



Agenda 2030: The New Subscription World

In 2015, the world was sold a vision of perfection. Seventeen goals. Zero poverty. Clean energy. A sustainable planet. But what if the price of this perfect world is your freedom?

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Introduction

The United Nations came up with what is known as Agenda 2030 in 2015. Seventeen goals. Beautiful language. Big promises. No poverty. Zero hunger. Clean energy. A more perfect world.

It was like good news. It resembled hope.

However, here is the question no one is asking; what is the actual price of this world? Not in money. In freedom.

There is a system within these 17 goals and this is why. A world in which the sky is controlled, factories produce food, you have an online identity, and your currency is regulated. A system in which you do not own anything any more. You just subscribe to it.

This is a big deal to billions of people of the world. Societies that still rely on traditional agriculture, where money is the engine of local economies, where self reliance and independence are strong cultural principles - the subscription world will strike in a different way. The stakes have increased. And the consciousness is less.

“You are not becoming a citizen of a better world. You are becoming a user of a global platform — and you never agreed to the terms.”

Technology Overview

Agenda 2030 is not a list of goals only. It is a combined system. This implies that all the objectives are interlinked. It is impossible to select one and abandon the others. It is available as a bundle.

Want clean energy? You adopt online monitoring to track usage. Want food security? You have faith in industrial food systems. Want financial inclusion? You steal online currencies. The dependency of the other is opened by the one solution.

Here the walls of the new system are made up of four important technologies:

1. Solar Radiation Modification (SRM).

In case of unstable climate, the recommended solution is spraying particles in the atmosphere to reflect sunlight. The sky, as it is, is transformed into a tamed infrastructure. You are no longer in a natural sun. You are in a controlled sun. And you have no say in that decision.

2. Growing meat in the lab and industrial food.

Conventional agriculture is being termed as unsustainable. The substitute is the food that is produced in factories. Backyard farming of lab-grown meat is not possible. Seeds are not perishable. It cannot be traded by neighbors. You buy it from a factory or you don't eat. This is not a step in the right direction to communities who not only have farming as a job; but also as a way of life around the globe. It is erasure.

3. Digital Identity (SDG 16.9)

All individuals on the planet will possess a legal online identity. This sounds helpful. A digital ID is not merely a testimony of who you are. It is a key. No travelling, no medicine, no engagement, no key. And that key may be turned off. Not by you. By the system.

4. Digital Currencies at the Central Bank (CBDCs)

Cash is private. Electronic money is computerized. It can carry rules. Spending limits. Expiry dates. Restrictions to your purchase. Your money is no longer yours. It is turned into a weapon with which the system controls you. More intelligent and human-like in their abilities to understand our visual world.

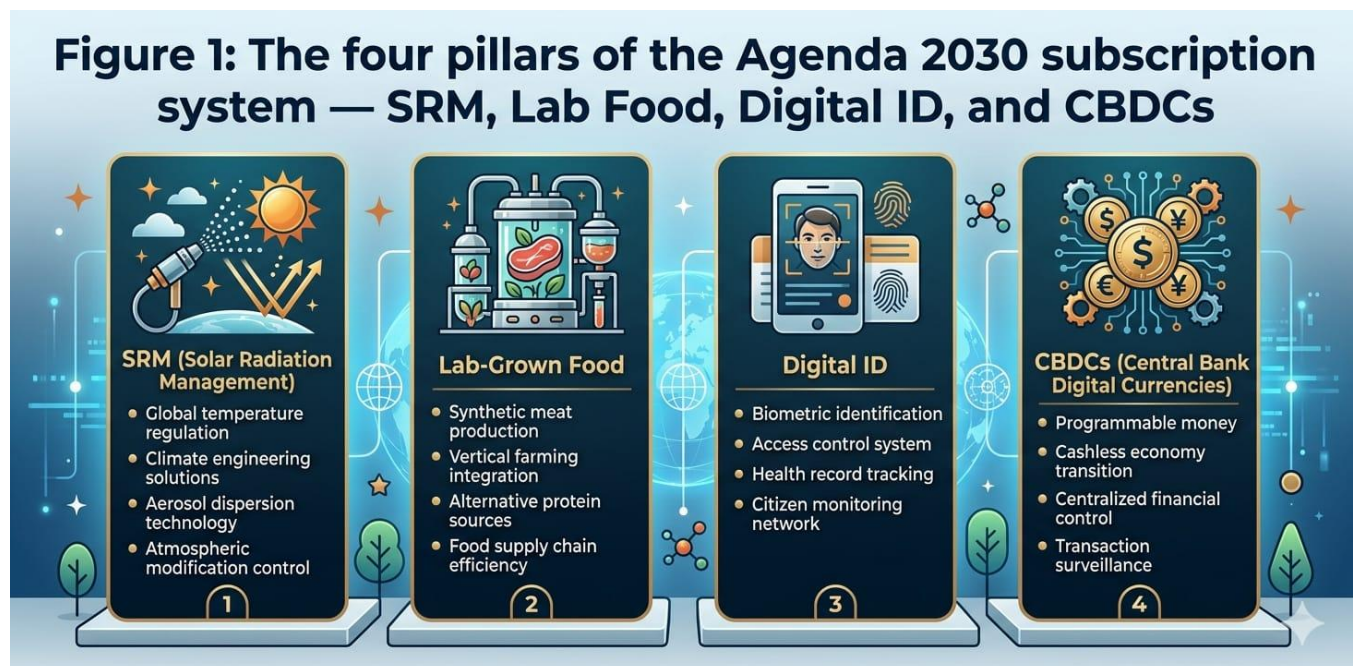


Figure 1: The four pillars of the Agenda 2030 subscription system — SRM, Lab Food, Digital ID, and CBDCs.

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Key Findings & Impact



The trend is never different. A problem is identified by the system. Then it gives a solution. Any solution is a new dependency. In the case of climate change as the issue, Solar Radiation Modification becomes the solution. However, the sky is no longer natural. It is managed. And you had no say in that decision.

Lab-grown meat and industrial food is the solution when food insecurity becomes the issue. Now you are not able to cultivate your own food. It is impossible to save seeds. Without a factory, you cannot feed yourself. You are subscribed to your next meal.

Digital ID is the answer when individuals lack any legal identity. However, now your right to travel, purchase, and receive medical treatment is based on a digital key. A key which is in the hands of someone. A switchable key.

CBDs are the solution when financial exclusion becomes the issue. But now your money has regulations. It can be programmed. It can expire. It can be restricted. Your money is not yours any more. You only lend a chance to it.

The effects of this change are enormous all over the globe. Their livelihood of billions of people who rely on traditional farming will be declared unsustainable. Cash-based communities will be migrated to monitored digital systems at night. Citizens of the developing countries with lax data privacy regulations will give out their most personal data with virtually no safeguards. And weather systems, on which a whole region relies to survive, might be changed through SRM experiments that no one voted on.

The bad news is that we are already subscribers. See how addicted people are to their phones. On internet. On food, money, and communication apps. The infrastructure is in place. The habits have already been established.

"The system doesn't force you. It just makes life outside the system impossible."

What's Next?

There are two ways to the road.

The former is the passive direction. And we are as we are. We embrace all the new technologies since they are convenient. We sell privacy to convenience. We sell freedom to ease. And one day we wake up and find out that we can not operate without the permission of the system.

The second direction involves awareness. It begins with easy questions. What is it that I actually possess? What will happen when the system shuts down my access? What would be my emergency in case of digital money failure? What will my community lose when traditional farming is lost?

People around the world still have something that can hardly be substituted by the subscription system: strong local communities, traditional knowledge, culture of self reliance. These are not vices that need to be modernized. They are the strengths to be guarded.



Agenda 2030 is not that far. The systems are currently under construction. The digital IDs are under consideration. The CBDCs are under trial. The food systems are being restructured.

Whether this world is coming or not is the question.

The question is: how much have you already subscribed to — and is it too late to unsubscribe?

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