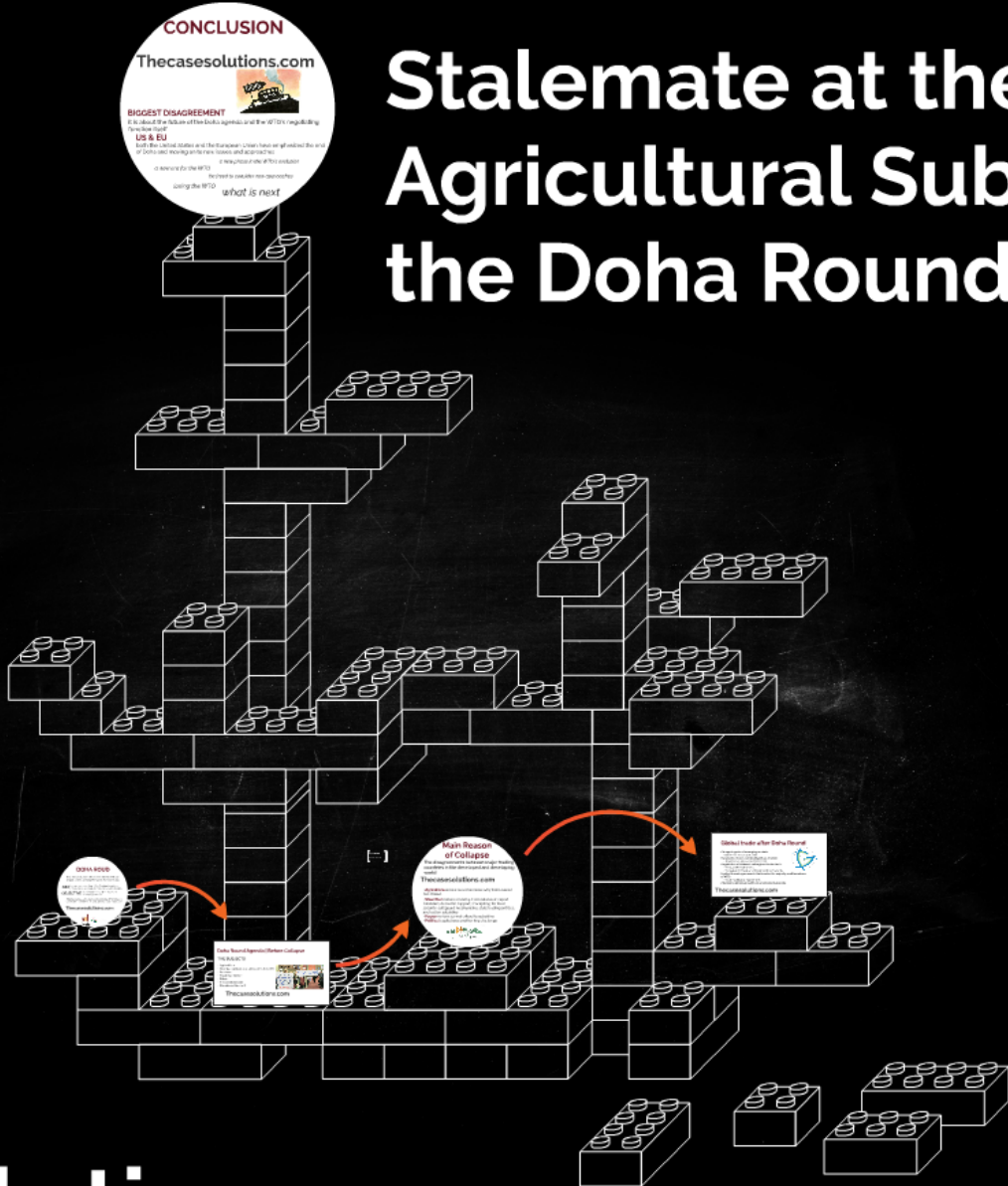
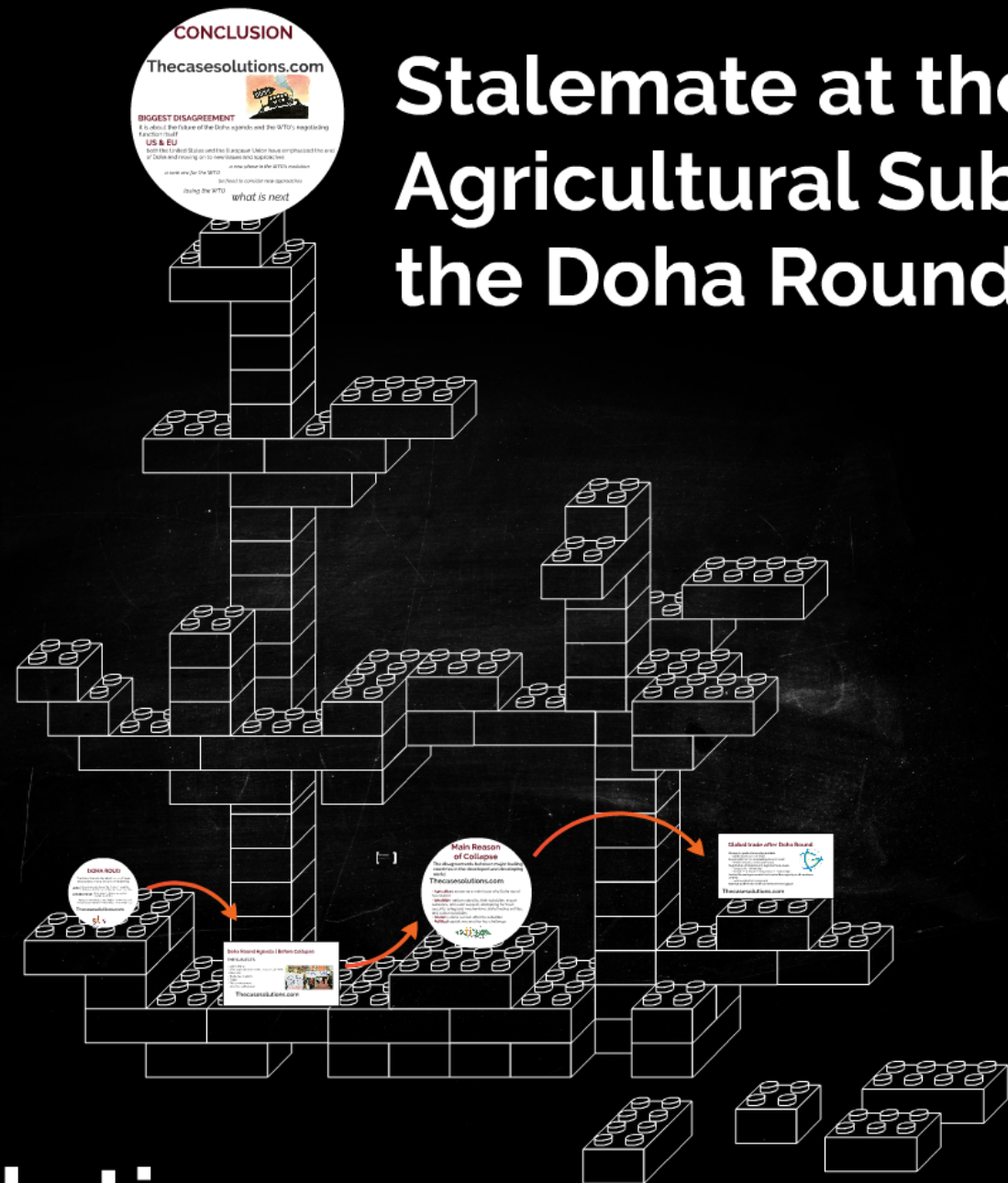


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DOHA ROUND

The Doha Round is the latest round of trade negotiations among the WTO membership

AIM is to achieve major reform of the IT system through the introduction of lower trade barriers and revised trade rules

OBJECTIVE is to improve the trading prospects of developing countries

The Round was officially launched at the WTO's Fourth Ministerial Conference in Doha, Qatar, in November 2001

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Doha Round Agenda | Before Collapse

THE SUBJECTS

- Agriculture
- Non-agricultural market access (NAMA)
- Services
- Trade facilitation
- Rules
- The environment
- Dispute settlement



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Main Reason of Collapse

The disagreements between major trading countries in the developed and developing world

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- **Agriculture** serves as a main issue why Doha round has stalled.
- **Wealthier** nations stand by their subsidies: export subsidies, domestic support, stockpiling for food security, safeguard mechanisms, state trading entities, and cotton subsidies
- **Poorer** nations cannot afford to subsidize
- **Political** capital was another key challenge



Global trade after Doha Round

Change in goals of emerging markets

- South-South Co-operation

Exponential rise in commodity prices in 2008

- World food price crisis 2007-2008

Negotiation of bilateral and regional trade deals

- Transpacific Partnership
- Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership

Limited formal agreements that involve the majority or all members of WTO

- Trade Facilitation Agreement

Attempt to eliminate tariffs on environmental goods



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CONCLUSION

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BIGGEST DISAGREEMENT

it is about the future of the Doha agenda and the WTO's negotiating function itself

US & EU

both the United States and the European Union have emphasized the end of Doha and moving on to new issues and approaches

a new phase in the WTO's evolution

a new era for the WTO

be freed to consider new approaches

losing the WTO

what is next

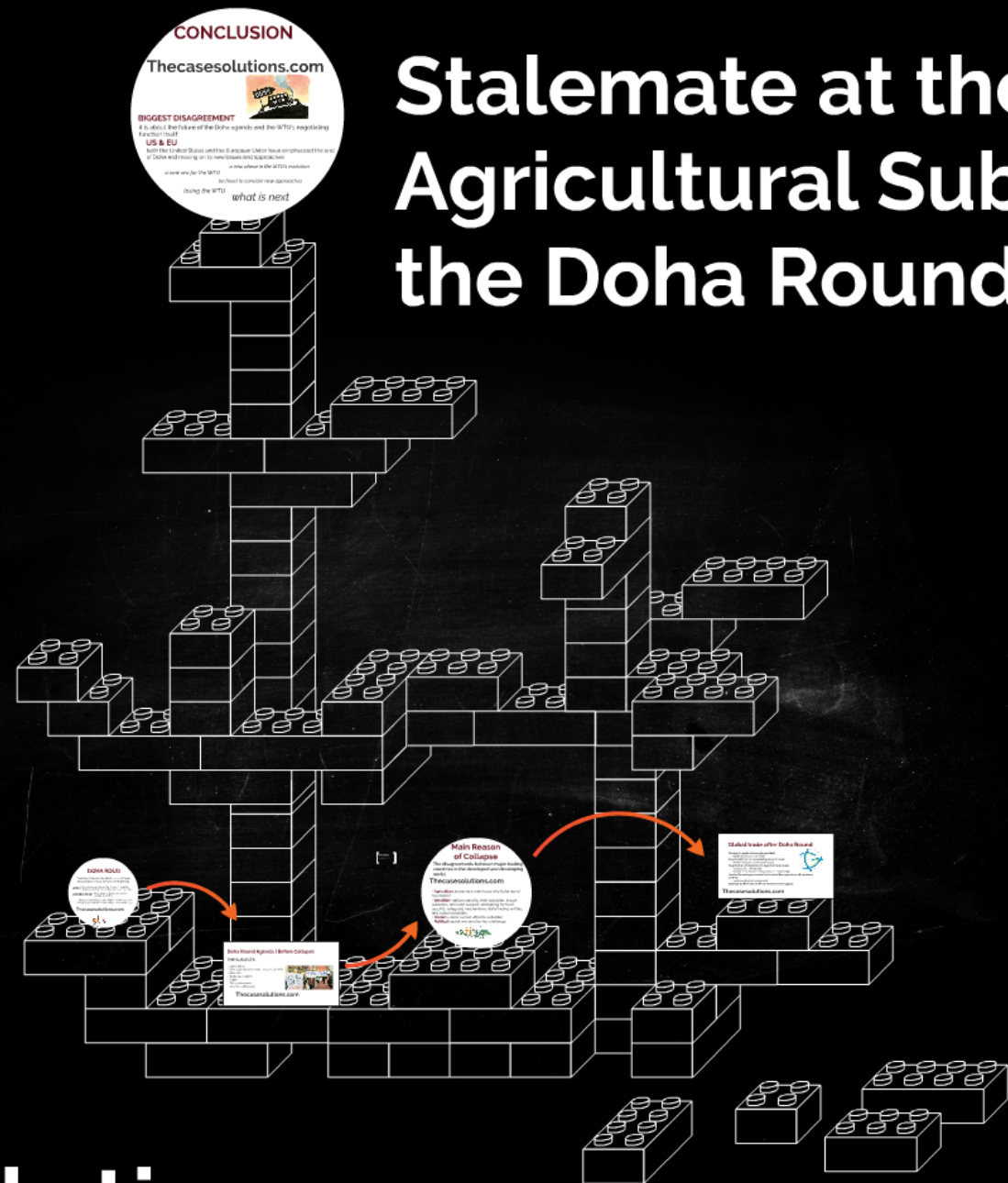


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