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Africa and the Internet

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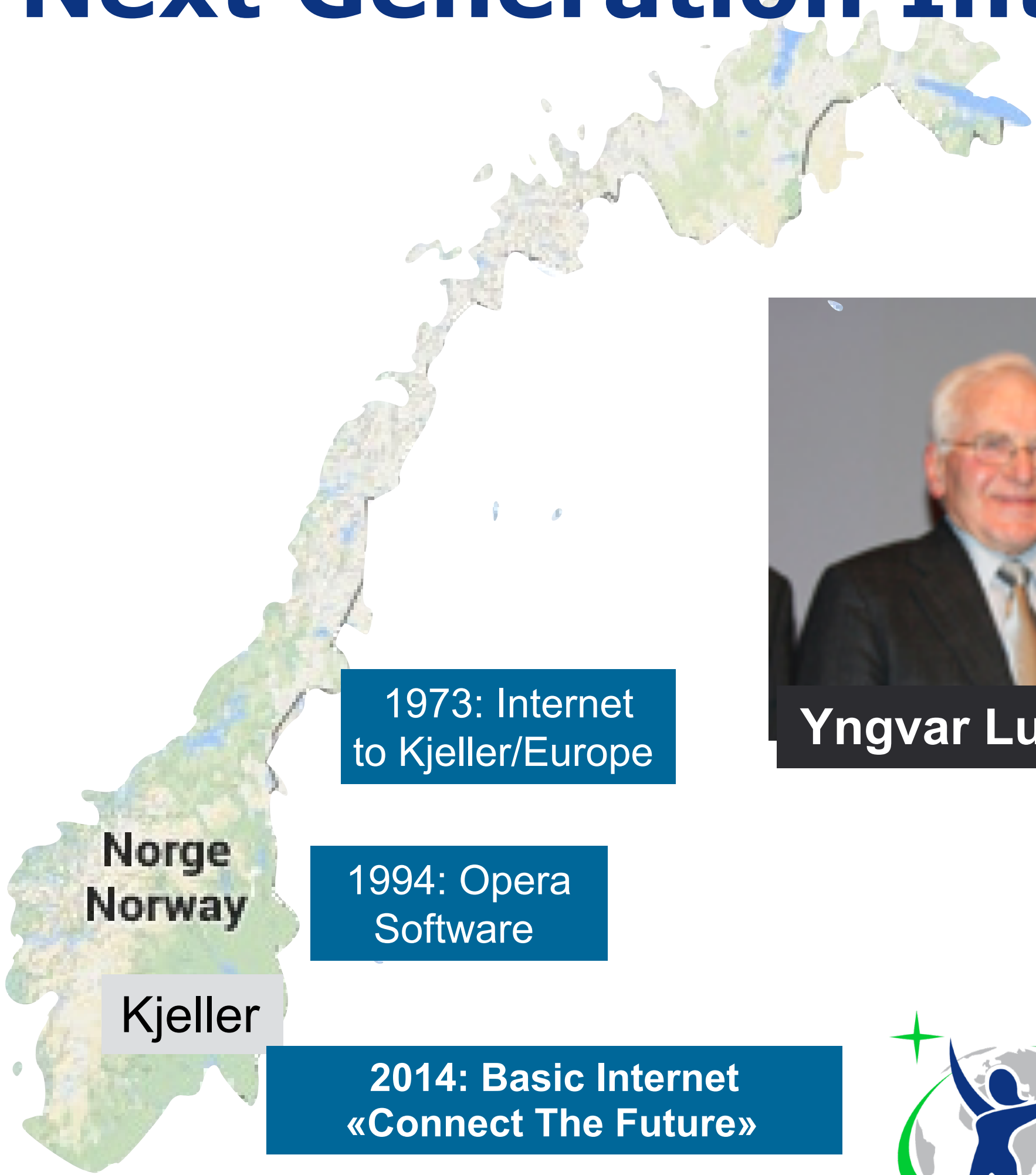
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An inclusive Next Generation Internet



1973: Internet to Kjeller/Europe

1994: Opera Software

2014: Basic Internet «Connect The Future»

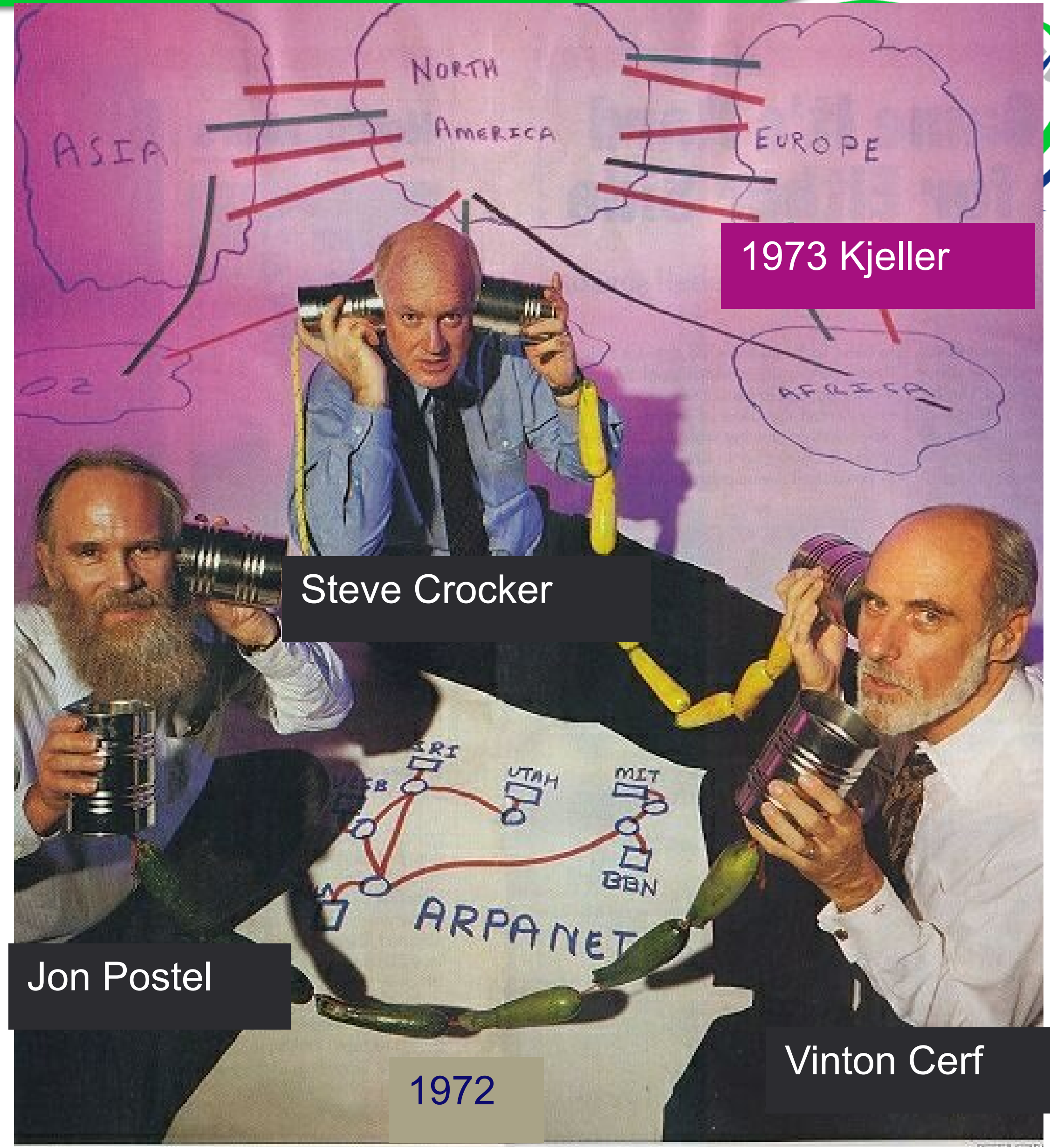


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KJELLER INNOVASJON



1973 Kjeller

Steve Crocker

Jon Postel

Vinton Cerf

Source: <http://www.michaelkaul.de/History/history.html>

Mission

Framework Conditions

Partnerships

Africa



[https://
www.mylifeelsewhere.com/
country-size-comparison/
tanzania/norway](https://www.mylifeelsewhere.com/country-size-comparison/tanzania/norway)

How can we “Connect The Future”?

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Amazing opening by @ITU @ITUsecGen Houlin Zhao, setting the scene for connecting every single human by 2030, and @meilinfung, addressing the history of the Internet and #NRENs to connect schools. We're in @CateKimambo @RosalynnMworia @UcsafT @AheriNet @cisskisumu @WSISprocess



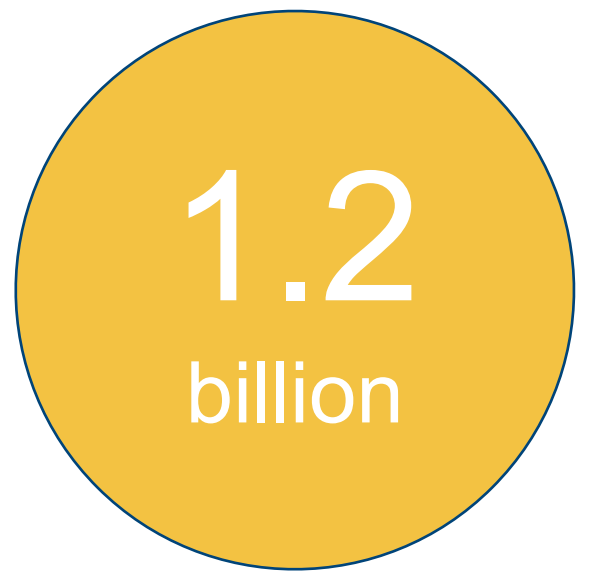


Energy & Digital, enablers for the SDGs



SDG 7.1 calls for universal access to energy by 2030

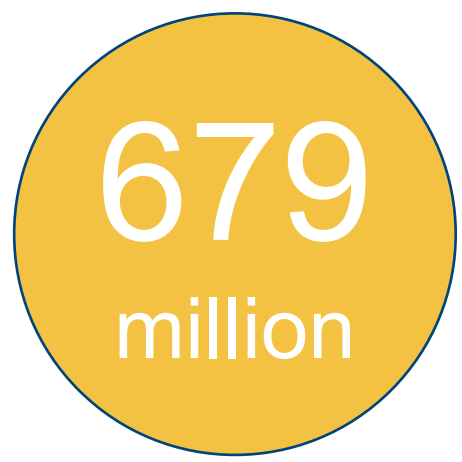
People without electricity



2010



2020

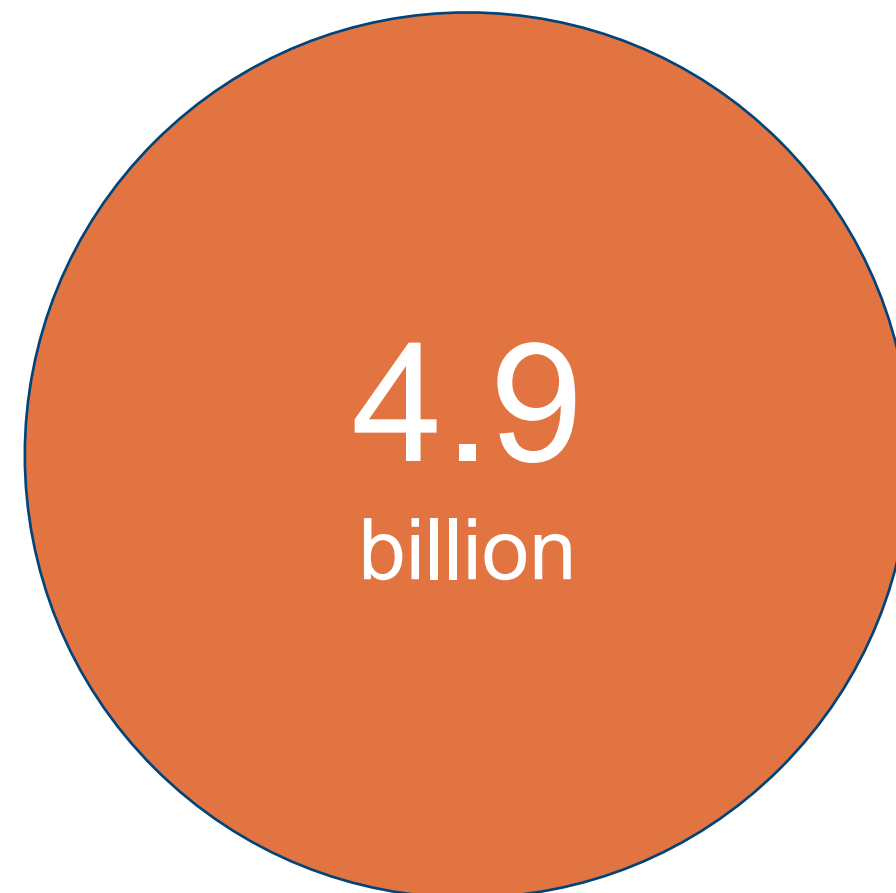


2030 (trend)

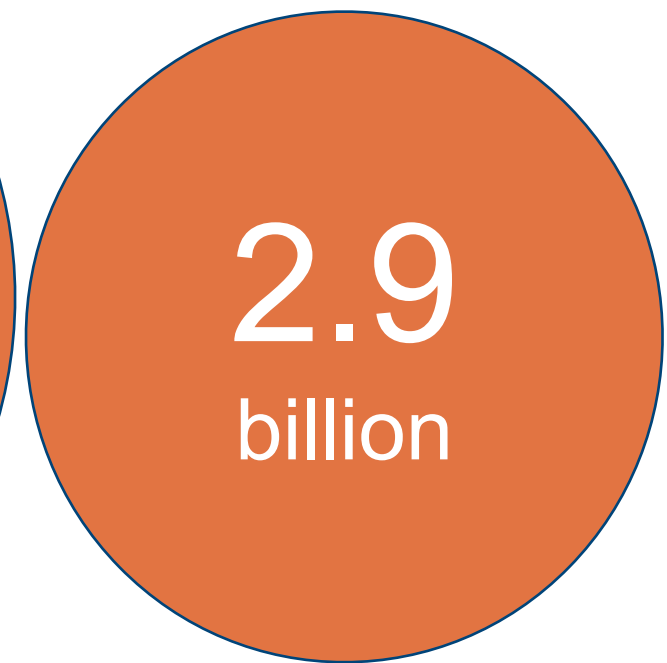


SDG 9c calls for universal, affordable internet access by 2020

People not using Internet



2010



2021
96% in dev countries



2030 (hope)



WSIS Forum 2022

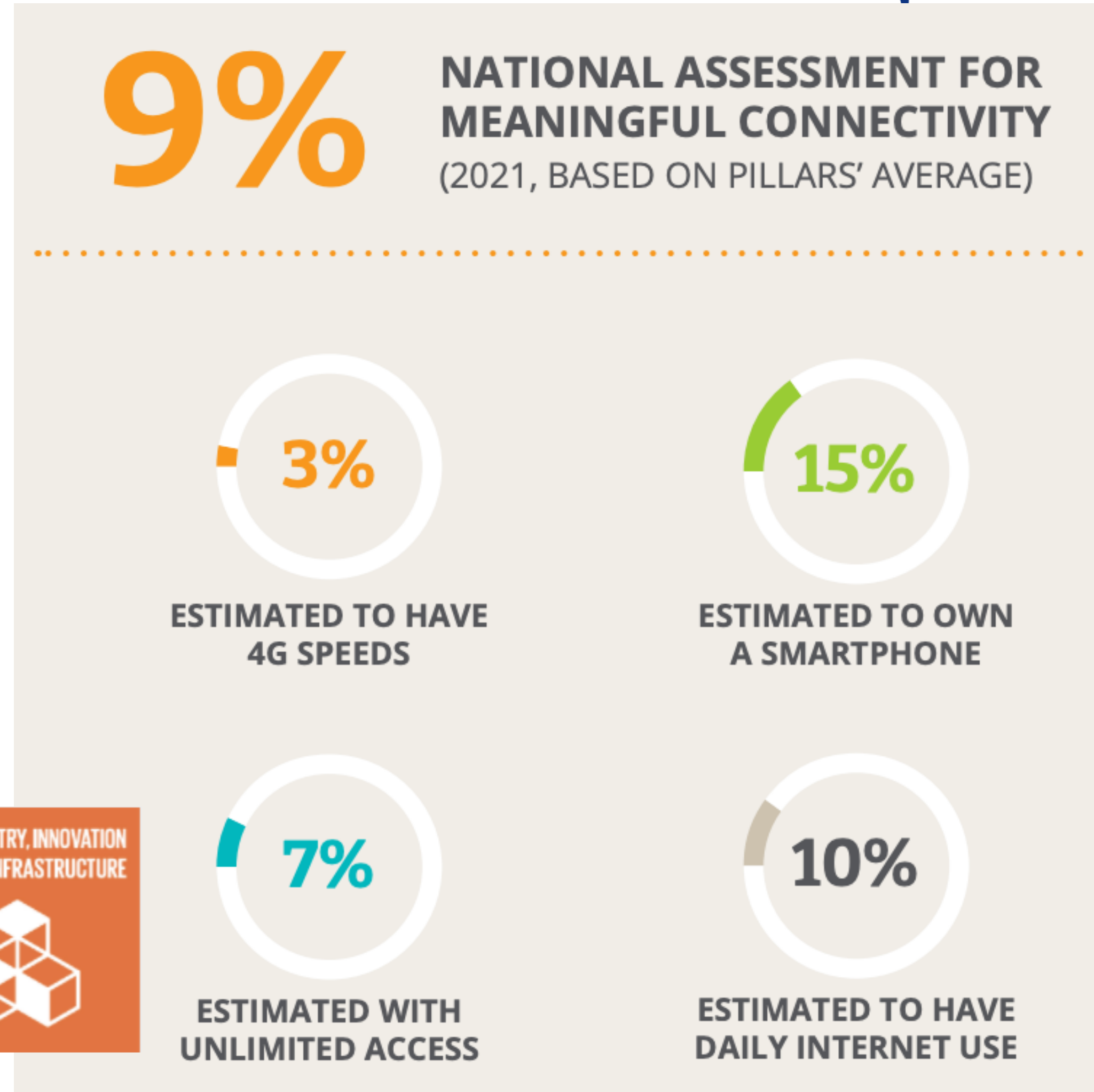
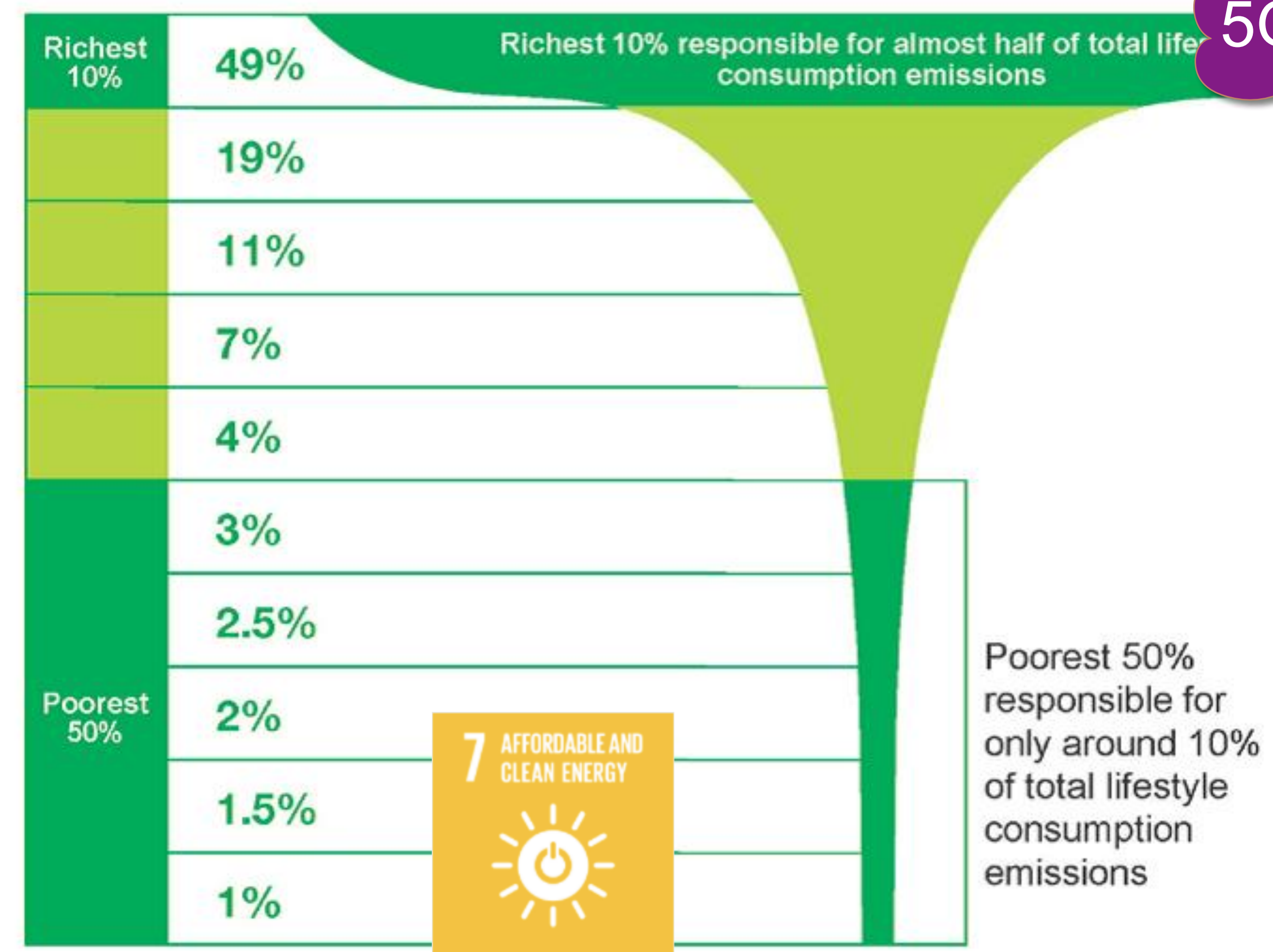
[WorldBank 2021]
<https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2021/06/07/report-universal-access-to-sustainable-energy-will-remain-elusive-without-addressing-inequalities>

[ITU 2010, 2021]
<https://www.itu.int/hub/2021/11/facts-and-figures-2021-2-9-billion-people-still-offline/>



Inequality in Energy & Digital Access

Percentage of CO₂ emissions by world population

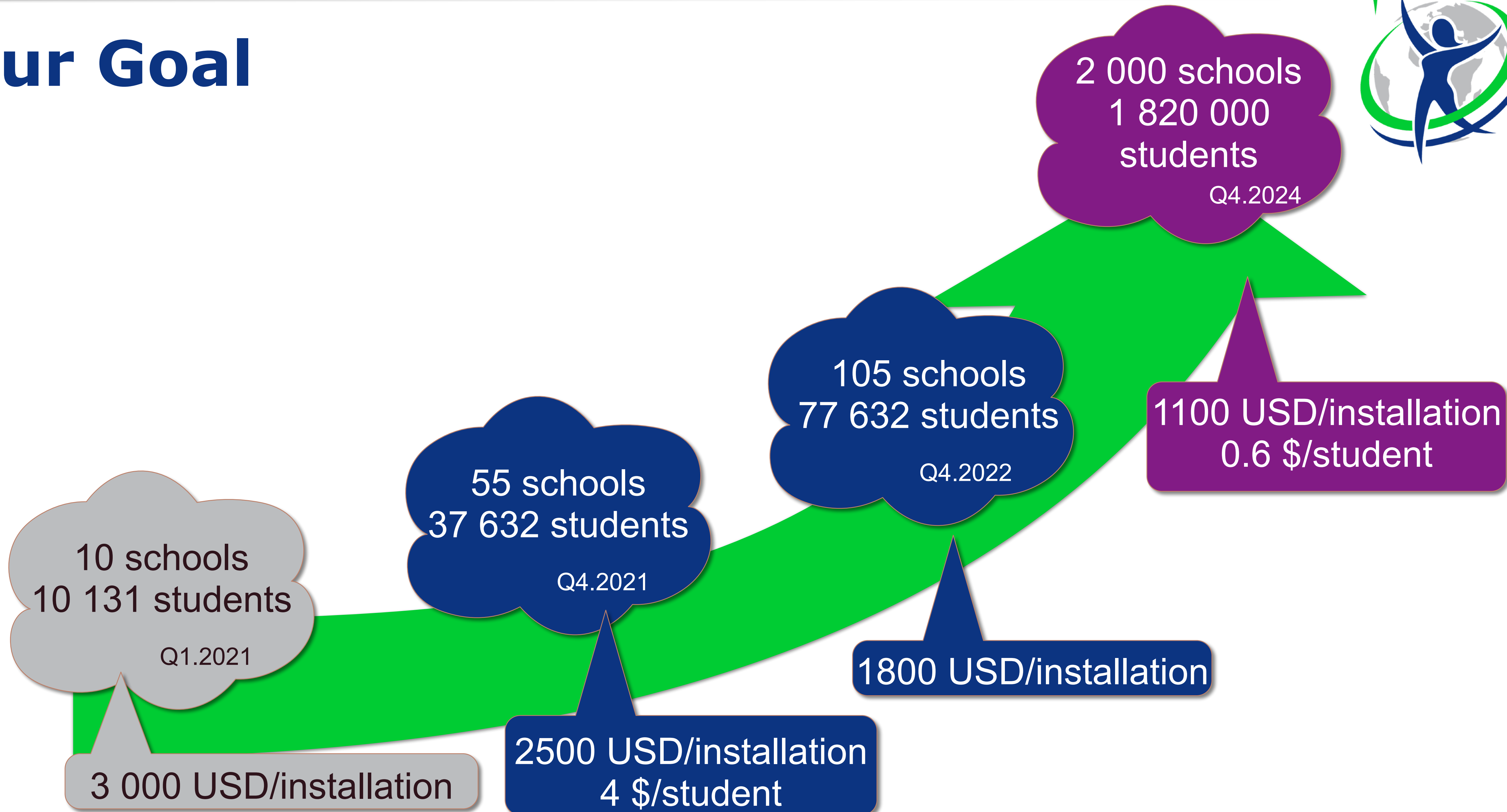


[Source: Oxfam.org, 2015]

[https://webfoundation.org/docs/2022/02/MC_Rwanda_FS_Screen_V1.pdf]



Our Goal



Mission

Framework Conditions

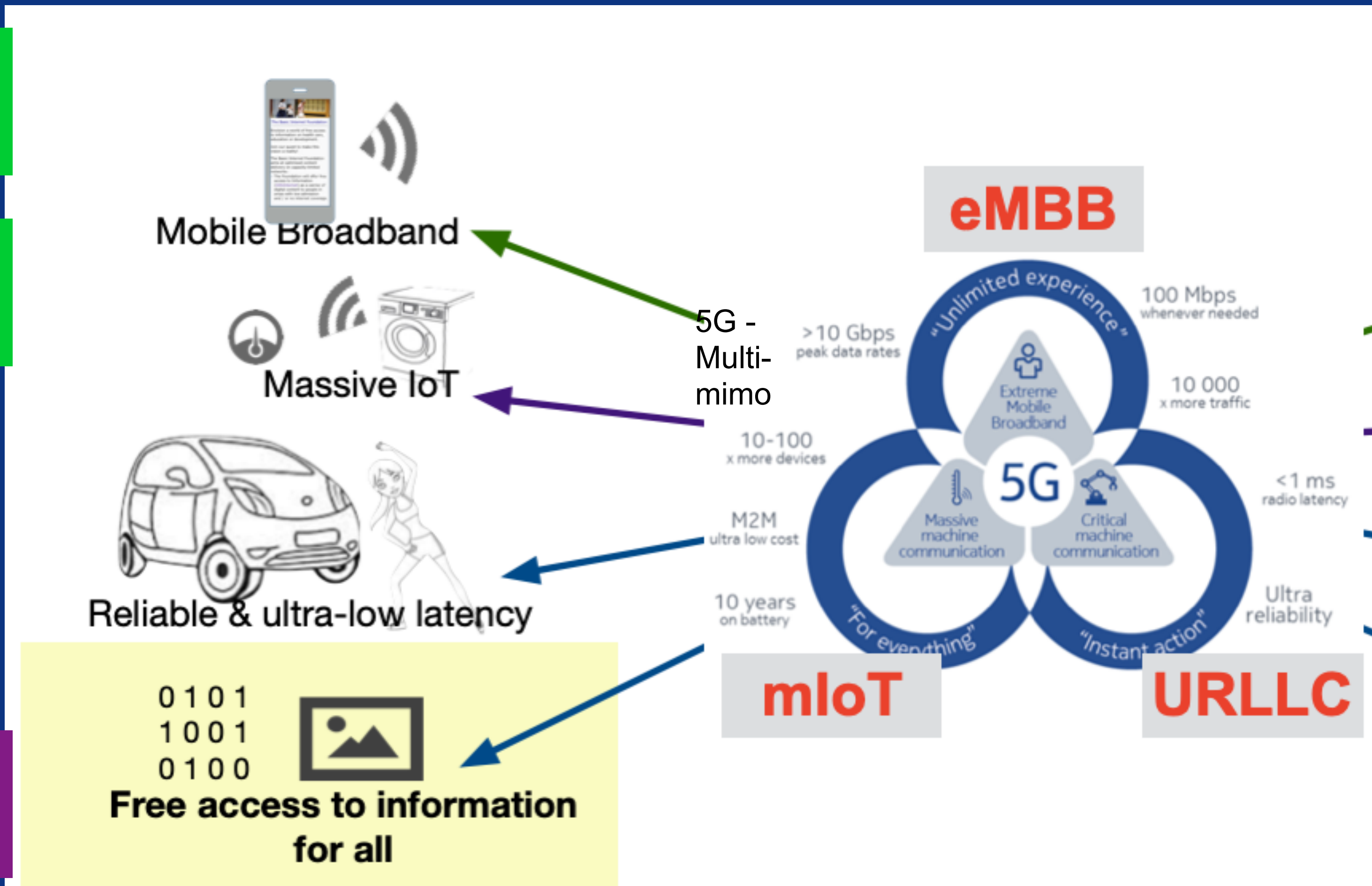
Partnerships

Digitalisation (5G/6G)

Road model: pedestrians & cyclists

Internet: text & pictures

Internet Lite



AfricaConnect3 and the role of Universities

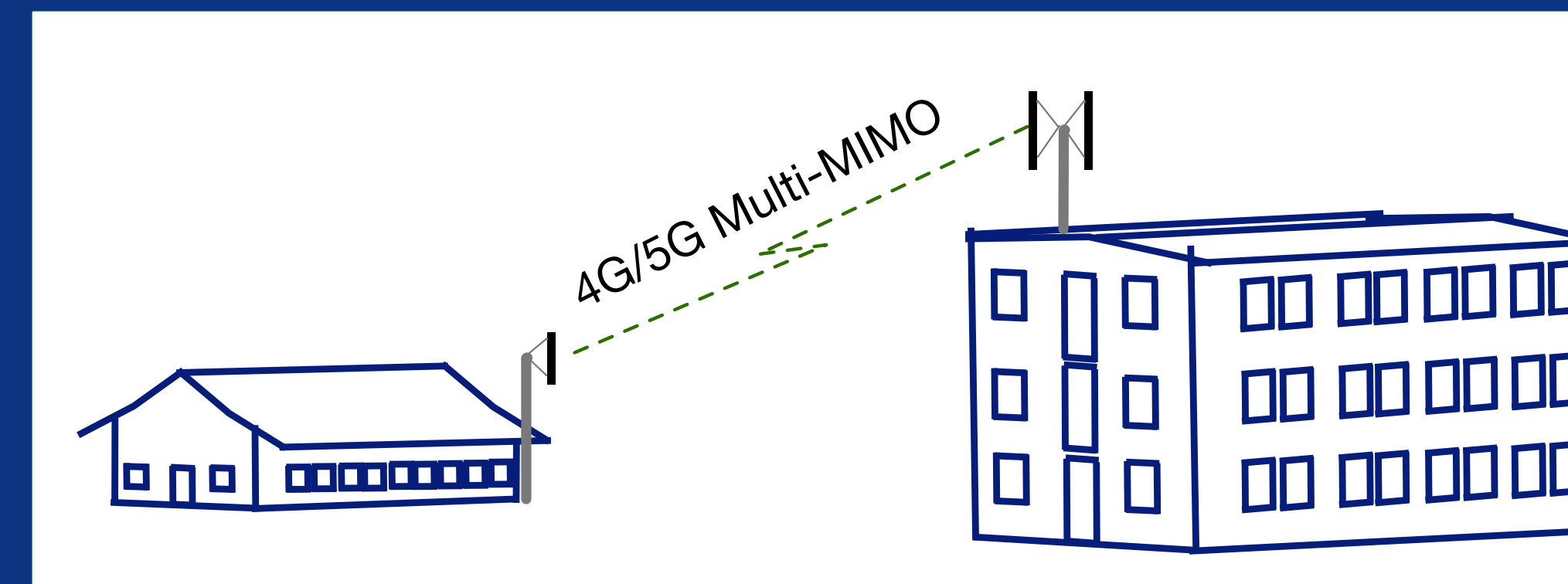


AfricaConnect3 project is co-funded by the European Union

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- **Research for the (digital) Society**
- **Competence for the Digital Transformation**
- **Connect Schools & unconnected Communities**
practical experiences
- **Real world search based on needs from the communities**





COVID-19 HAS LED TO THE FIRST RISE IN EXTREME POVERTY IN A GENERATION

AN ADDITIONAL 119-124 MILLION PEOPLE WERE PUSHED BACK INTO EXTREME POVERTY IN 2020



THE PANDEMIC IS LIKELY TO REVERSE PROGRESS MADE IN REDUCING INCOME INEQUALITY SINCE THE FINANCIAL CRISIS

COVID-19 ESTIMATED TO INCREASE THE AVERAGE GINI FOR EMERGING MARKET AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BY 6%

THE PANDEMIC HAS LED TO THE LOSS OF THE EQUIVALENT OF 255 MILLION FULL-TIME JOBS

ABOUT 4X THE NUMBER LOST DURING THE GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS (2007-2009)

COVID-19 HAS WIPED OUT 20 YEARS OF EDUCATION GAINS

AN ADDITIONAL 101 MILLION OR 9% OF CHILDREN IN GRADES 1 THROUGH 8 FELL BELOW MINIMUM READING PROFICIENCY LEVELS IN 2020

ECONOMIC RECOVERY IS UNDER WAY

GLOBAL REAL GDP PER CAPITA (2017-2022)

BUT FOR MANY COUNTRIES, ECONOMIC GROWTH IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO PRE-PANDEMIC LEVELS ONLY IN 2022 OR 2023

Conclusion

Partnership for Connectivity

- Universities
 - Real-world knowledge
 - Decentralised, empower the communities
 - Knowledge4Africa, 5GforPeople
- Community Networks
 - extension of NRENs?
- Commercial actors
 - Mobile operators: Research with 5G as backbone
 - ISPs, satellite
- Government, ITU, UNICEF, UNESCO, ...
 - Framework conditions (spectrum, Internet Lite)

2 000 schools
1 820 000
students
Q4.2024

