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Ensuring that no one is left behind

Aligning Climate Change Action and Sustainable Development Goals

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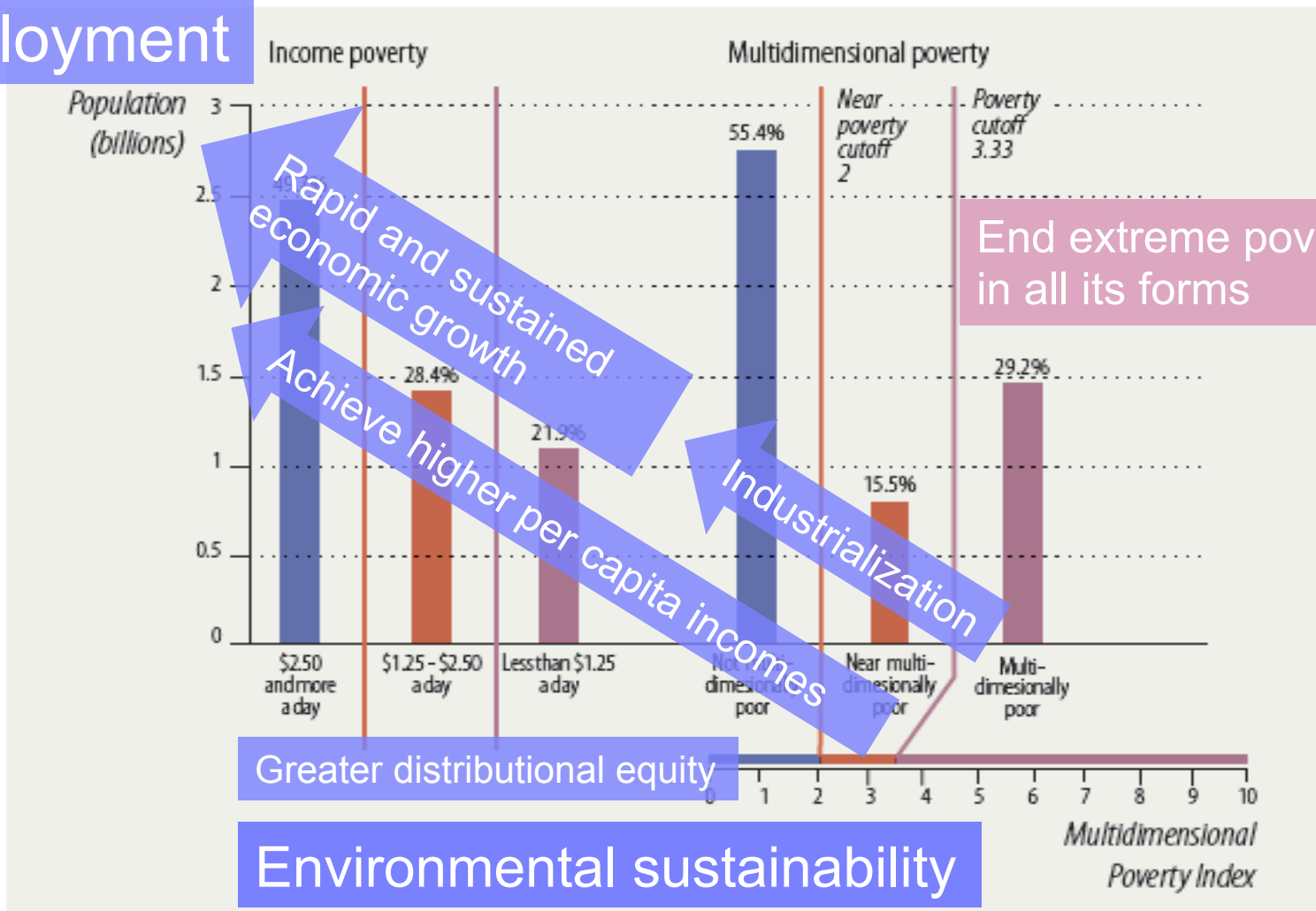
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Unfulfilled development aspirations

Some 1.2 billion people live on less than \$1.25 a day, and 1.5 billion people live in multidimensional poverty

Full employment

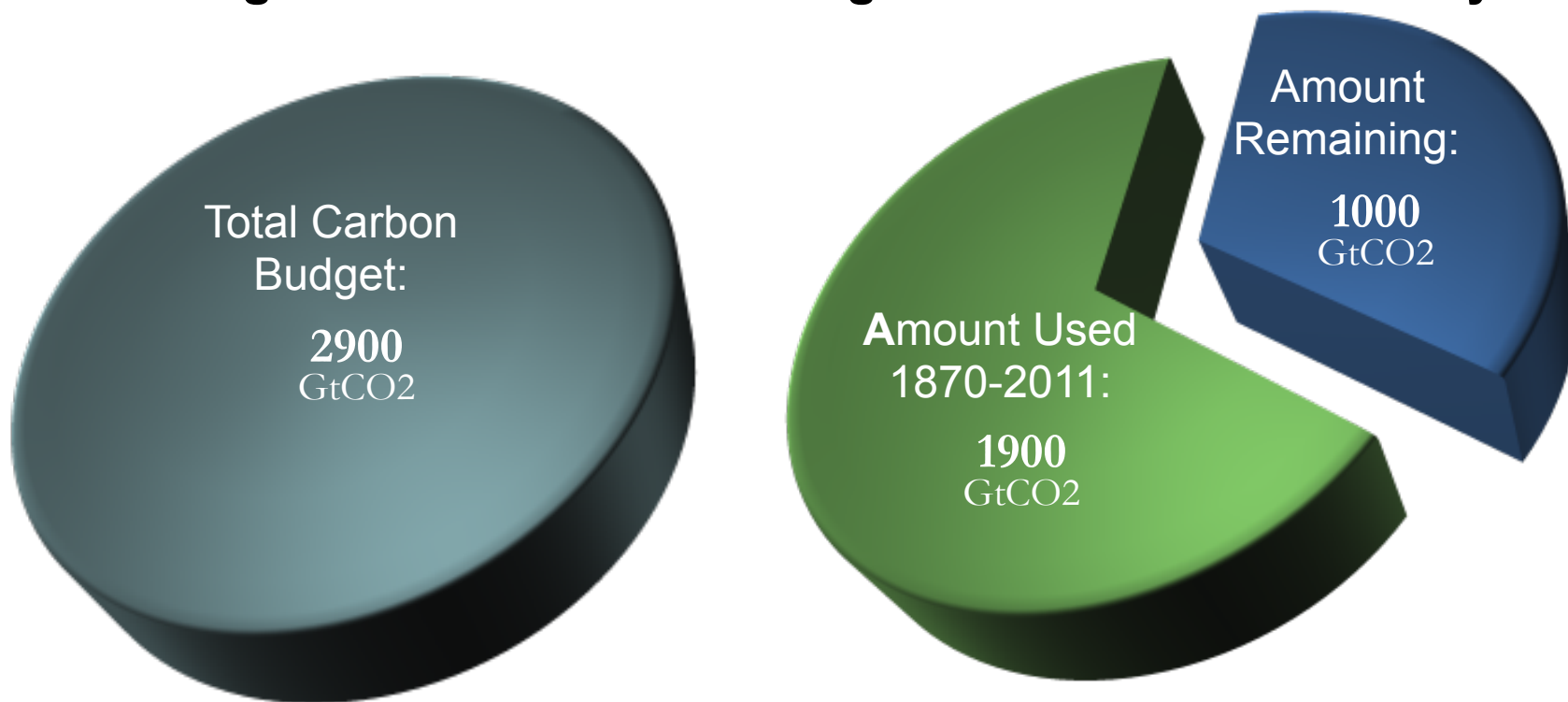


End extreme poverty in all its forms

These issues and many others require urgent attention

The window for action is rapidly closing!

Continued emissions at current levels will exhaust the remaining global carbon budget consistent with a 2°C goal within the next 15-30 years



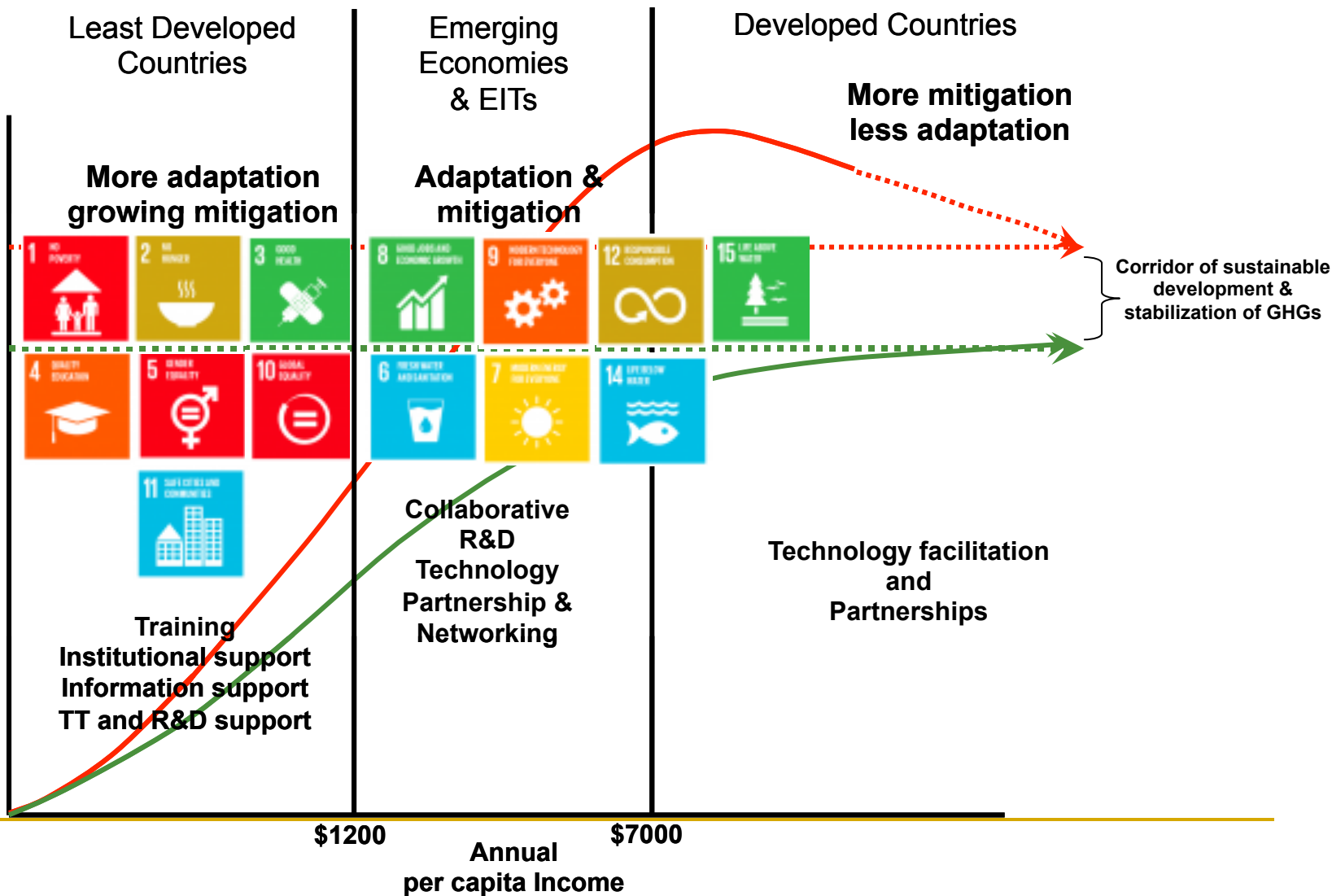
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It is in this context that development aspirations must be fulfilled

Aligning climate change actions and SDGs offers huge opportunities but differs in each country and by income group:

There is no “one size fits all” solution!

Per capita GHG emissions (concentrations)



1. Let's start with development priorities, and:

- Aim to meet national objectives for development and poverty eradication
- Focus on strategies that transform threats into opportunities

2. Let's explore existing development initiatives that are climate-resilient and environment-friendly:

- There exist a diverse array of local actions and national policies that have delivered positive outcomes for development and for climate
- We can explore such options at various levels
- We can scale these up, coupling them with international initiatives so as to enhance their impacts

This strategy is called **“development first”**:

An approach that stimulates concrete actions, mainstreaming, and a strong, inclusive, accelerated transition towards a more sustainable future, highlighting cooperation at global, regional, national and local levels



1. Start with development priorities for the country
2. Explore options and opportunities

- Policy barriers
 - Lack of policy awareness
- Regulatory & institutional barriers
 - Lack of effective regulations
 - Investors need clarity and stability
 - Low capacity to manage climate risks
- Financial barriers
 - Poverty
 - Insufficient capital flow
 - High initial capital costs
- Market barriers
- Technical barriers
 - Low technical skills and capacity
- Information barriers
 - Low public and institutional awareness
 - Lack of climate information



There are a range of barriers

1. Start with dev. priorities
2. Explore options and opportunities

- Policy Options
 - Mainstream climate change policies into development activities
- Regulatory & Institutional
 - Establishment of standards e.g. emissions and efficiency standards
 - Climate-proofing investments
 - Capacity building in the public and private sector to assess and manage climate risks
- Financial
 - Strengthen financial institutions and capital markets
 - Capacity building for international finance sourcing
- Market
 - Improve investment climate
 - Creation of new markets (e.g. carbon)
 - Efficient pricing of energy, water and agricultural products
 - Tax incentives



1. Start with dev. priorities

2. Explore options and opportunities

3. Overcome barriers

Aligning climate actions and SDGs requires broad national participation and enhanced cooperation

Policy Community

Elected officials, ministries, community representatives, researchers, etc.

- Set the vision for a SDGs & CRLCD future
- Set the SDGs & CRLCD pathway
- Set legislation across different sectors
- Set National Development Plans
- Develop infrastructure
- Support climate change negotiations

Practice Community

Businesses, communities and civil society including NGOs and CSOs

- Undertake economic, social and environmental activities
- Contribute to development through practical action
- Respond to laws, opportunities and other changes... leaving a footprint

Research Community

Universities, research institutes, researchers, consultants etc

- Explore society, the economy and the environment, including climate
- Study interactions between society, the economy and the environment
- Generate knowledge on SDGs & CRLCD options

Moving forward

How do we:

- Stimulate the political will and vision to align climate actions and SDGs?
 - Orient institutions to deliver this vision?
 - Access resources to support the required transformation?
 - Link short-term and long-term imperatives?
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Thank you

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