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A boundary for us to satisfy our current needs without anyway compromising the quality of environment / ecosystem so that it remains equally capable of supporting the future generations, too.

Encyclopedia of Food Security and Sustainability, 2019



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Sustainability

“Meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs”

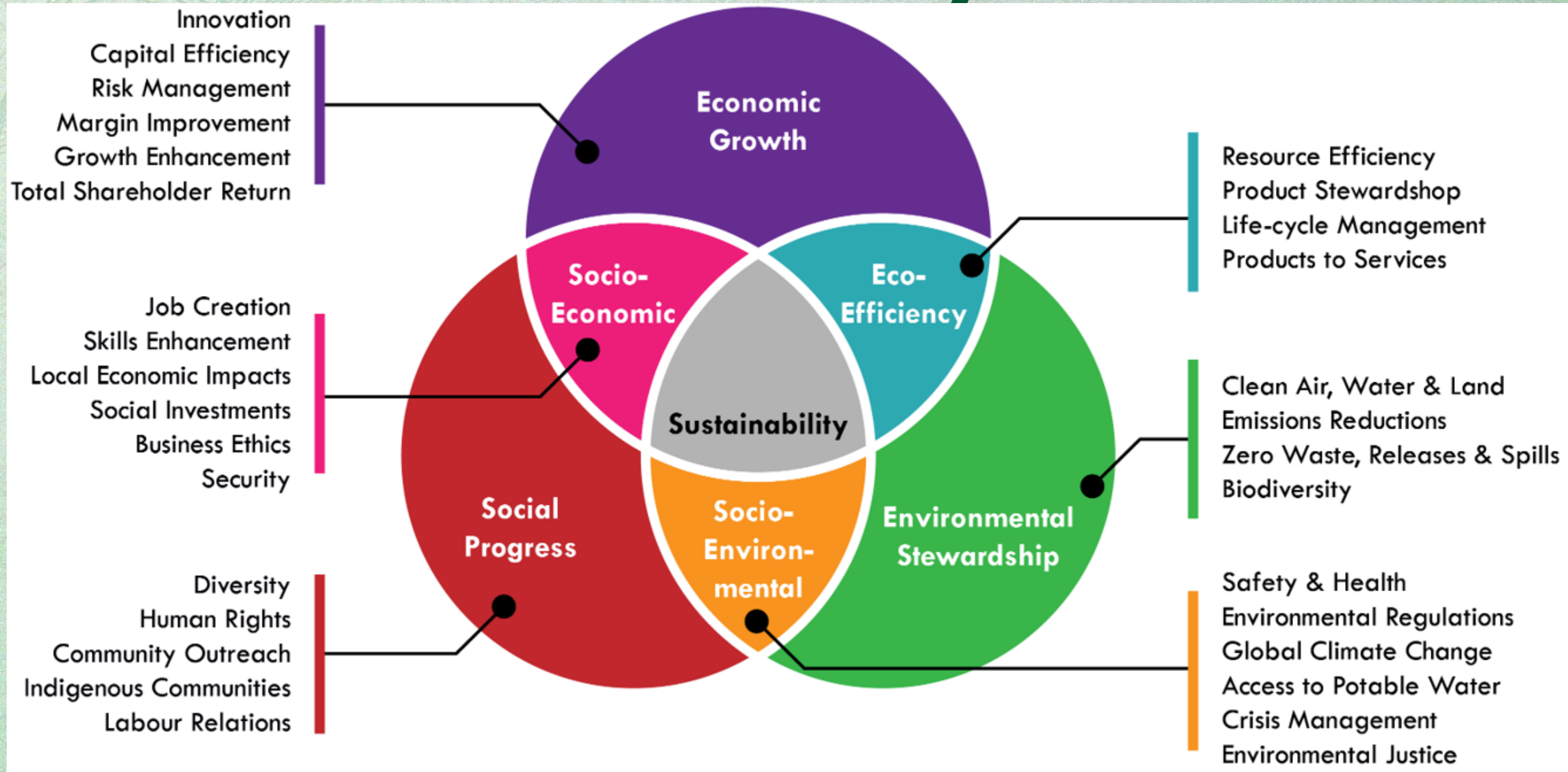
United Nations Brundtland Commission, 1987

“To pursue sustainability is to create and maintain the conditions under which humans and nature can exist in productive harmony to support present and future generations.”

United States Environment Protection Agency (US EPA)



Pillars of Sustainability



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Circular Economy

“The circular economy is a model of production and consumption, which involves sharing, leasing, reusing, repairing, refurbishing and recycling existing materials and products as long as possible. In this way, the life cycle of products is extended.”

United Nations Brundtland Commission, 1987

EU Parliament Tools for circularity:

1. Extending the life cycle of products.
2. Minimizing waste.
3. Creating further value.

Environmental Costs of Textiles

Producing 1 kg of cotton emits more than

7 kgs

of **carbon dioxide** - equivalent to driving for 11.3 kilometers.



Over

2,650 liters

of **water** (enough to fill 22 bathtubs) are used to manufacture ONE cotton T-shirt.

According to the World Bank

17-20%

of **industrial water pollution** is due to textile dyeing and treatment.

160 grams

of **pesticides and herbicides** are used to grow the cotton used in just ONE T-shirt.



FAST FASHION



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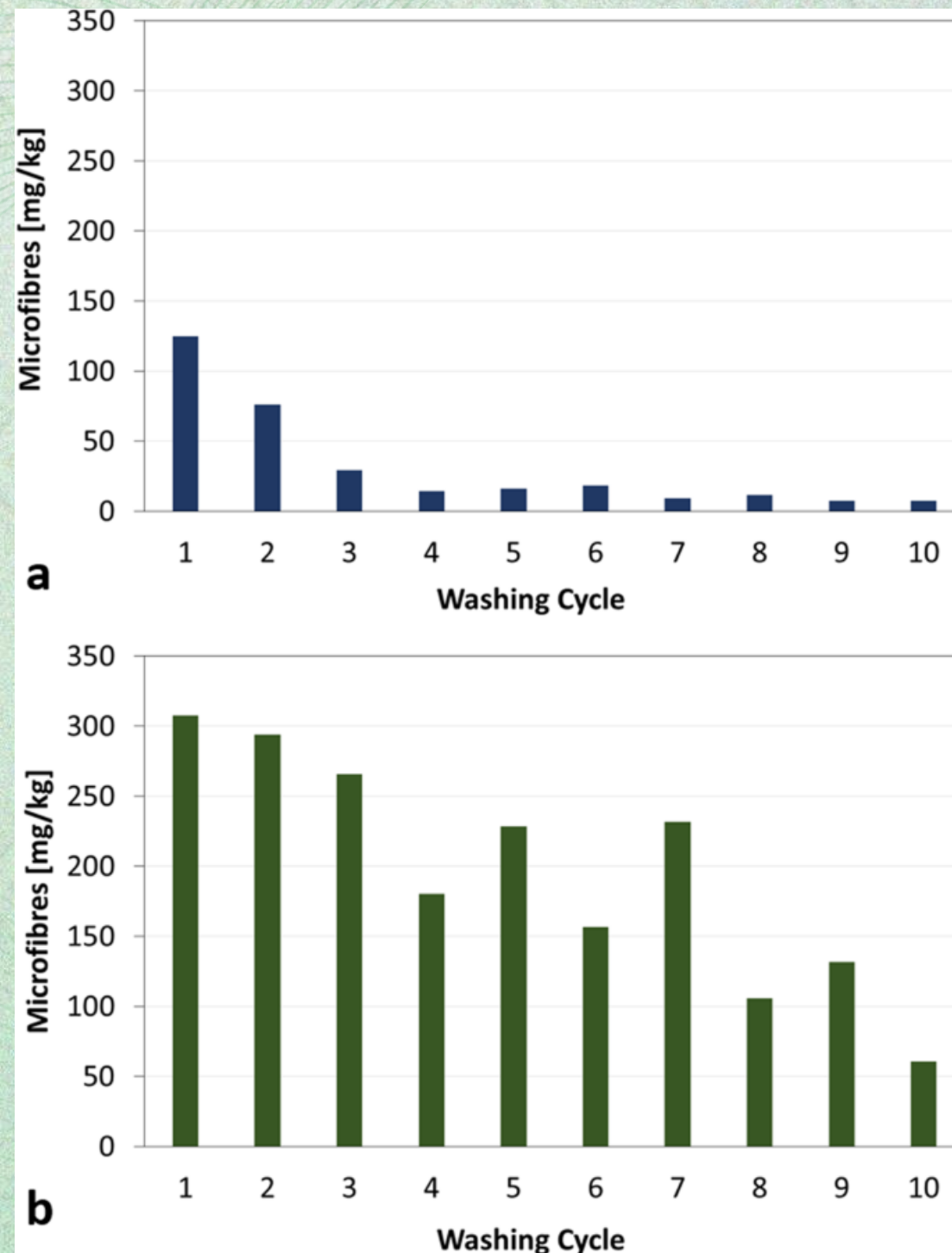
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Environmental Costs of Textiles

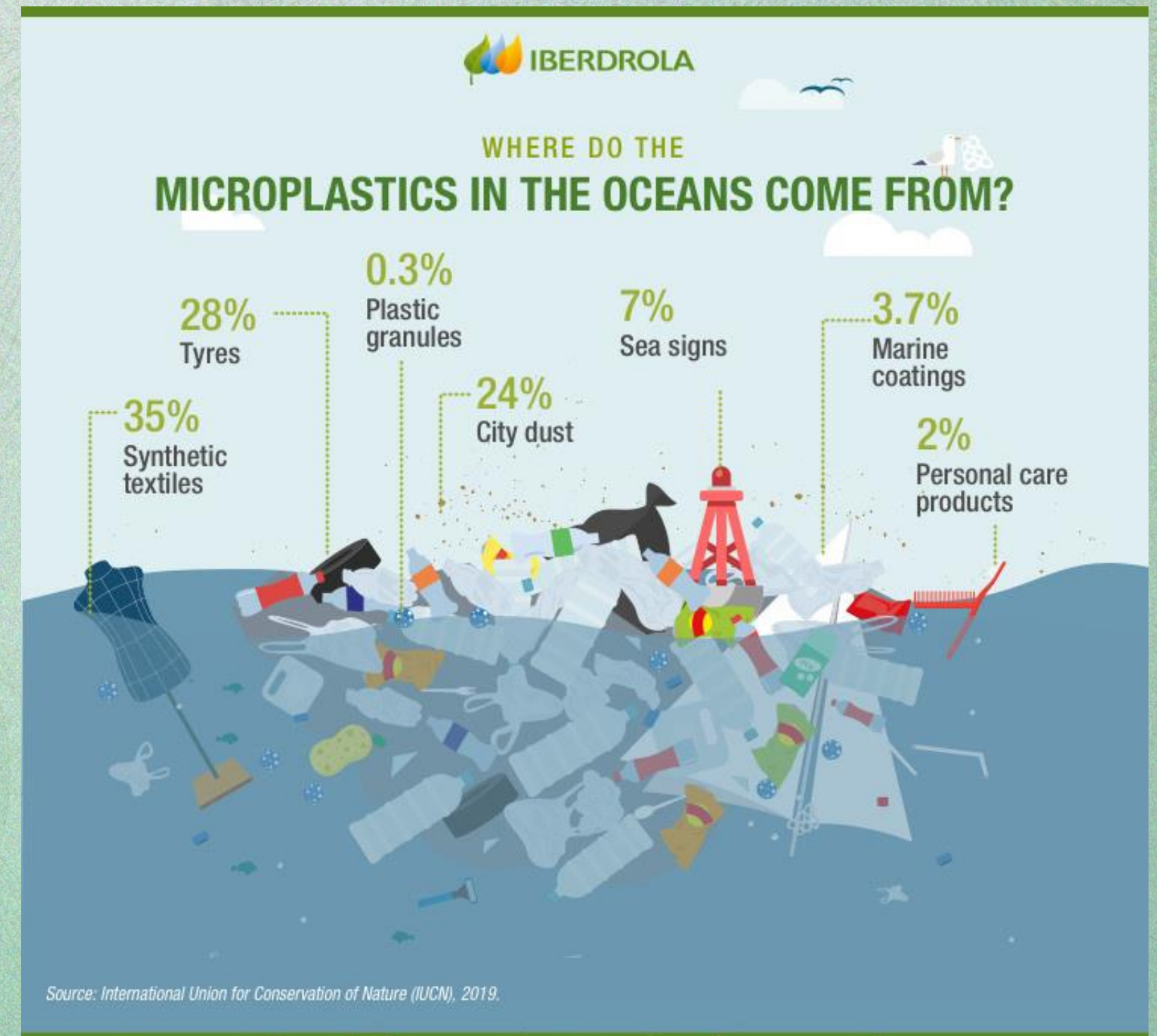
Total amount of microfibres released during 10 washing cycles from: (a) BT and (b) GT.

BT- 100% Polyester T-shirt

GT- 100% Polyester Blouse with 65% recycled PET



De Falco., et.al., Nature, 2019



International Union for the Conservation of Nature, 2019



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There are enough
clothes on the planet
right now to dress the
next six generations of
the human race.

@savetheplanetsociety

TEXTILE PRODUCTION

Global textile fibre
production has
almost doubled:



from

58 million tonnes
in 2000

to

109 million tonnes
in 2020

and is projected to grow to

145 million tonnes
by 2030



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Textile Market Size by the Numbers

CAGR
5.4%

US\$ 1.79 T is the global textile market worth in 2021, accounting for 1.6% of the world's GDP.

▶ **The Asia–Pacific Region holds one of the top largest market share for textiles at about 392 B US\$ in 2024**

▶ **Consumer spending on clothing and footwear in Asia surged to US\$ 756.84 B in 2021**, marking an **18%** increase from 2020's US\$ 647.26 B

MEDIUM: Asia's Textile Manufacturing Industry: Size, Share, and Growth (2024–2029)



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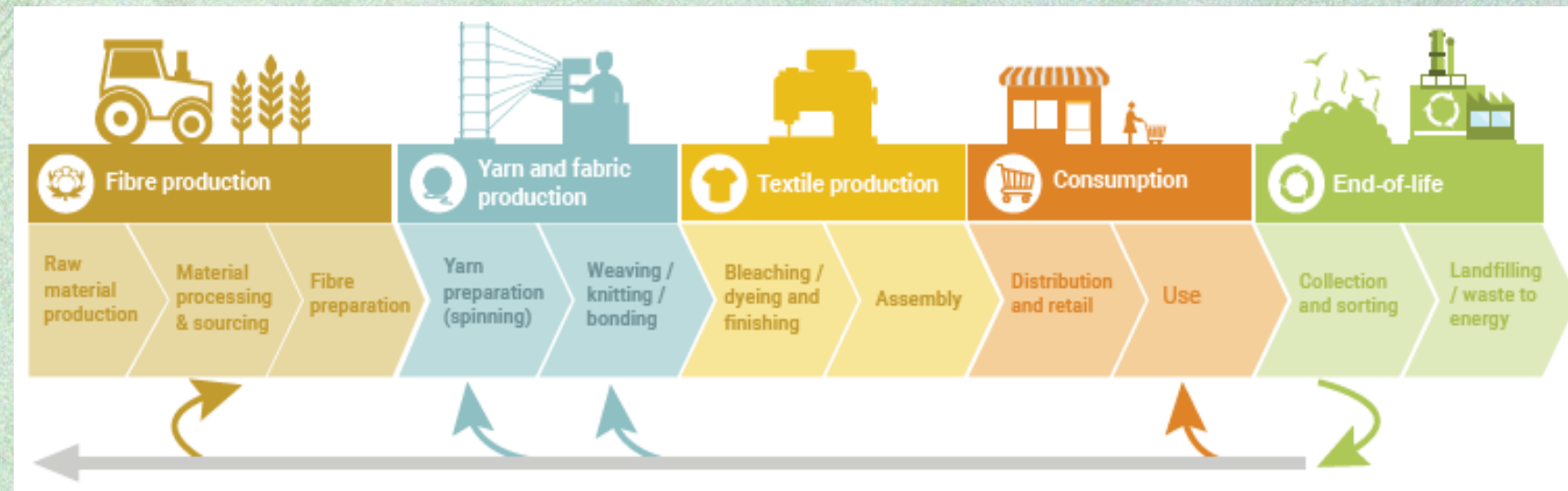


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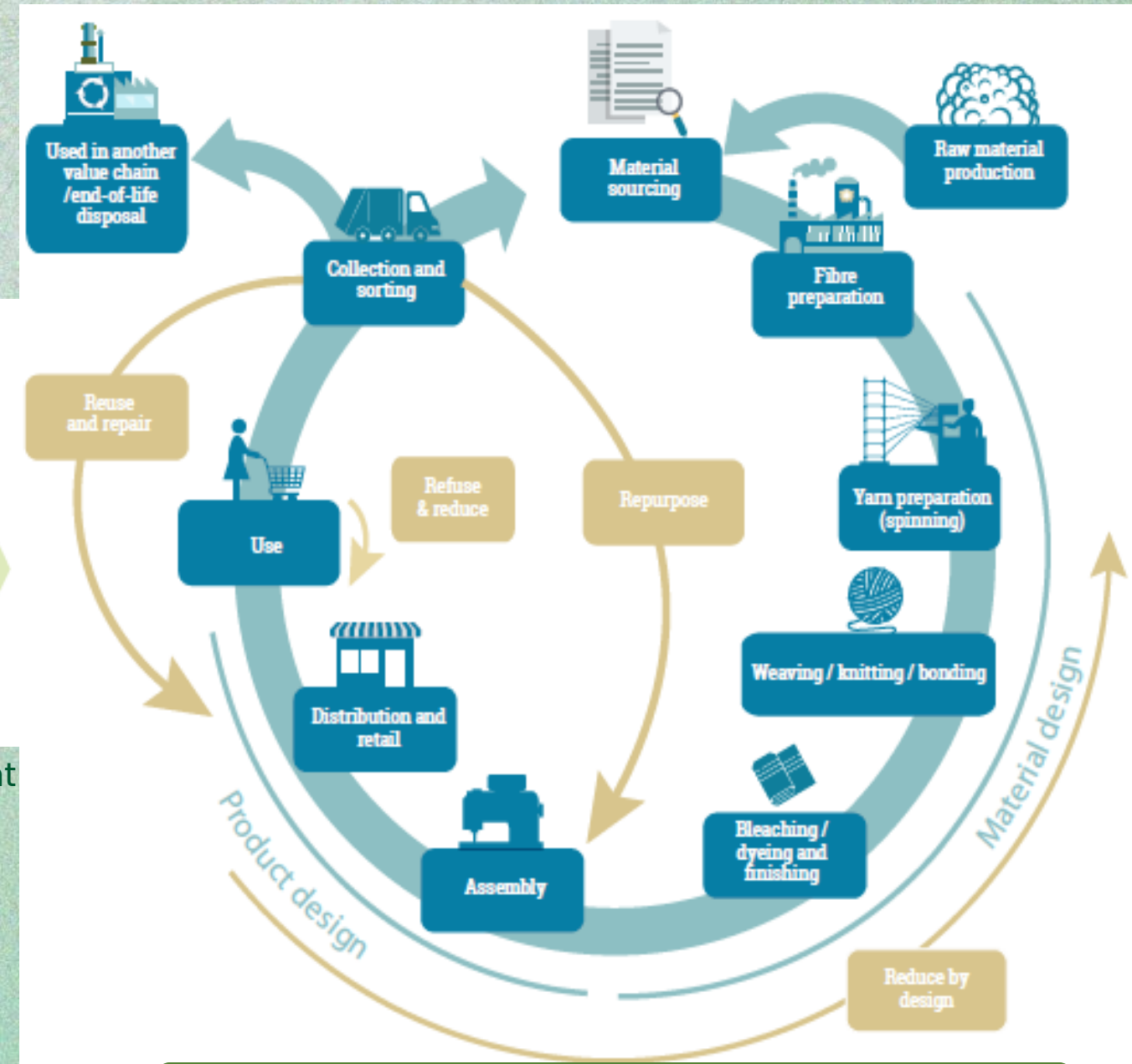
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Textile Value Chain: Linear vs. Circular



United Nations Environment Programme, 2020

LINEAR



CIRCULAR



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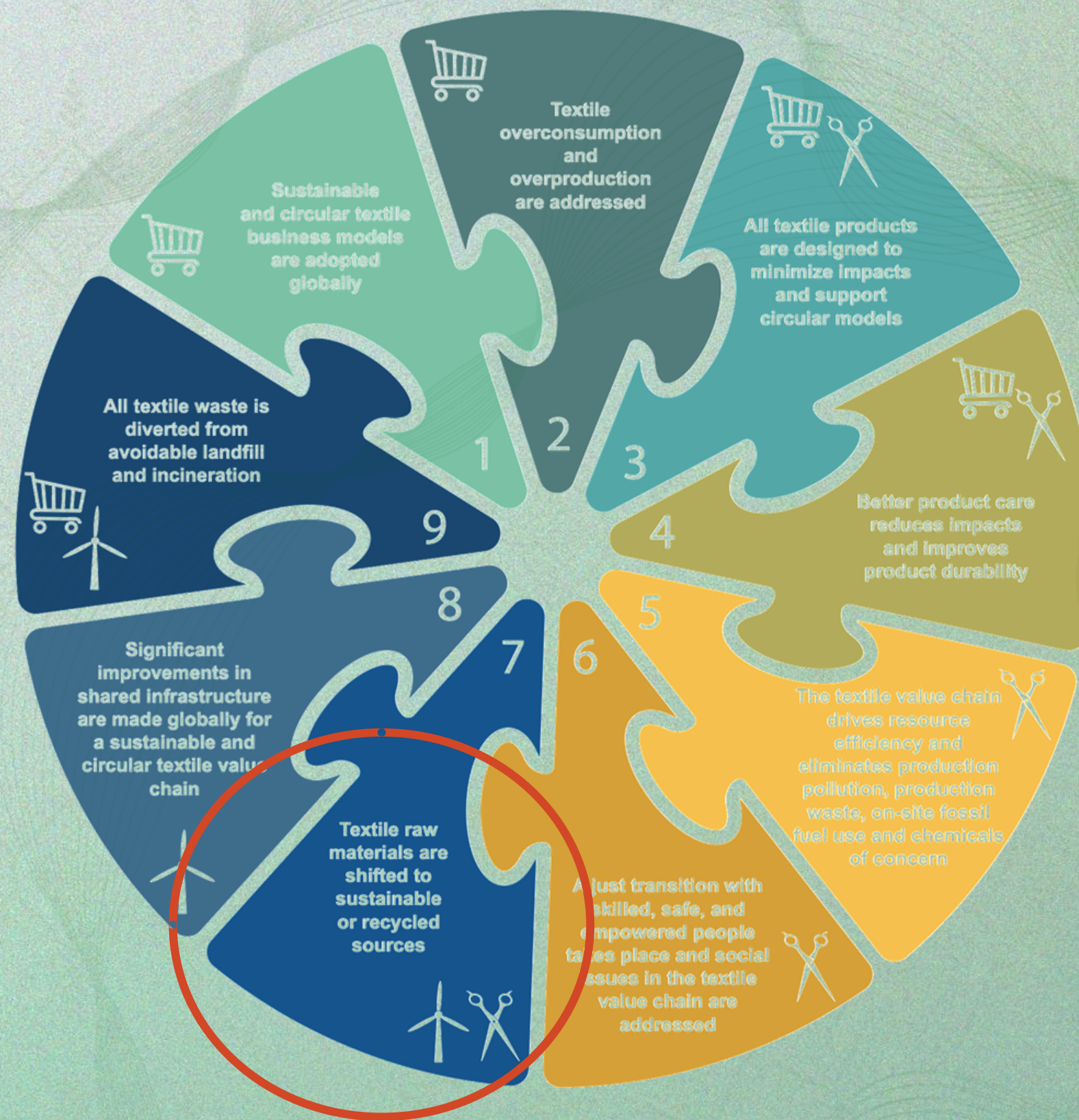
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NINE BUILDING BLOCKS TO DELIVER INDUSTRY GOALS

1. Sustainable and circular textile business models are adopted globally
2. Textile overconsumption and overproduction are addressed
3. All textile products are designed to minimize impacts and support circular models
4. Better product care reduces impacts and improves product durability
5. The textile value chain drives resource efficiency and eliminates production pollution, production waste, on-site fossil fuel use and chemicals of concern
6. A just transition with skilled, safe, and empowered people takes place and social issues in the textile value chain are addressed
7. Textile raw materials are shifted to sustainable or recycled sources
8. Significant improvements in shared infrastructure are made globally for a sustainable and circular textile value chain
9. All textile waste is diverted from avoidable landfill and incineration



UNEP Sustainability and Circularity in the Textile Value Chain: A Global Roadmap

INDUSTRY GOALS:

Shifting Consumer Patterns

Improved Practices

Infrastructure Investment



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Global Textile Regulation and Policies Related to Circular Economy

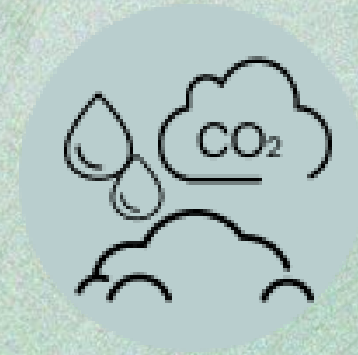
European Union (EU) Textile Clothing Consumption



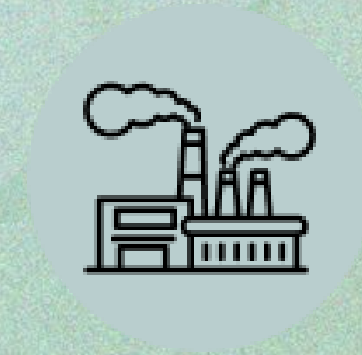
Each person in the EU contributes to the staggering **11.3 kg** of textile waste annually, culminating in a total of 5.8 million tonnes discarded each year.



Less than **1 %** of the material used around the world for clothing is recycled into new clothing



Every garment in the fashion industry adds to CO2 emissions and water use, fueling climate change and soil erosion.



The textile and clothing sector employs around **1.5 million** people in Europe, fostering local employment and business growth.

The EU formally adopted the first three (3) proposals that now await implementation:

- 1. Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation (ESPR)**
- 2. Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDD)**
- 3. Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive (PPWD)**



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Circular Economy Framework



(Baker Institute, Forbes.com)

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Enterprises

PSA-ASPBI

P388.5 B

Garment exports (2023)

14%

Decline from the P 44.69 Billion worth on 2022

2.5%

Increase in Per capita expenditure on clothing and footwear

\$4.97 B

Total consumer spending by 2028 is projected on clothing and footwear

1.1 Million

Jobs as of 2019

<https://www.statista.com/statistics/758359/textile-manufacturing-value-added-philippines/>



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Second Regular Session

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Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT A FULL ASSESSMENT, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, OF THE CURRENT SITUATION OF PHILIPPINE TEXTILE AND GARMENTS INDUSTRY

WHEREAS, the Philippine Textile-Garment Industry Roadmap was launched in December 2019. The roadmap envisions a sustainable, competitive and integrated Philippine textile-garment industry that generates inclusive growth;



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The Philippine Circular Economy Baseline Framework

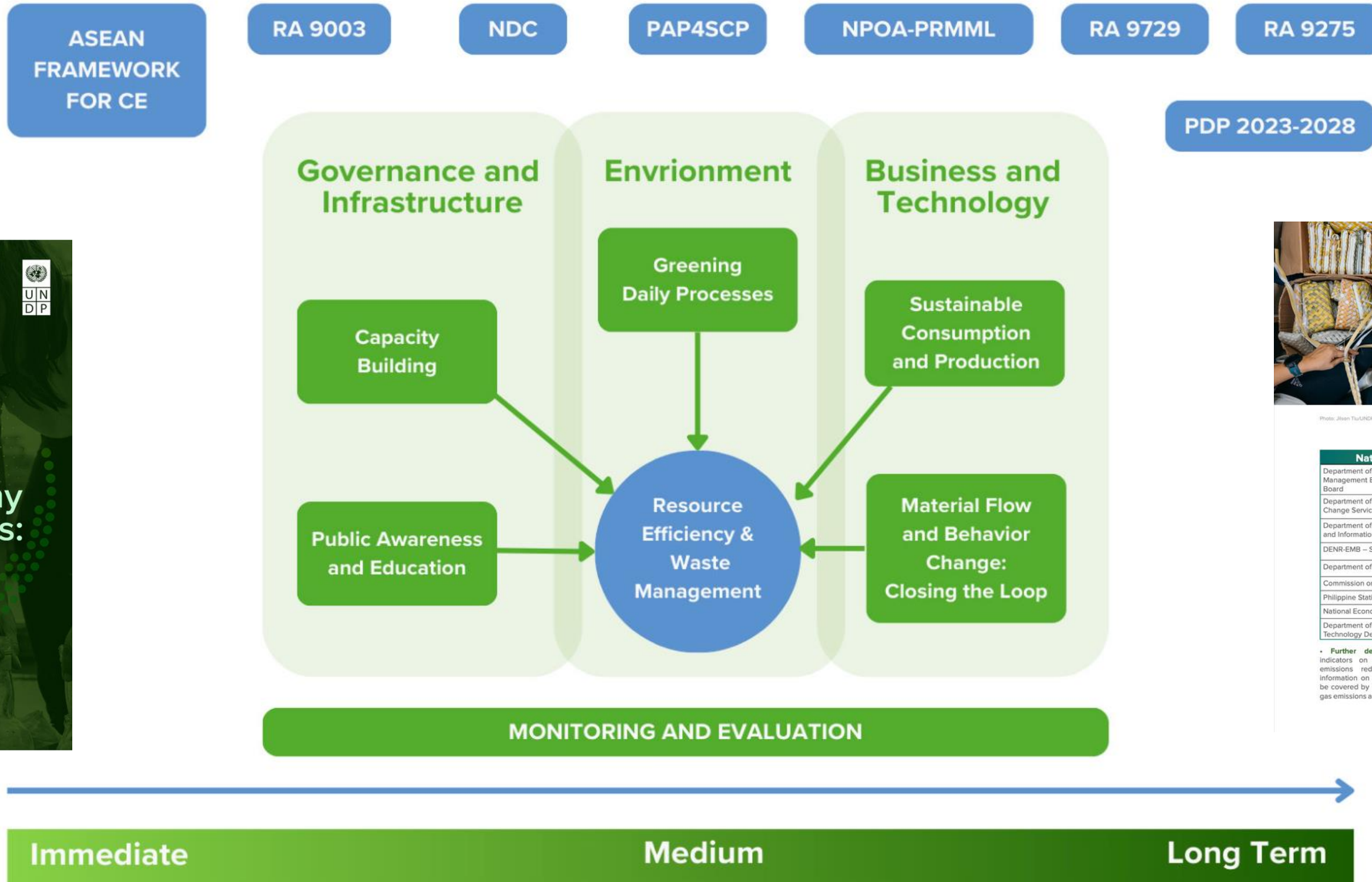
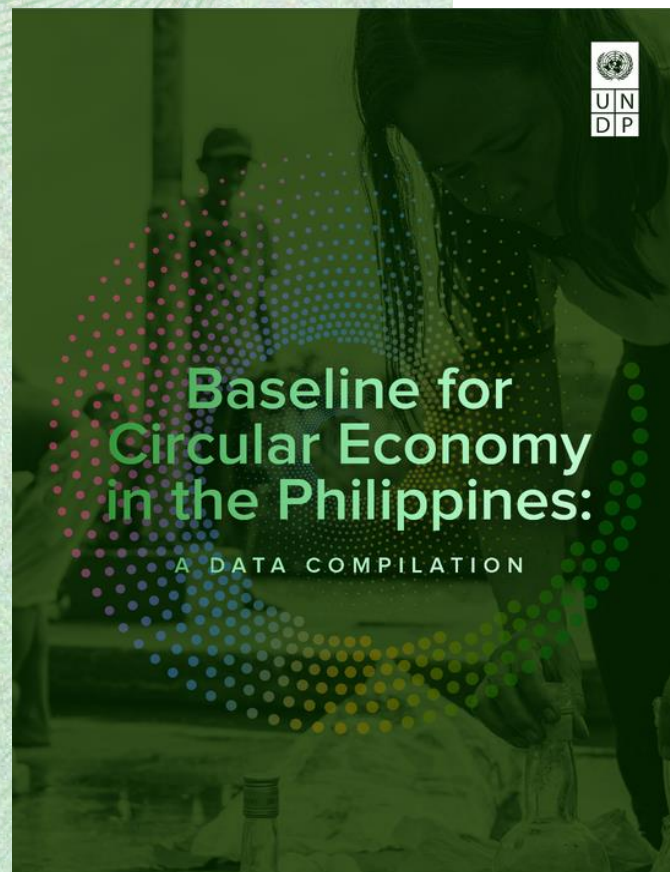


Table 1. List of National Government Agencies Consulted

National Government Agencies	Date Coordinated
Department of Environment Natural Resources-Environment Management Bureau (DENR-EMB) – Pollution Adjudication Board	23 January 2023
Department of Environment Natural Resources – Climate Change Service (DENR-CCS)	23 January 2023
Department of Environment Natural Resources – Knowledge and Information System Service (DENR-KISS)	23 January 2023
DENR-EMB – Solid Waste Management Division	23 January 2023
Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)	7 February 2023
Commission on Higher Education (CHED)	16 February 2023
Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)	22 February 2023
National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)	3 March 2023
Department of Science and Technology (DOST) – Industrial Technology Development Institute	23 May 2023

• Further deduplication. For example, indicators on CO2 emissions and CO2 emissions reduction were removed as information on these indicators can already be covered by baseline data on greenhouse gas emissions and greenhouse gas reduction.

• Inclusion of indicators beyond the scope of NPOA ML. Indicators beyond the NPOA ML, such as ecolabel holders, use of packaging waste articulated to extended producer responsibility, and percentage of urban wastewater treated/total wastewater generated were added.

(UNDP Philippines, 2024)



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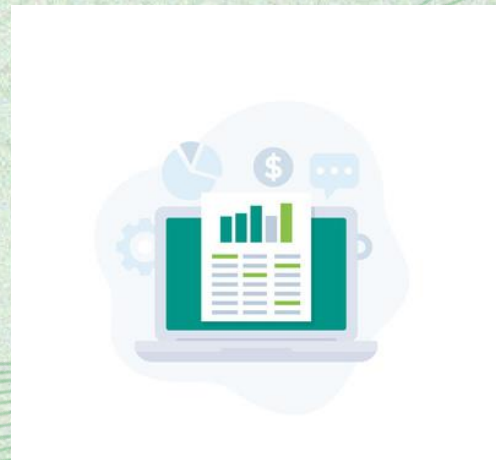


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The Philippine Textile Circular Economy Framework



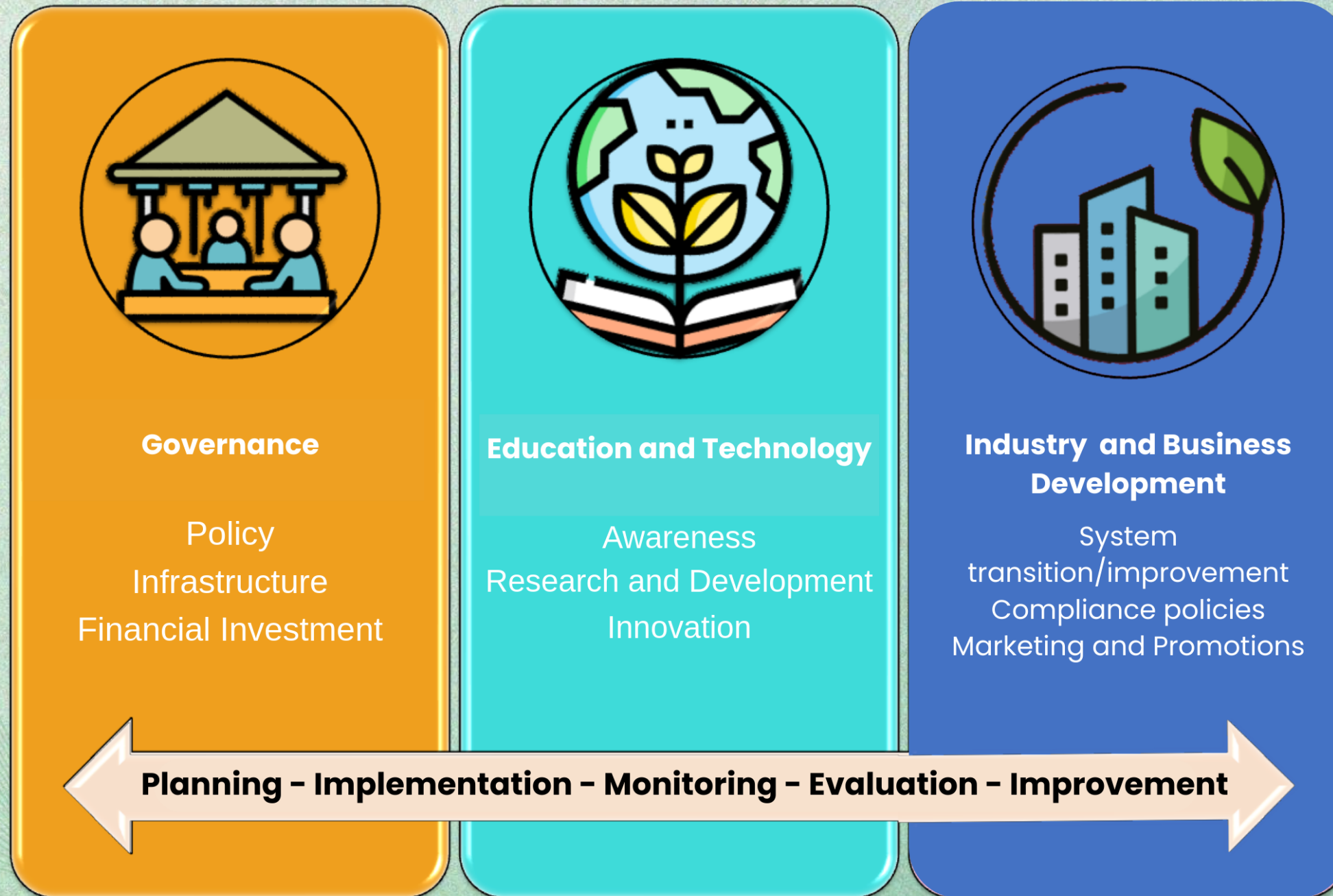
Data Gathering and Analytics



Policy Review and Benchmarking



International CE Frameworks and Roadmaps





Science, Technology, Innovation Intervention



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Philippine Tropical (Textile) Fiber

A DOST-PTRI Patented Technology



Fiber source

Leaf
Pseudostem
Stem



Raw Fiber

Handstripped
Decorticated
Retted



Treated Fiber

(Spinnable Fiber)
PTRI Technology



Yarns

Blended with cotton
fibers



Fabric

Woven
Knitted



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Bakong

Hanguana malayana

Sta. Teresita,
Cagayan

LYOCELL

COTTON



Raw Bakong fiber



Fiber Treatment



Mechanical



Blending



Drawing



Roving



Yarn



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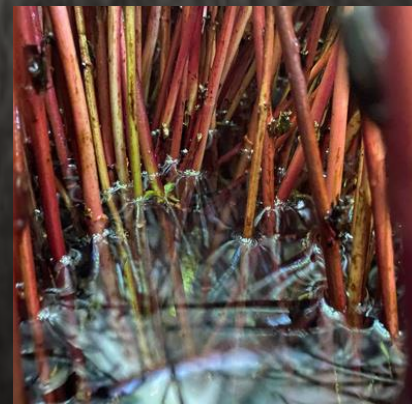
Saluyot

Corchorus olitorius

Occidental Mindoro

LYOCELL

COTTON



Raw Bakers fiber



Fiber Treatment



Blending



Drawing



Roving



Yarn



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Water Hyacinth

Eichhornia crassipes (Mart) Solms



RAW MATERIAL



RAW FIBERS



TREATED FIBERS



YARN



FABRIC



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Silk Innovation Hub-Kalinga
30 kg dried cocoons/day
7 kg raw silk/day



Silk Innovation Hub -Negros
20 kg thrown silk/day

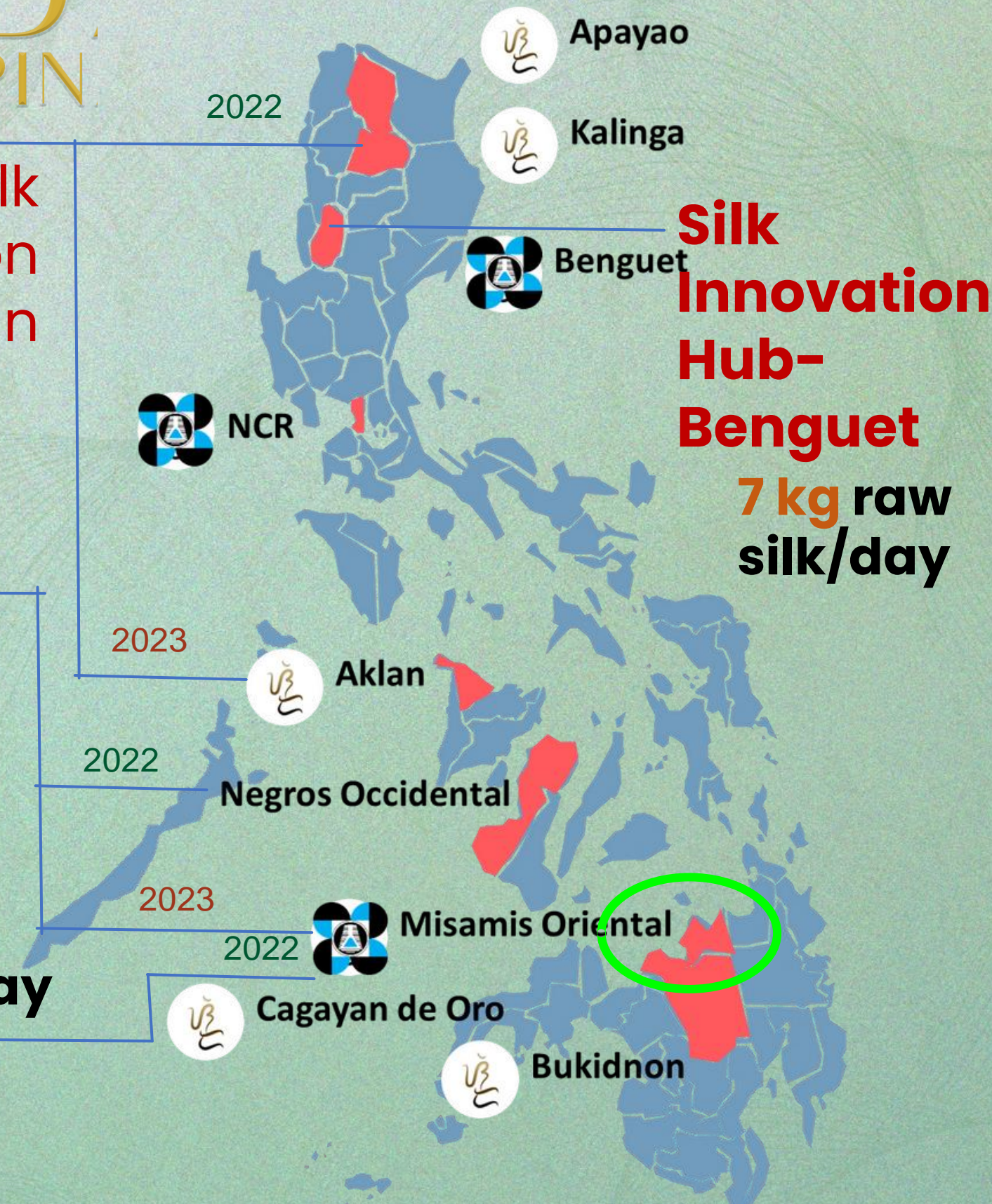
Silk Research & Innovation Center – Misamis Oriental
30 kg dried cocoons/day



ISED
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Silk Innovation Hub-Aklan
7 kg raw silk/day

7 kg raw silk/day



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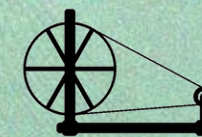
FRONTIER: Fostering the Revitalization of Nascent Textile Innovation Ecosystems in the Regions Program



Four (4) partnership (Academe, ROs, private enterprise)



88 personnel trained
(Capacity-building)



200m of NatDyed fabric produced



25 Local Weavers
(Indirect employment)



Nine (9) Public Engagements
(Local and Abroad)



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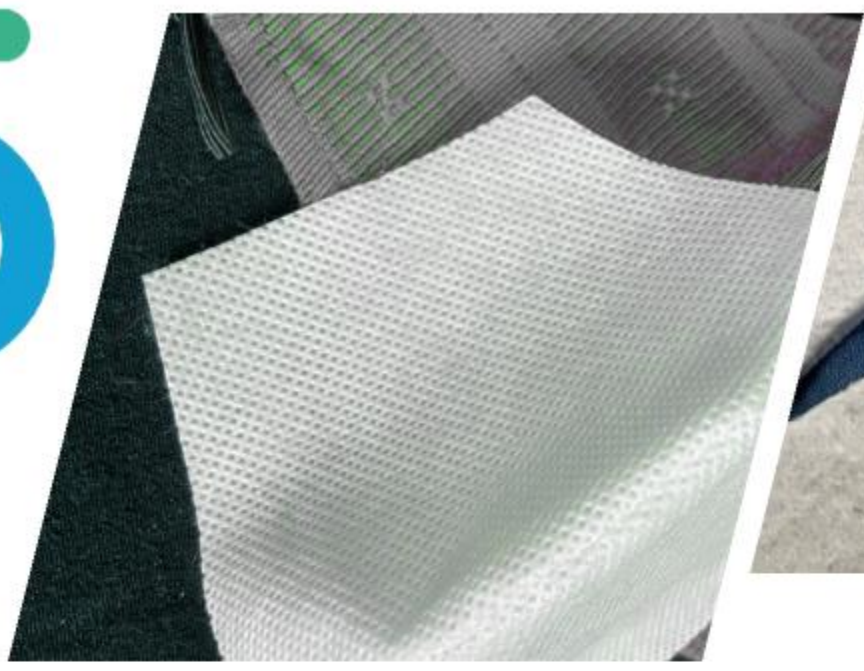


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NNS Nonwovens

Diversification of Philippine Textiles Through Nonwoven Innovations



500 Meters of Nonwoven (Pineapple, Abaca, Bamboo, and Banana)

1K+ Pairs of footwear sold

1st Heat Flow Analyzer and Acoustic Absorption Analyzer in the country

25 Alternative leather accessories



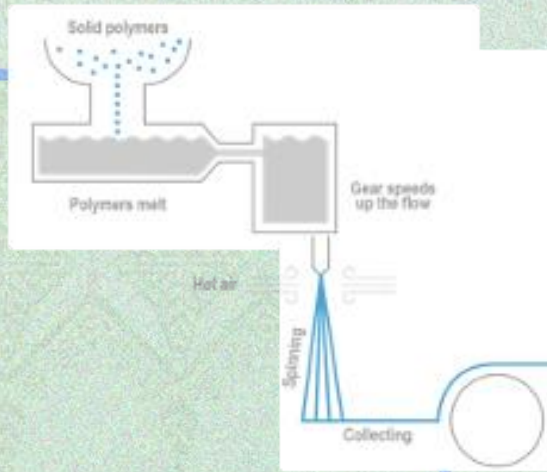
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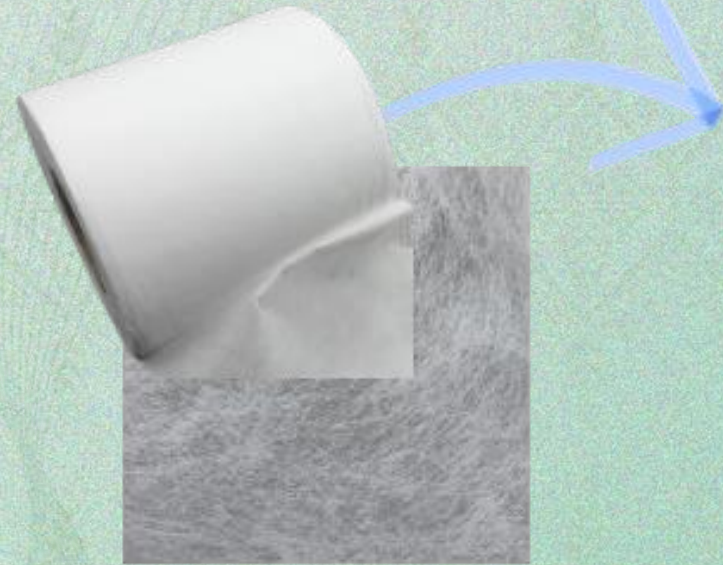
Program Framework

SUSTAINABLE MELTBLOWN AND SPUNBONDED NONWOVEN TEXTILES

1 MELTBLOWN & SPUNBOND NONWOVEN TEXTILE ASSEMBLY



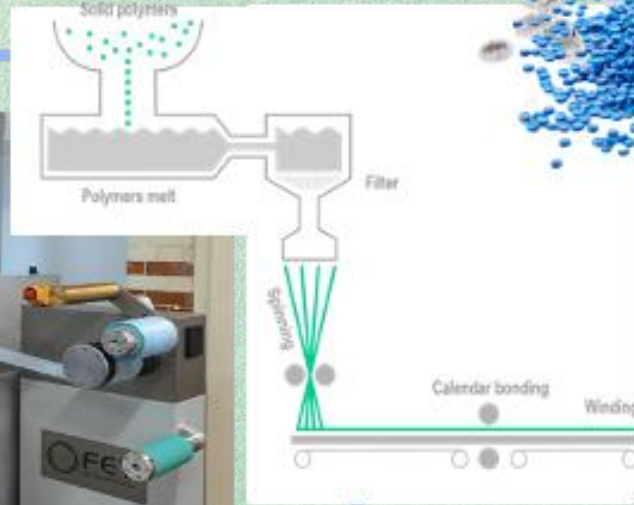
2 MELTBLOWN & SPUNBOND NONWOVEN TEXTILES



3 MELTBLOWN PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT & TESTING



SPUNBOND AGRO- & GEOTEXTILE DEVELOPMENT & TESTING



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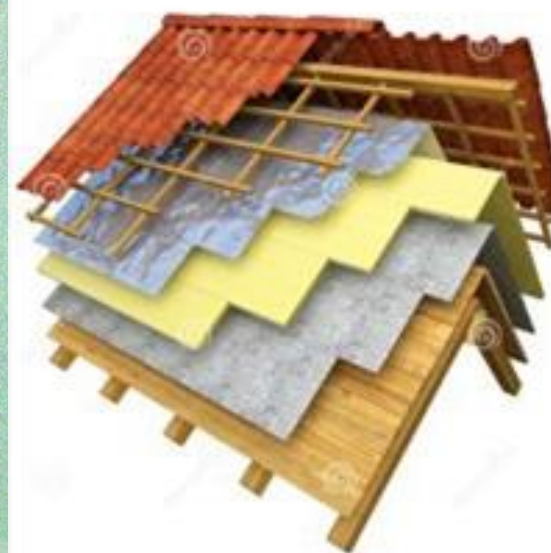
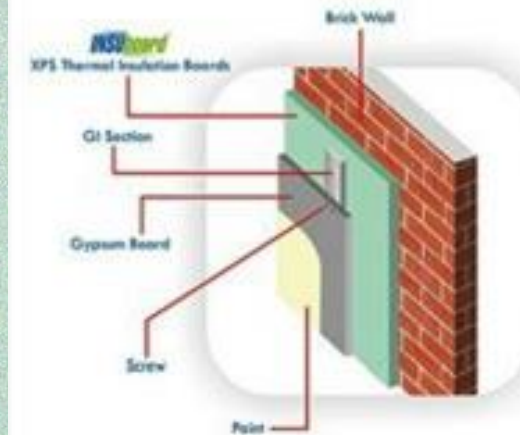
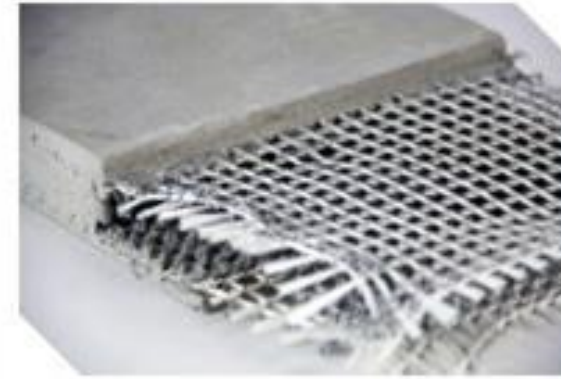


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Natural Textiles in Structural and Civil Works

CoBUILD*Tex*

Constructions and Buildings Using Indigenous Locally-Developmed **Natural Textiles:** *Natural Textile Fiber-based Innovations for Green and Smart Structural Applications*



FREEFORM STRUCTURES

- Free-Form
- Lightweight
- Prefabricated

SMART INTERIOR INSTALLATIONS

- Acoustic absorption
- Thermal insulation
- Lighting diffusion
- Electromagnetic shielding



Natural Textile Fibers

Reinforcement Forms

Cementitious Composites

Freeform and Flat-Panel Prefabs

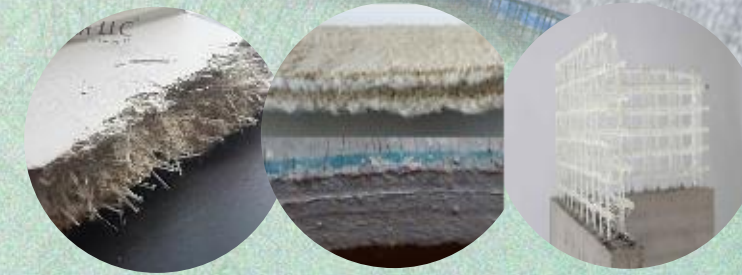
Agricultural By-products



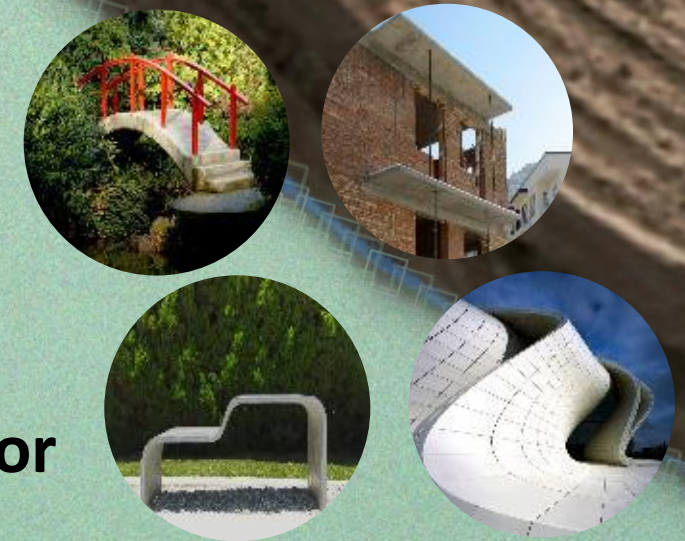
Bamboo, Banana, Abaca, etc
Good mechanical properties
at lower cost!



Grids, Nonwovens,
Treated Fibers as
Reinforcements



Optimize Cementitious
material; prevent fiber
degradation through
pozzolanic materials



Bridges, Balconies,
Freeform Roofing, Outdoor
Furniture

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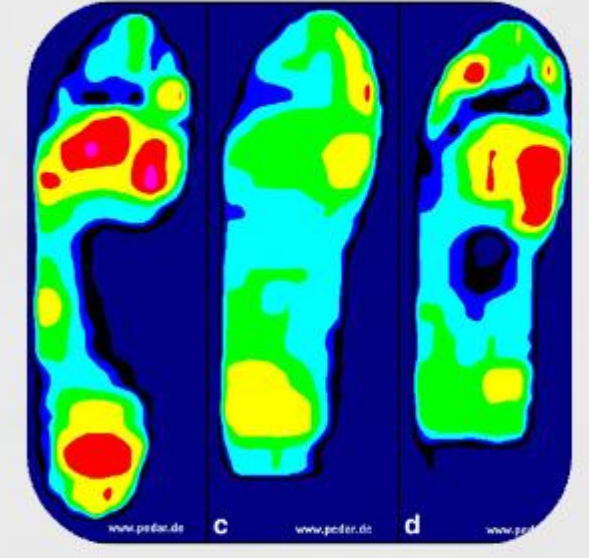


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SAFATOS



10 Industry and Academe Partners

50 Pairs of footwear using Banana, Bamboo, Abaca, Pineapple

1st In-shoe pressure dynamic tester in the country

10 Manufacturers scoped from Marikina, Laguna, Cebu, and Davao



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CREATIVE DEFINITIONS

SmarTex Water Repellent Uppers

Natural rubber for outsoles sourced from Mindanao



Enabled by DOST-PTRI technologies



Handwoven pineapple-cotton fabric for the uppers

Cotton-pineapple blended laces

100% PALF nonwovens on EVA material for insoles

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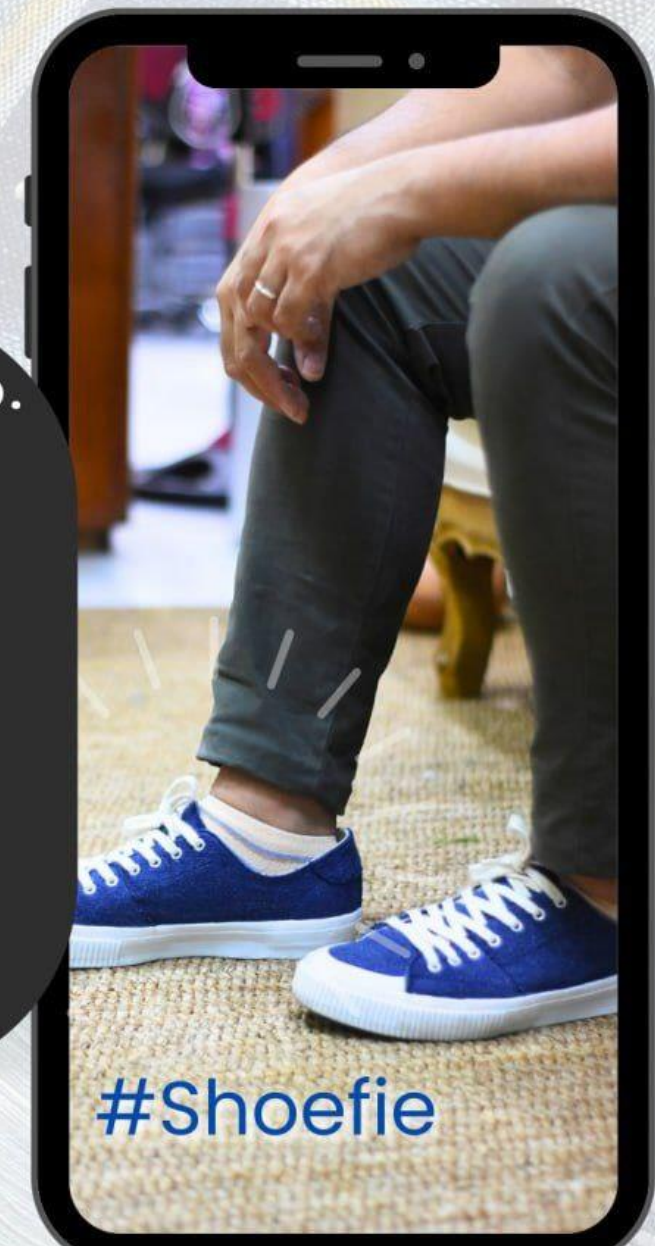


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"As the Director of DOST-PTRI, I am proud to wear one of our **R&D textile outputs**. It feels great to know that **with every step I take, I am promoting local and sustainable footwear.**"



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Life Cycle Assessment

Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)



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Textile LCA

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Energy

Water

Chemicals

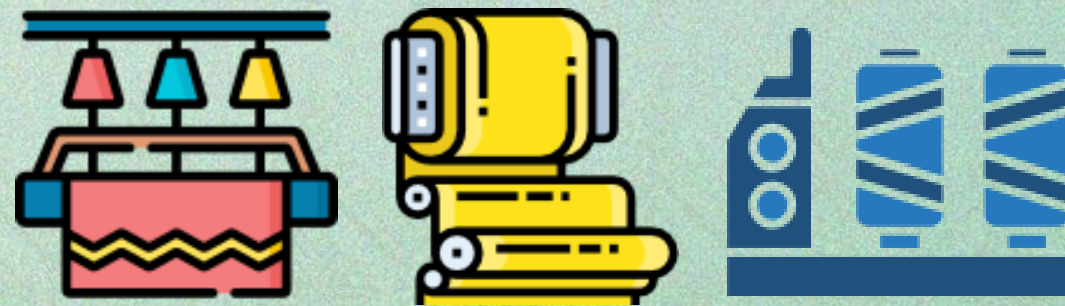
Materials



Raw Materials



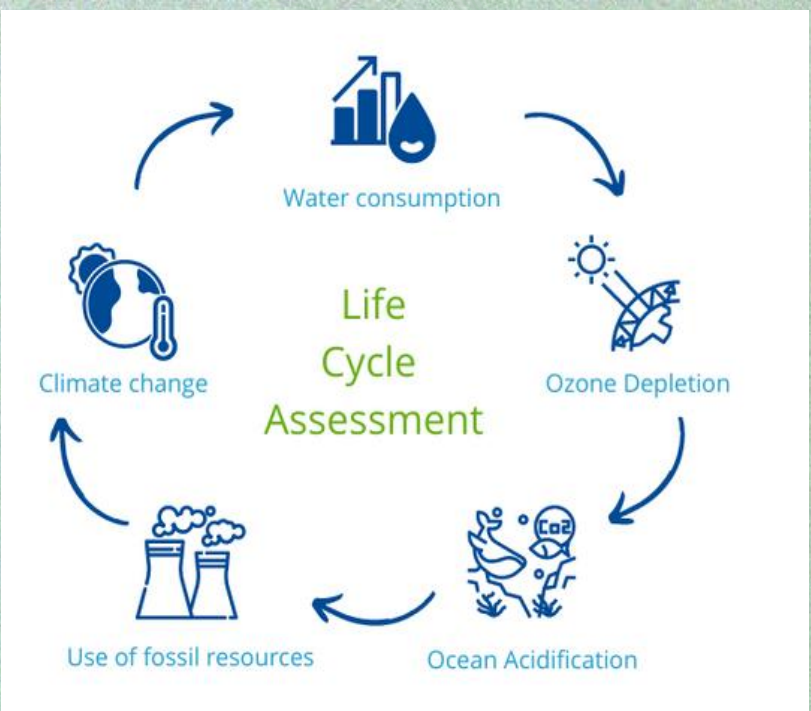
Yarn Production



Textile Production



Textile Products



Products

Emission/Waste

By-products

Characterization

Consumption Behavior



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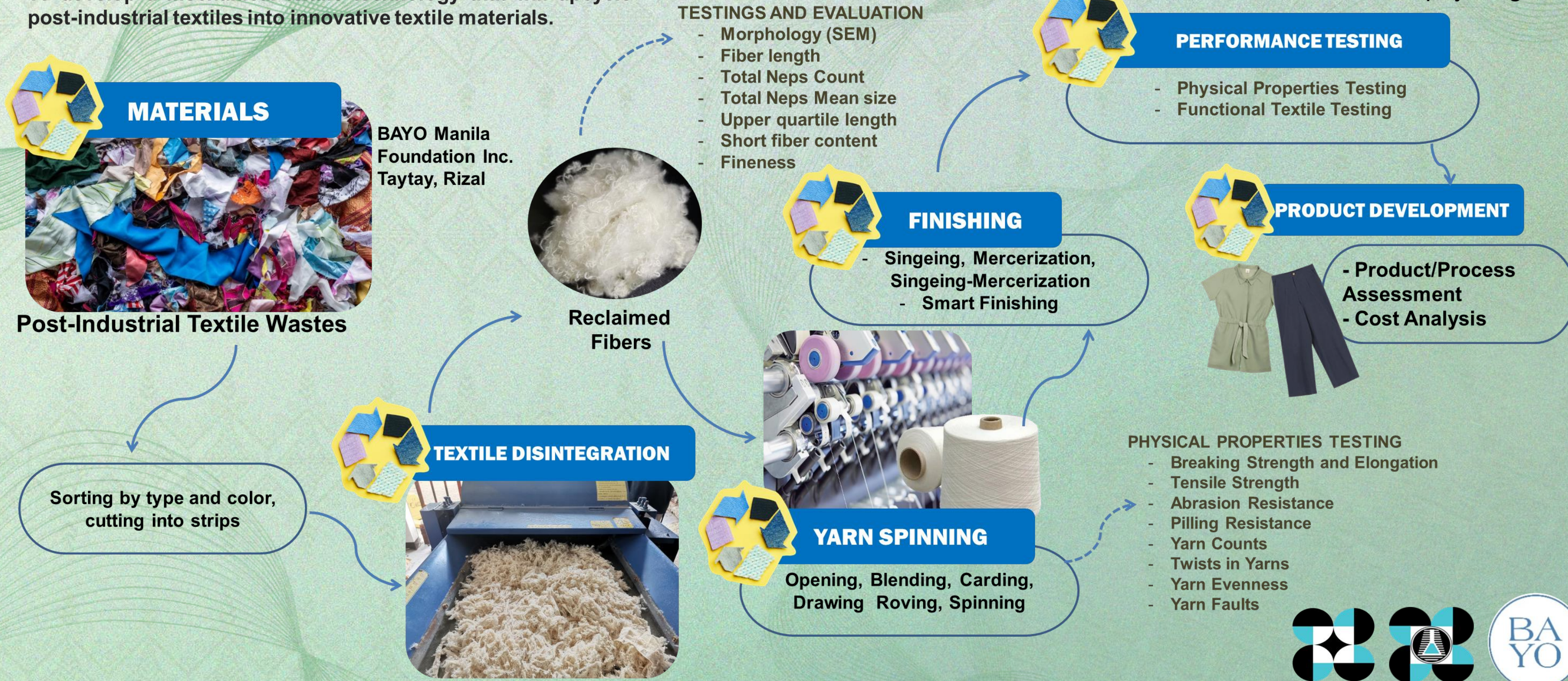


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CRADLE: SUSTAINABLE MATERIAL SOLUTION FROM POST-INDUSTRIAL TEXTILE WASTES

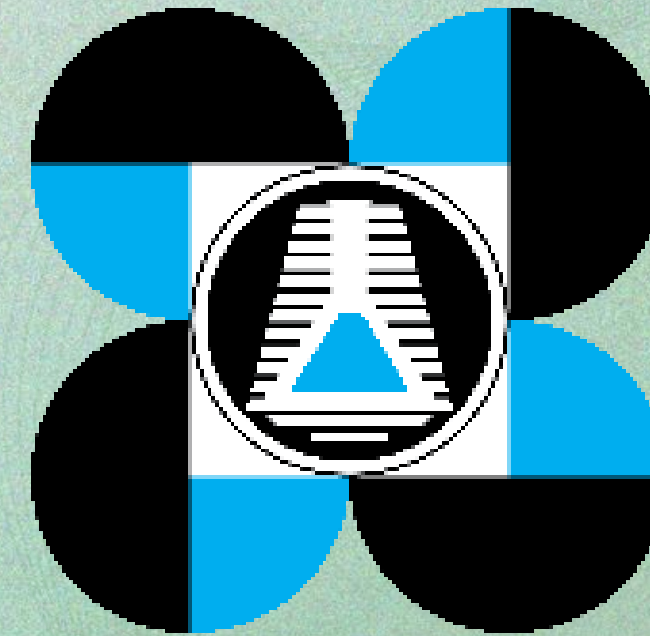
To develop a mechanical textile technology that will upcycle post-industrial textiles into innovative textile materials.

Textile Upcycling



TEXREV

Empowering creativity thru sustainability



**CRADLE-TexRev Project with BAYO
on Upcycling of Post-Industrial Textile Waste**



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**Memorandum of Understanding
on Textile Upcycling and Other
Garments/ Textile Interventions**



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Inclusive Textile Upcycling Program

24M learners (2024-2025)

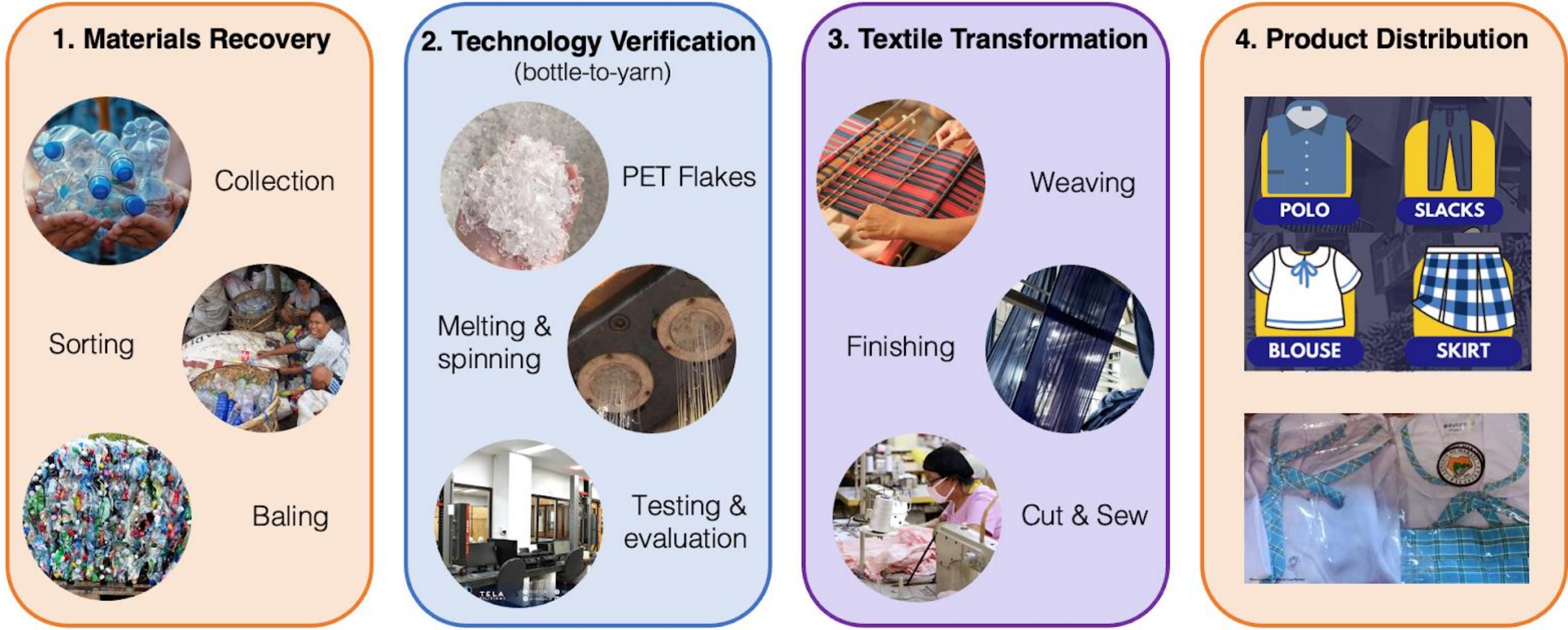
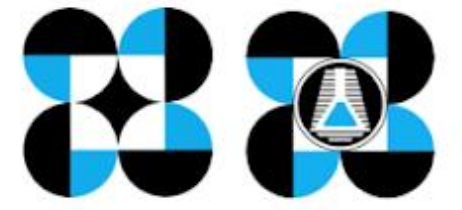
36M PET bottles recycled

1kg of PET bottles = 0.6kg yarn = 1 set school uniform

Potential Market for (non-recycled PET) school uniforms: **PhP 36B**



FIBRECYCL: Facilitating Innovative Bottle Recycling for Eco-friendly Conversion into Yarn for Closed-Loop Production



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Fostering the Revitalization of Nascent Textile Innovation Ecosystems in the Regions Program

94%

16 of the 17 Regions

54%

46 of the 85 Provinces*

with Textile Engagement



SmarTex



SAFATOS
footwear 4.0



PROTex



TEXTILE ACADEMY



CREATEEVs

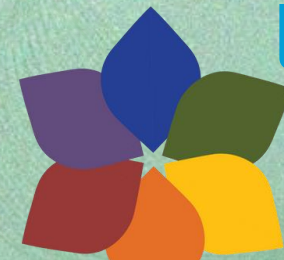
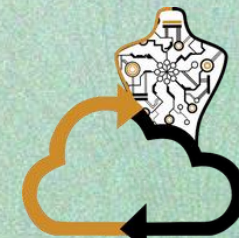


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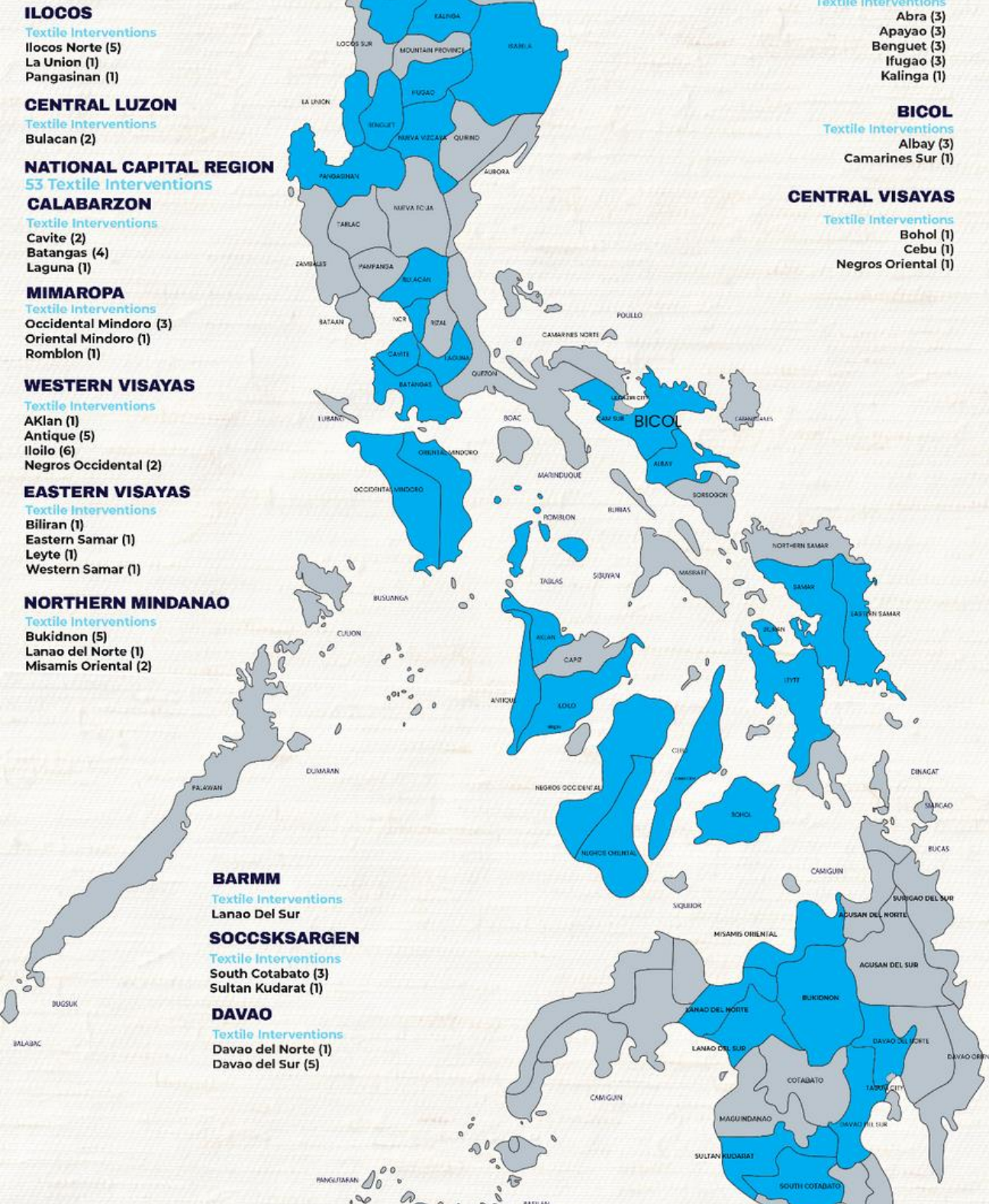


InnoWeave Hub

CoBUILDTex



38 provinces with interventions
83 interventions provided



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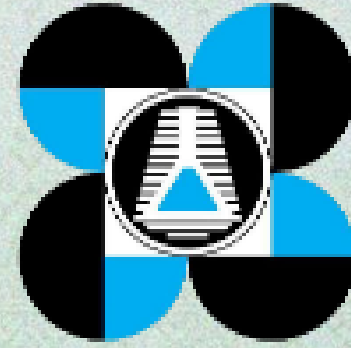


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