

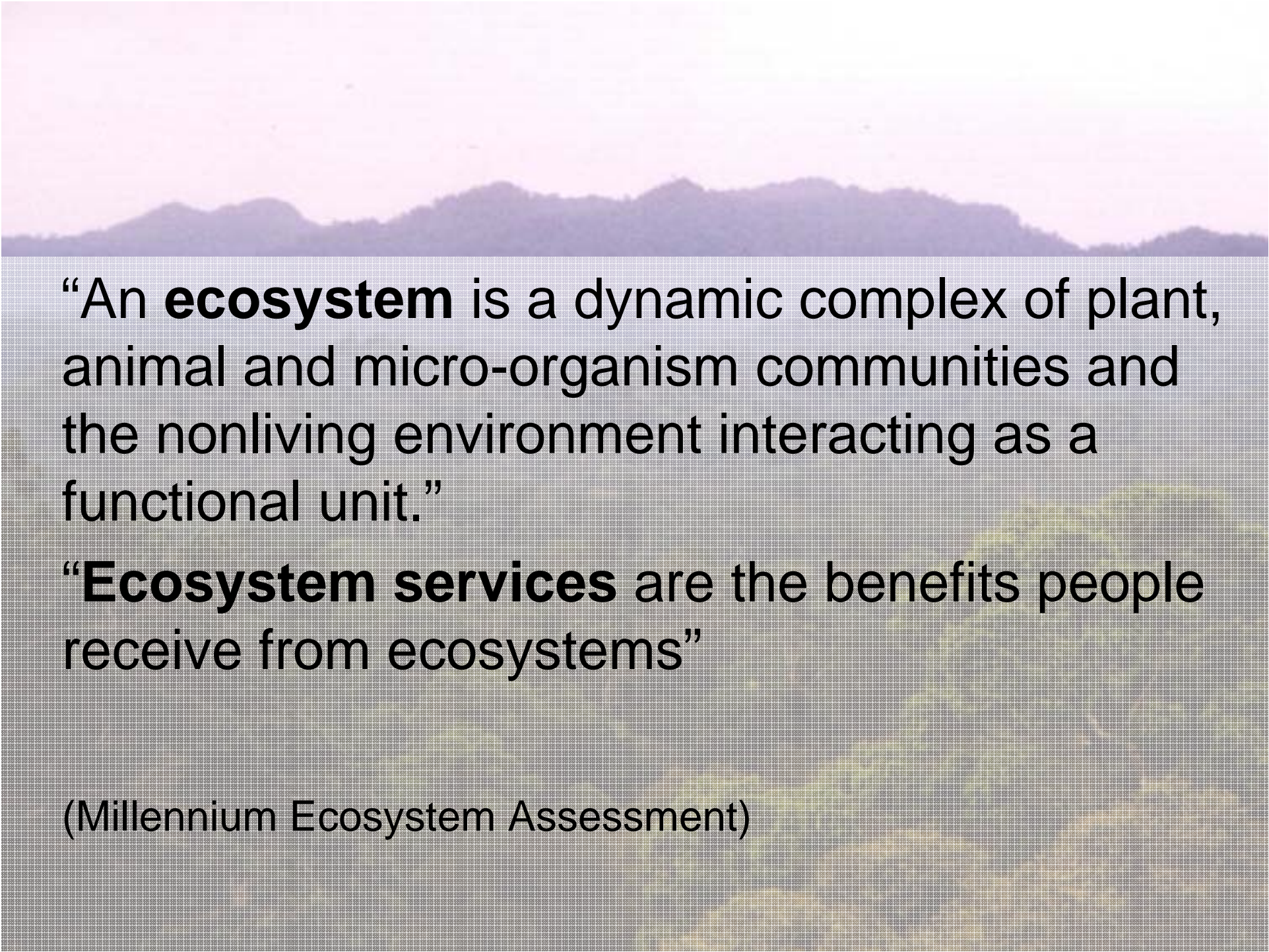
Society, Ecosystems & Development

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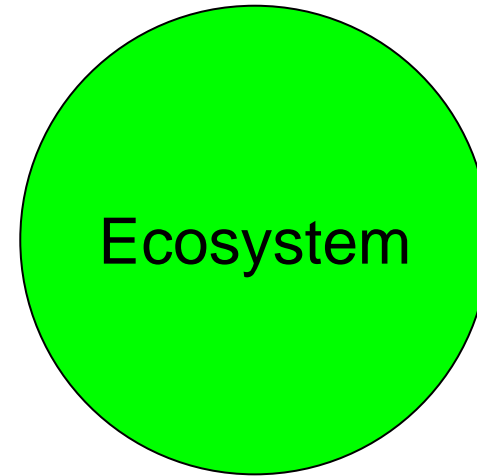
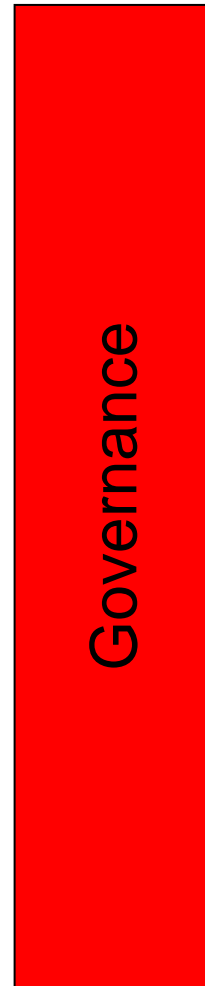
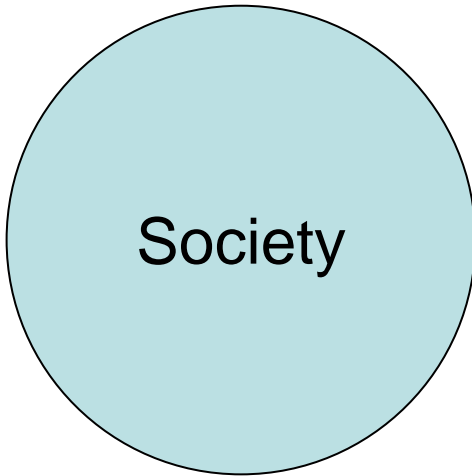


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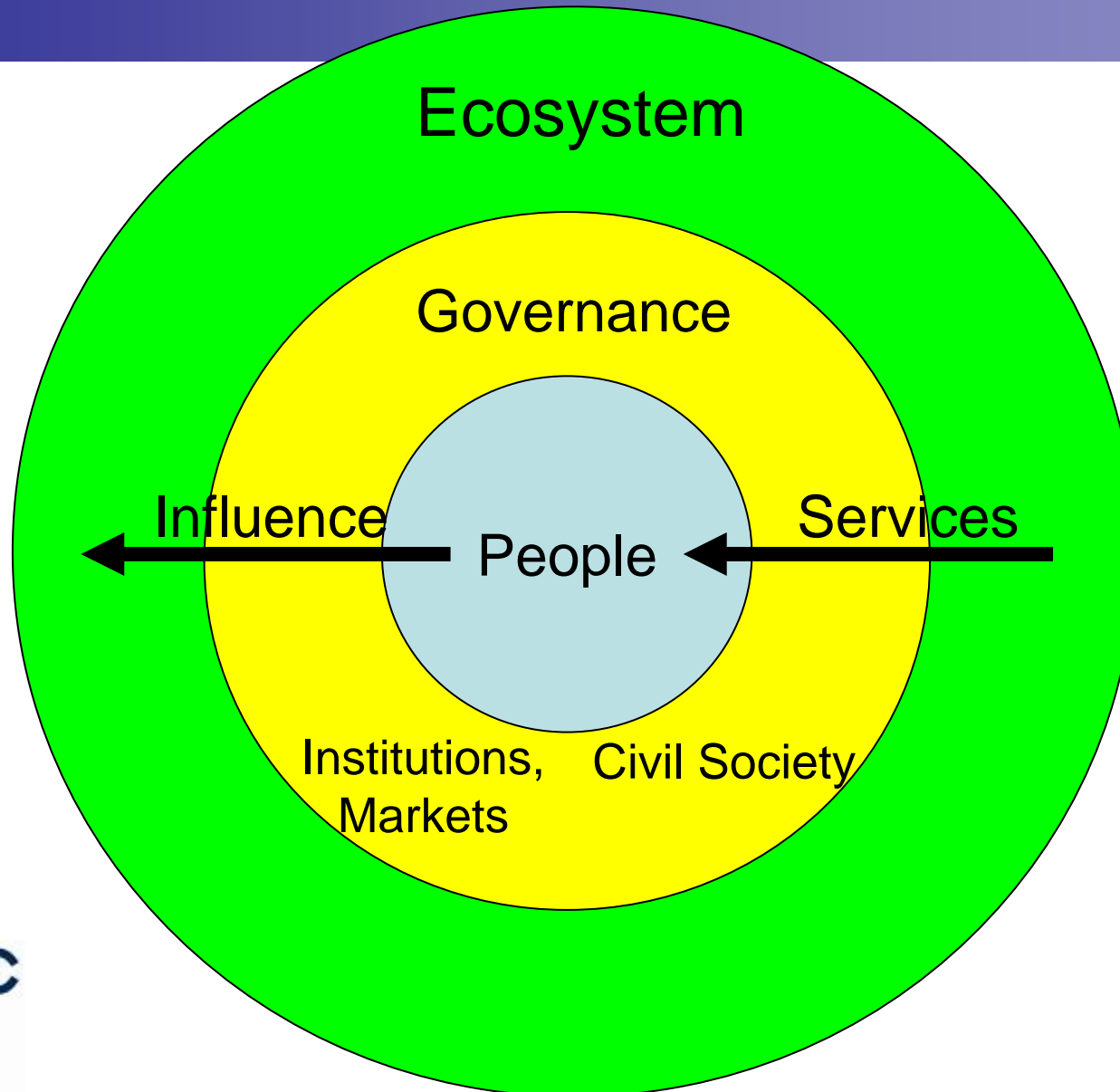
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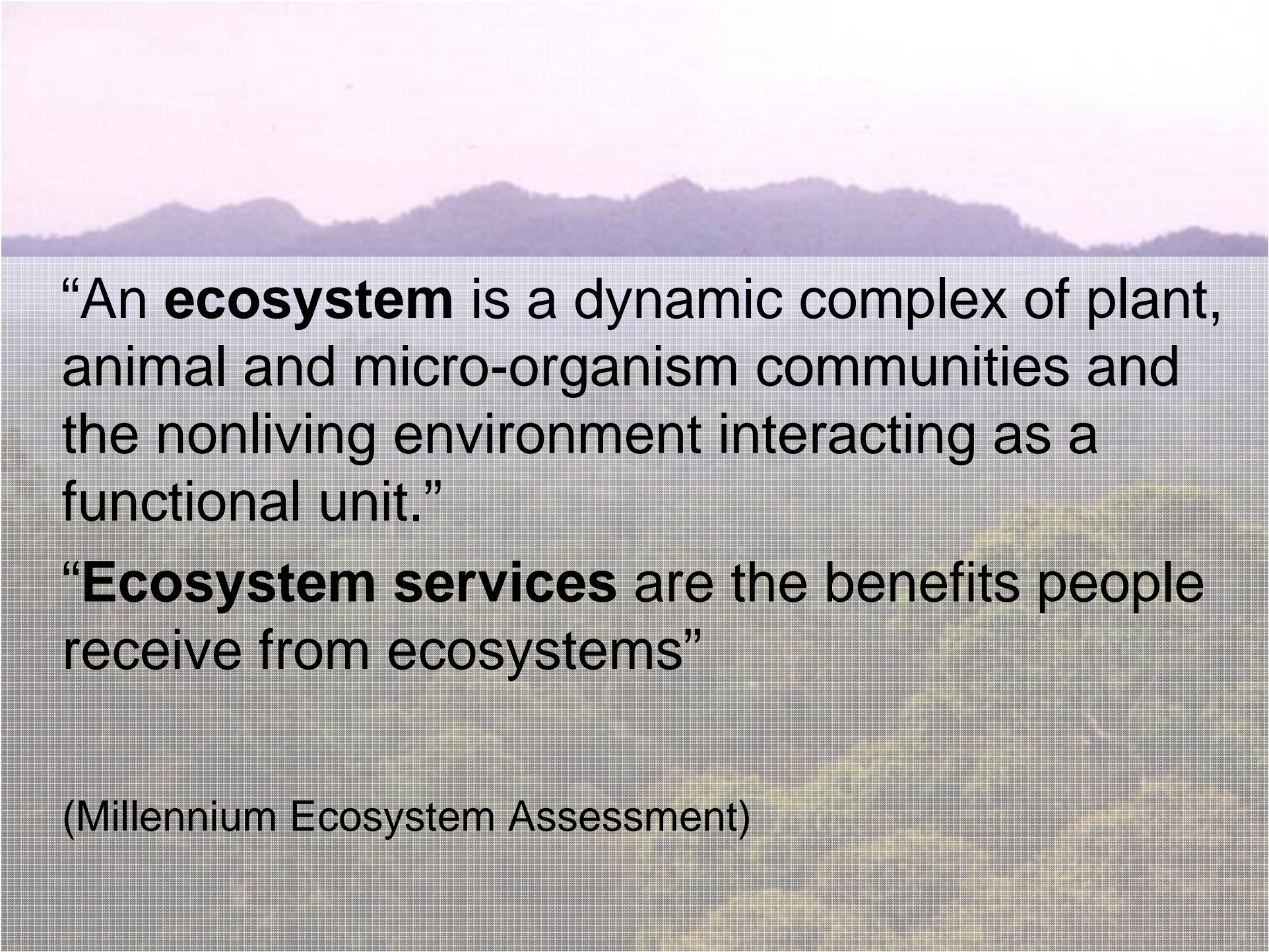
(Millennium Ecosystem Assessment)

A conventional view?



A view for the future?





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Another Millennium Challenge!

Millennium Development Goals

“We will spare no effort to free our fellow men, women, and children from the abject and dehumanizing conditions of extreme poverty, to which more than a billion of them are currently subjected.”

United Nations Millennium Declaration - September 2000

- 1 Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
- 2 Achieve universal primary education
- 3 Promote gender equality and empower women
- 4 Reduce child mortality
- 5 Improve maternal health
- 6 Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases
- 7 Ensure environmental sustainability
- 8 Develop a global partnership for development



Society, Ecosystems & Development

- **People** and communities are at the heart of *their* ecosystems.
- **People** need to capture and derive services from ecosystems.
- **People** are the solution...
 - but they need to be empowered with skills and knowledge and supported by effective social structures, institutions, markets and systems of governance.