

# Growing Sustainable Chemistry – Needs and Opportunities

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# Gaps and shortcomings

- **Lack of common definition of Sustainable Chemistry**
- **Broad gap between production standards in industrialized and developing countries**
- **Unsafe products widely used especially in Non OECD countries**
- **Role of chemistry and chemical industry for keeping inside the „planetary boundaries“ not defined**
- **Unclear opportunities for followers of Sustainable Chemistry concepts**
- **Sustainable Development Goals 2020 hardly to achieve  
– how will the SDGs influence further work?**

**We can turn needs into  
opportunities (if we are wise)**

**Global risks ← Global trade → Global earnings**



**Global solutions and conventions**

# **We can turn needs into opportunities (if we are wise)**

**Increasing prices of (scarce) raw materials in the long term**



**Research for  
renewables**

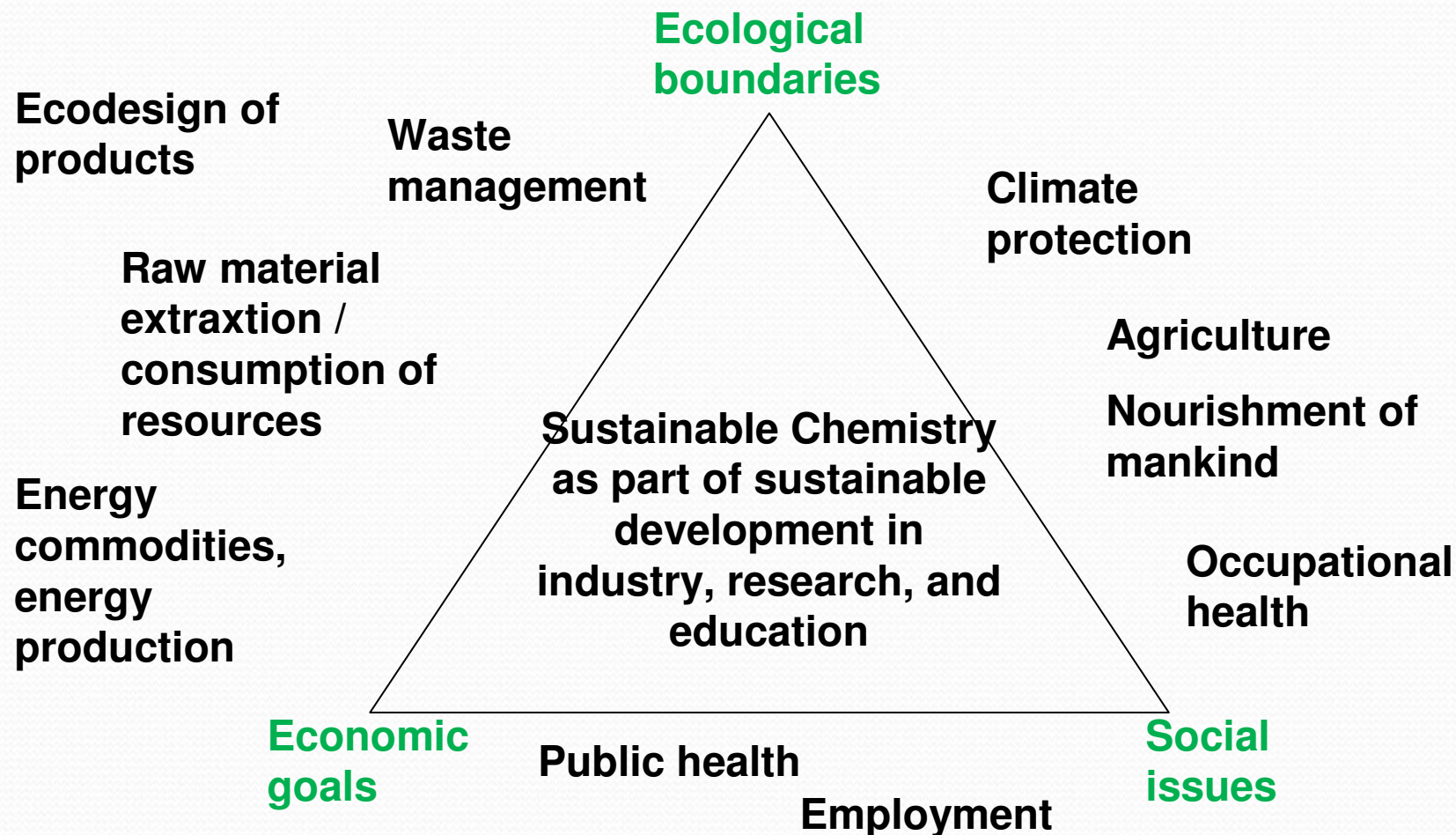


**Recycling efforts**



**Material  
efficiency**

# Sustainable Chemistry is an opportunity interfacing other global issues



ISC<sub>3</sub>

# Scope of the ISC<sub>3</sub> project

- **Concept of Sustainable Chemistry to be established**
  - Development in science and industry
  - Consolidation of basic ideas, especially interfaces...
  - Sustainable product design
  - Sustainable material flow management
  - Teaching Sustainable Chemistry
- **How to proceed international Sustainable Chemistry?**
  - SAICM post 2020
- **Collection, promotion, and dissemination of successful business models – return on investment!**
- **Positioning Sustainable Chemistry as a tool to keep within the „planetary boundaries“**

# Scope of the ISC<sub>3</sub> project

- **ISC<sub>3</sub> = International Sustainable Chemistry Collaborative Centre**
  - Independent organisation working on a scientific basis
  - Based in Germany, open for companies, scientists, international organisations, governments, NGO's
  - Structure and organisational framework to be defined
  - Goal: Financed from research subsidies and project funding
- **Roles of ISC<sub>3</sub>:**
  - Platform for the Sustainable Chemistry community
  - Incubator, multiplier of ideas and innovations
  - Think tank and source of inspiration
  - Knowledge base for Sustainable Chemistry

# Potential units of ISC<sub>3</sub>

1. **Communication branch; dissemination of good practice examples from all fields of Sustainable Chemistry**
2. **Network organisation**
3. **Observation of the development of Sustainable Chemistry in industry, academia, and international policy**
4. **Research and development branch**



International Sustainable  
Chemistry Collaborative Centre

**... under discussion!**

# Structure and organisation of the project



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# How to become a part of ISC<sub>3</sub> ?



International Sustainable  
Chemistry Collaborative Centre

- **Drop you business card at the counter!**
- **We will send you a link when the Homepage is on line.**

## Home

**Thank you for listening!**

### ISC<sub>3</sub> – International Sustainable Chemistry Collaborative Centre

Willkommen! ISC<sub>3</sub> sieht nach Chemie aus: Richtig! Aber ISC<sub>3</sub> ist noch mehr. **ISC<sub>3</sub>** steht für **I**nternational **S**ustainable **C**hemistry **C**ollaborative **C**entre. Das ISC<sub>3</sub> ist eine im Aufbau befindliche Institution – Sie können sie mit gestalten!

Die Welt steht global vor großen Herausforderungen wie Wachstum der Weltbevölkerung, Armut, Hunger und sich verschlechternde Umweltbedingungen, wachsende Migrationsströme, Klimawandel, Verknappung verfügbarer Ressourcen oder weltweite Erosion stabiler Ökosysteme. Die chemische Industrie spielt hier eine wichtige Rolle. Einerseits ist sie als Rohstoff- und Energieverbraucher ein wesentlicher Emittent und damit Problemverursacher. Andererseits ist sie mit einer Vielzahl ihrer Produkte schon heute ein wichtiger Teil der Problemlösung und kann einen wesentlichen Beitrag zum Erreichen der globalen Nachhaltigkeitsziele (Sustainable

