Against the Odds: Connecting and Innovating to Deliver Meaningful Prosperity and Peace Pathways



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Lake Chad: A region wracked by brutal conflict





6/10 *experience* ***violence*** *daily*



live in ***extreme poverty***



Over **4,800** conflict events with more than **35,000** fatalities are associated with Boko Haram since 2009

The context – SWOT (present condition)

STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES	OPPORTUNITIES
▪ Abundant natural resources ▪ Large, energetic young population	▪ Weak institutions ▪ Bad leadership ▪ Poor human capital development	▪ Foreign aid/donor support ▪ Stabilisation initiatives ▪ Solidarity (stakeholder partnership, governors forum, LCBC)

THREATS: Poverty, Boko Haram (conflict economy), climate shocks, livelihood crises, human rights abuse, etc

Violence has eroded livelihood assets; people have become powerless, defenseless, weak and hopeless

The Lake Chad region needs innovative prosperity and peace pathways that can foster recovery and long-term resilience



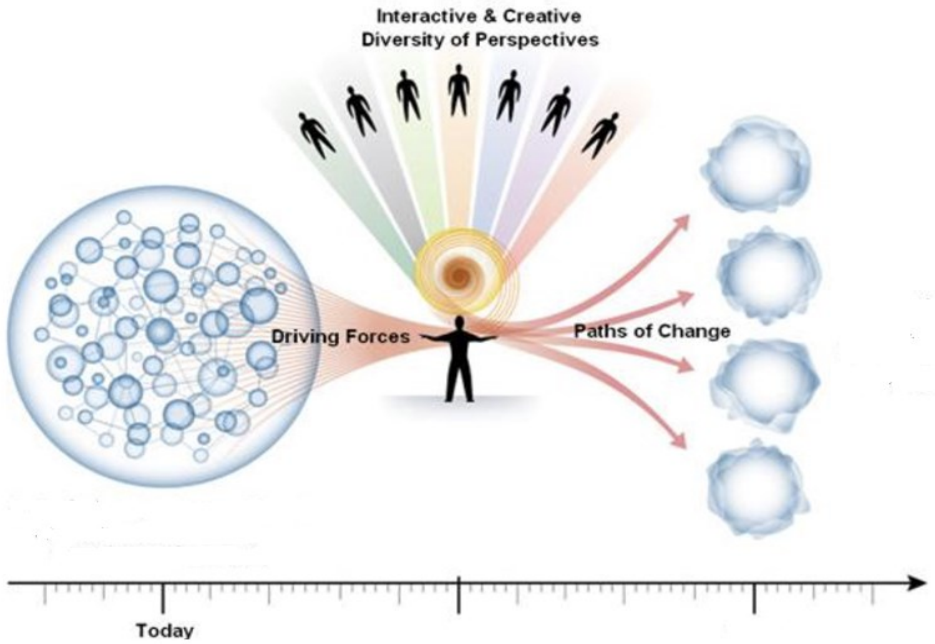
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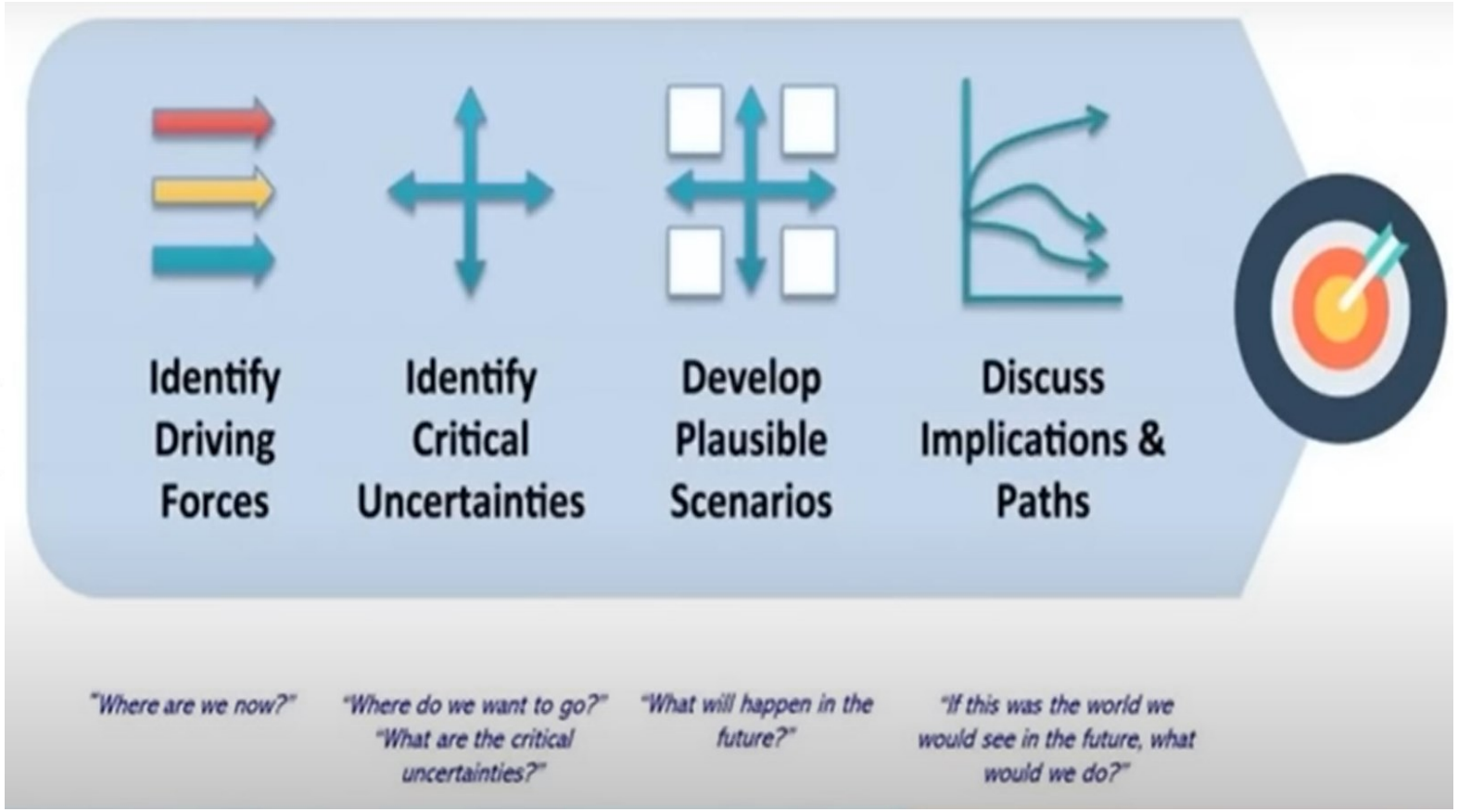
- How can we jointly create prosperity and peace pathways that have a dynamic coherence between socioeconomic and environmental priorities, are locally valid and owned, and which guide actions towards socially-just futures?

- How would a desirable prosperity and peace pathway for Lake Chad look like and how would it be implemented (2050)

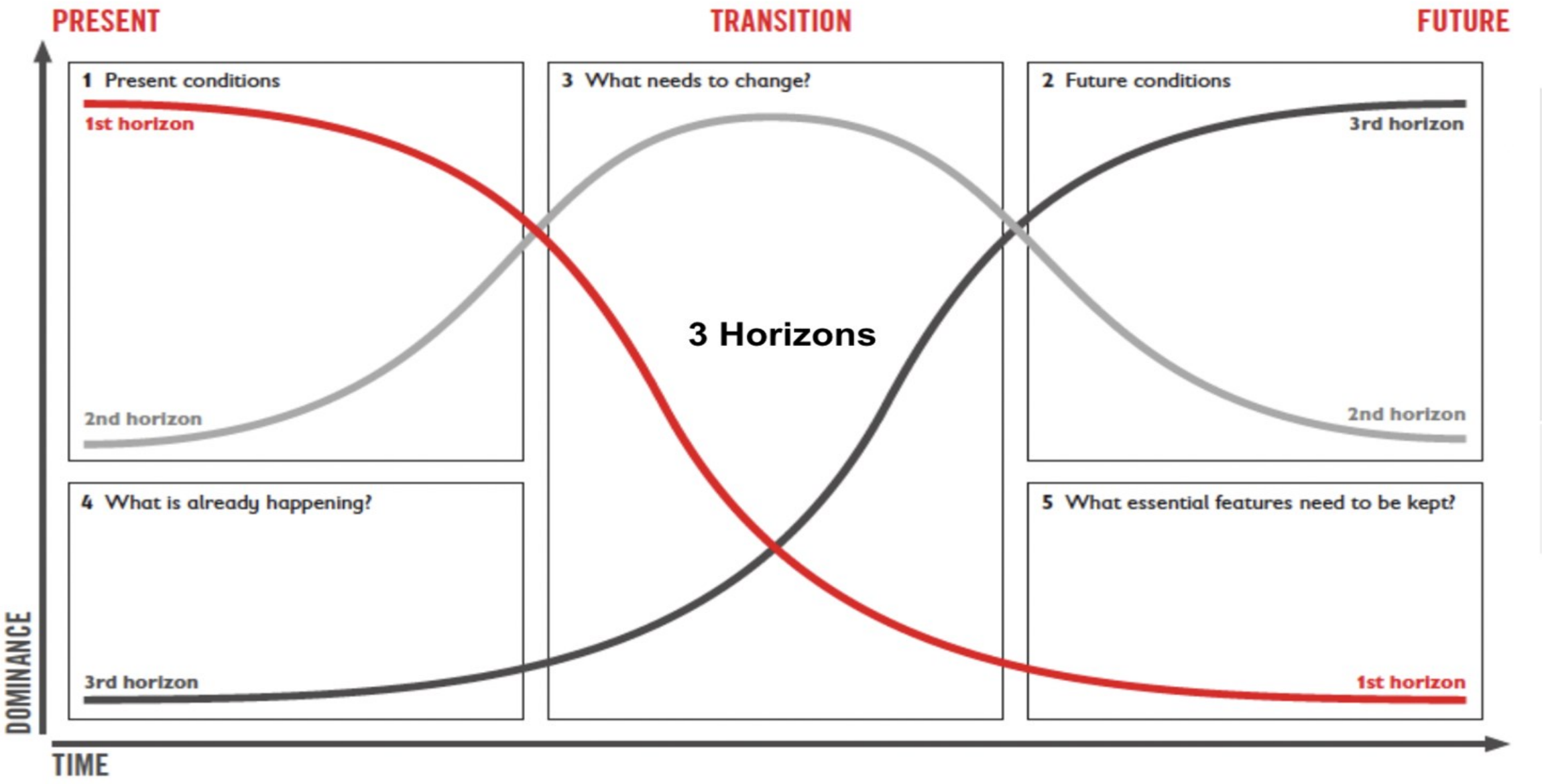
Approach: Local citizen labs in three countries

Co-creation - bringing together science, the state and society (multifactor mapping, developing wish-lists, futures thinking, strategic foresight, scenario development)





Tools: scenario design, futures thinking





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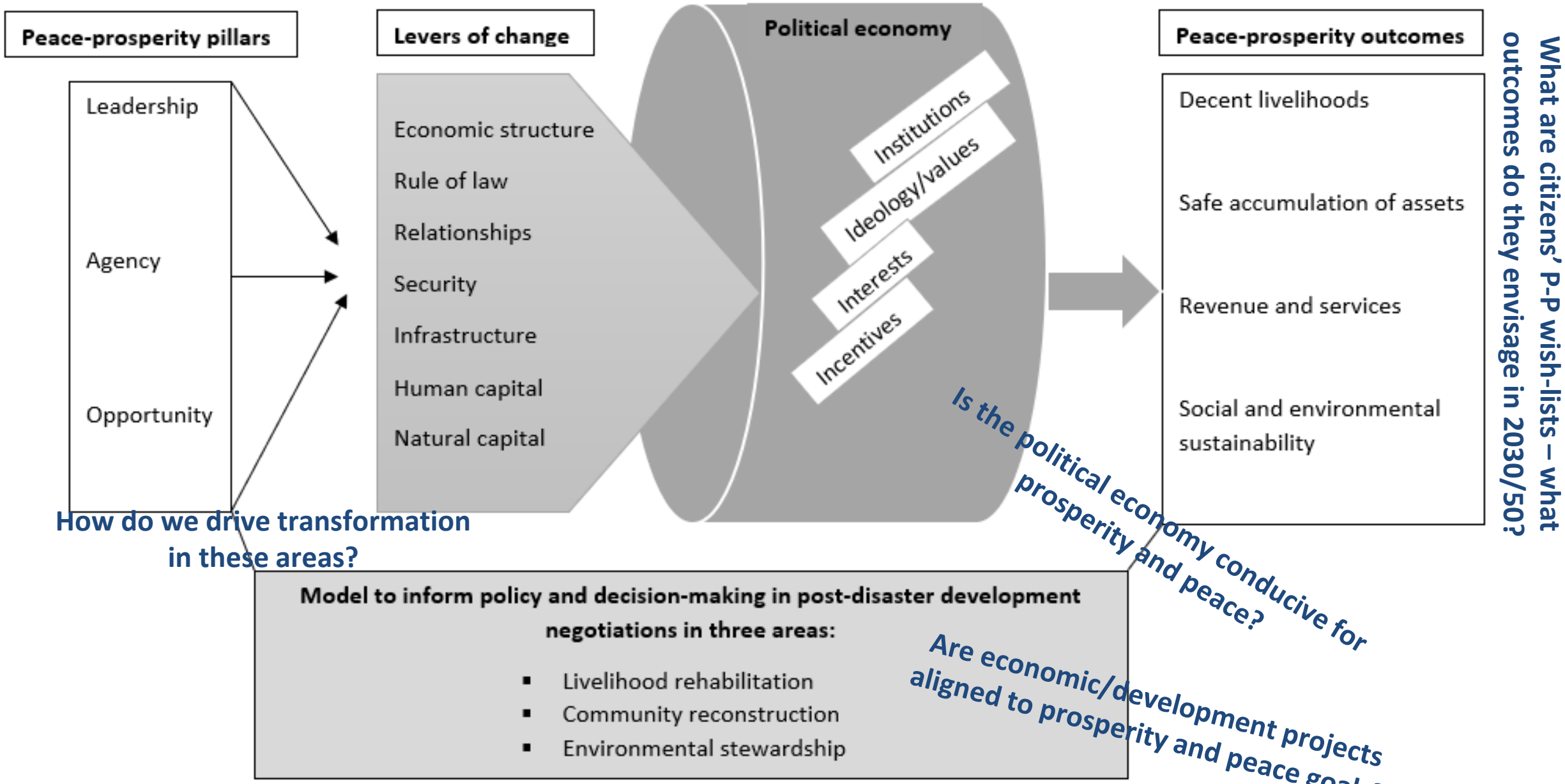
Phase 1: Present condition – where is the region now (using citizen labs as **multi-stakeholder platforms** for social **connection** and knowledge **innovation**, identifying today's reality, driving forces, the weight of the past, how actions being taken align with prosperity and peace goals, other critical uncertainties)



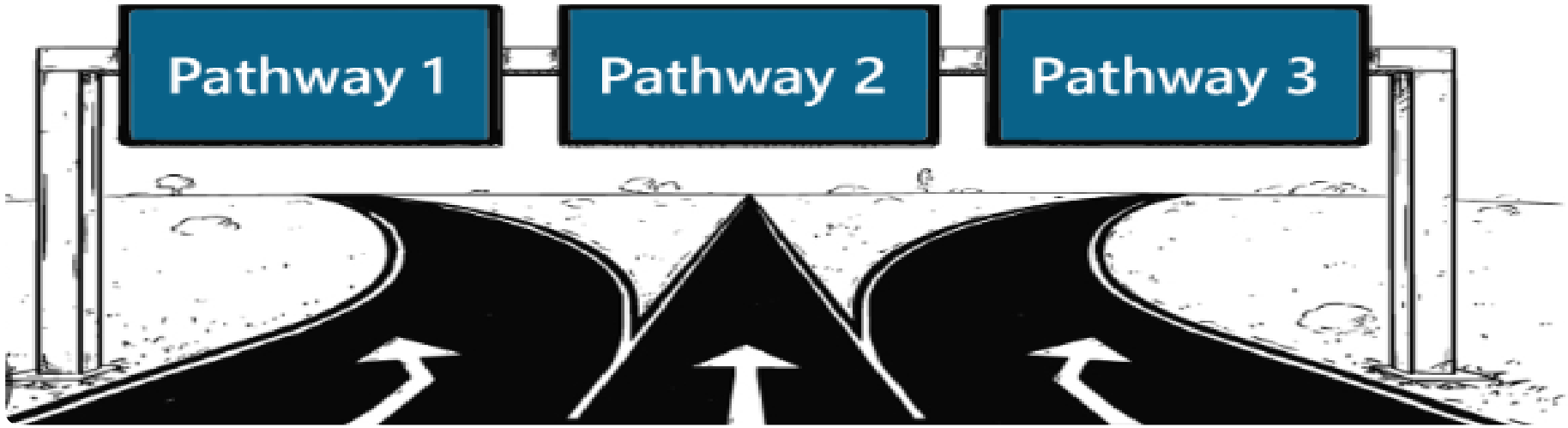
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Phase 2: Future conditions – where citizens want to go (identifying desirable futures for the region by collecting prosperity-peace wish-lists), identifying what will/might happen in the future

- Abuja, July 2022 – **International dialogue forum on the nexus of prosperity and peace** (hybrid event, over 60 INGOs, academics, CSOs, government officials, security officials)


Peace-prosperity pillars
Leadership
Agency
Opportunity
Levers of change
Economic structure
Rule of law
Relationships
Security
Infrastructure
Human capital
Natural capital
Political economy
Institutions
Ideology/values
Interests
Incentives
Peace-prosperity outcomes
Decent livelihoods
Safe accumulation of assets
Revenue and services
Social and environmental sustainability
How do we drive transformation in these areas?
Is the political economy conducive for prosperity and peace?
What are citizens' P-P wish-lists – what outcomes do they envisage in 2030/50?
Model to inform policy and decision-making in post-disaster development negotiations in three areas:
Livelihood rehabilitation
Community reconstruction
Environmental stewardship
Are economic/development projects aligned to prosperity and peace goals?

Obstacles – phase 3 (the transitions/pathways)



- The Lake Chad project reveals that desirable pathways of change are difficult to design – **they are characterised by multiple nuances, uncertainties and complexities**
- Pathways can change as circumstances change; and it can be near impossible to monitor and assess their success
- It is unclear what the policy implications of identifying a 'pathway' are, and how a pathway is to be sold to decision-makers/governments

Problem lab session – questions to address

- Problem Lab participants are to **imagine** that they are responsible for developing or co-creating shared prosperity and peace pathways for societies undergoing climate-conflict crises, but the goal-posts keep changing (e.g., because of new crises) and everyone is unsure which pathways would lead to (agreed) desired futures

- **Core questions: "how can we jointly create prosperity and peace pathways that have a dynamic coherence between socioeconomic and environmental priorities, are locally valid and owned, and which guide actions towards socially-just futures?"**



AGAINST THE ODDS

Connecting and innovating to deliver meaningful prosperity and peace pathways

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Problem LAB

Localised Resilience & RECOVERY

Desirable pathways of change are difficult to design: they are characterised by multiple nuances and complexities; they can change as circumstances change; and, it can be nearly impossible to monitor and assess their success. It is often unclear what the policy implications of identifying a 'pathway' would be, and how a pathway could be sold to governments. Problem Lab participants will focus on these issues, addressing how we can jointly create prosperity and peace pathways—pathways that have a dynamic coherence between socioeconomic and environmental priorities, are locally valid and owned, and which guide actions towards socially-just futures.

Thank you!