
ACE Focal Points Academy



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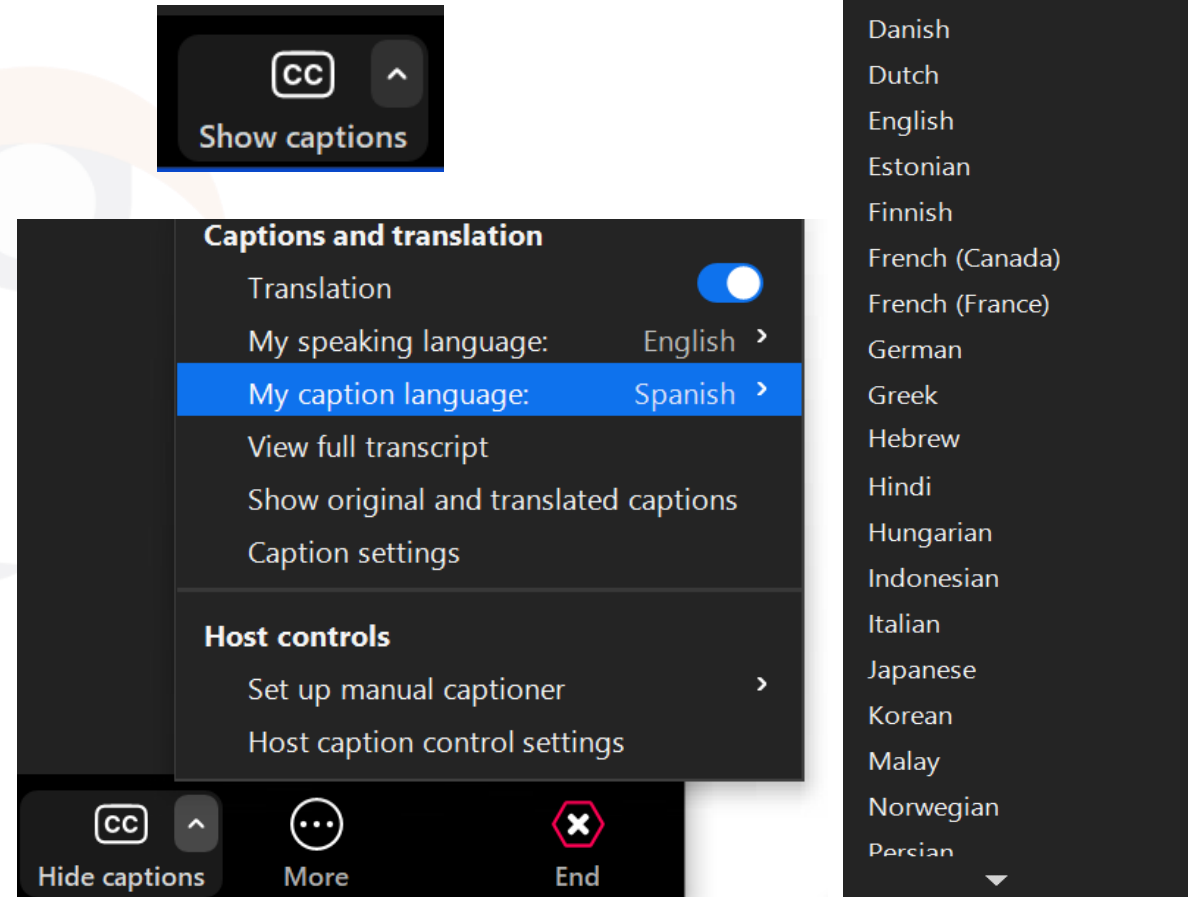


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Module 1

Planning for Impact: From Vision to Sequenced Action for national ACE Focal Points



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ACE
ACTION FOR CLIMATE
EMPOWERMENT

Scene setting: Academy Module 1 and linkages to ACE Dialogue

ACE Dialogue Expected Outcomes

- Participants reflect on, discuss, and share views on the effectiveness of the Glasgow work programme on ACE.
- Participants identify any emerging gaps and needs relating to the Glasgow work programme's implementation that can inform discussions on its improvement.
- Participants develop an improved understanding of what constitutes an effective, impactful, and implementable activity and deliverable.

Module 1 Learning Outcomes

- Reflect on their current role as national ACE focal points, including key responsibilities, opportunities, and challenges within their national context.
- Describe what a stronger and more effective ACE focal point role could look like in their national circumstances.
- Identify practical actions, partnerships and support needed to strengthen their role and advance ACE implementation.
- Outline initial next steps for strengthening ACE coordination and implementation in their national context.
- Use a basic Theory of Change approach to think through how change can happen in strengthening ACE implementation.



Planning for Impact

From Vision to Sequenced Practical Action for
National ACE Focal Points

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Introduction

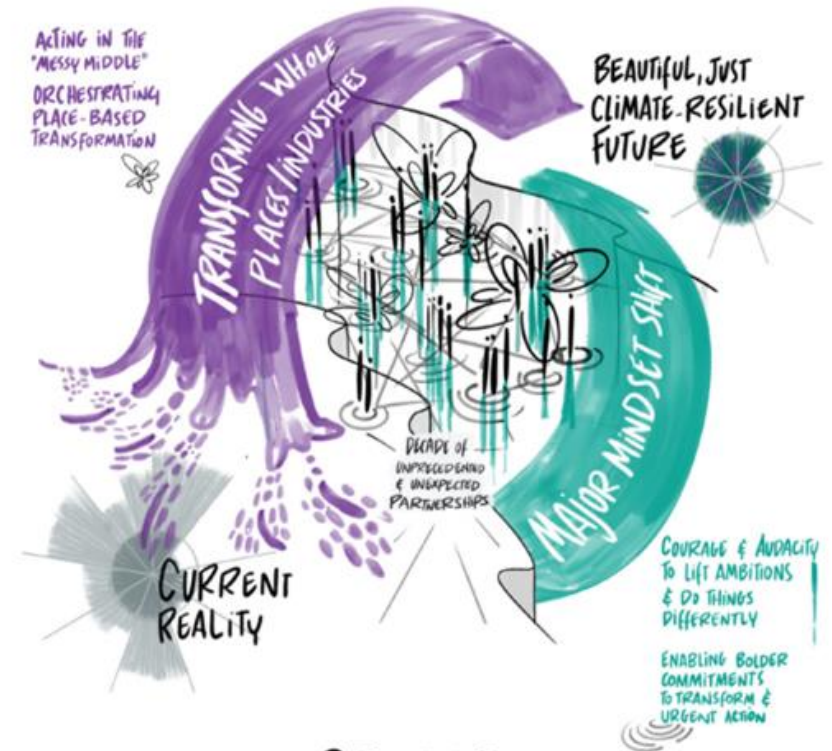
WE ARE CLIMATE KIC

We are a climate and innovation agency and community. Our role is to orchestrate suites of solutions and learnings to make systems change happen at pace and scale.

With a 20-year track record in the climate-oriented systemic transformation, Climate KIC and its 500+ partners are strategically positioned to lead the development of new skills and capabilities for leaders seeking to deliver more innovative solutions/processes related to a sustainable, green transition and development of public policies.



The Climate KIC Mission CATALYSE SYSTEMIC CHANGE



PRINCIPLES:

"WHERE THERE IS A WAY,
THERE IS A WILL"

"LEARNING
BY DOING"

"RADICAL
COLLABORATION"

"CHANGING EVERYTHING,
NEEDS EVERYONE"



Welcome

INTRODUCTIONS

Who is the room?

Where are you joining from?

What is one challenge you face as an ACE Focal Point?





Why this session?

Planning for impact requires
intentionality



Learning Outcomes

THIS SESSION

- Reflect on current role
- Envision stronger ACE leadership
- Apply Theory of Change
- Develop an action pathway
- Identify next steps

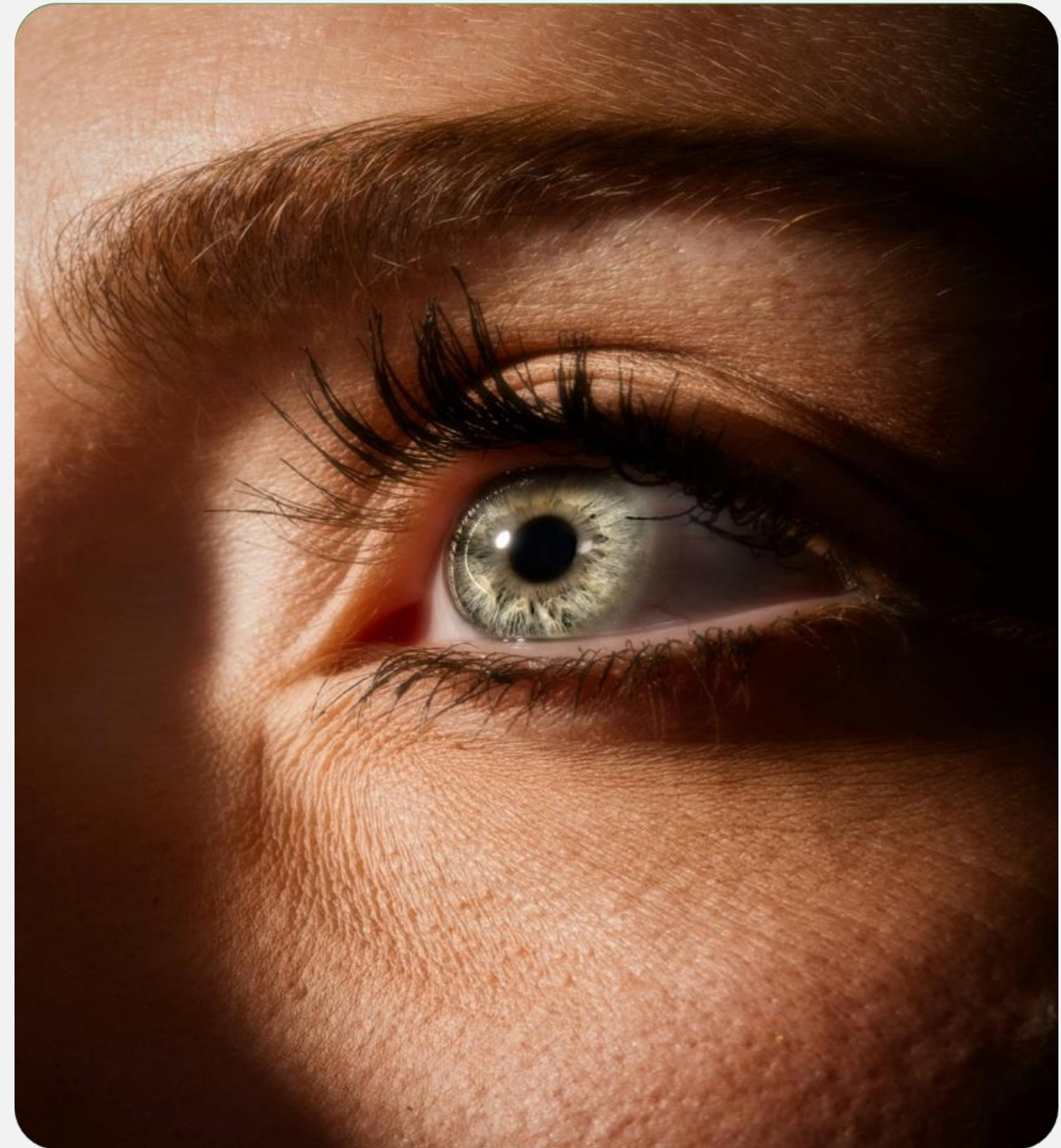




Session

TODAY'S JOURNEY

1. Current Reality
2. Future Vision
3. Theory of Change
4. Action Planning
5. Commitments





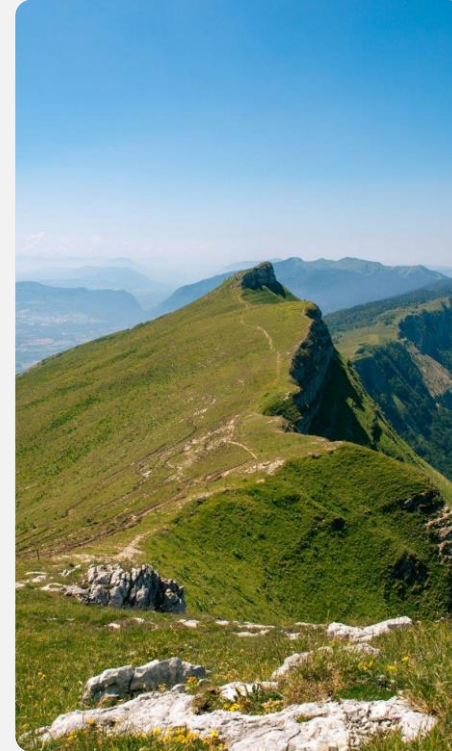
ACE

ACE IMPLEMENTATION IS A SYSTEM

Implementation depends on relationships across a system and multiple systems

Government
Education
Civil Society
Youth
Private Sector
Communities

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Reflection

What does my role currently look like?

Where do I spend most of my time?



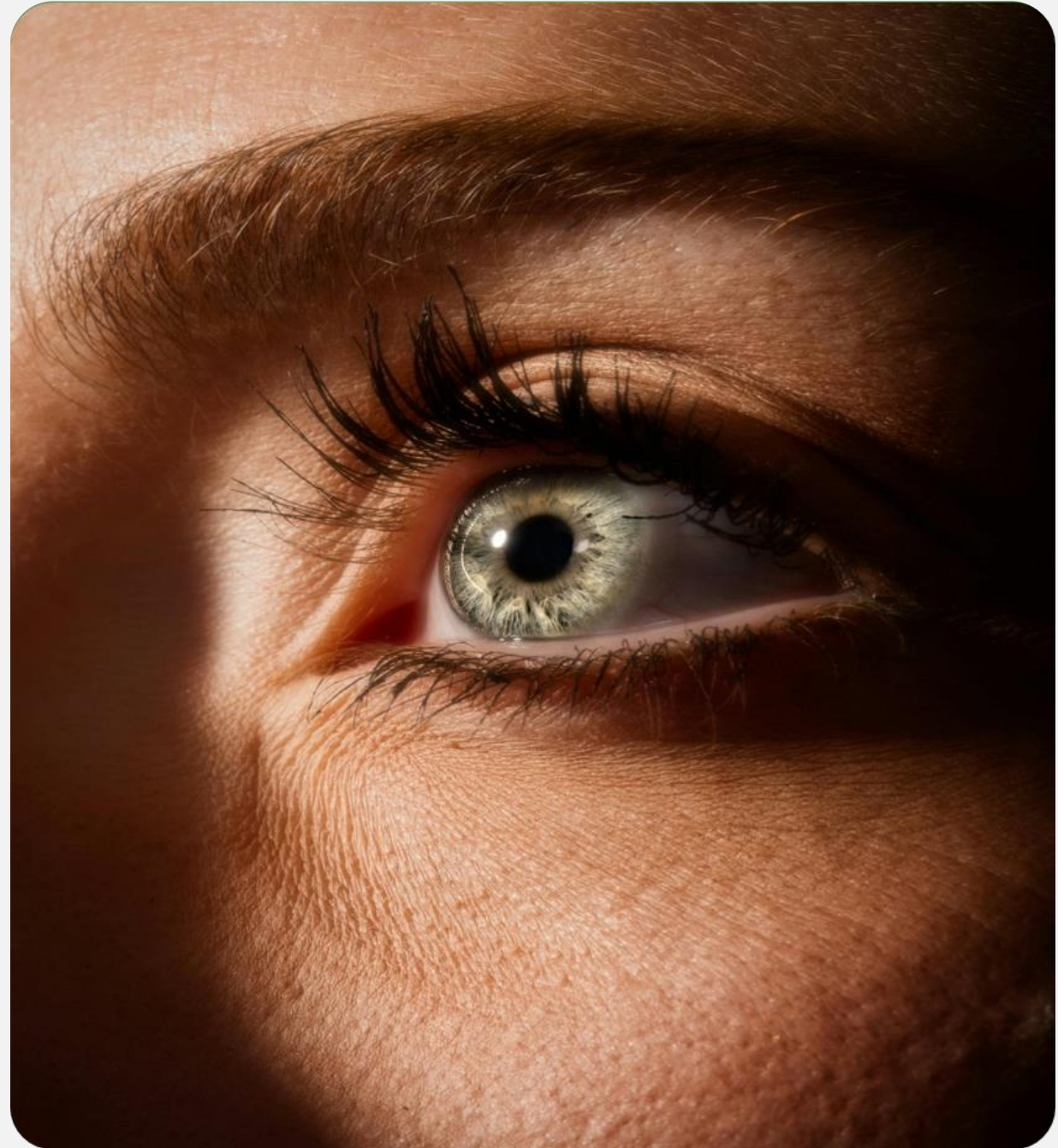


Current Reality

MAPPING ON POSTIT

What is the current reality in your context?

Responsibilities
Influence
Constraints
Opportunities



Debrief

What patterns are emerging?

What surprises you?

What is shared across countries?





Theory of change



What is Theory of Change

ToC template

Theory of Change helps explain how actions lead to desired outcomes.

Why use Theory of Change?

Creates clarity

Tests assumptions

Aligns stakeholders

Improves planning

Supports learning



At the core

A Practical
Roadmap for
Change



ToC Explained

THINKING TO ACTION

Current Reality →
Desired Future →
Changes Needed →
Actions → Assumptions
→ Indicators



Current Reality → Desired Future → Changes Needed → Actions → Assumptions → Indicators

Where are we now?

What evidence do we have?



Current Reality → Desired Future → Changes Needed → Actions → Assumptions → Indicators

What success looks like

Specific and meaningful
outcomes



Current Reality → Desired Future → Changes Needed → Actions → Assumptions → Indicators

What must change?

Policies

Behaviours

Relationships

Capabilities

Other



Current Reality → Desired Future → Changes Needed → Actions → Assumptions → Indicators

What can we do?

What can partners do?

In what sequence?



Current Reality → Desired Future → Changes Needed → Actions → Assumptions → Indicators

What are we assuming?

What needs to be true?

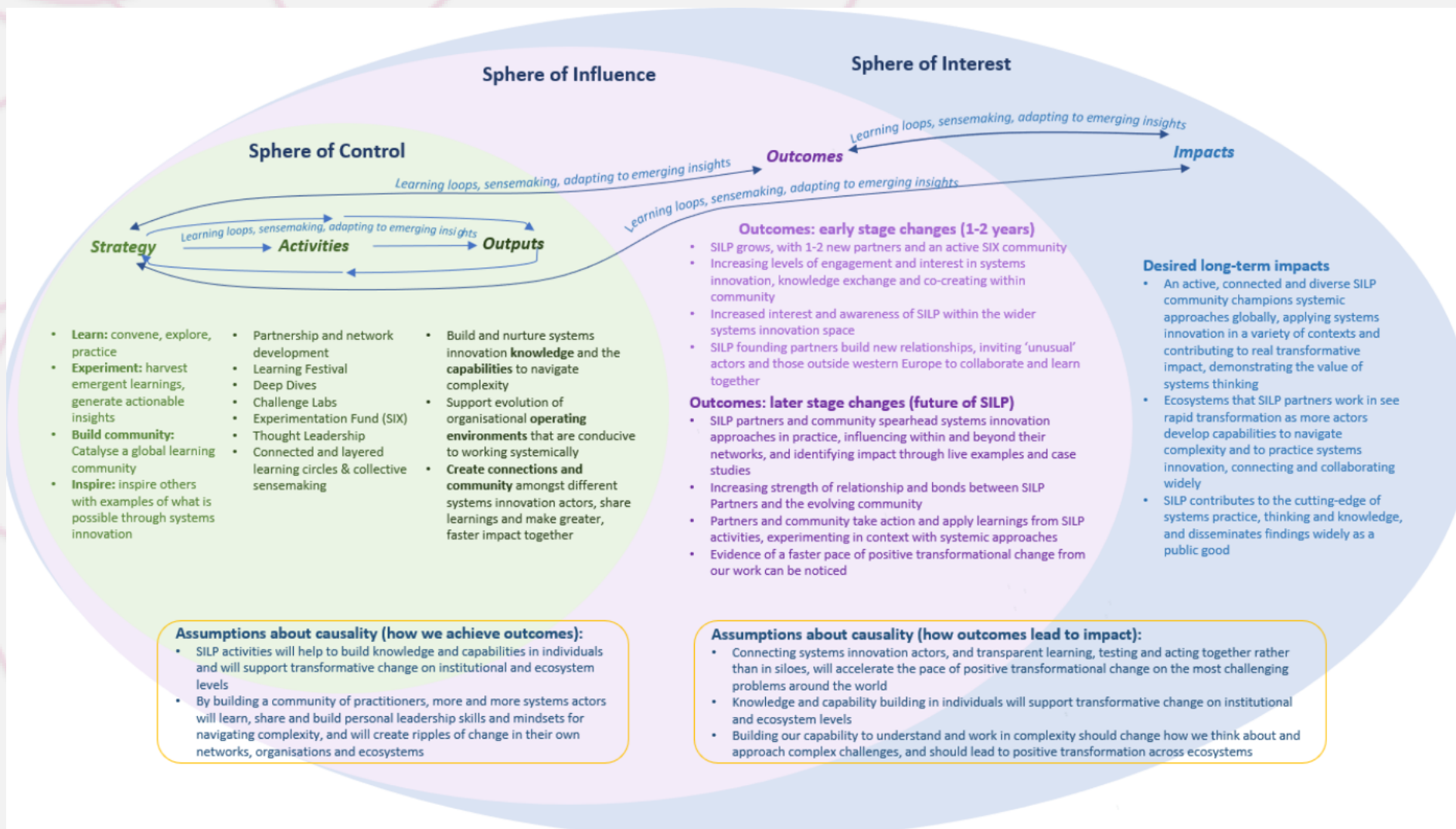


Current Reality → Desired Future → Changes Needed → Actions → Assumptions → Indicators

How will we know
progress is happening?

Early signals





SILP Problem Statement

With only eight years left to achieve the SDGs, organisations are increasingly aware that we are running out of time to make the large-scale transformational, systemic change that is needed on the world's most urgent challenges. Systems transformation relies on more than simply implementing particular tools and methodologies, and individual actors cannot have systemic impact alone - no individual or organisation has the whole picture of the system, nor do they have all the answers. We must join together to learn, practice and experiment with systemic approaches. In doing so, we believe we can accelerate and amplify the positive transformation that we need, and together can apply this within a variety of contexts globally.



Current Reality → Desired Future → Changes Needed → Actions → Assumptions → Indicators

Common Mistakes:

- Too many activities
- No clear outcomes
- Ignoring assumptions
- Overcomplicated diagrams





Build
your
own

Current Reality → Desired Future → Changes Needed → Actions → Assumptions → Indicators

Name of project:

Impact Statement: (Summarizes the core of your impact goals)

INPUTS What we invest	ACTIVITIES What we do	OUTPUTS Results from our activities	OUTCOMES Positive change for the target group(s)	IMPACT Value to society, environment, economy
			Short term	Long term
			Medium term	





Action Pathway



Action Pathway

THINKING TO ACTION

Desired shift
Actions
Partners
Enablers
Barriers
Indicators





Commitment to Action

Specific & Clear

01

MY FIRST STEP?

What is your 15% possibility?

02

Who will
support me?

Who are those that you have
not considered yet?

03

When will I
start?

What can i pencil in right
now?

Closing

Stay connected
Share learning
Review progress
Keep adapting



Thank you!

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Questions