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Global Knowledge Partnership

Creating a World of Equal Opportunities

Sharing Knowledge • Building Partnerships
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Our Vision

A world of equal opportunities
for everyone to access and use knowledge
and information to improve their lives.

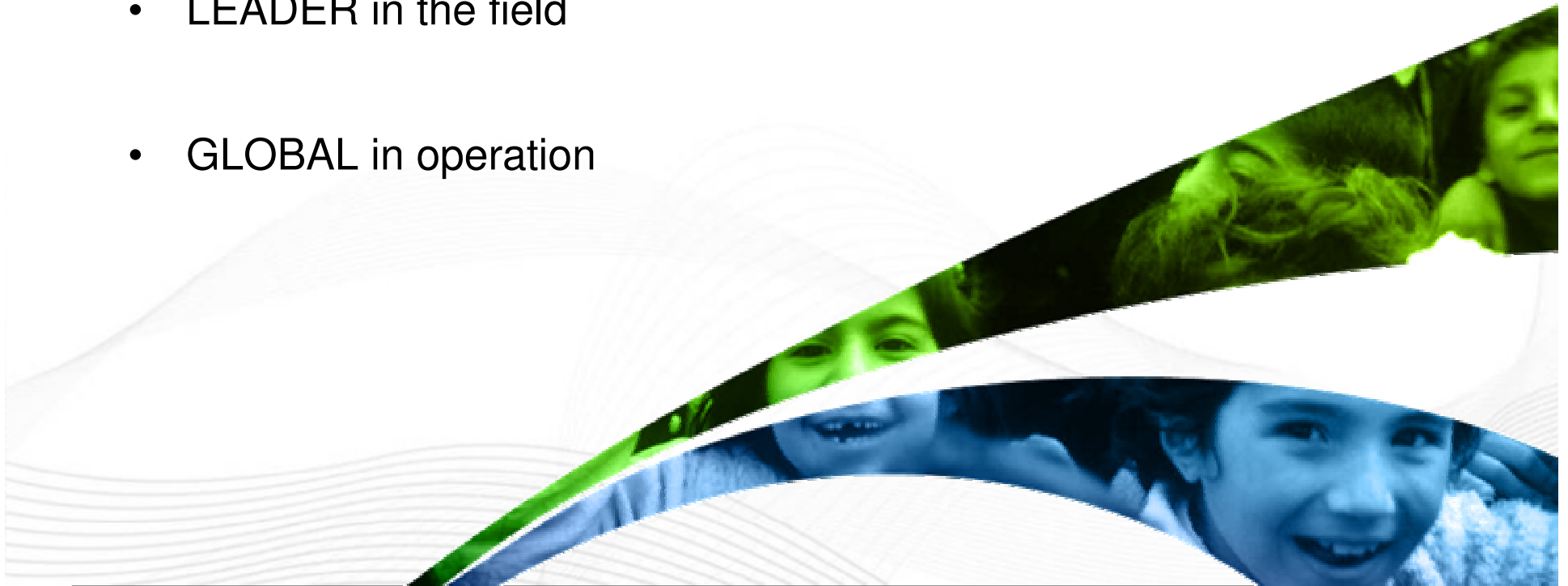
Our Mission

Share knowledge and build partnerships
to realise the transformative potential of
knowledge and ICT to improve lives,
reduce poverty and empower people.

GKP is a network championing **knowledge and ICT for development** worldwide



- FIRST in the field
- LEADER in the field
- GLOBAL in operation



GKP believes **knowledge is the key driver for a world of equal opportunities**

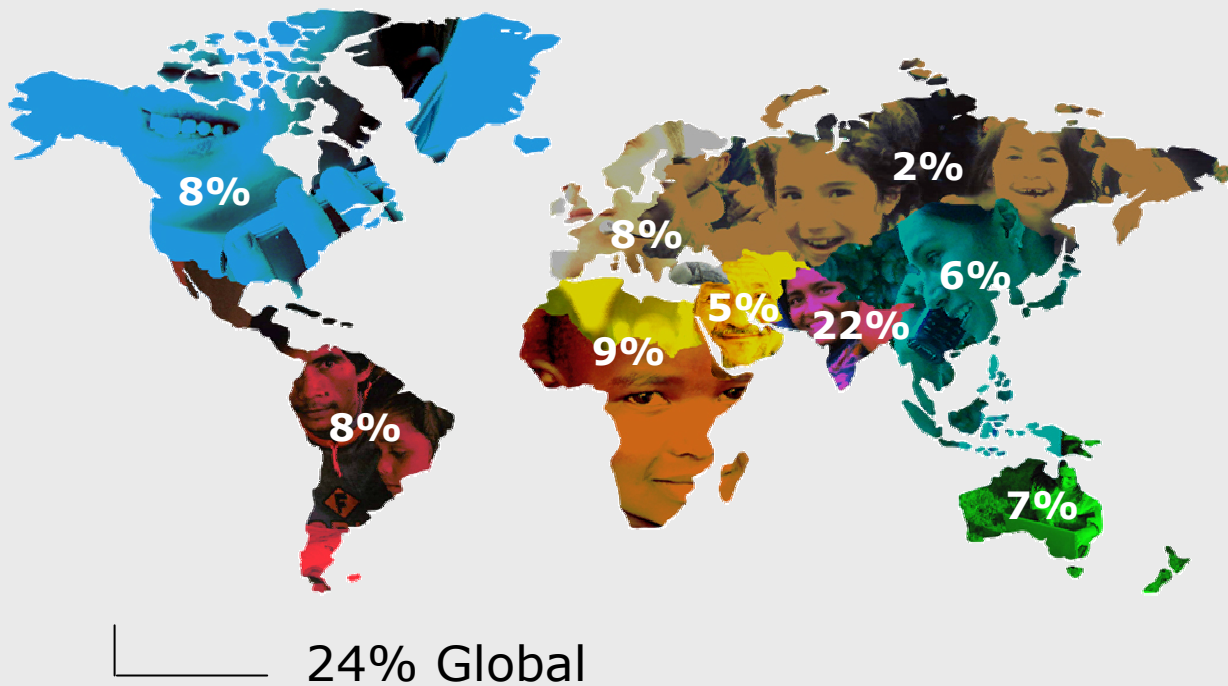


- Knowledge improves lives, reduces poverty and empowers people
- Access to knowledge is fundamental to development and progress
- ICT are key for enabling access to knowledge

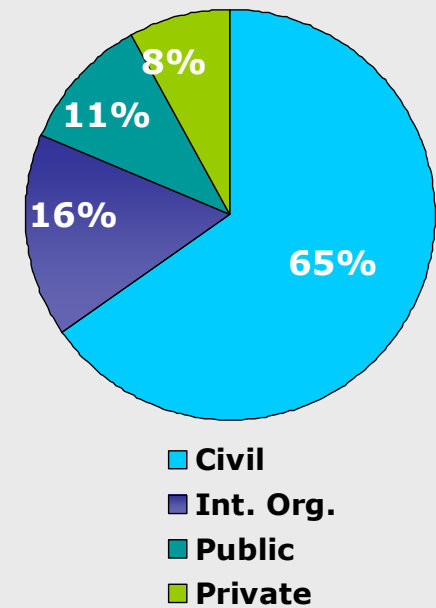
GKP's Regional and Sectoral Diversity

Global network of over 100 members

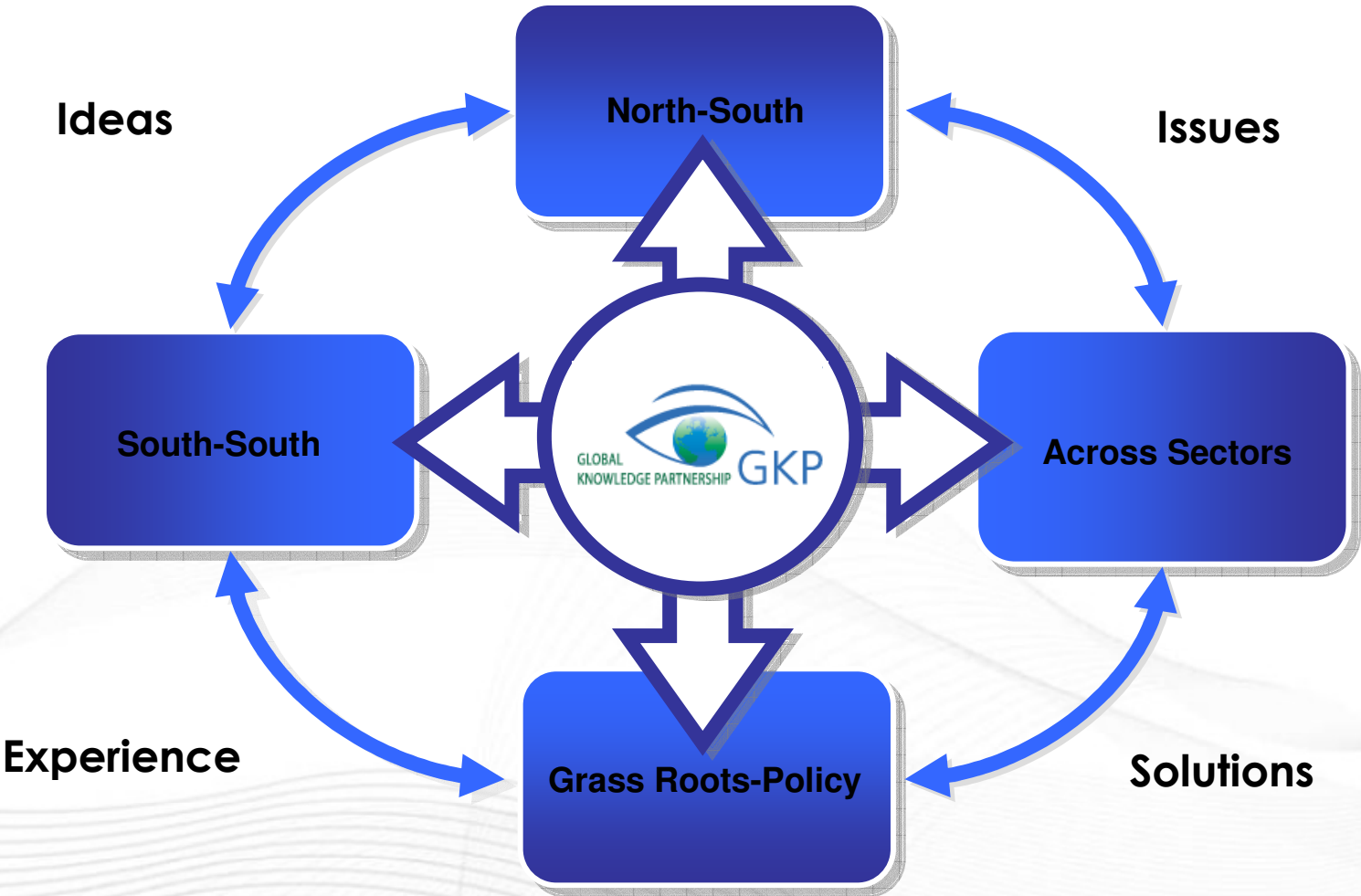
Membership by Region



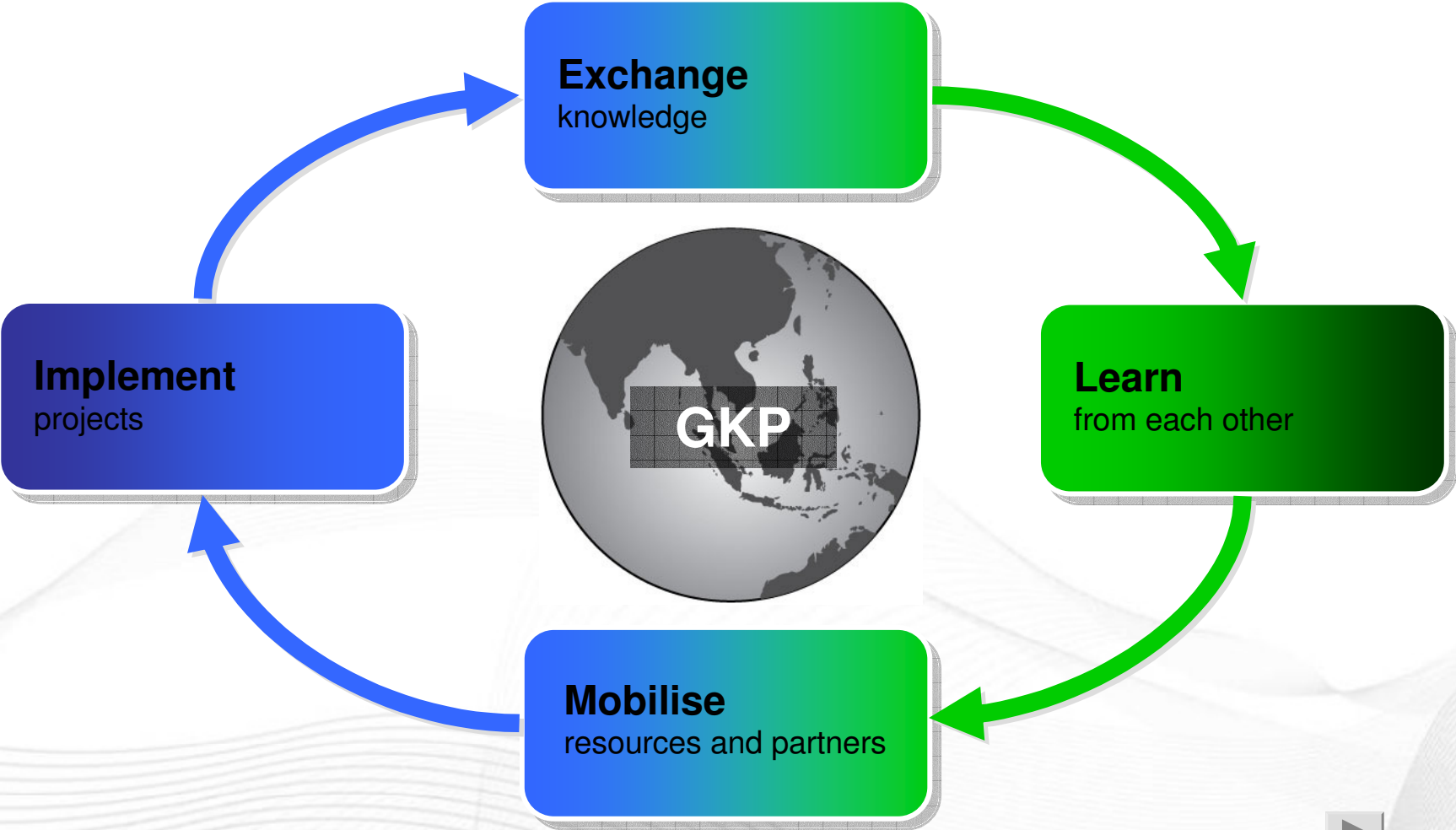
Membership by Sector



GKP connects communities and knowledge



GKP emphasises 'Learning by Doing'



GKP Knowledge Sharing Events



 <p>GK97 First GK Conference Toronto Jun 1997</p>	 <p>GKII Second GK Conference Kuala Lumpur Mar 2000</p>	 <p>GKP ICT4D Platform Geneva Dec 2003</p>	 <p>GKP Forum & Pavilion Tunis Nov 2005</p>	 <p>GKP Event on the Future 3rd Global Knowledge Conference (GK3) Kuala Lumpur Dec 2007</p>	<p>GKP Event on the Future 4th Global Knowledge Conference (GK4)</p>
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GKP Event on the Future, GK3: Facts & figures



GKP Event On the Future
THIRD GLOBAL KNOWLEDGE CONFERENCE



GK3

11-13 December 2007
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

www.GKPEventsOnTheFuture.org

- **1766** participants from **135** countries
- Women **38%** & Youth **23%**
- Sectoral Participation
 - Government **30%**
 - Business **21%**
 - Multilateral Organisations **20%**
 - Civil Society Organisations **29%**
- Regional Participation
 - South Asia **19%**
 - East Asia **31%**
 - Oceania **3%**
 - Middle East & North Africa **5%**
 - Africa **16%**
 - North America **12%**
 - Europe **10%**
 - Latin America & the Caribbean **5%**

GKP fosters Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships



- Sustainable development is a mutual responsibility
- Partnerships across sectors create greater impact
- A holistic approach in applying ICT nurtures 'Knowledge Societies'

GKP Event on the Future, GK3: Partnerships as Solutions



Telecentres

- **iMalls**: A Fair Trade Channel Using Telecentres for Community based e-commerce

Entrepreneurship

- **Youth Social Enterprise Initiative (YSEI)**: Empowering youth with social enterprise

Community Development

- **A GKP-FAO collaboration on e-Agriculture.org Platform** [<http://www.e-agriculture.org/regform.html>]

GK3 Participant Feedback

- **79%** said existing partnerships enhanced
- **76%** said new partnerships created

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Access

- **Multilingualism**

- Localization is formidable problem for many reasons: 6000 languages, limited funding, lack of policy focus, lack of indigenous trained human resources;
- Collaboration among actors, networks and institutions from various sectors aim to address challenges:
 - **IDRC's PanAfrica Localization Network** will collaborate with Acalan, MAAYA, **PAN Localization in Asia** to bring Asian languages in the cyberspace,
 - **MAAYA's "Voices and texts"** promotes and supports presence and use of African languages in cyberspace

- **Cybervolunteerism**

- A GKP initiative in the making aiming to promote a convenient and effective way to donate time and skills to benefit underserved communities;
- Volunteers offer their expertise in areas of ICT online, overcoming geographical barriers in exchanging knowledge;

Priority Areas for GKP in 2008



- **Rural Development**

- Globalisation and private sector development breed dynamic innovation. The enabling potential of ICT provides positive options, but access to benefits of the knowledge economy must be inclusive
- Relevant content and services for the poor are key to inclusion.
- Community engagement and cooperation ensure sustainability of programmes – e.g. Use of community telecentres can be key in helping bridge the digital divide by permitting access to local and global economies

- **Education**

- Focus on narrowing mismatch between education system and employment market demands
- Transform education systems to unlock potential to innovate, which will create new business ventures and provide job opportunities

- **Entrepreneurship**

- Include Entrepreneurship Development in primary and secondary education system
- Entrepreneurs hold the key to sustainable development - policy focus on encouraging entrepreneurship among young people as a viable career choice, and as route out of poverty
- Social entrepreneurship is an innovative approach towards problem solving and social innovation. Social Entrepreneurs are change agents creating not just financial wealth, but increasingly social and environmental wealth.
- Education and training of entrepreneurs vital for promoting entrepreneurship among young people as poverty reduction mechanism

GKP Partnership Programme: Global and Regional Projects



GKP Global Partnership Programme (GPP)

Selectively nurtures and promotes strategic, innovative MSP projects with global relevance

- [Youth Social Enterprise Initiative](http://www.ysei.org) (www.ysei.org)
- [Telecentre.org](http://www.telecentre.org) (www.telecentre.org)
- [iMalls](http://www.imallsglobal.com) (www.imallsglobal.com)

GKP Regional Partnership Programme (RPP)

Supports member partnership projects under GKP's 4 strategic themes at regional level

- **Africa:** Partnership Project Development Workshop
- **CEE:** Youth Leaders for Community Development Through Internet Governance
- **East Asia:** Encounter Lao • Eco-Tourism diversification for farmers in Tambun, Malaysia
- **MENA:** Josoor Arabia web-based collaborative learning programme
- **LAC:** Business Cultures in MSP • ICTs in Health and Education
- **Oceania:** Internet Connectivity in Samoan School • Marovo Lagoon Learning Network
- **South Asia:** iCT4D Handbook • Integrated ERP and Online Market Proof of Concept

Opportunities for GKP: Potential new areas of focus



- **Entrepreneurial Learning**
 - Project partnerships that develop content to empower people with entrepreneurial skills (with a focus on marginal groups)
- **Entrepreneurial Radio/TV**
 - Project partnerships that promote entrepreneurship
- **MSP4E South Asia**
 - Need to create and maintain a database on MSP4E in South Asia

Improving Services to Members



GKPS asks for your support:

- To facilitate your engagement in the GKP Network more effectively
- To help us understand what you do, the knowledge that you wish to share and the partnership opportunities you are interested in
- To tell us about your priority ICT4D initiatives and events

How?

- Please complete the Member Thematic & Functional Information Form @ http://www.globalknowledge.org/gkps_portal/vmg/thematic_form.cfm



We invite you to
engage and join GKP in

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www.globalknowledge.org/join