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# WAVES OF CHANGE

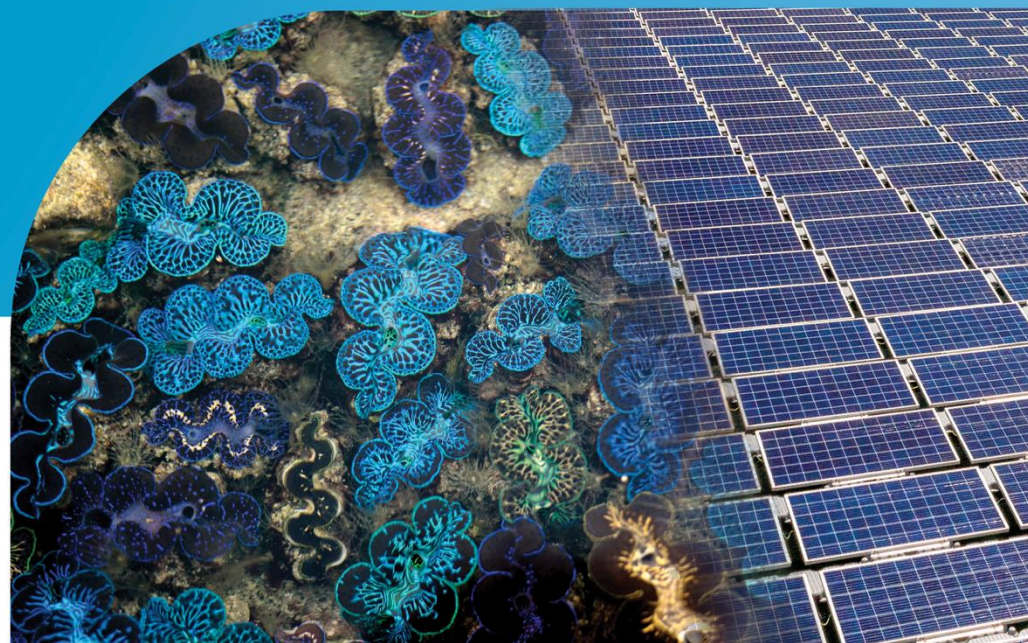
## Harnessing Technology to Power the Sustainable Blue Economy

Workshop Two

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Ministry of Oceans  
and Fisheries



# Introductory Session: Participant introductions

## SPEED DATING

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### INSTRUCTIONS:

#### 1. Find Your Match

- Each participant has an assigned pin.
- Move around the room and find others who have the same pin as you.

#### 2. Form Small Groups

- Once you've found your matches, gather in a small group.

#### 3. Introduce Yourself

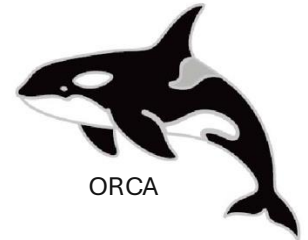
- Each person takes turns sharing:
  - Name
  - Country
  - Job title / organization
  - Favorite ocean animal

#### 4. Keep It Short and Engaging

- Limit introductions to about 20–30 seconds per person.
- Be concise and friendly.



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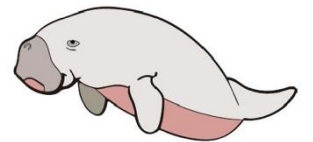
WHALE SHARK



BECK'S PETREL



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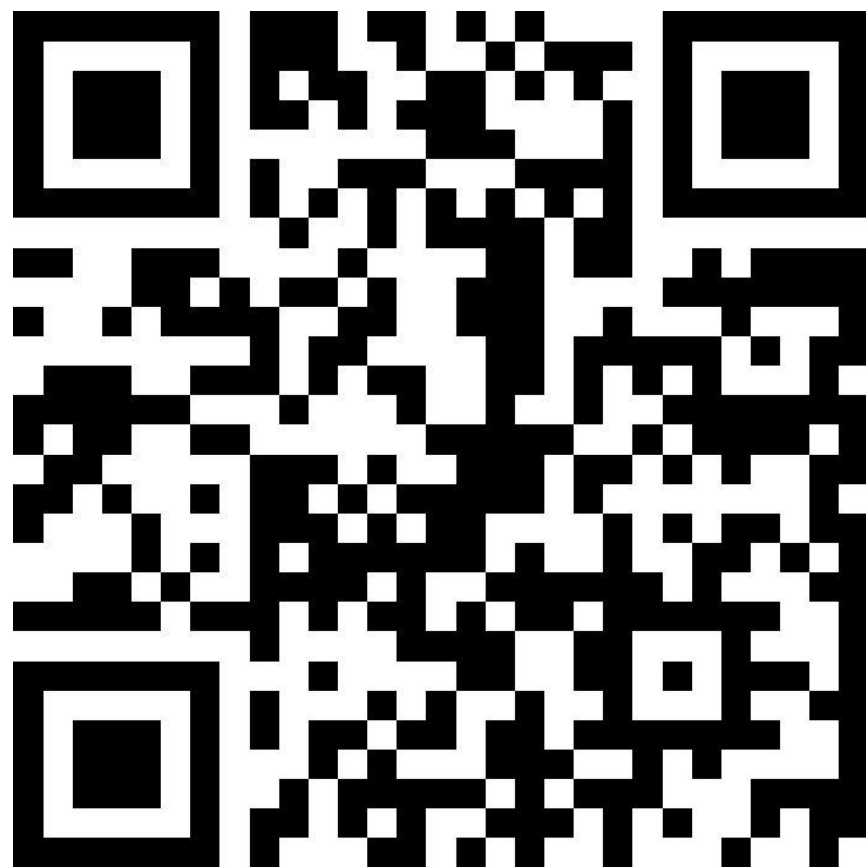


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# Introductory Session

## WORKSHOP EXPECTATIONS

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- What I want to learn in this workshop...
- To make this workshop successful, I will contribute...
- After this workshop, I commit to...

# Introductory Session: Workshop expectations

## PRE-WORKSHOP SURVEY SUMMARY

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### W.A.V.E.S. OF CHANGE = PARTICIPANTS EXPECTATIONS

PRE WORKSHOP RESPONSES (32 RESPONDENTS)

30



#### WIDEN BLUE ECONOMY AND SECTOR UNDERSTANDING

Deepen knowledge of targeted sustainable blue economy sectors (tourism, energy, governance, etc.)

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#### APPLY NEW TECHNOLOGY IDEAS

Learn about new technology applications for the sustainable blue economy (practical tools, innovations, suppliers/field exposure)

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#### VALIDATE SOLUTIONS WITH PEERS

Explore solutions with others facing similar contexts across countries and constraints.

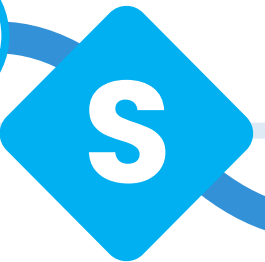
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#### ENABLE FINANCE ALIGNMENT (ADB LENS)

Understand ADB priorities in ocean financing / investment criteria and how initiatives can align with them

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#### SHAPE PROPOSALS AND STRENGTHEN NETWORKS

Develop a project proposal/plan/prototype and connect with peers, experts, and collaborators to carry it forward

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### CHALLENGES FACED BY COUNTRIES IMPLEMENTING SUSTAINABLE BLUE PROJECTS

Challenges	Number of Respondents
<b>FINANCING and ECONOMIC VIABILITY</b>	
• High upfront costs	23
• Lack of financing mechanisms	28
<b>TECHNICAL &amp; INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY</b>	
• Limited technical capacity	28
<b>POLICY and ENABLING ENVIRONMENT</b>	
• Policy and regulatory uncertainty	15
• Environmental concerns and approvals	13
<b>KNOWLEDGE and EVIDENCE GAPS</b>	
• Lack of proven case studies	11



# Introductory Session: Profile of Participants

## COUNTRY DISTRIBUTION



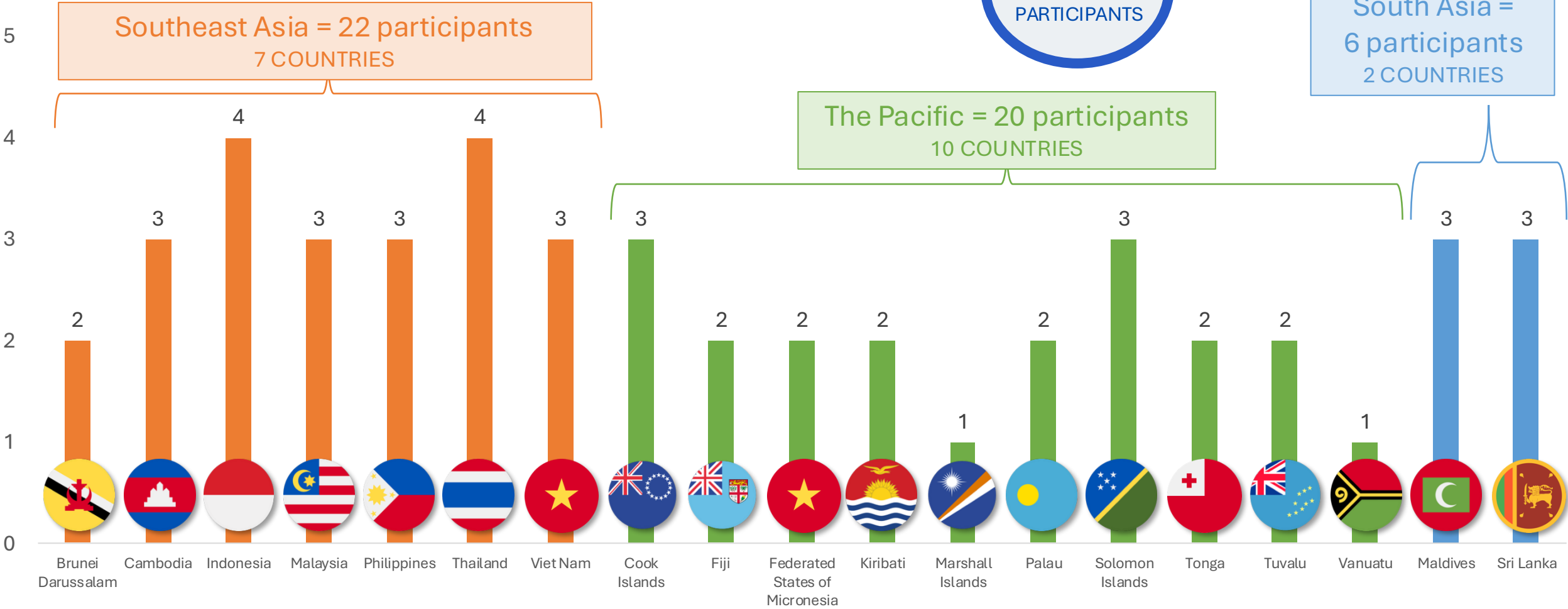
**19**  
COUNTRIES

**48**  
PARTICIPANTS

Southeast Asia = 22 participants  
7 COUNTRIES

The Pacific = 20 participants  
10 COUNTRIES

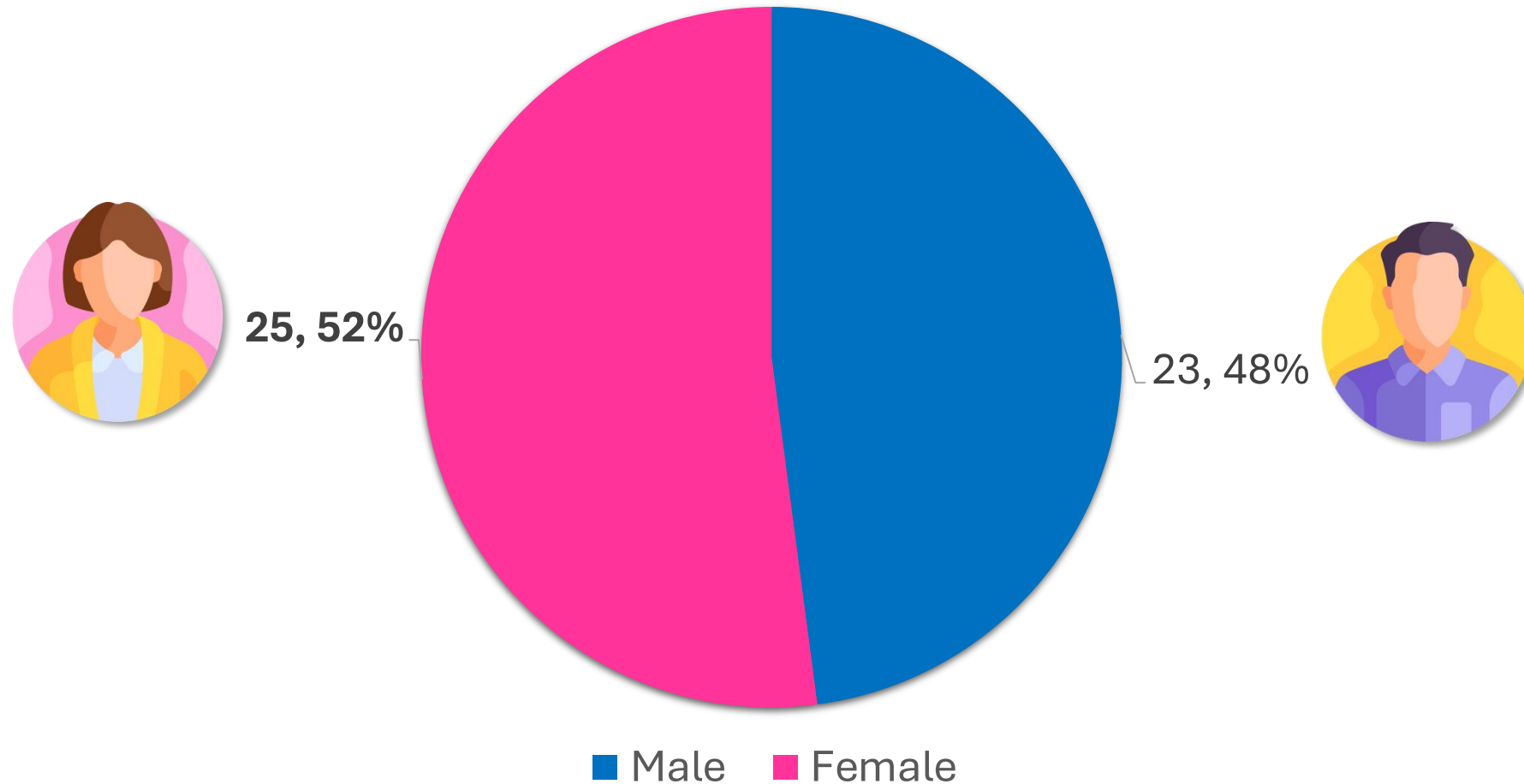
South Asia = 6 participants  
2 COUNTRIES



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## GENDER DISTRIBUTION

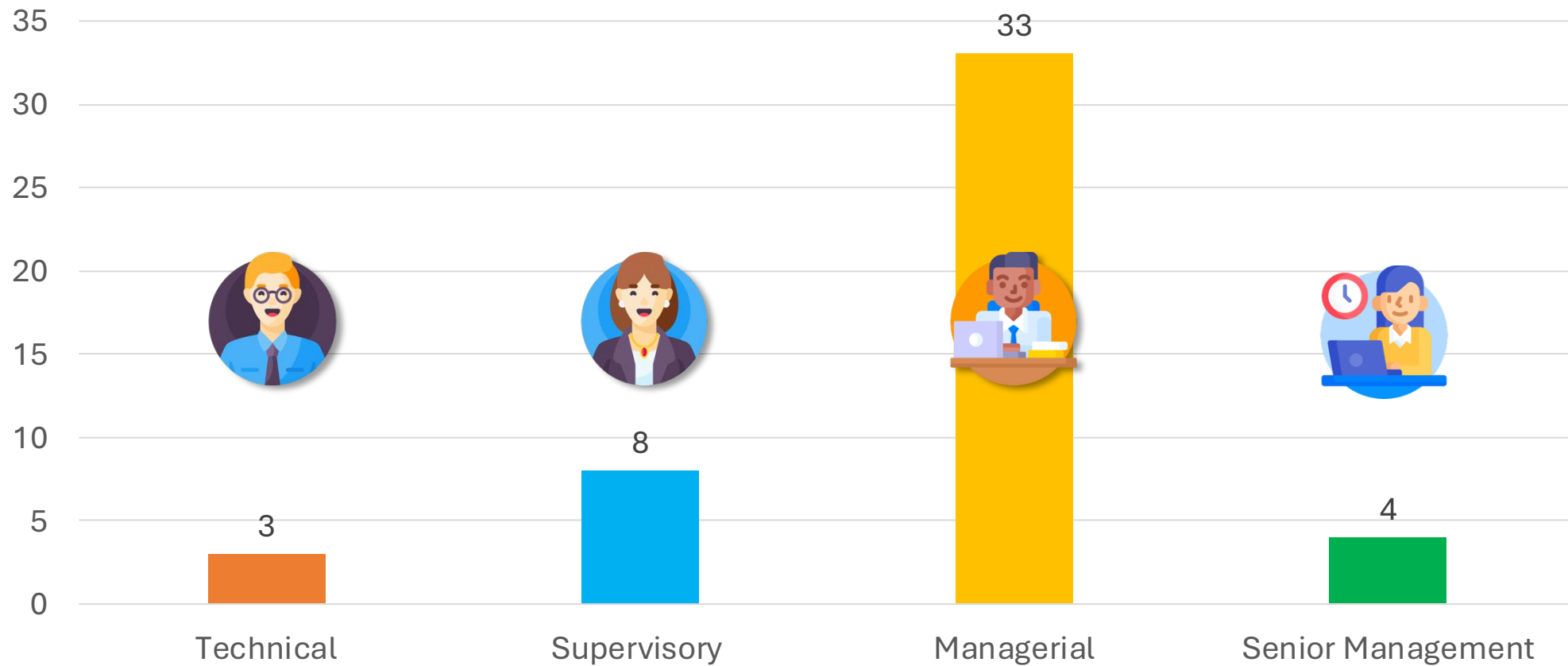
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## POSITION LEVEL

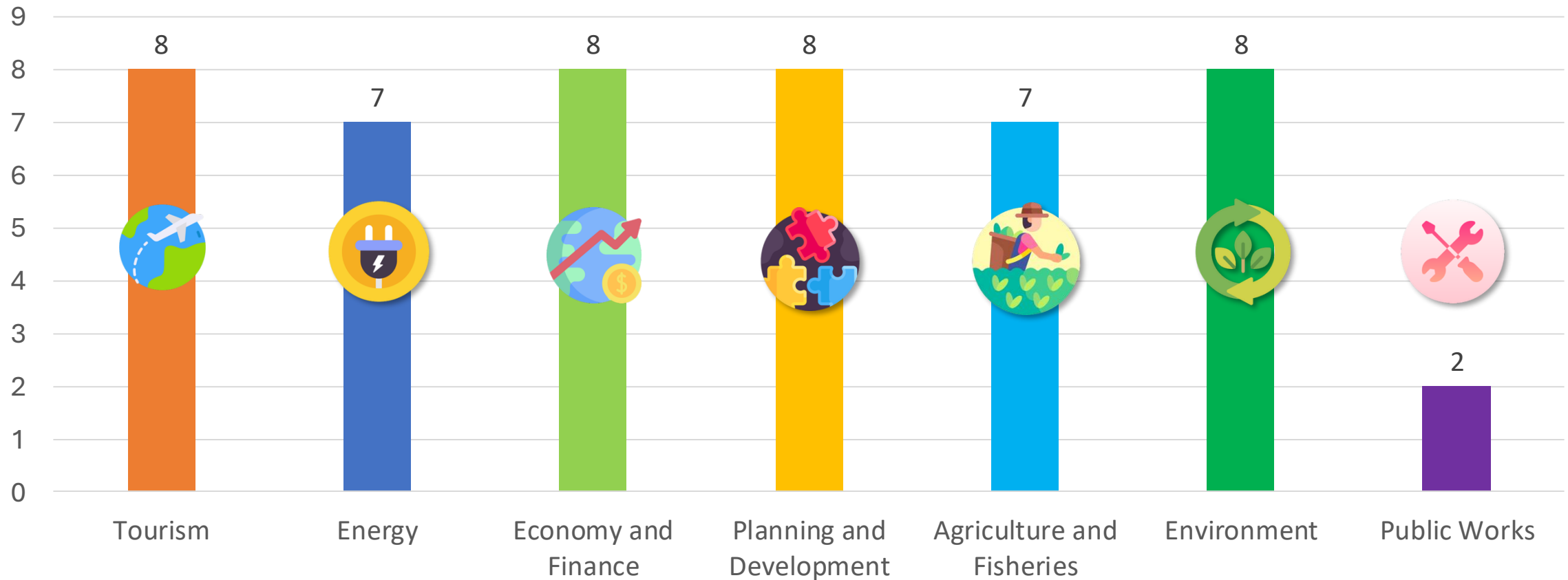
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## SECTOR DISTRIBUTION

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What will make this a success?  
**LEARNING PRINCIPLES**

**See the bigger picture**



**THINK...THINK**  
**and**  
**THINK**  
**some more**



# TEAMWORK

Coming together is a beginning

Keeping together is progress

Working together is success

- Henry Ford

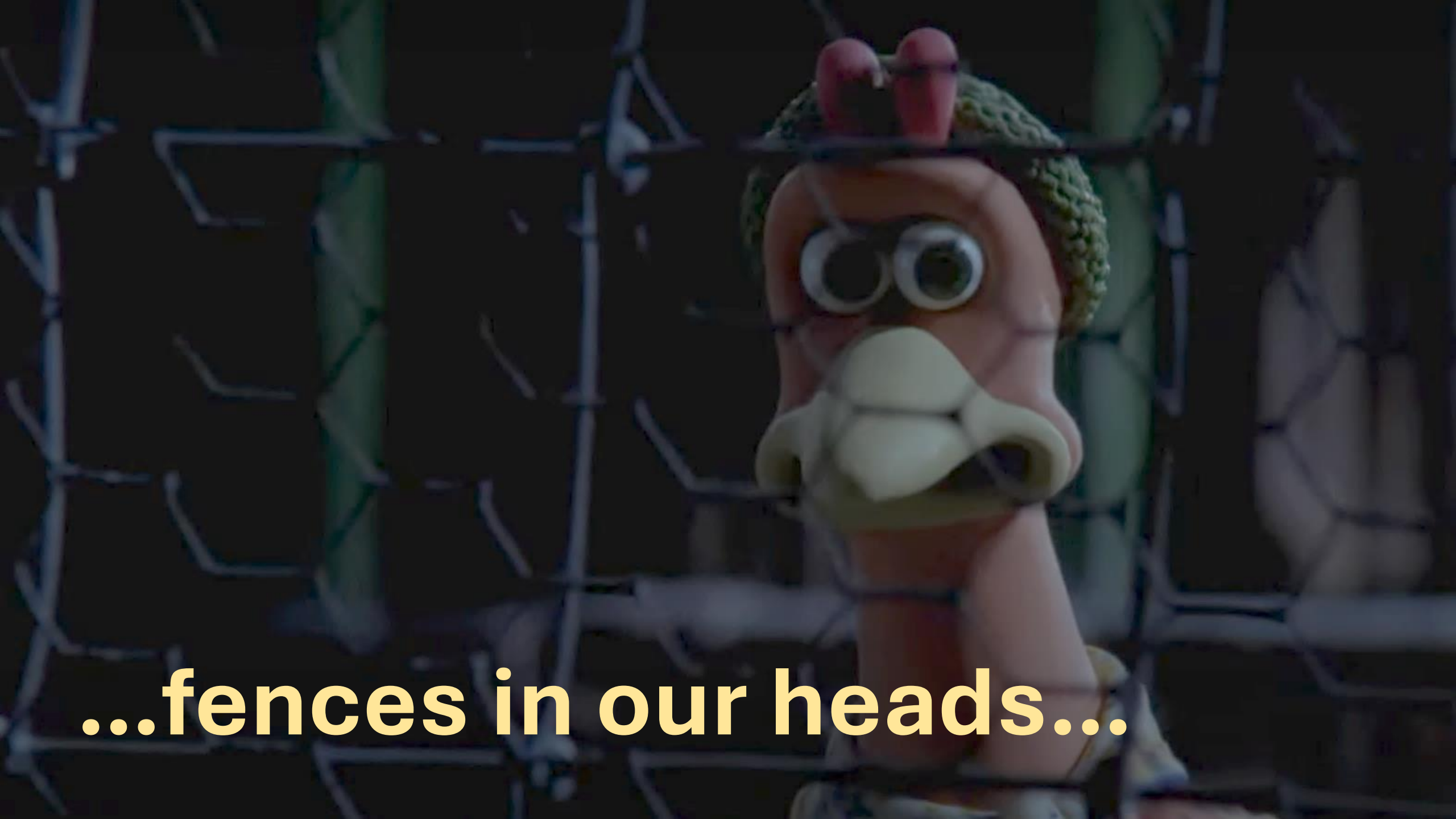
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into

**ACTION**





**...fences in our heads...**

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Thank you!