

Blue Growth – Vision & Perspectives

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Blue Growth – elevator definition

**Optimizing revenues
from sustainable use of
aquatic resources while
minimizing ecosystem
degradation and
enhancing social
benefits**



Blue Economy

All activities, sectors, institutions and stakeholders
Impacting Blue Growth potentials

Objectives

- to create an enabling environment for people involved in fisheries and aquaculture to transition to a Blue Growth economy;
- improved governance and management of aquatic- ecosystems;
- conserve biodiversity and habitats; and
- empower concerned communities (in particular small-scale fisheries communities) along the fish value chain.

Three main phases of the **Theory of Change** applied to the Blue Growth

Policy, action plan and management plan
coherence in line with Blue Growth
Principles



Implement interventions for transformation
and expected results



Ensure enabling conditions

Three platforms for
transformational change

Blue
Communities

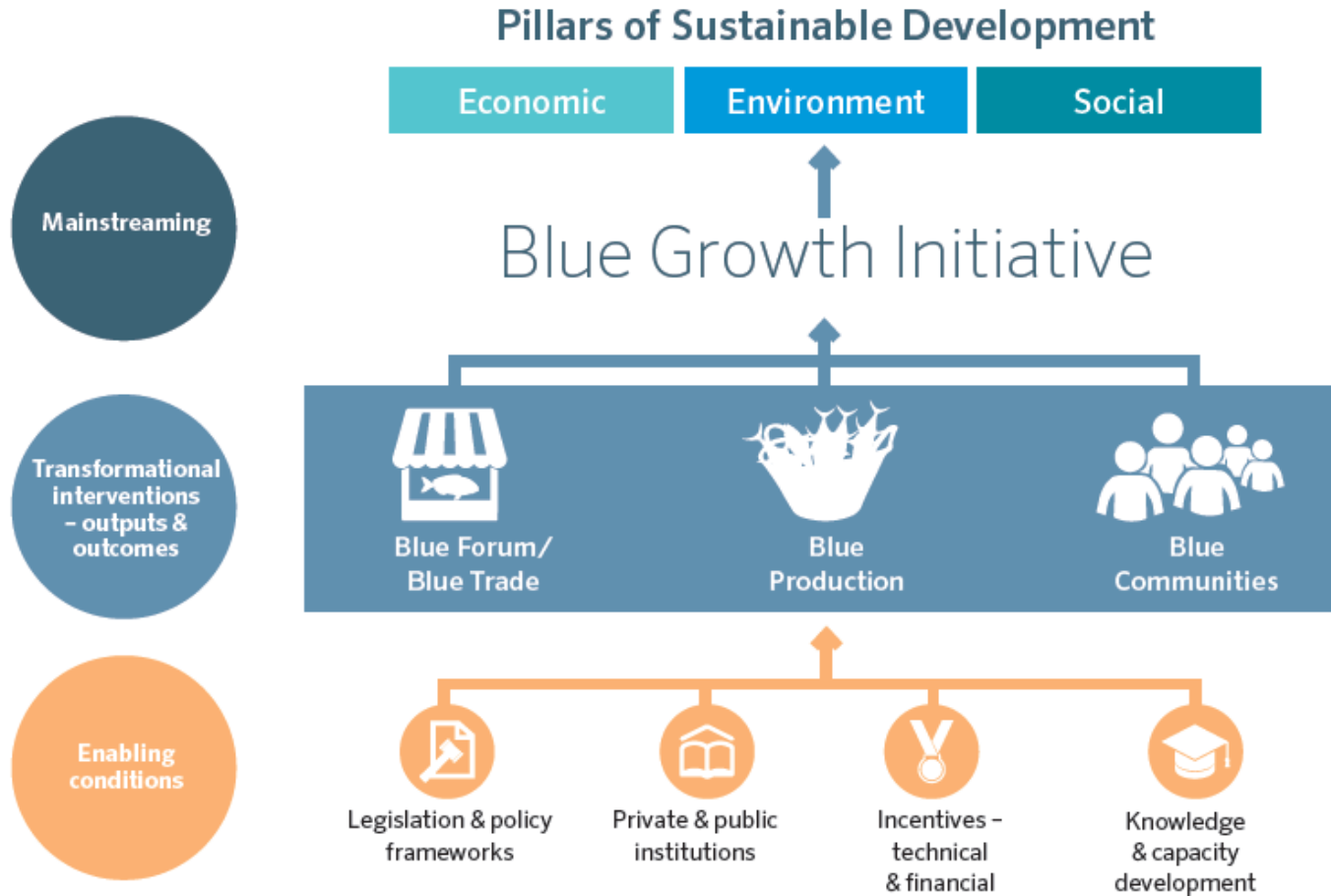


Blue
Production
Systems



Blue Trade
(Commerce)

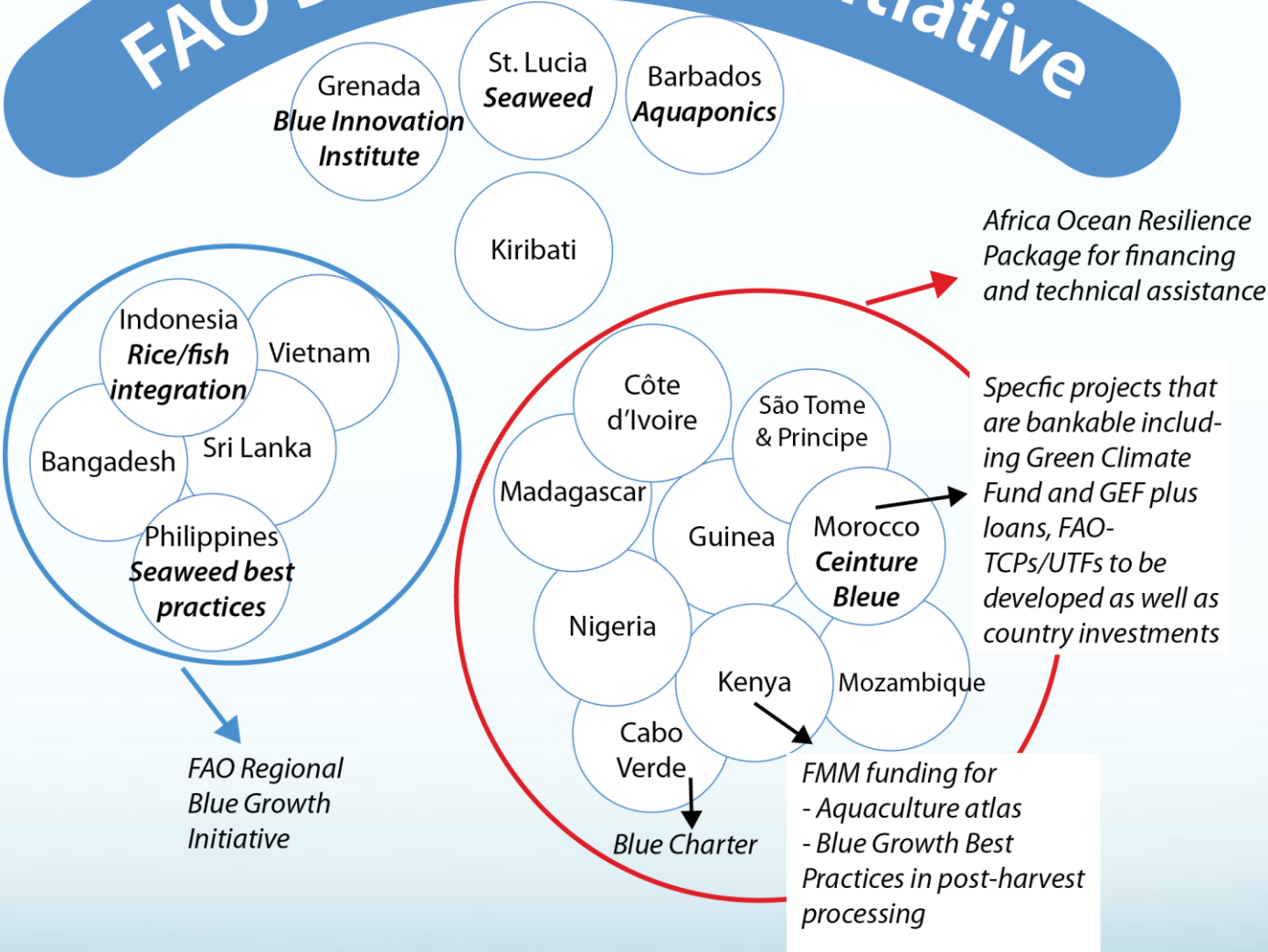
Since the adoption of the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries in 1995, progress has been made to improve the environmental policies and management of fisheries and aquaculture. The new emphasis on Blue Growth ensures that all fisheries and aquaculture policies place equal emphasis on the economic, environmental and social pillars of sustainable fisheries and aquaculture development.



How the Blue Growth Initiative works

Achieving Blue Growth through implementation of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries

FAO Blue Growth Initiative



Lessons Learned

- Blue Growth means different things to different people/ countries
- Different pathways to the same goal for transitioning to BG
- The more inclusive the more buy-in to making the transition
- Investment plans/portfolios for public and private financing key to making the transition
- Foster innovation – technical and financial
- Strong links to the SDGs with BG as a means of implementation especially target 14.7

Partnerships

- **Global** Blue Network: The Netherlands and Grenada
Blue Forum: FAO for all stakeholders
- **Regional** Regional Initiatives: Asia, the Near East and Africa
- **National** Cabo Verde: Blue Growth Charter
Grenada Blue Innovations Institute
Seychelles Blue Economy Strategy

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Blue Growth Initiative for Fisheries and Aquaculture Productivity and Competitiveness

Key characteristics

enabling conditions, transformational interventions and
strategic planning

Strategic Pillars – 3 pillars – Blue Trade, Production and Communities

Contribute to the SDGs

Move beyond business as usual – resources use and energy efficiencies
along the value chain, decent work opportunities and innovation – technical
(Public - private sector partnership)

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