

Waking the Giant Presentation SDG online training

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Churches and the Sustainable
Development Goals



Introductions

Who are we and what do we know about the SDGs?



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Quiz from 17goals.org



What are the SDGs?

- Adopted in 2015 by 193 member states of the UN
- A global Agenda to end extreme poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and protect our planet by 2030 (“Agenda 2030”)
- Following the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) 2000-2015







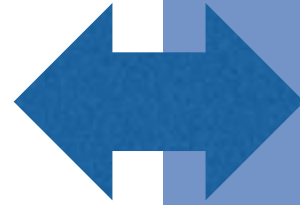
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- 1. Churches and ecumenical actors will have related their own work to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- 2. Churches in selected target countries will have strengthened their role in providing social and development services as well as in advocating in the areas of health (SDG 3), education (SDG 4), gender equality (SDG 5), reduced inequalities (SDG 10) and peace and justice (SDG 16).
- 3. Contributions of churches and ecumenical actors worldwide to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development are given visibility, both within the ecumenical community and externally



Why faith-based actors?

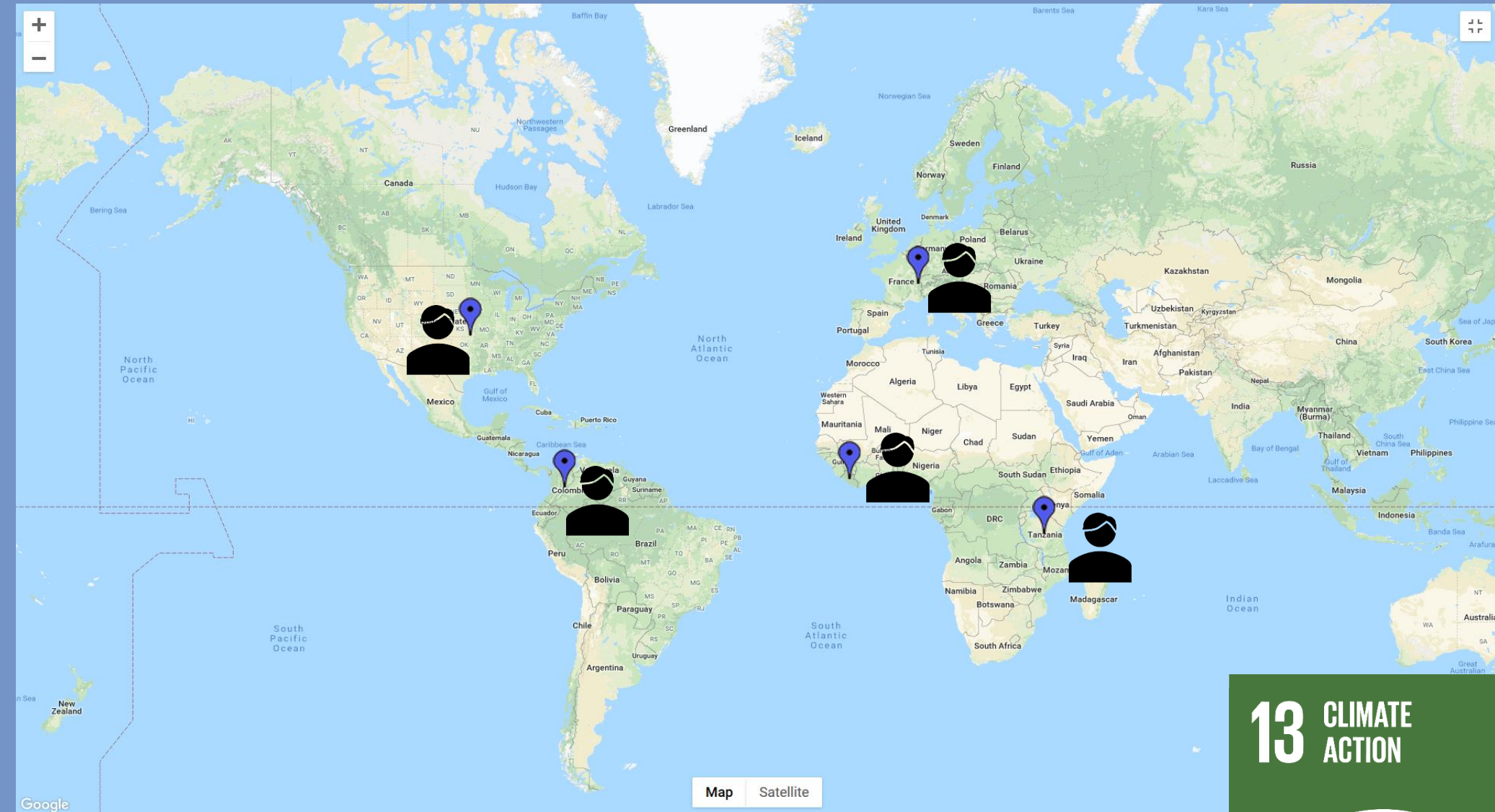
- Churches have a historical role in providing social services and advocating for global human values
- *De facto*, churches and church-related organizations are already working on various SDGs – but many of them are not aware of it
- The Agenda 2030 presents an important opportunity for church actors
- The UN will not achieve the SDGs without involving faith-based actors!



“Leave no one behind”

Parable of the good shepherd
Matthew 18: 12-14

TARGET COUNTRIES



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

4 QUALITY EDUCATION

5 GENDER EQUALITY

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES

13 CLIMATE ACTION

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

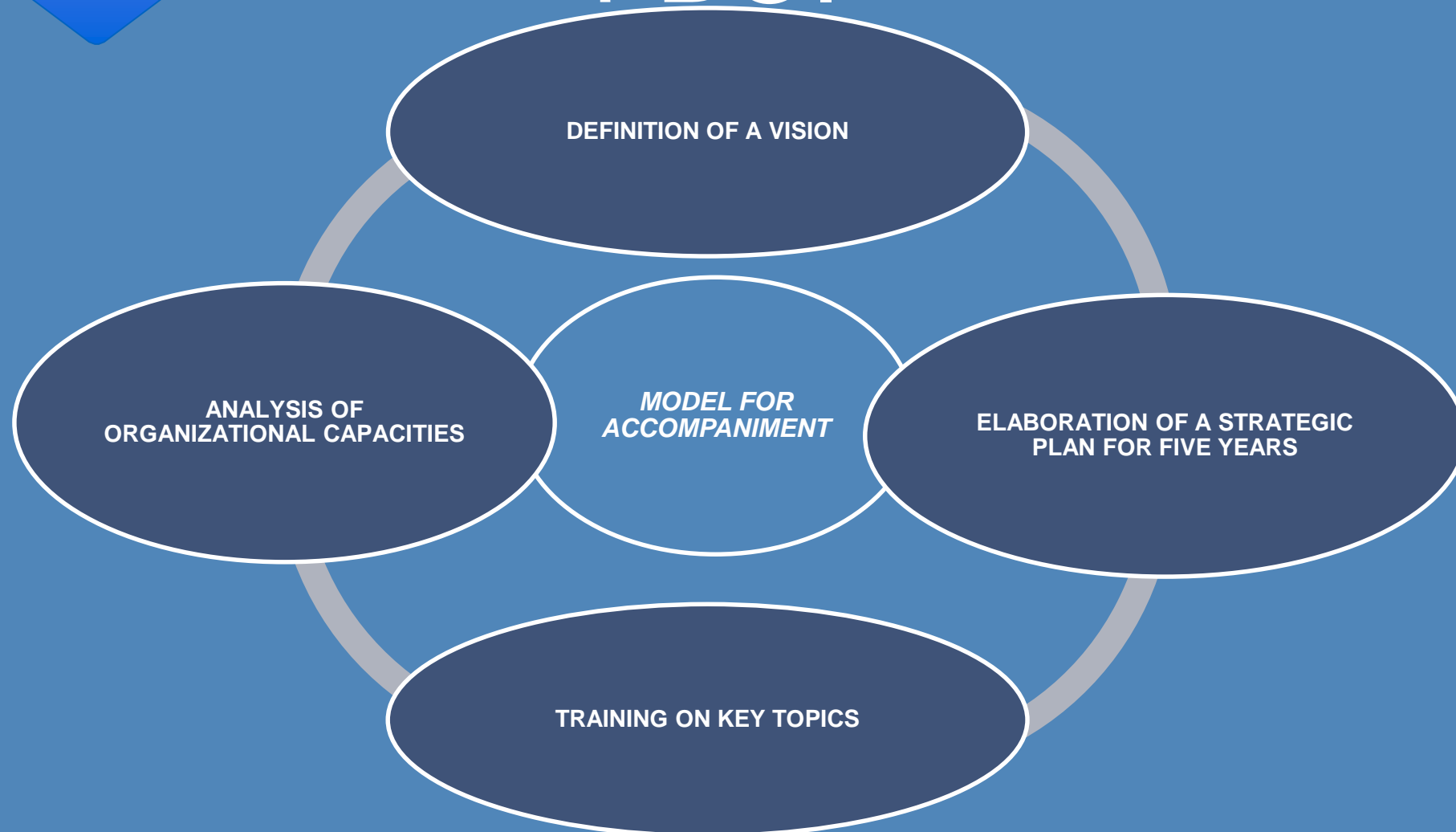


OUR MISSION

The Faith and Development Platform is a space for the articulation of churches, Faith Based Organizations and Spiritualities that promotes the contribution of inter-faith sector to Sustainable Development in Colombia.

FAITH AND DEVELOPMENT
PLATFORM

Partnership: To strengthen organizational capacities of FBO.





96%

of ELCA congregations
address poverty and hunger
in their local communities



ELCA World Hunger “Big Dream Grants”

\$200,000

investment in innovative, sustainable ministries working in the target SDG areas

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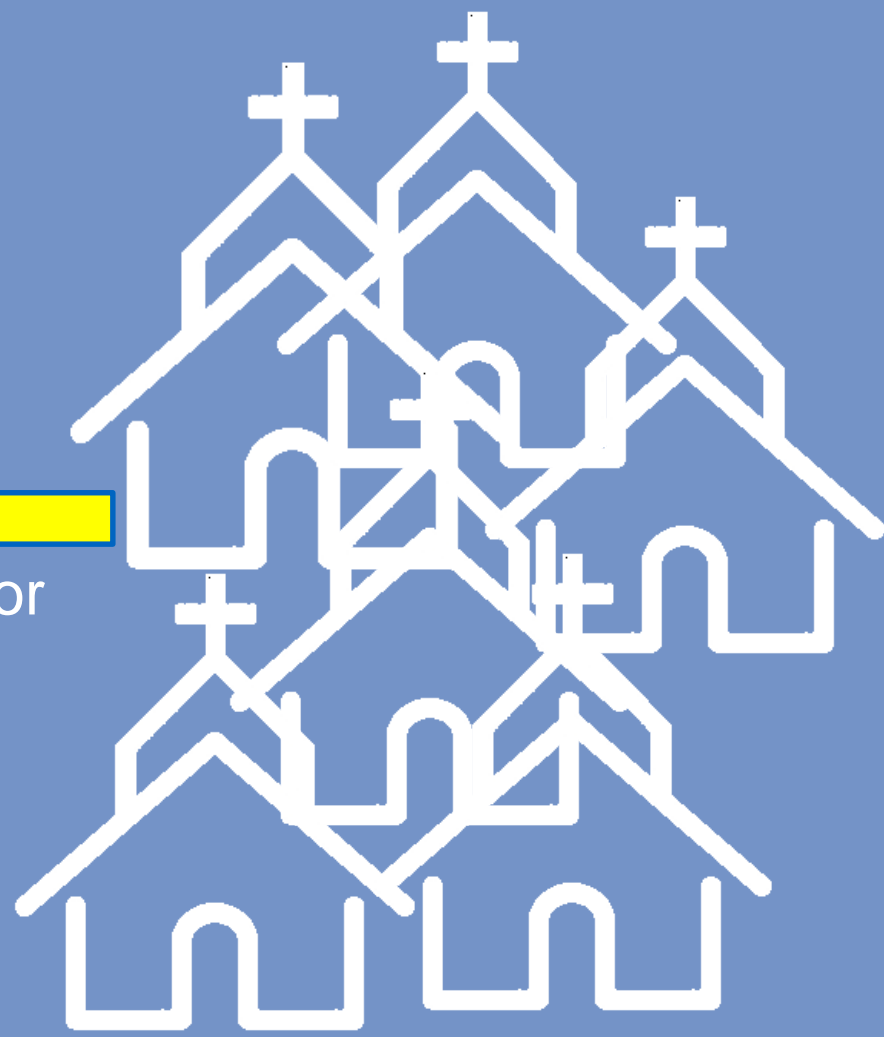
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Awareness raising on SDGs

Mapping the existing work, celebrating, sharing and enriching the work

Advocating for more SDG action



Global activities - achieved so far

- Implementation and project management mechanisms at the global level and in four target countries
- Visual identity for the initiative and setting up of a dedicated website
- Participating actively in various global fora, e.g. UN High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, UN Commission on the Status of Women, ACT Assembly, PaRD General Assembly etc
- Producing information and training material on SDGs for church leaders
- Networking with various faith-based, governmental and inter-governmental organizations
- Annual global meetings of Waking the Giant (Geneva in 2018, Monrovia in 2019).
- Supporting research processes for mapping of churches' contributions to specific SDGs in the target countries



Future of the Waking the Giant

- More emphasis on global advocacy
- (Hopefully) wider use of the materials
- Target countries become independent «related countries»
- Discussion of the future use of the label ongoing



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