### INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY DEPLOYMENT FOR THE SDG's

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#### **Innovation and Technology Deployment**

#### **Innovation**

Mission-oriented
Inclusive
Reverse
Bottom-up
Social
Prizes
Grand challenges
Indigenous





Technology
Deployment
for
Emerging
Markets





"Nearly every problem has been solved by someone, somewhere. The frustration is that we can't seem to replicate (those solutions) anywhere else."

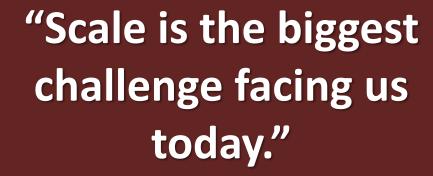




# IMEBUSINESS SOLUTION POVERTY

Designing Products and Services for Three Billion New Customers

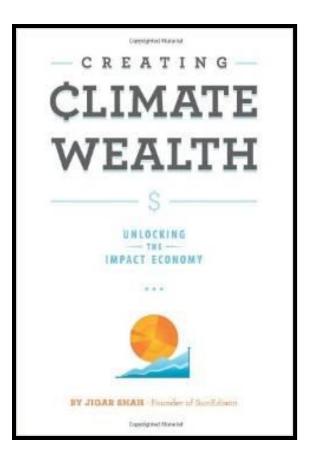
"One of the most hopeful propositions to come along in a long time . . . original, ambitious, and practical." BILL CLINTON PAUL POLAK
MAL WARWICK



Paul Polak
The Business Solution to Poverty
100 Million Customers at a Time

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b3842v9gX4C







(Jiggar Shah, Sun Edison)

### All the Critical Ingredients for Deploying and Scaling are Present in Abundance





#### SUSTAINABLE GOALS





So why aren't we doing more to promote deployment and scaling?

#### **Challenges Emerging from GSS**



- From billions to trillions to thousands
- Need 200,000 micro-grids for SE4AII

### How can we scale up the deployment of small-scale distributed solutions?









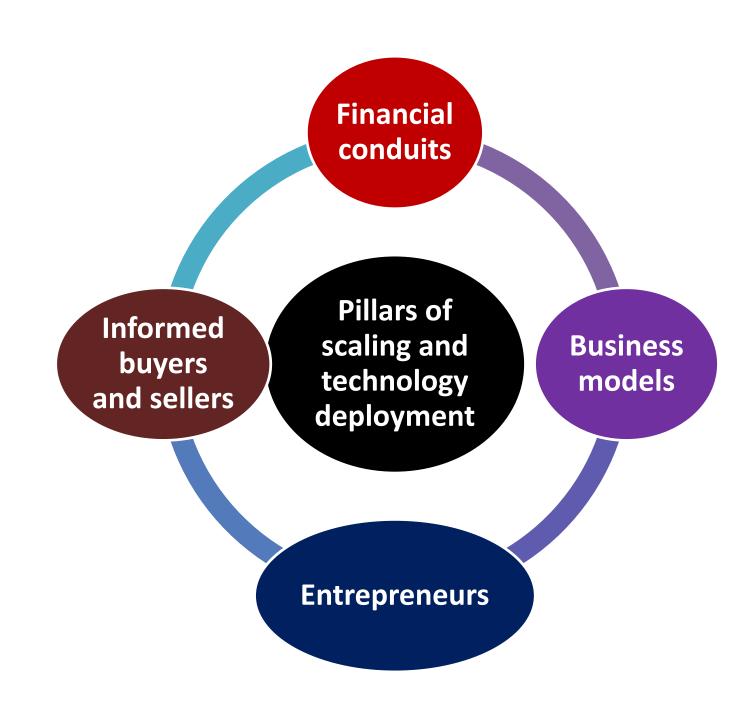


What deployment ecosystems will enable emerging markets to thrive in a world of megatrends, disruptive technology, and new global mandates?

How can we help emerging markets meet their social and economic development objectives by deploying technologies that are already in widespread use elsewhere?

#### Don't Reinvent the Wheel; Build Systems and Mechanisms for Deploying Existing Wheels







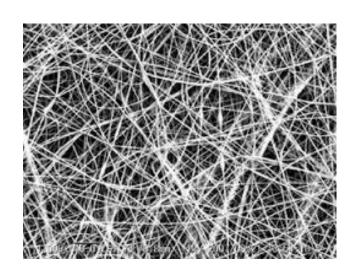
# Building a better financial plumbing system

- Crowd and diaspora
- ➤ Institutional investors, pension and sovereign wealth funds, insurance companies, foundations, HNWI
- > Foreign and local; guarantees and co-investment
- Blend grants and commercial finance
- Large and small projects
- Companies that supply technology and companies that purchase technology

### New business models for technology deployment

- Community investment trusts
- Social franchising
- Co-op models
- Sustainable supply chains
- Public procurement
- From charity/grants to mission investing
- Data bases plus the human dimension of tech deployment

## A PATENT IS NOT A PRODUCT A PRODUCT IS NOT A BUSINESS





Most "new" technologies are really new combinations of independent technologies that when put together create a new capability by virtue of their synergies.

### Bundling technology and developing new business models are critical

- Meters
- Billing and Payment Systems
  - Finance
- Installation,Repair andMaintenance
  - Customers
    - Products

- Market entry strategy
- Staff to manage int'l operations
  - Local Partners
- Capacity to arrange financing and pursue int'l expansion



We live in a world of broken circuits for the supply and demand for technology and more databases won't solve the problem

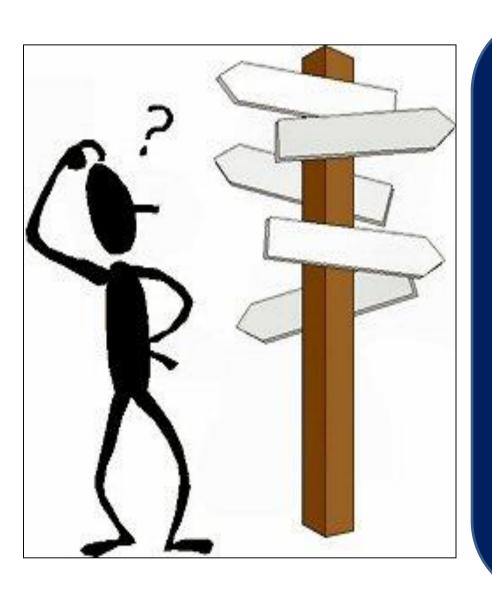
### MOST IMPORTANTLY, WE NEED INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP



## And better informed buyers and sellers



#### On the Buyer Side ....



**Countries don't know:** What they need Where to find it How to evaluate it How to bundle it How to build capacity to use it How to organize businesses around it How to diffuse and scale it

Most local companies are too busy struggling to survive. Perhaps they have the capacity to identify needs, but they don't have the capacity to find solutions, evaluate alternatives, and integrate them into company operations.

#### On the seller side ....



- What do I do and whom do I see when I get off the airplane?
- I don't have the band width to do business in Vietnam, Colombia, and Rwanda
- I sell to the Pentagon (or resort hotels). I don't know emerging markets

#### CHARTER OF THE TECHNOLOGY BANK FOR THE LDC's A/71/363

The objectives of the Technology Bank shall be:
(a) To strengthen the...capacity of least developed countries... to identify, absorb, develop, integrate and scale up the deployment of technologies and innovations... as well as the capacity to address and manage intellectual property rights issues;

(e) To promote and facilitate the identification and utilization of and access to appropriate technologies by the least developed countries ... and fostering the national and regional capacity of the least developed countries for the effective utilization of technology in order to bring about transformative change.

#### **THANK YOU**

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