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### Benefits of Bioenergy for the Sustainable Development of Sudan

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## Abstract

This poster discusses bioenergy and its potential benefits for Sudan's Sustainable Development.

## Introduction

Here are some important statistics. Not only is more than 70% of Sudan's population engaged in agriculture, but 45 % of Sudan's GDP comes from agriculture (Ahmed & Elsaied, 2017). Furthermore, Sudan is among the top twenty largest countries with arable lands ("Arable land (hectares) – Sudan," 2016) . In light of these facts, it is clear that Sudan could be able to use its fertile lands efficiently to produce bioenergy as a renewable energy source with which it can tackle many of the country's energy challenges. Sustainable development, a form of socioeconomic development that is conducted without depleting a country's natural resources, is an important consideration. **With this in mind, sustainable development using bioenergy as a renewable energy source can benefit Sudan's environment, society and economy.**

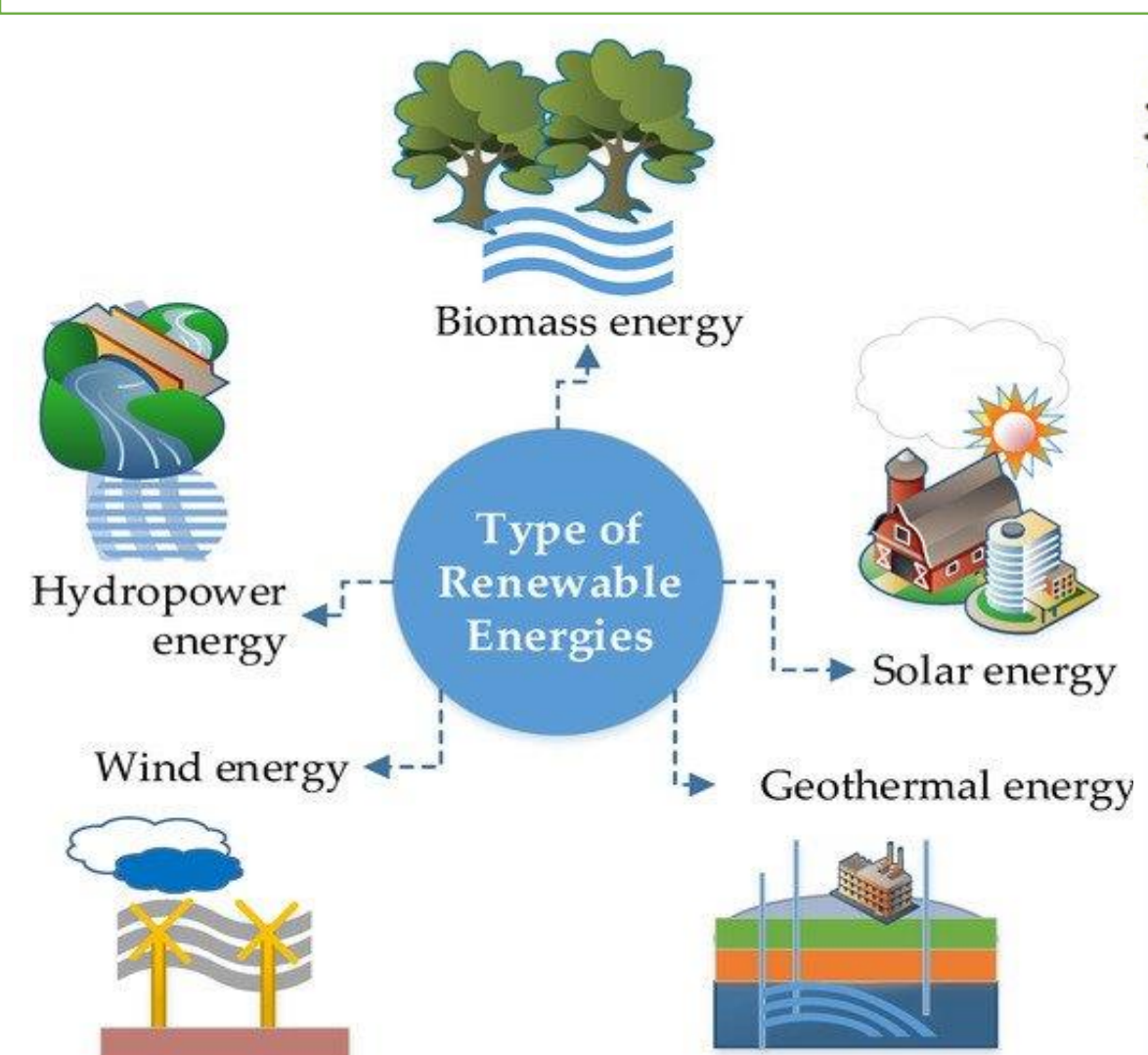


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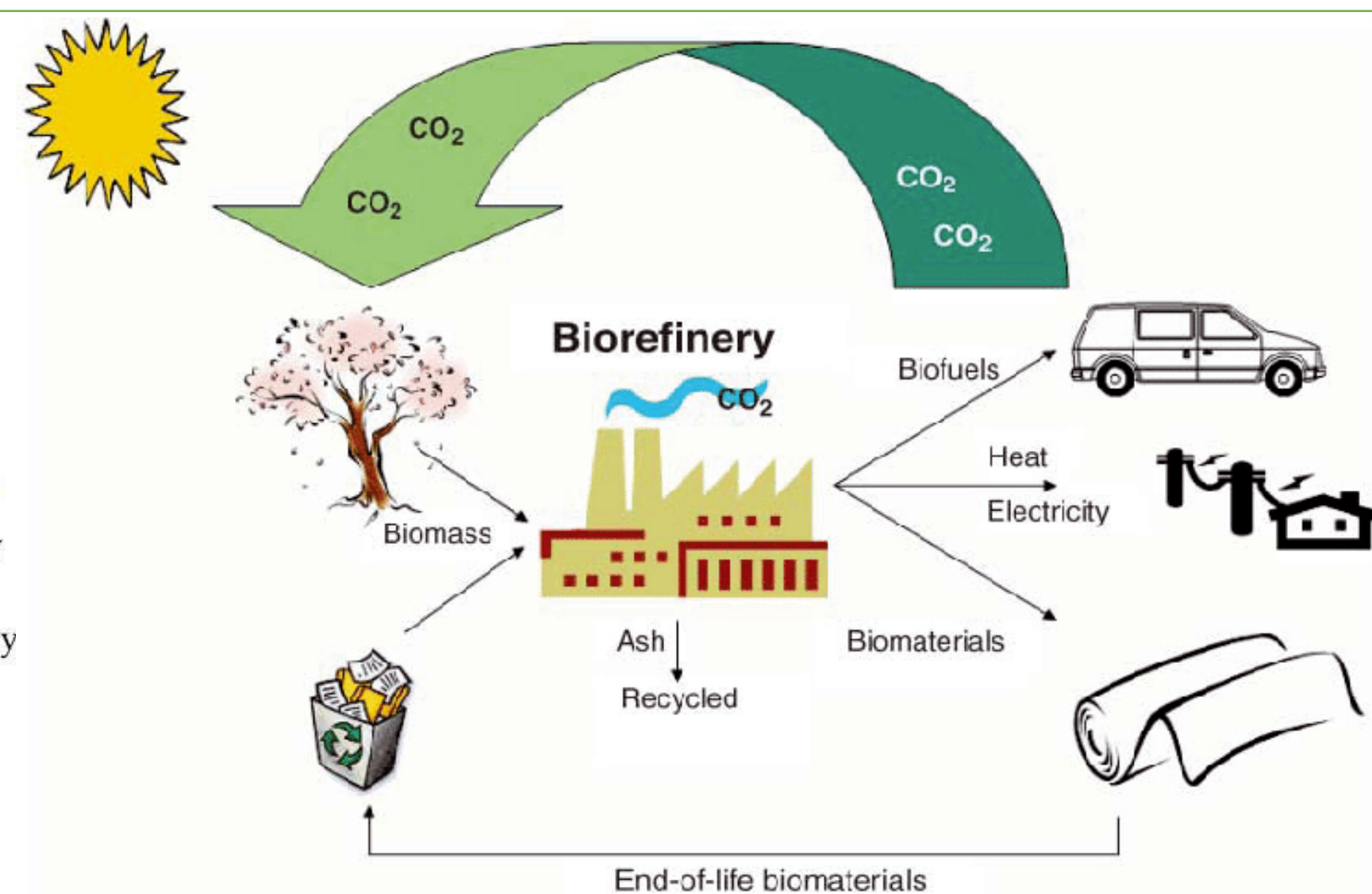


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- Study shows that Sugarcane Ethanol can reduce 40 – 62% of GHG emissions compared to Petroleum Gasoline (Wang, Han, Dunn, Cai, & Elgowainy, 2012).
- Strengthen agriculture and efficient use of lands.

- Increase participation of women in agriculture and irrigation especially in rural areas.
- Create income & employment opportunities.
- Protect human health from harmful fossil fuels.
- Provide a continuous supply of biofuels.

- Create biofuel production industries.
- High potential to produce Biodiesel from Jatropha plant and Bioethanol from Sugarcane, since Sudan is among the largest African countries that produce Sugarcane (Abdelraheem & Lang, n.d.)
- Reduce dependence on foreign imports.
- Generate new revenue streams by becoming energy exporter.

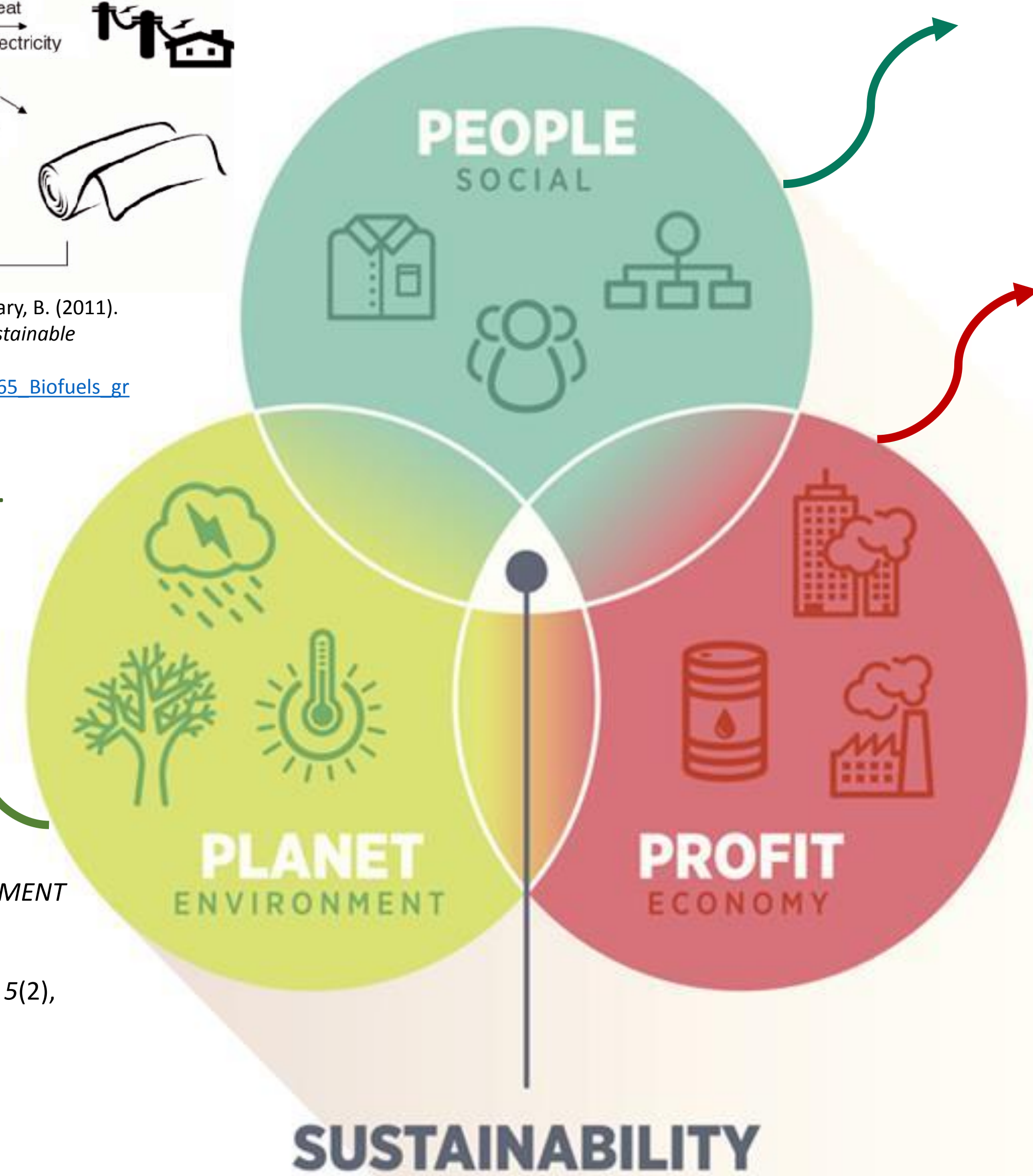


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## Conclusion

“ Sustainable development is the pathway to the future we want for all. It offers a framework to generate economic growth, achieve social justice, exercise environmental stewardship and strengthen governance. ”

~ (Ban Ki-moon, 2013)

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