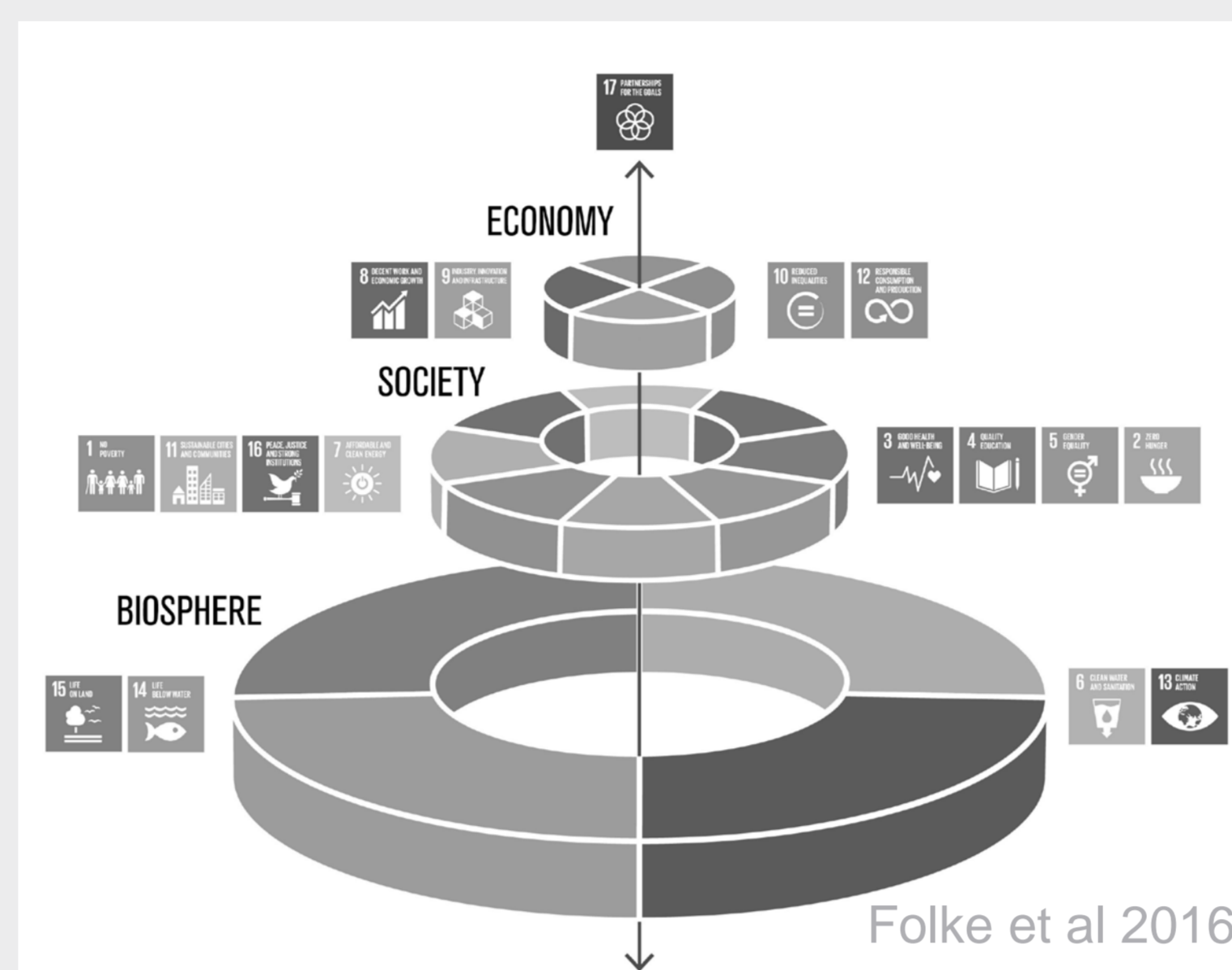


# On the role of Climate Services supporting Ecosystem Services in securing Sustainable Development Goals

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**Ecosystem Services** serve as the 'biosphere foundation' upon which prosperity and development ultimately rest (Folke et al 2016) and are thus key players in securing the Sustainable Development Goals (# 6,13,14,15).

However, **climate change** may alter the quantity, quality, and timing of Ecosystem Services. **The question is how to secure the provision of Ecosystem Services under climate change?**



## Solutions by Climate Services

**Co-developing** innovative climate service products that enable **decision makers** to **effectively adapt** the management of ecosystems to climate change.

## What are Climate Services?

Climate Services cover the transformation of climate-related data [...] into customised products [...] and evaluation of solutions and any other service in relation to climate that may be of use for the society at large. As such, these services include data, information and knowledge that support adaptation, mitigation and disaster risk management (European Commission 2015).

## What are Ecosystem Services?

Ecosystem services are defined as the contributions that ecosystems make to human well-being; their fundamental characteristic is that they retain the link to underlying ecosystem functions, processes and structures (CICES 2013). The three main types of services are: Provisioning // Regulation // Cultural.

## Ecosystem Services

## Climate Services

**GOAL:**  
Securing  
management  
and provision  
of Ecosystem  
Services under  
climate change

## Key research & application priorities:

- Complex and nonlinear ecosystem-climate interactions can dampen or amplify climate change
- Interacting disturbance effects of climate change on ecosystems
- Resilience and adaptive capacities of ecosystems
- Finding synergies in developing adaptation strategies that also meet mitigation requirements

Selection of **GERICS** products for **Ecosystem Services** to effectively adapt their management to climate change

### Hotspot Mapping



Multi-sectoral analysis identifies areas which may be exposed to more than one negative climate impact (co-developed with KfW).

### GERICS Assessment reports



Assessment reports transferring climate data into user tailored and easy accessible information.

### GERICS Adaptation toolkit for cities



Modular designed advisory tool supports cities in developing and implementing adaptation policies, considering both climate change mitigation and adaptation.