

GeoGov Summit

*Advancing The Nation's Geospatial Infrastructure
in Partnership for National Development*

Pre-Conference Workshop:

United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information
Framework (UN-IGIF) and Geospatial Knowledge
Infrastructure (GKI)



Meet the Panel

Pre-Conference Workshop

IGIF and GKI: Aligning a Global Framework and Strategy for National Development

Wednesday, September 6 from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

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Future Geospatial Information Ecosystem

A United Nations Initiative



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**GEOSPATIAL
FRAMEWORKS**
Maximising your geospatial investment

Takeaways

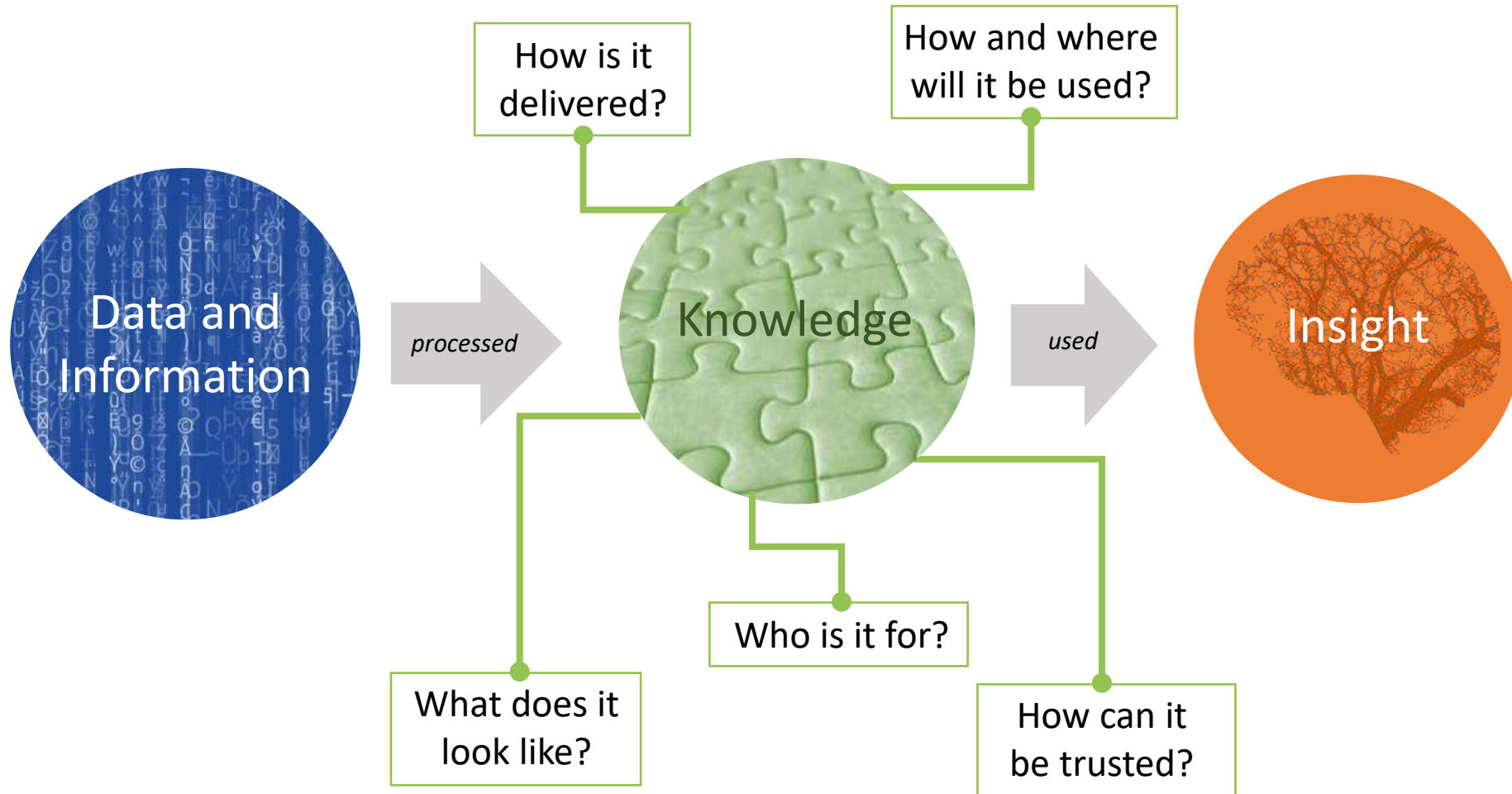
- What are we trying to achieve?
- Why can't we achieve it now?
- What does transformation look like?
- What do we need to consider?



A close-up photograph of two hands, one on the left and one on the right, gently cupping a transparent globe of the Earth. The globe shows a blue sky with white clouds. The background is a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The hands are positioned as if they are carefully holding or presenting the globe.

What are we trying to achieve?

From Data to Knowledge and Insight



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Technology the Enabler



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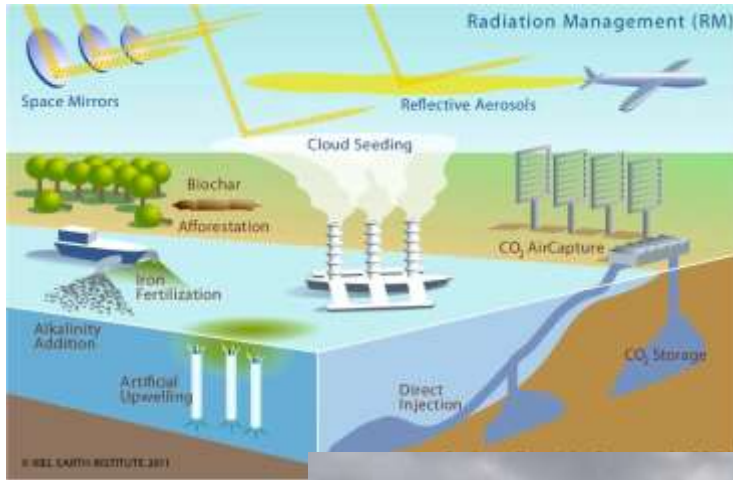
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Unified Solutions to Global Challenges?

Our challenges are set to become more complex

Climate Geoengineering



Deep Sea Mining



Migration/Refugees



Biodiversity Loss



Pandemic Preparedness

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Knowledge needs to be individualized

People have similar questions of data content.....asked in different contexts

Question: Will this property be flooded?



Emergency Responder

Yes, you should evacuate the area



Home Buyer

Yes. Reevaluate buying this property



Insurance Broker

Yes. Higher insurance fees apply



Urban Planner

Yes. Avoid building in this area

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Think of the Local Farmer

“How much fertilizer and where?”

- Able to answer questions
- Geoanalytics that understand their individual needs
- Able to access globally available data
- Cheap accessible infrastructure
- No need for a degree in geospatial technologies
- Confidence in answers



Why can't we achieve knowledge on-demand now?

Current SDI Capabilities



Data sharing



Analytics



Policy Setting



Integrated data



Applications



Benefits accruing



Reuse / repurpose



Decision-making



So why change?

SDI Limitations



Human accessible



Knowledge Delay



Push data vs get answers



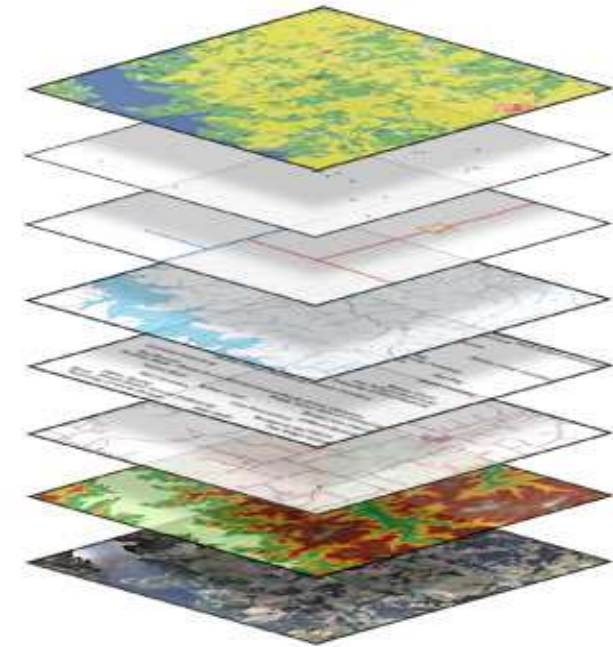
Limited integration



Professional users only



Lack opportunity



SDI Catalogues are not machine friendly

Findable



Accessible



Interoperable

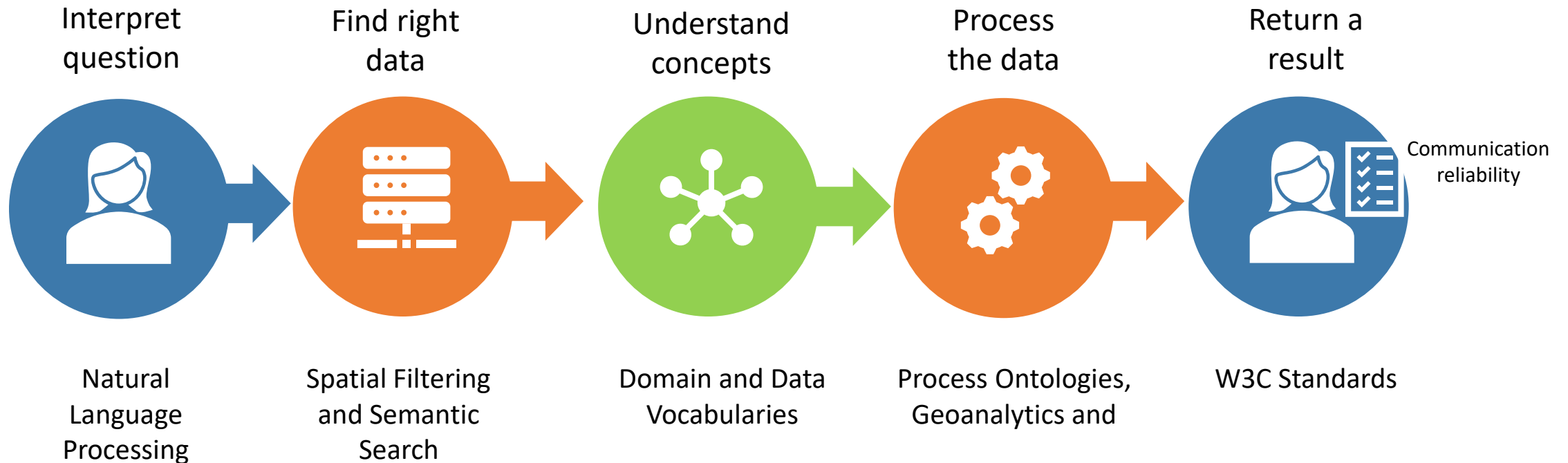


Reusable




Data Needs to be FAIR.
But that's only one aspect.

Teach Machines to Think Like Us



Artificial Intelligence and Semantic Web Technologies

A person with curly hair, wearing a blue VR headset and a dark jacket, is smiling and reaching out towards a glowing, wireframe globe. The globe is surrounded by a network of blue lines and dots, suggesting a digital or geospatial environment. The background is dark blue with a subtle pattern of light blue dots and lines.

What will the transformation to a future Geospatial Information Ecosystem look like?

Differentiating an Infrastructure and Ecosystem



Infrastructure

An infrastructure is built – it consists of the physical and organizational structures and facilities needed for an operation - SDIs and System of Systems.

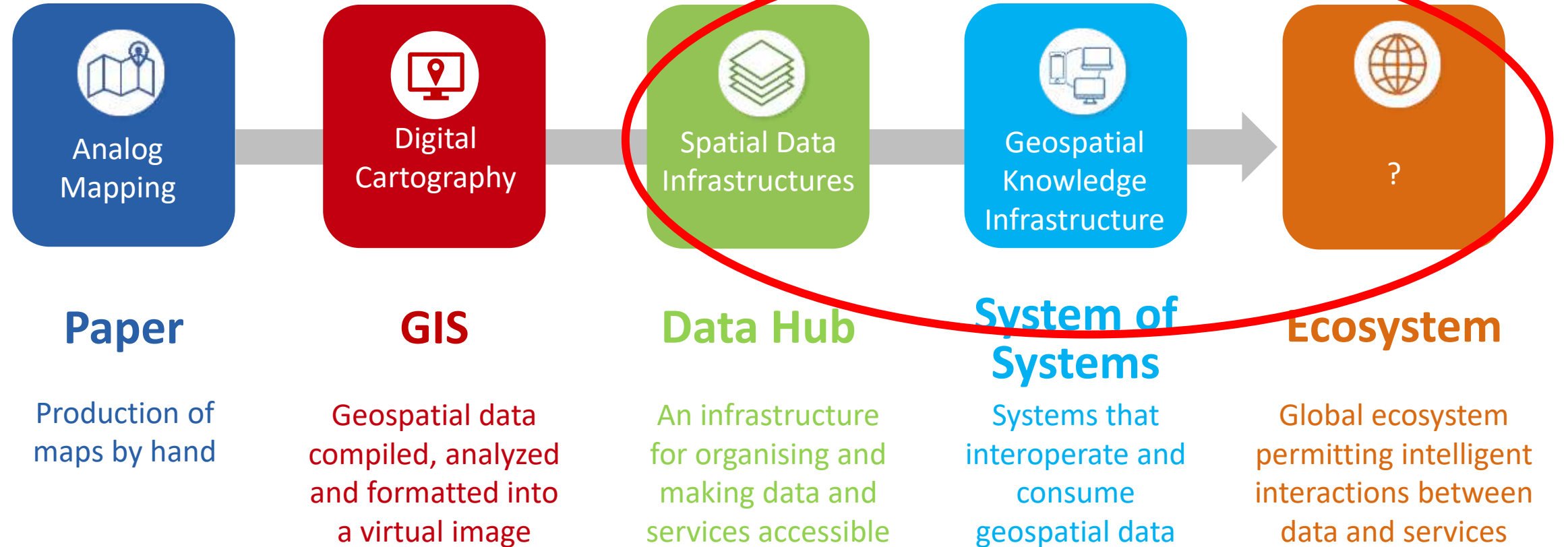


Ecosystem

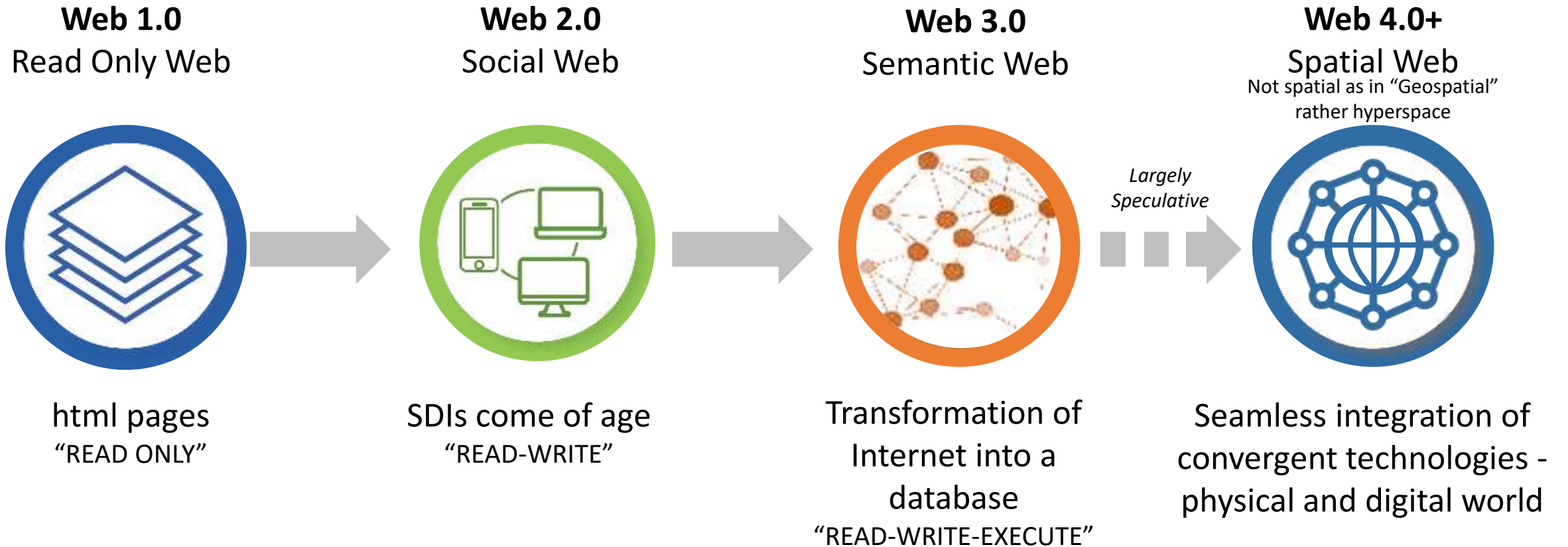
An ecosystem evolves – it is an environment consisting of component parts that interact with one another - IoT and the Web of Data.

Geospatial Continuum

On the same journey, just unique starting points



Web Continuum



Note: Categorization of web stages is not universally agreed and boundaries between are blurry

Emerging Ecosystem

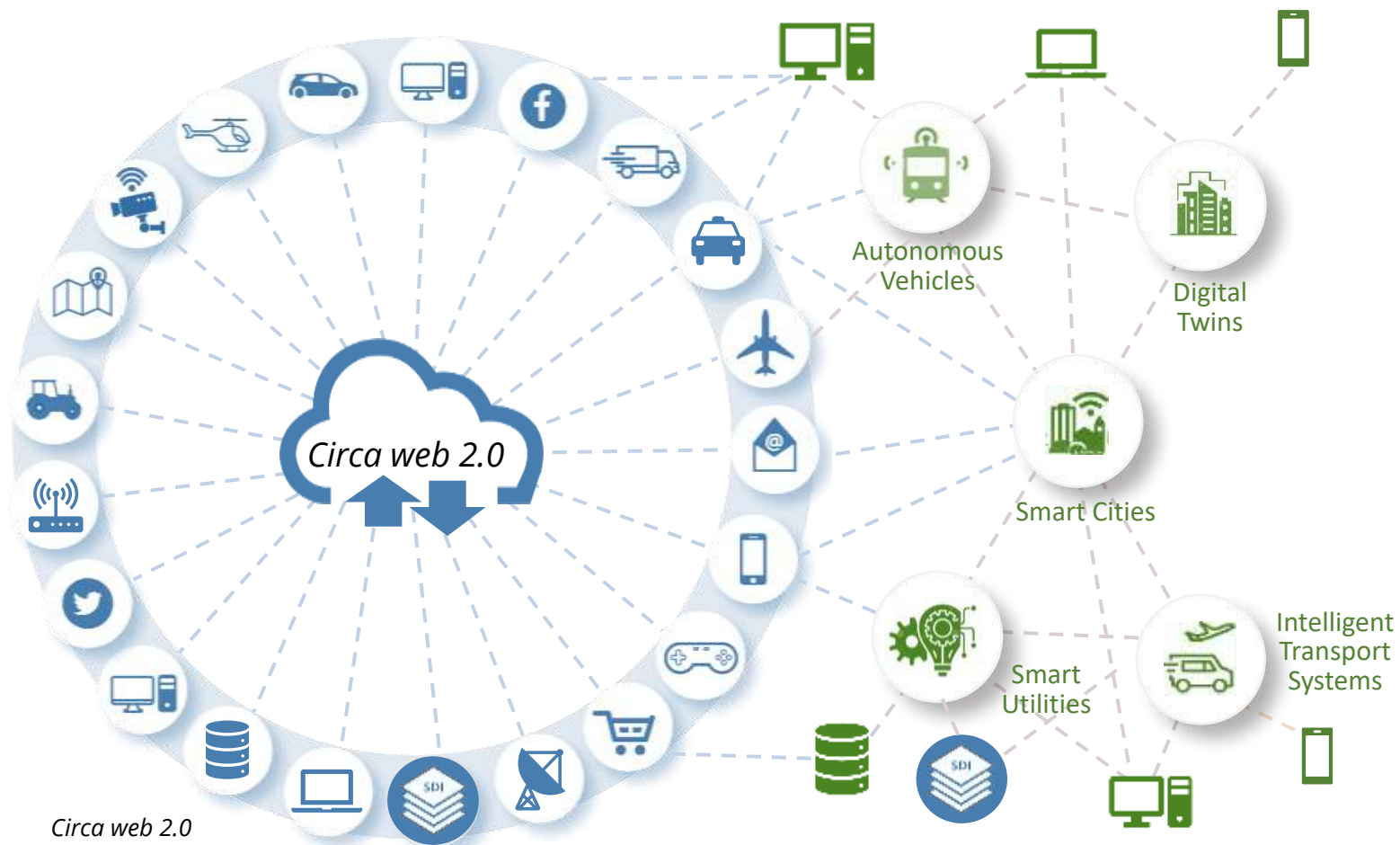


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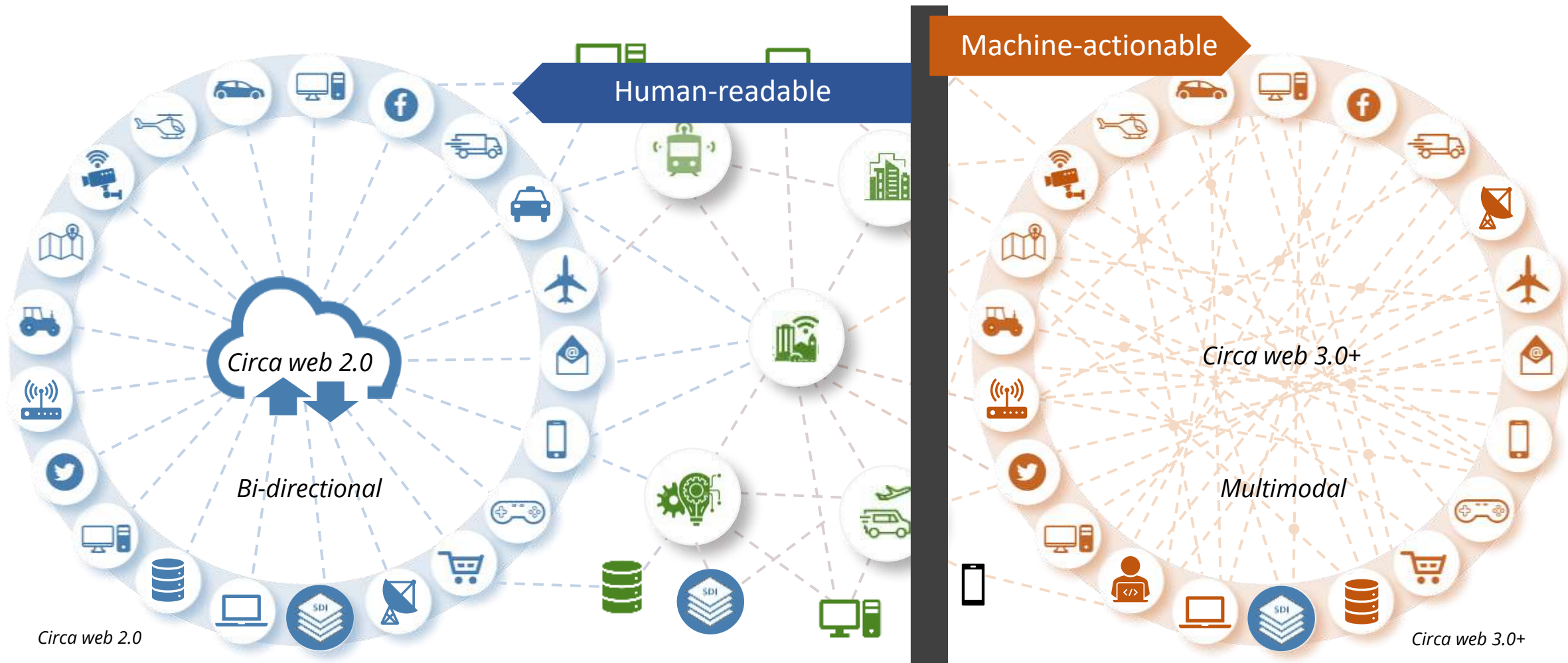
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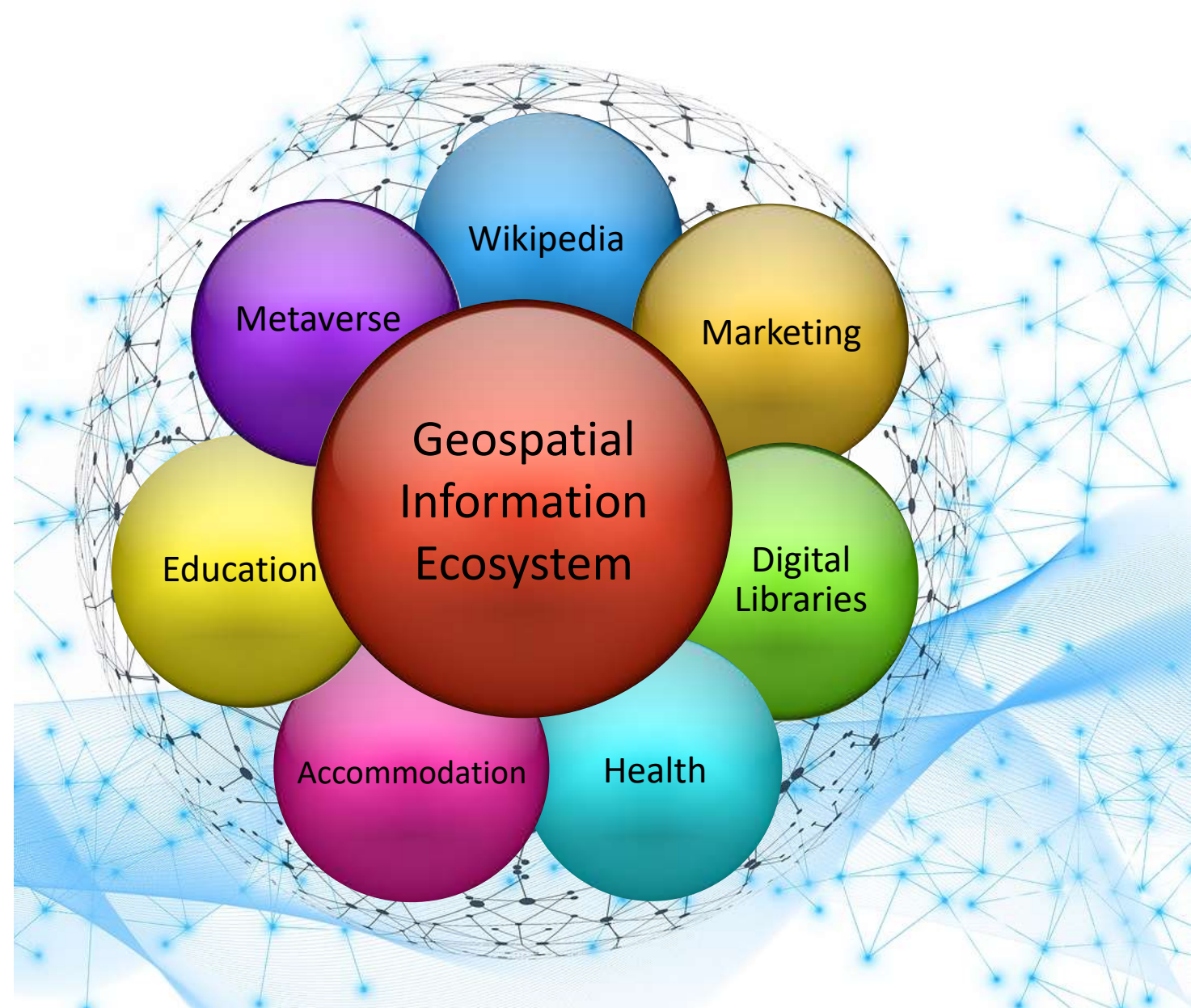
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Web of Data

- Generative AI Apps operate within the Web of Data
- Made up of many ecosystems

Where does geospatial fit?

- Geospatial is a 'key' integrator – of this digital fabric.
- Cross-sector and cross-discipline
- It ties together suppliers, users and service providers in real-time





What next?

What is the UN-IGIF?

The UN-IGIF is a United Nations endorsed framework to strengthen geospatial information management.

Includes 9 Strategic Pathways focused on three areas:

1. Governance

- Governance and Institutions
- Legal and Policy
- Financial

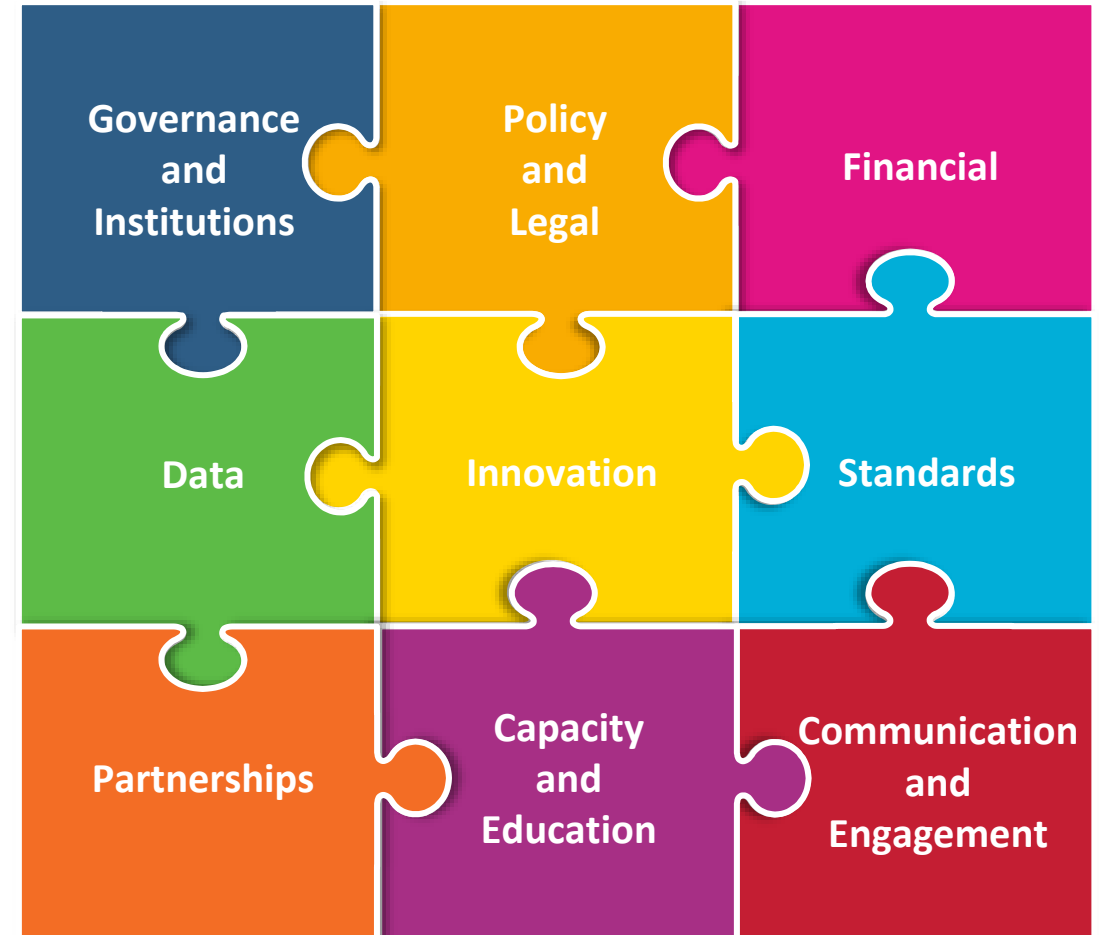
2. Technology

- Data
- Innovation
- Standards

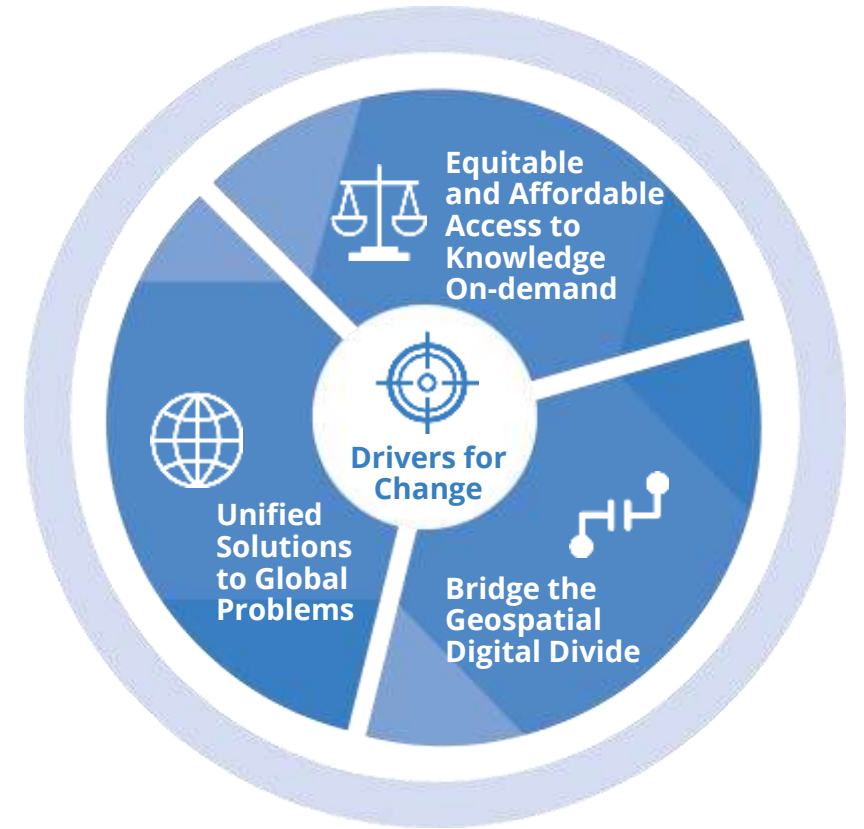
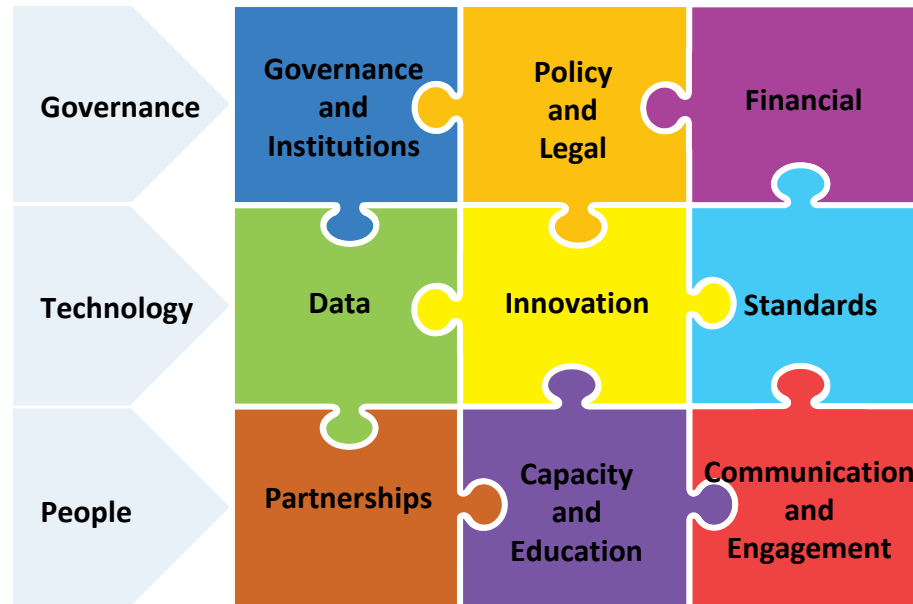
3. People

- Partnerships
- Capacity and Education
- Communication and Engagement

UN-IGIF provides a 360 degree view of what needs to change to move toward the future geospatial information ecosystem.



Step to address the Drivers for Change



Shaping Policy and Legal Frameworks

National Governments

Formulating policies and regulations on **ethics, privacy, security, societal impact**

International Organizations

UN initiatives and **frameworks for AI** governance and ethics.
OECD guidelines on AI principles and policies.

Industry Consortia and Alliances

Partnership on AI developing **responsible AI practices**.
The Global Partnership on AI (GPAI) fostering **cooperation btw countries**

Regulatory Agencies

Regulations on **consumer protection, competition, data privacy, transparency, accountability** and societal well-being

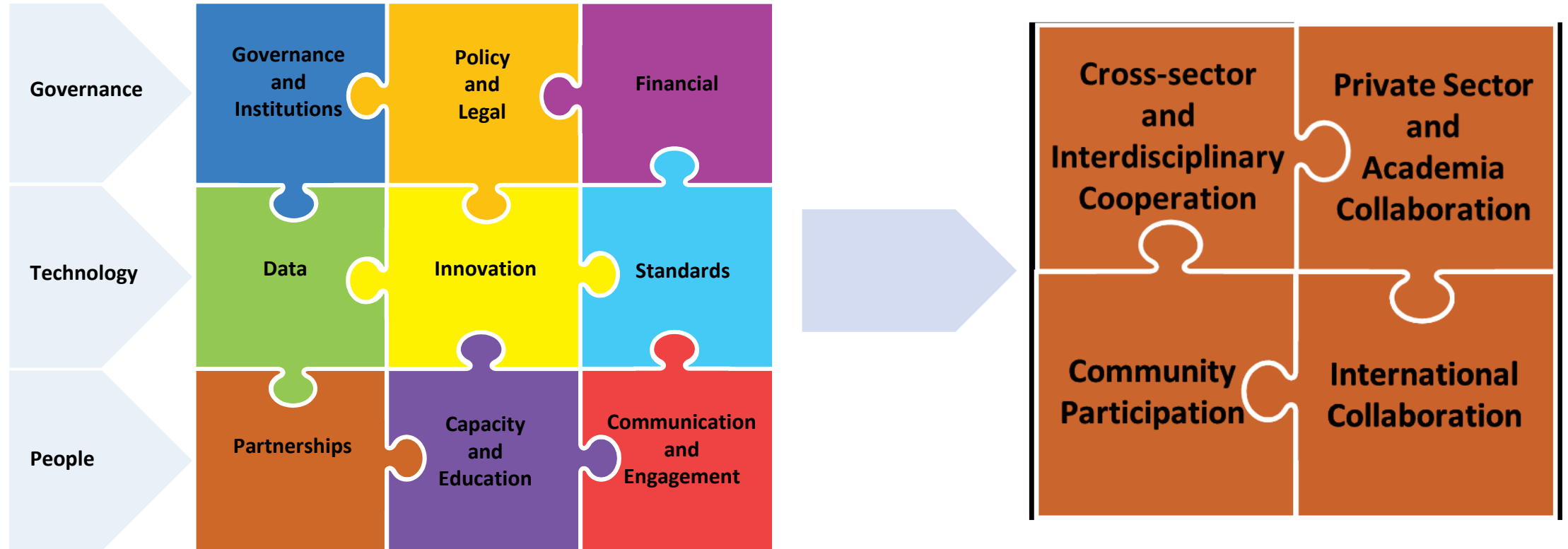
Research Institutions

Analyzing the societal impact of AI and advocating for **responsible AI practices**

Civil Society and NGOs

Advocating for AI policies that prioritize **human rights, fairness, and ethical considerations**

Shaping Future Partnerships



Future Geospatial Information Ecosystem

Thank you

