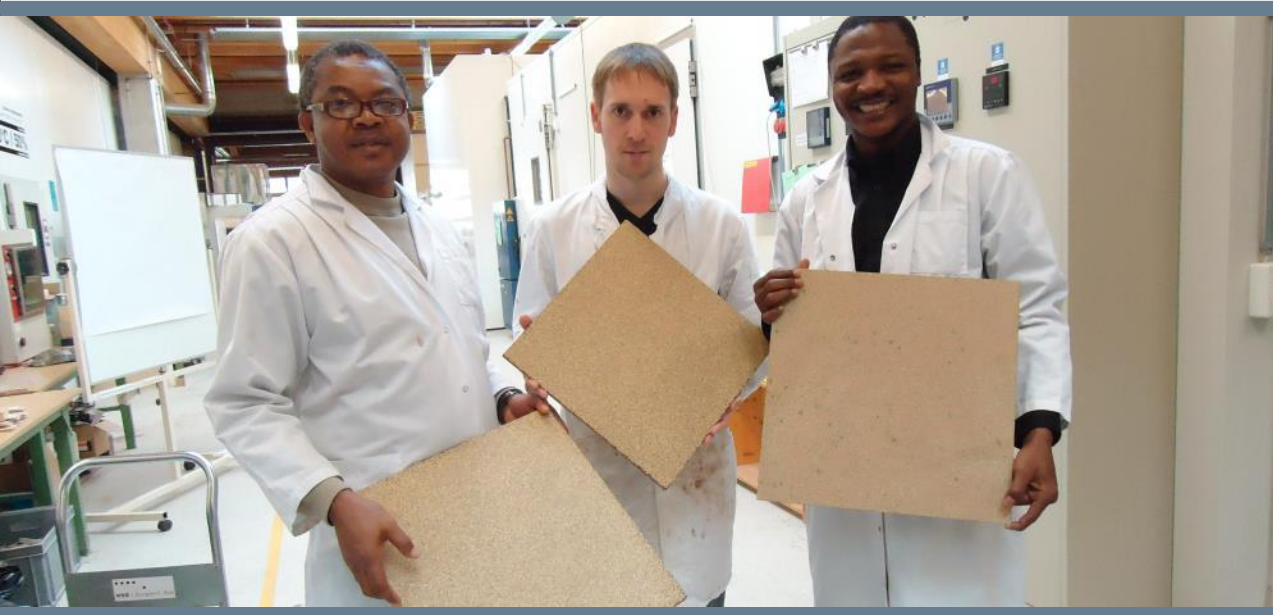




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# Sustainability indicators set for agricultural residues based panels in developing countries

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# 1. Starting idea

- ▶ Situation
  - ▶ Sustainable **ressource** management belongs to the **political priority** of transition and developing countries.
  - ▶ Agricultural residues are **available** for the production of **suistainable** and **affordable** building Materials
  - ▶ No **suistainability assessement system** for this new type of material so no **credibility** and no **motivation** for investments



## 2. Experiences BFH/Nigeria Project:

- Technological chances
- Conventional building material import
- End of Life?
- Sustainability of agricultural / forestry processes?
- Chance for local added value and TT

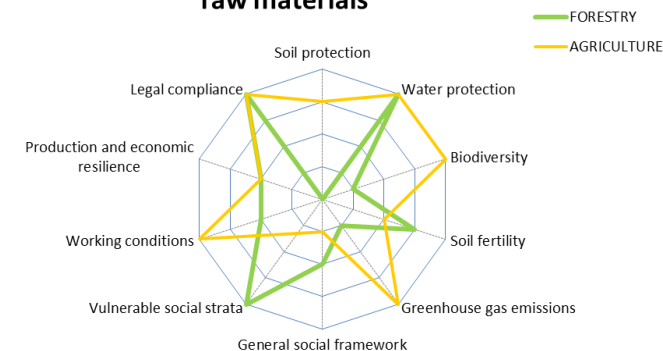


# 3. Goals of the project

- ▶ Developing a tool for sustainability assessment of agriculture/forestry residues based panels in the specific context of developing countries.
  - ▶ Describe the life cycle of the products
  - ▶ Select a set of indicator based on existing methodology and experiences collected in the several projects
  - ▶ Develop parameters
  - ▶ Integrate informations in an assesement tool

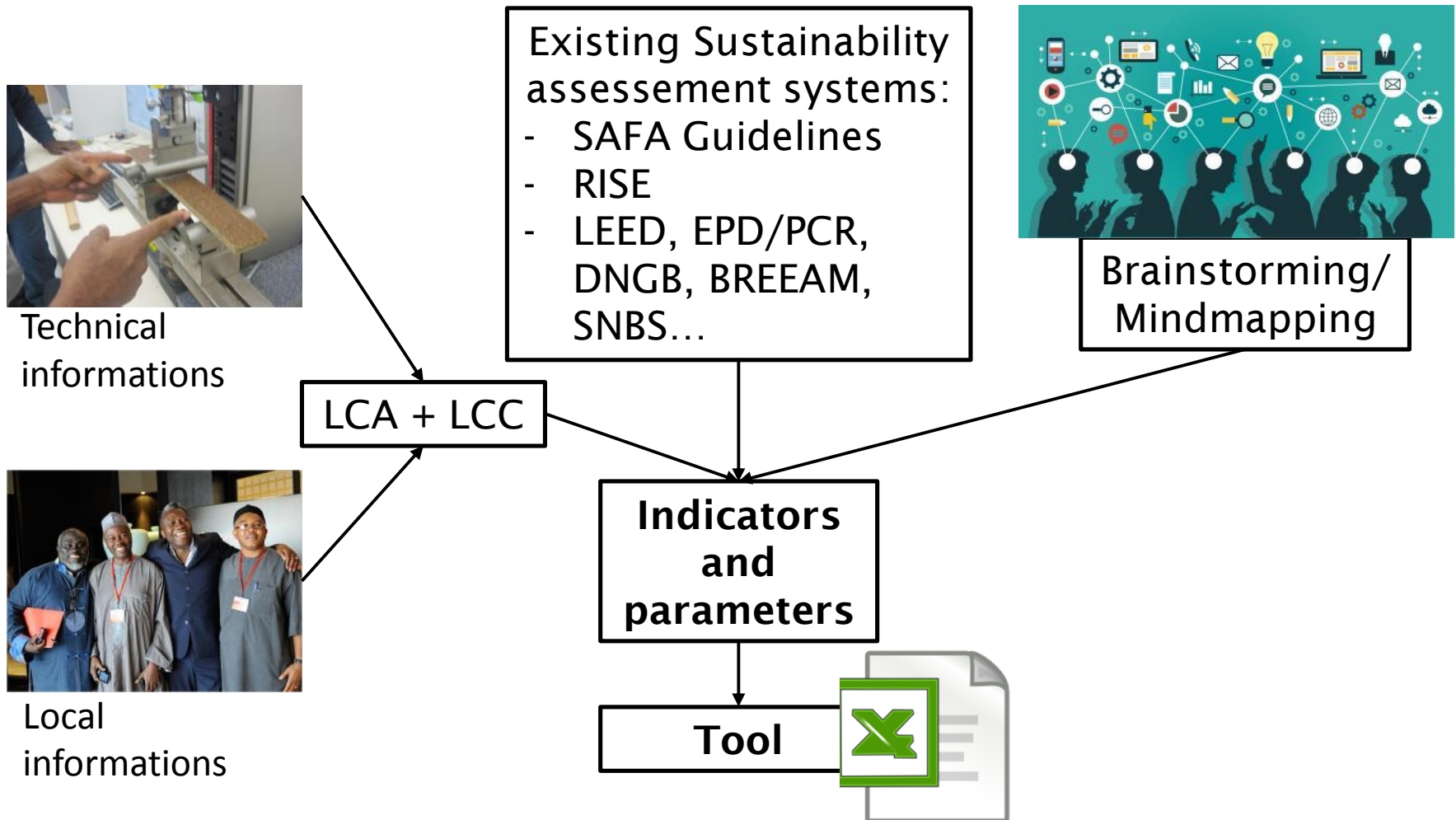


Comparison agricultural vs. forestry system raw materials



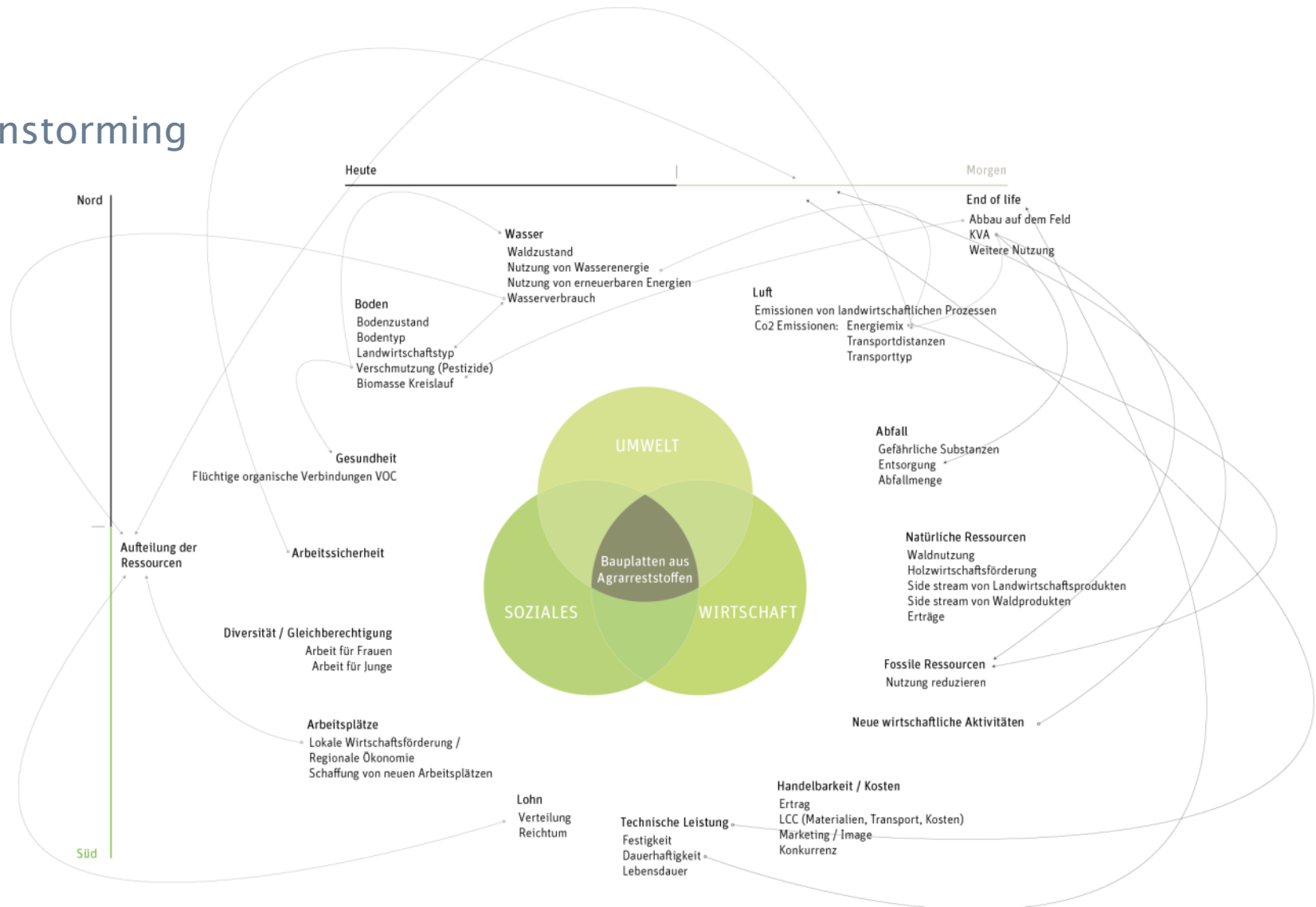
# 4. Methodology

- ▶ Collaboration between agriculture system sustainability specialists, wood technologists and cooperation and development specialists.



# 5. Results

## Brainstorming

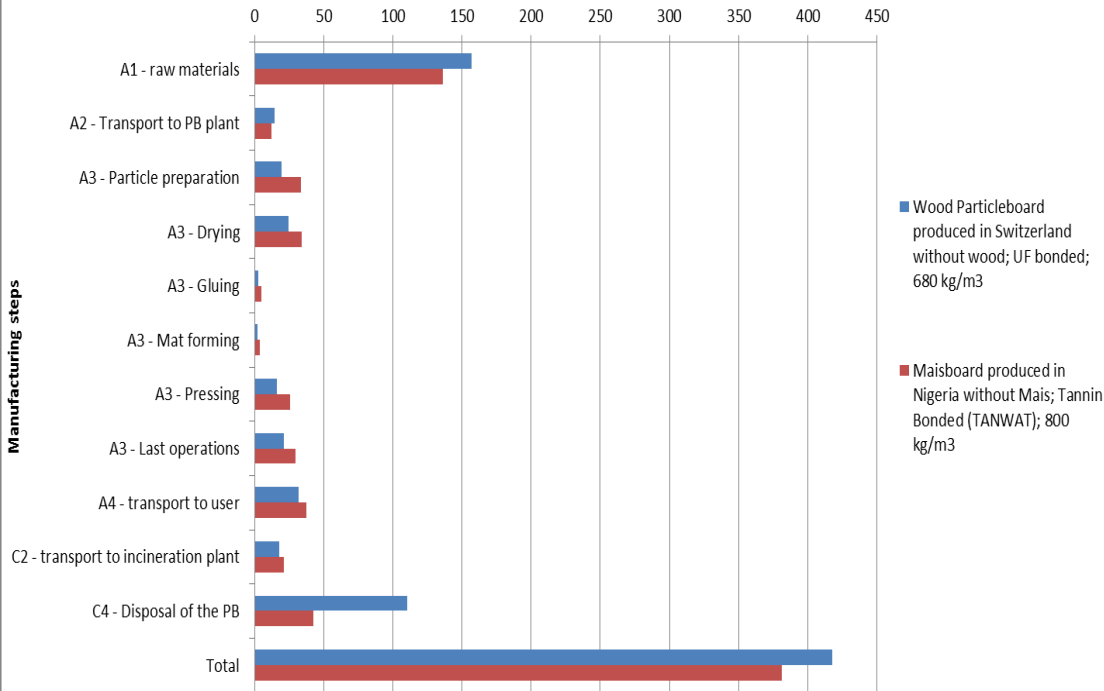


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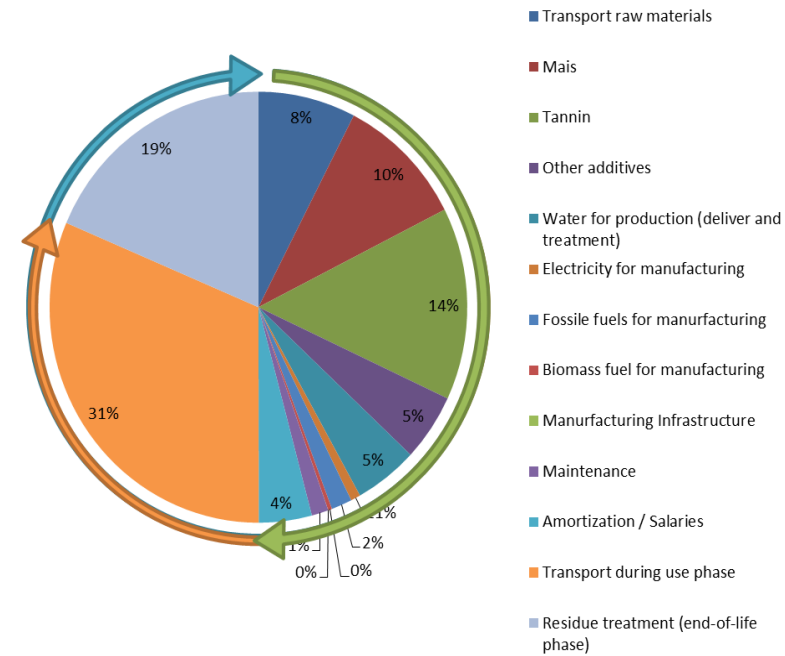
## LCA / LCC

Global Warming Potential IPCC 2007; 100 years

kg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq.



Life cycle costing of nigerian tannin bonded corn board (total = 530 CHF/m<sup>3</sup>)



# 5. Results

## Indicators, parameters and evaluation

Life Stage	System	Domain	Indicator (example)	Parameter (example)
<b>Raw material extraction</b> (24 indicator; 37 parameters)	Forest	Environment	Biodiversity	CITES Species
		Economy	Biomass production	Seeding mortality
		Society	Indigenous people	Consultation of indigenous people
	Agriculture	Environment	Greenhouse gas Emissions	CH <sub>4</sub> Emissions of cattle and manure storage
		Economy	Logistics	Storage capacity
		Society	Social inequalities	Connectivity to urban market
<b>Production, use and end of life</b> (5 indicators, 15 parameters)		Environment	Production	Part of renewable energy in heat production
		Economy	Demand	Highest market price
		Society	Accident prevention	Number of accident



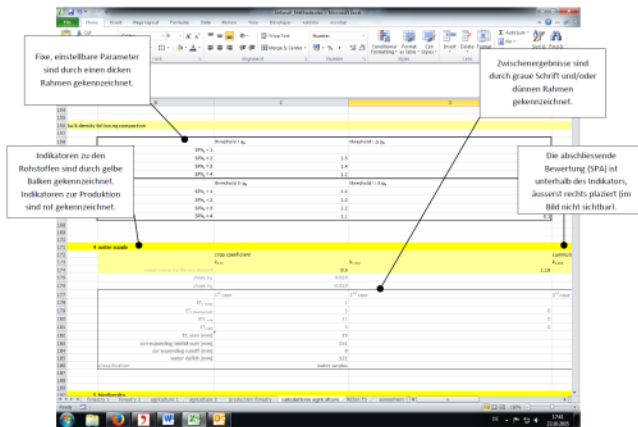
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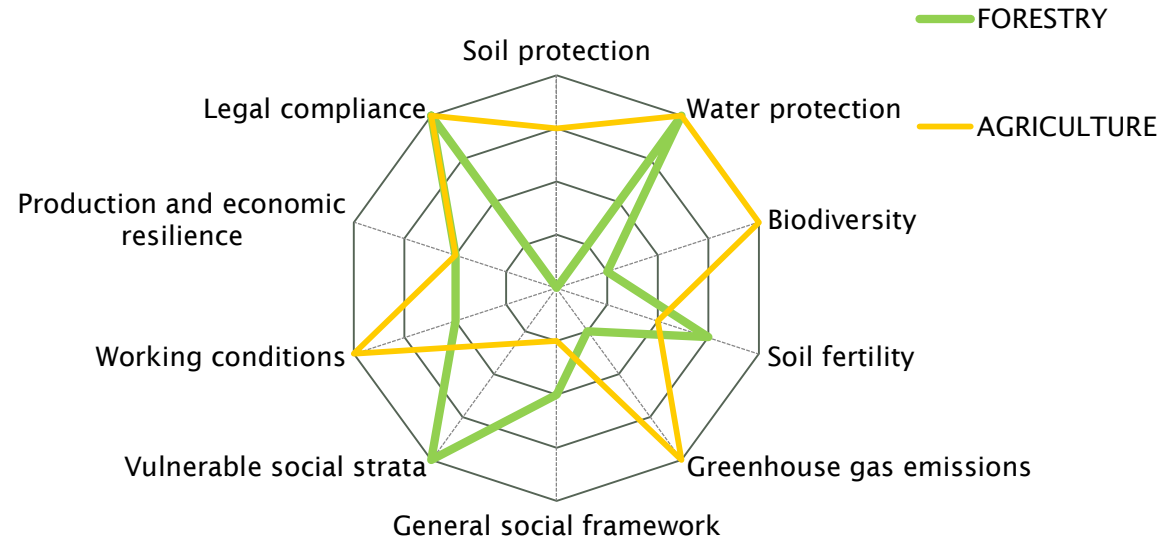
Pt	Evaluation	Example: System: forest Domain: society Indicator: migrants Parameter: fate of migrants
1	insufficient sustainability practice	unknown fate
2	moderate sustainability practice	financial compensation OR employment in plantations
3	good sustainability practice	relocation to compensatory areas
4	best sustainability practice	perpetuation of subsistence agriculture

# 5. Results

Tool integration (still in development)



## Comparison agricultural vs. forestry system raw materials



## 6. Conclusions

- ▶ Set of indicators integrated in a relatively easy-to-use XLSX Tool
- ▶ Indicators are as generic as possible; no weighting system
- ▶ Help to forecast the potential of a new product on the local market
  
- ▶ Still some work to do
  - ▶ Review with industry, NGO, local involved partners
  - ▶ Design of the outputs (easy understanding of results)
  - ▶ Proof with different types of products
  - ▶ Possible integration of new indicators and parameters as well as updates