



MODULE 3

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THREE TYPES OF STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

Strategic considerations for economic growth

- What are main market trends and market opportunities?
- How can the value chain become more competitive?
- Are there needs to improve framework conditions?

Strategic considerations for pro-poor growth

- How can poor people benefit more and be included more in the VC?
- How can women and youth be empowered and food security be improved?
- How can the vulnerability of disadvantaged groups be reduced?

Strategic considerations for environmental sustainability

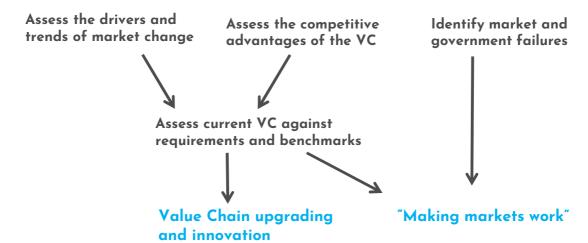
- How to reduce negative impact of the VC on the environment?
- Is there a need to increase climate change resilience of the VC?
- How can environmental policies and regulations be improved?





STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH

Strategic considerations for growth



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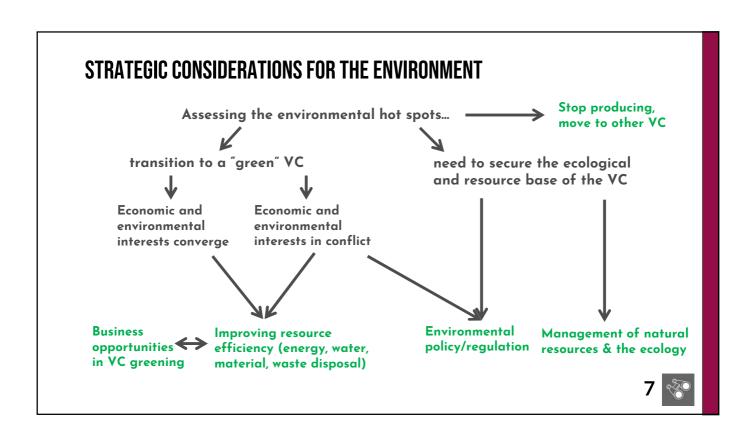
ASSESSING THE MARKET SITUATION

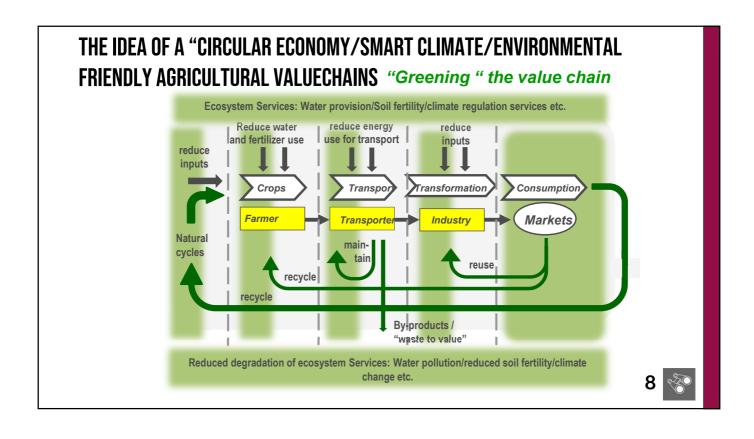
Identifying market opportunities - and what it implies

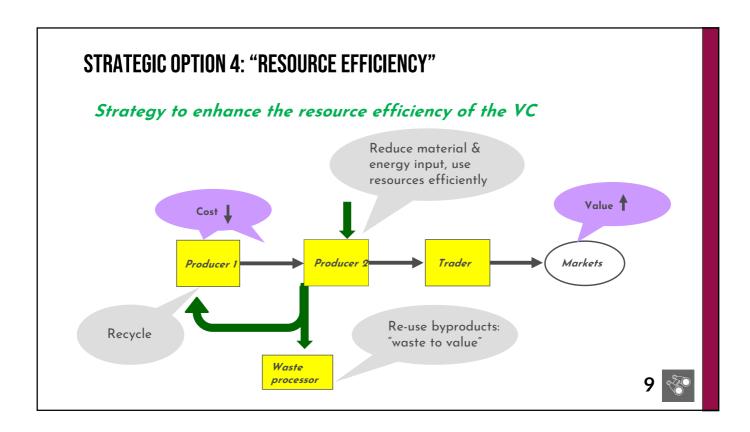
- General demand trends (prices and volumes)
- Supply gaps
- Market access requirements
- Existence of investors
- Assessment of competitors and competing products

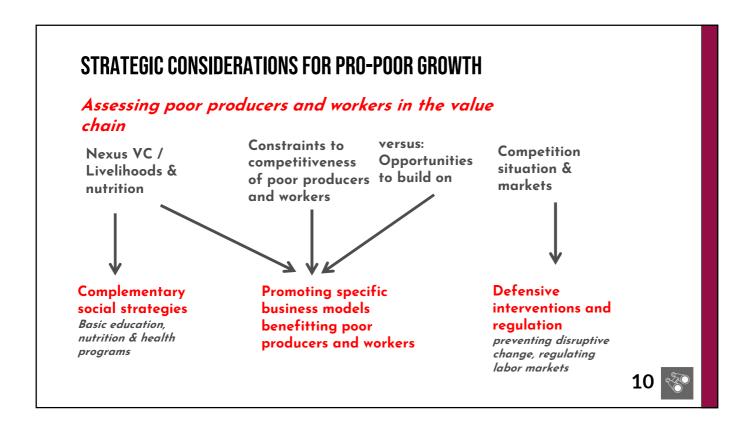
Market research interviewing buyers

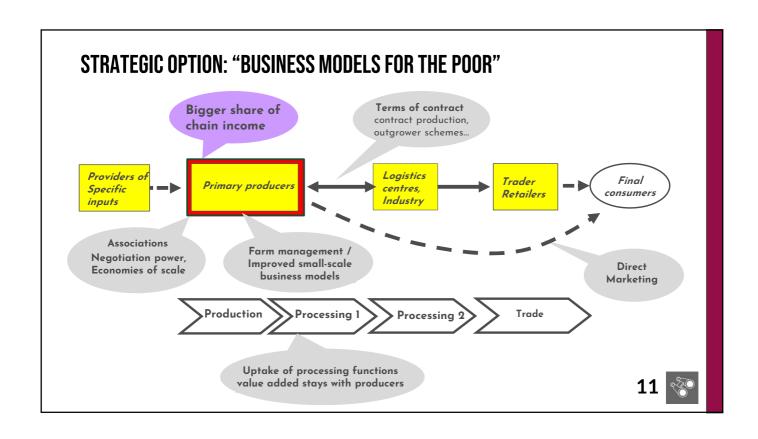
- Qualitative judgements on the points above
- Specific buyer requirements
- Specific demand trends
- Identifying real market opportunities

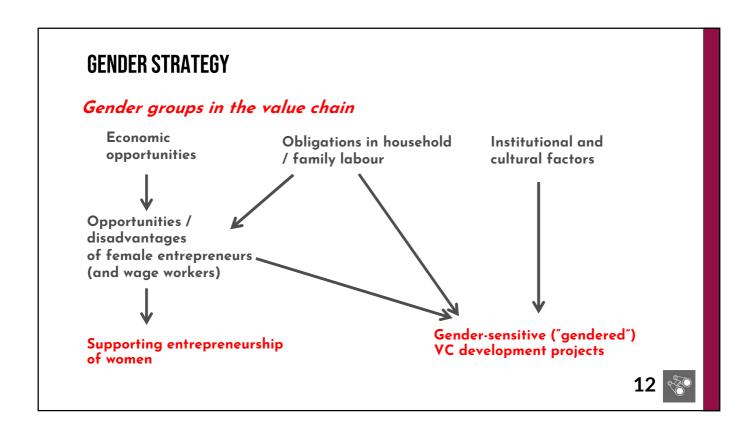


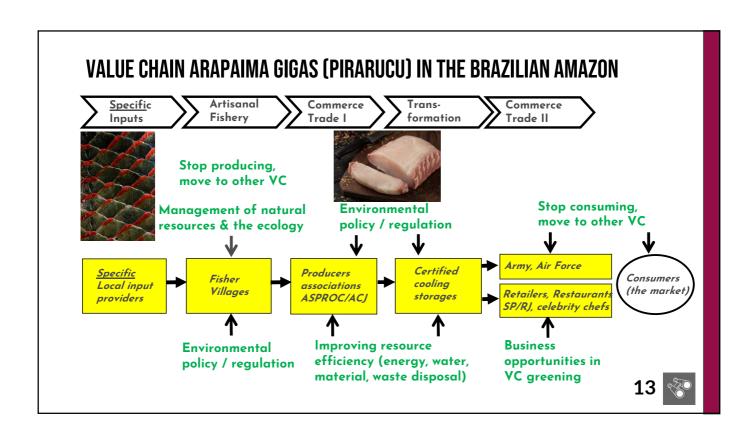


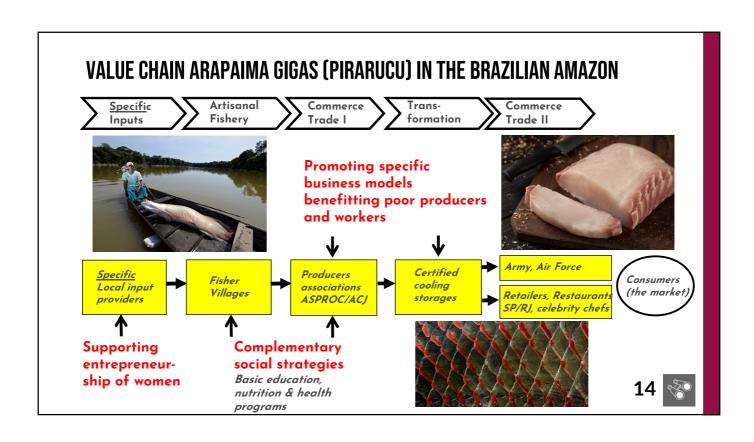












LIVING INCOME

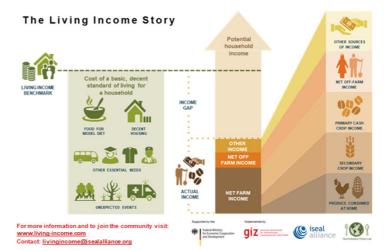
Living income: what is special?

What is different?

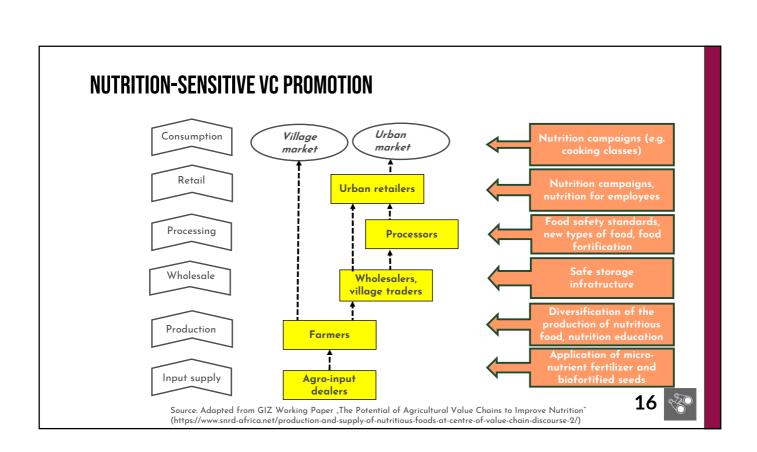
- Living wage relates to employment
- Living income relates to independent work (selfemployment)

Levers to increase income for farmers:

- Collective action \rightarrow e.g. price negotiations
- Productivity improvement
- Quality improvement
- Other income streams









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THE IMPORTANCE OF AN UPGRADING VISION

Why engage in visioning?

Visioning focuses on the opportunities





Visioning provides strategic direction - How should the value chain look five years from now?

Visioning is the basis for consensus - Unless chain actors share the view on the future, they will not be motivated to cooperate



