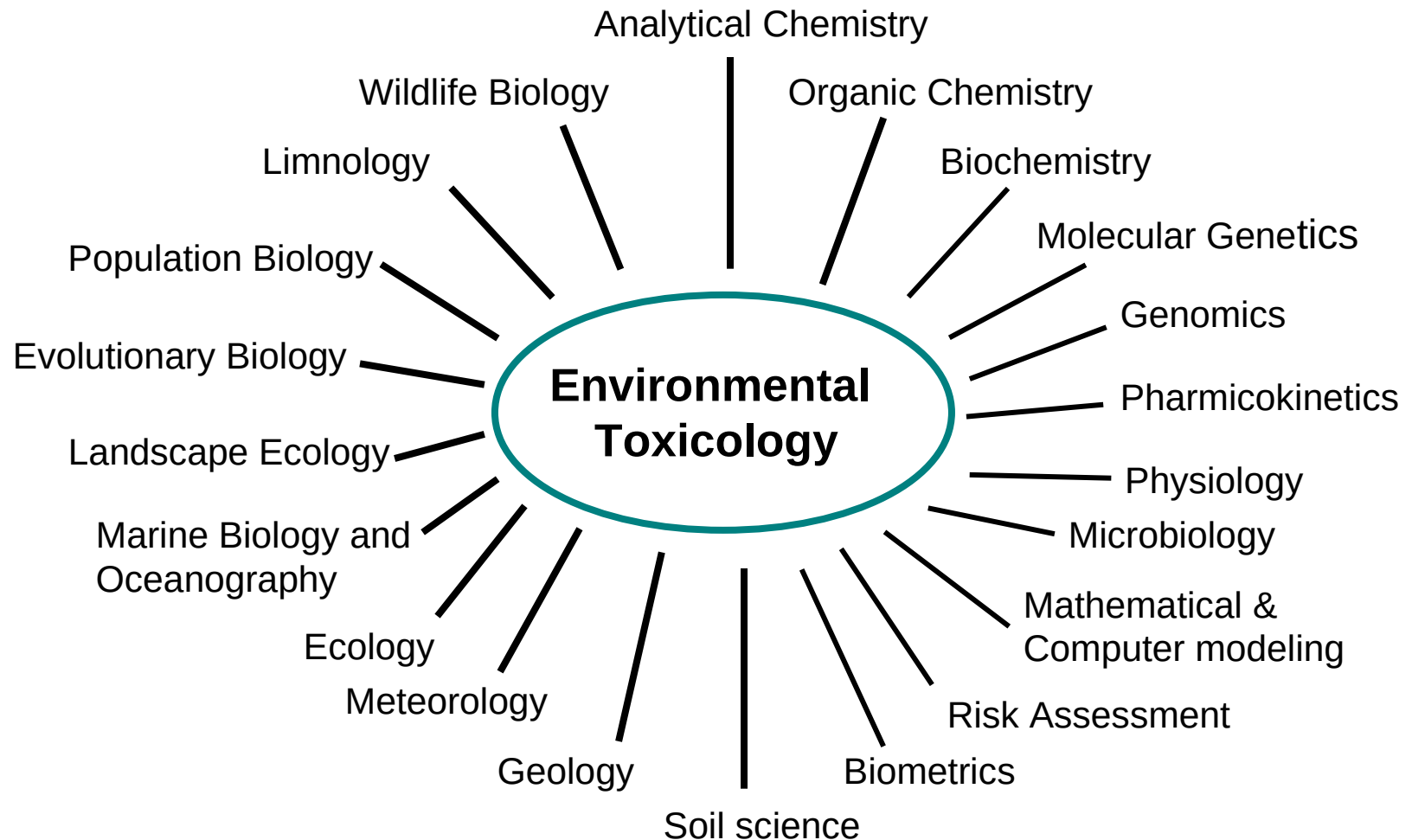
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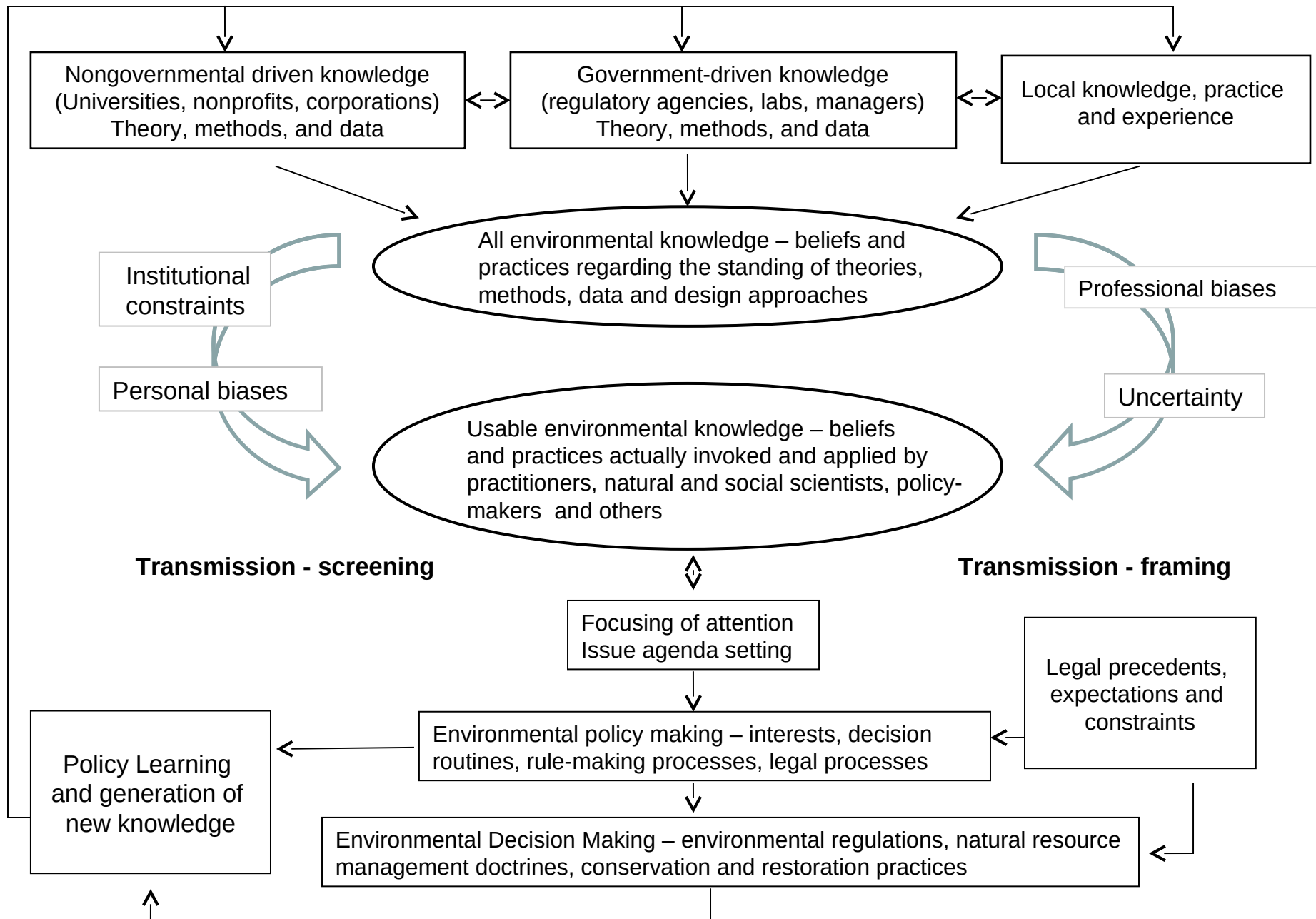
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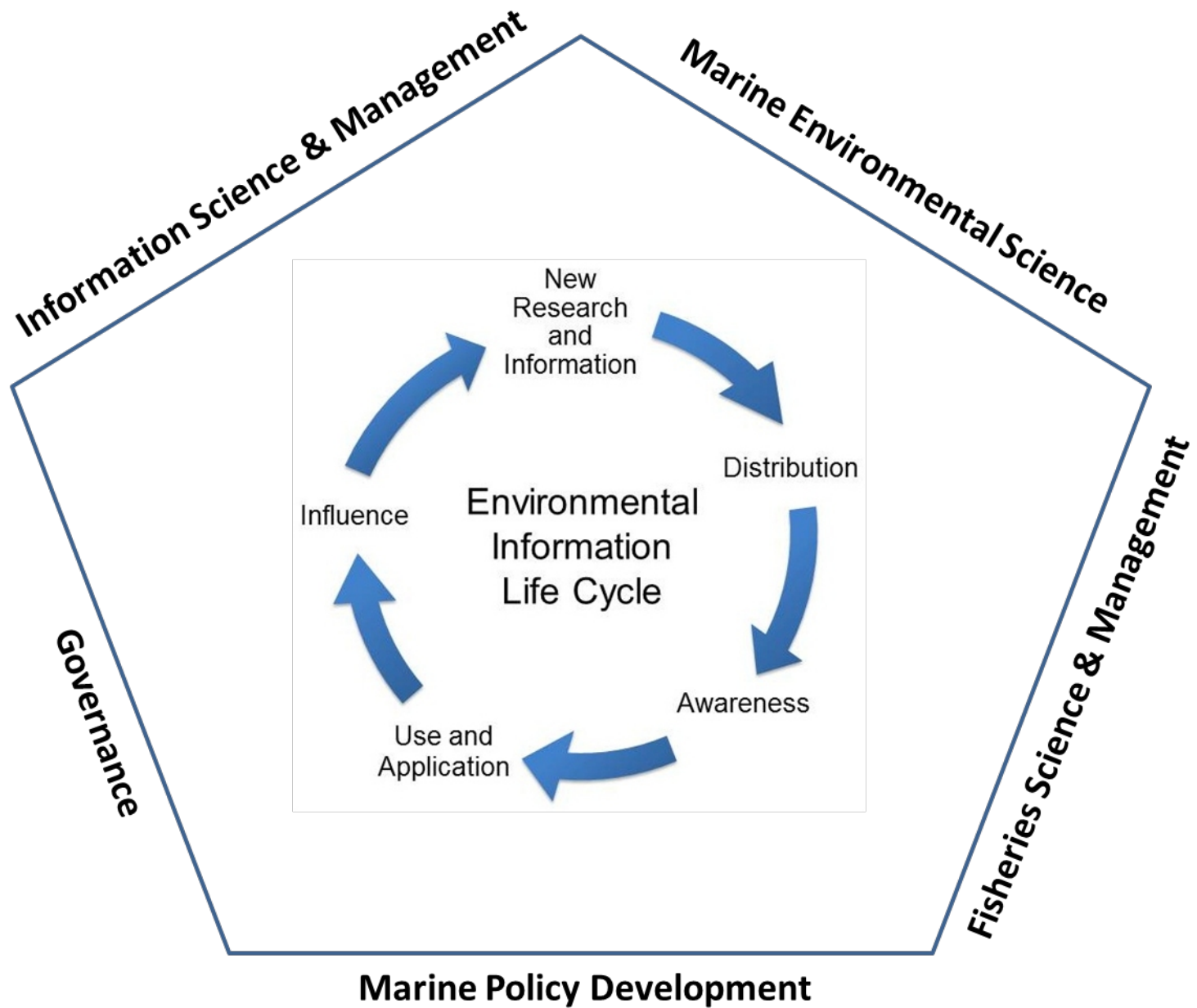


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# Generation, transmission, and use of environmental information

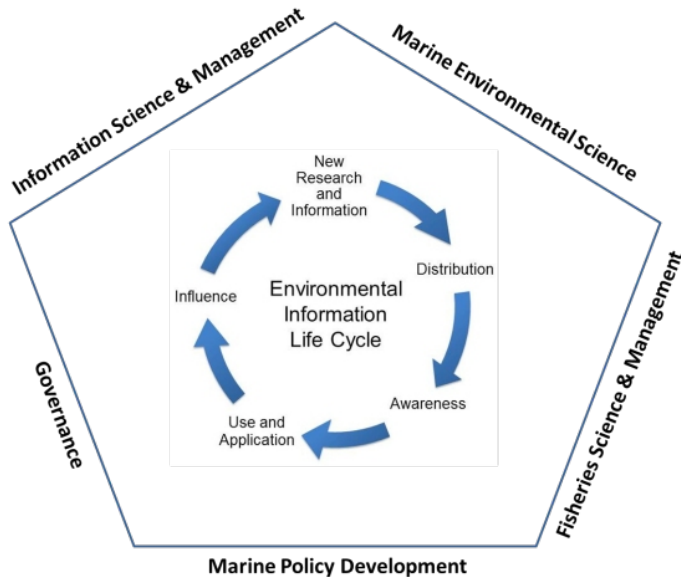




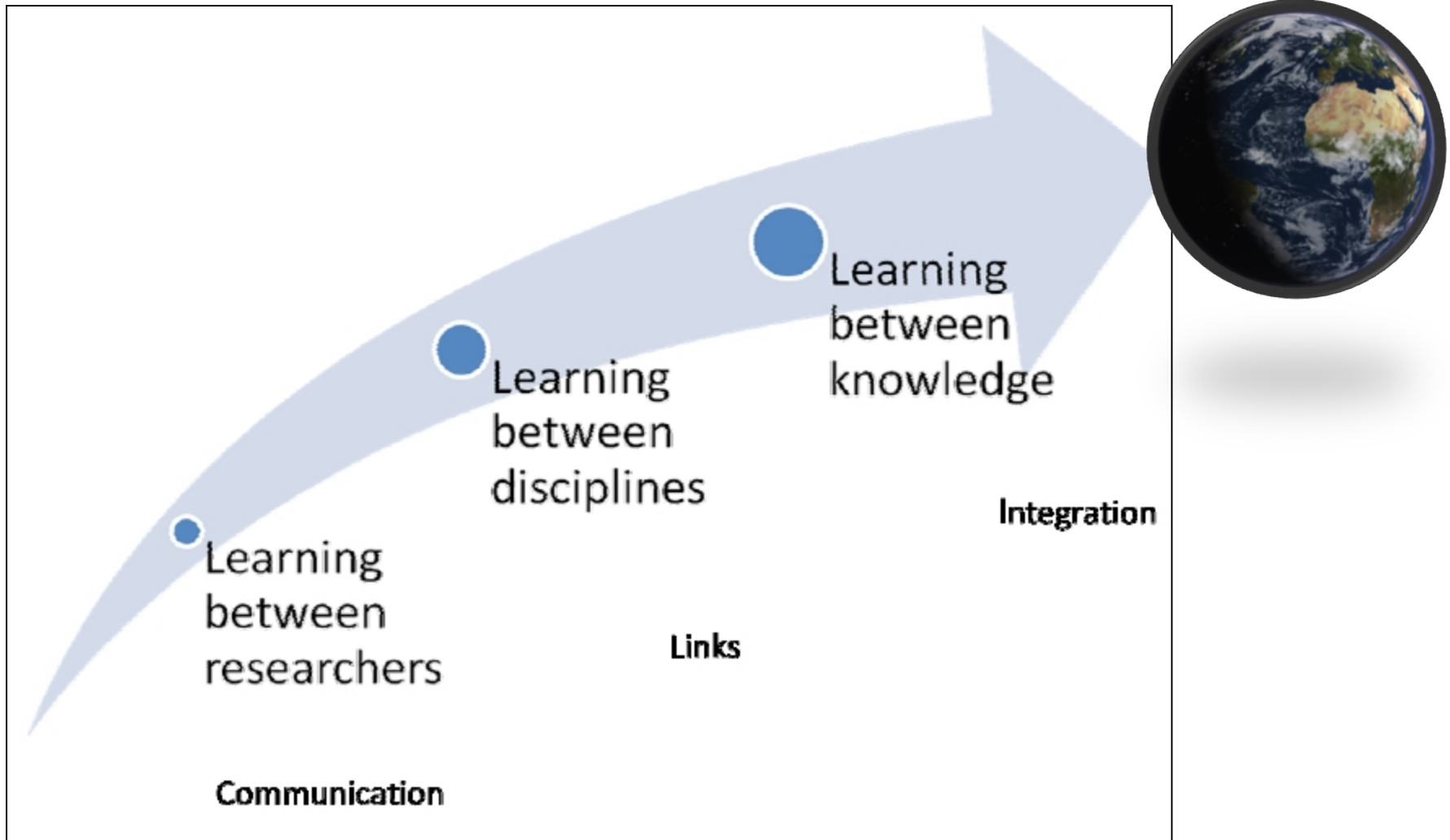


# Benefits of Interdisciplinary Research and Knowledge

- ◆ Integration of disciplinary perspectives becomes powerful in addressing big problems with many dimension.



- ◆ Greater capacity in determining core research questions.
- ◆ Increased creativity in problem solving.
- ◆ Larger suite of methodological expertise.
- ◆ Greater capability in appreciating the roles of many types of stakeholders.
- ◆ Increased understanding of different institutional cultures at the science-policy interface.
- ◆ Increased credibility with funding sources and partner organizations.



## Steps in Learning in Interdisciplinary Process

(Haapasaari, Kulmala, & Kuikka, 2011)

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