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A project connecting Switzerland and South Asia to promote research-based action and education on environmental sustainability and social wellbeing.

CLOC South Asia: Environmental Sustainability & Social Wellbeing

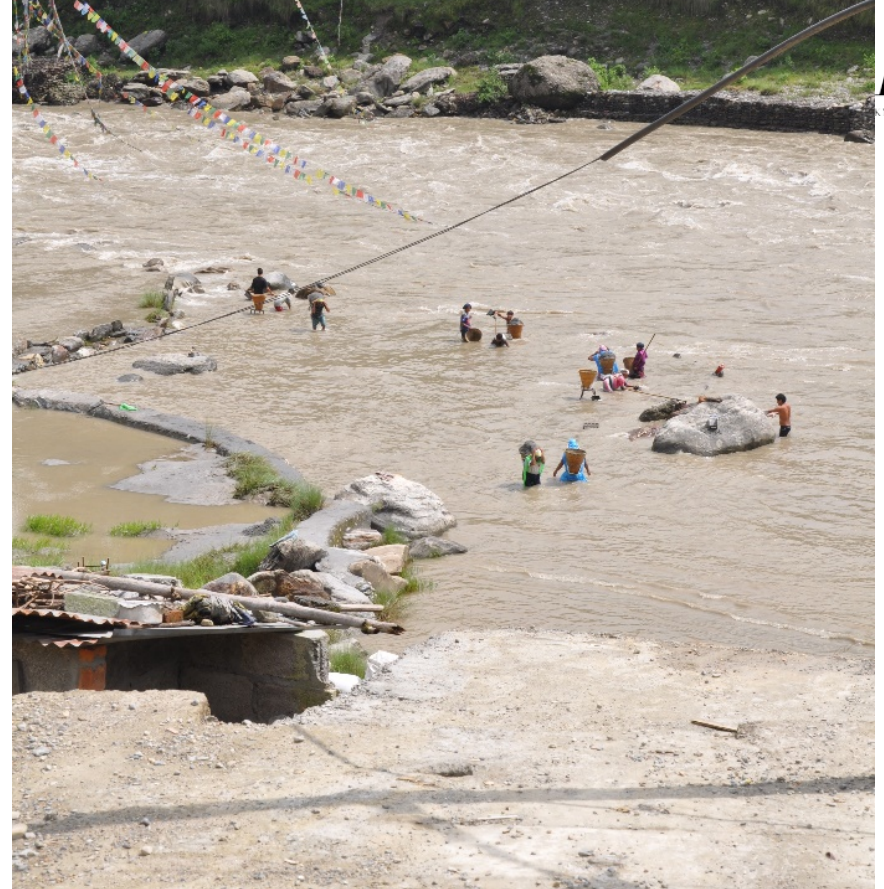
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R4D: Challenges of municipal solid waste management: Learning from post-crisis governance initiatives in South Asia
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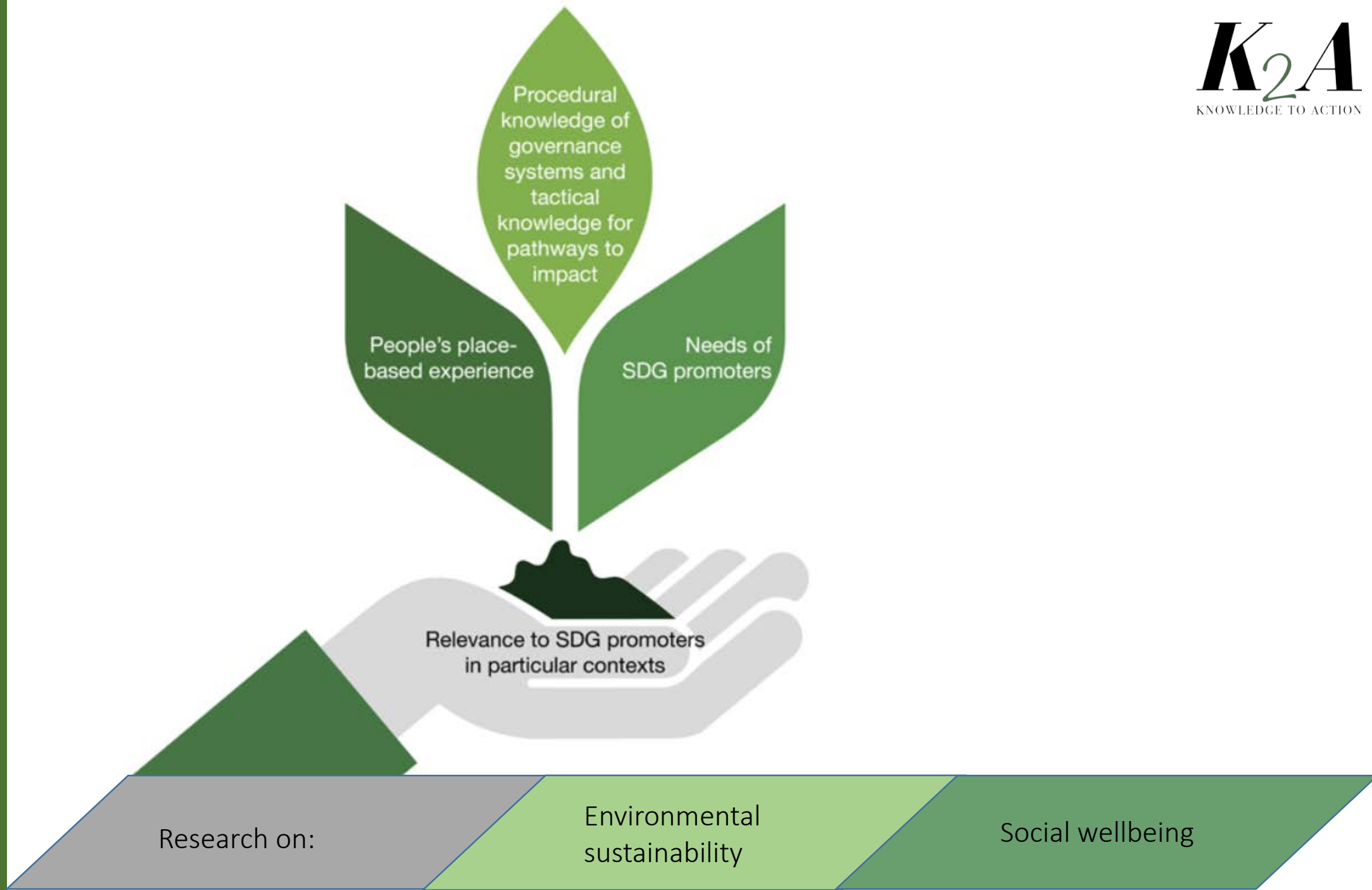
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Knowledge for SDG actors

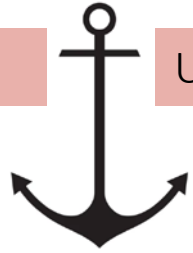
K2A addresses the following 4 challenges

1. The mediation requirement between scientific knowledge on ES&SW and people's place-based perception and expertise
2. The requirement of very different forms of knowledge outputs for different SDG actors that can be communicated through a wide array of tools and skills
3. The need for procedural knowledge of the regulatory decision-making environment and tactical skills to facilitate appropriate promotion of ES&SW
4. The lack of comprehensive interdisciplinary teaching curricula relating to ES&SW at the university level in Switzerland and South Asia





HETS-FR



UNIL



R4D: Waste

EAWAG

PhD: Sanitation

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Equip: Water

NEPAL

TU, NCCR

INDIA

COFER: Climate

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COFER: Education

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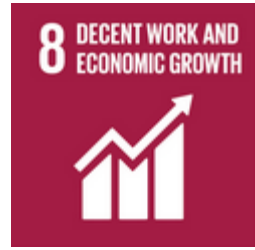
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Governance of



Executive committee

Co-leads:

- Overall coordination & consolidation



Co-designated institutions

Swissnex:

- Communications
- Hosting
- Organisation, transactions & logistics

ATREE:

- Liaising activities
- Co-anchors scientific focus
- Co-oversees execution of activities

Ad-hoc committee for dialogue workshop Jan 2020



COFER (Knowledge for climate) Southpartner: TU Nepal

Ad-hoc committee for summerschool Aug 2020



To be determined

Dialogue workshop january 2020 (Work in progress)

Rationale: Dialogue Format min. 2 type of actors with moderation, platform for all projects -> Inputs for summerschool

DAY 1	
Audience: Researchers and SDC actors	
1	Skit: Why are we attending this workshop (artists)
2	Academia and activists networks on its workings (Researcher – SA activists)
3	Skill workshop 1) modes of engagement 2) writing for popular media (swissnex)
4	Challenges to report on climate crisis in the Himalayan region (COFER – journalist)
5	Urban waste problem as a window to understand and act on governance (R4D – activist/legal petitioner)
6	Round table on S-S, N-S, S-N collaborations (researchers – activists)
DAY 2	
Audience: Researchers and SDC actors	
1	Policy process for water management and research perspective (Equip – policymaker)
2	Research collaboration with community workers on forest rights (ATREE – community member)
3	Workshop on biomicry
4	Debate on education challenge for relevant knowledge and action (COFER – pub/pvt Knowledge institutions)
5	Report card on workshop days (some participants of the workshop)



Thanks for your
attention !

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