

Foresight For Food Systems Transformation



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Line of argument

- Need for a clearer framework about what transforming food systems means in practice
- Foresight is needed for food systems change
- Theory of change thinking needs to be re-oriented towards system dynamics and transition theory
- This has big implications for the transformation M&E

Transforming Food Systems

Why

Why do we need to transform food systems?

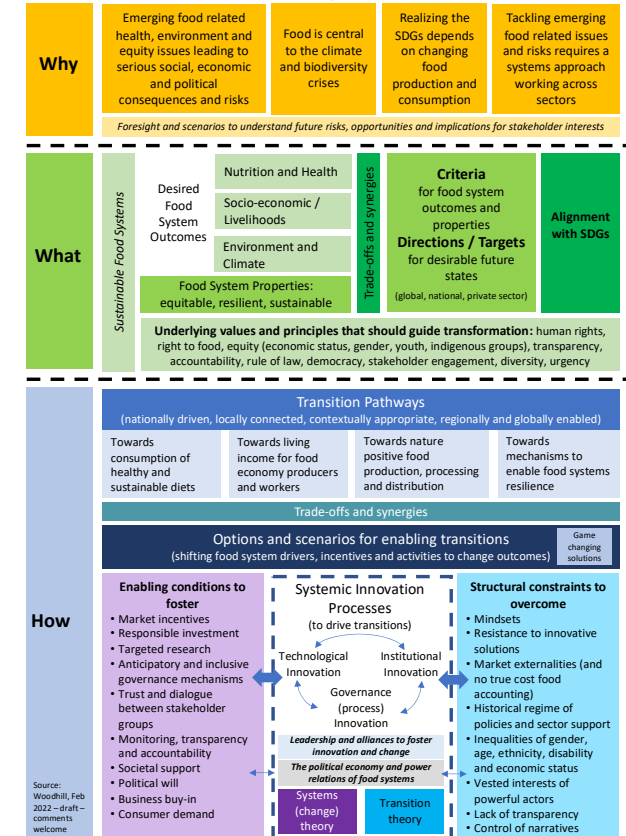
What

What needs to change in food systems?

How

How can food systems be changed?

A Framework for Food Systems Transformation



The why of food systems transformation

Why

Emerging food related health, environment and equity issues leading to serious social, economic and political consequences and risks

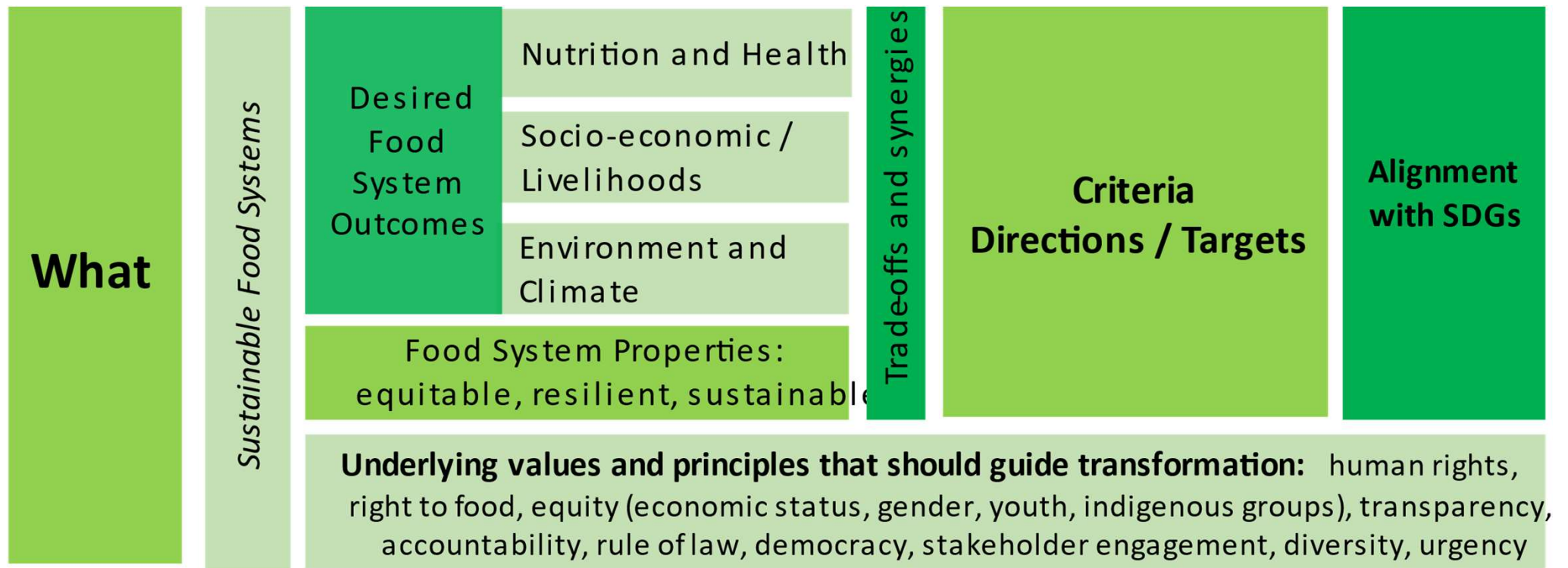
Food is central to the climate and biodiversity crises

Realizing the SDGs depends on changing food production and consumption

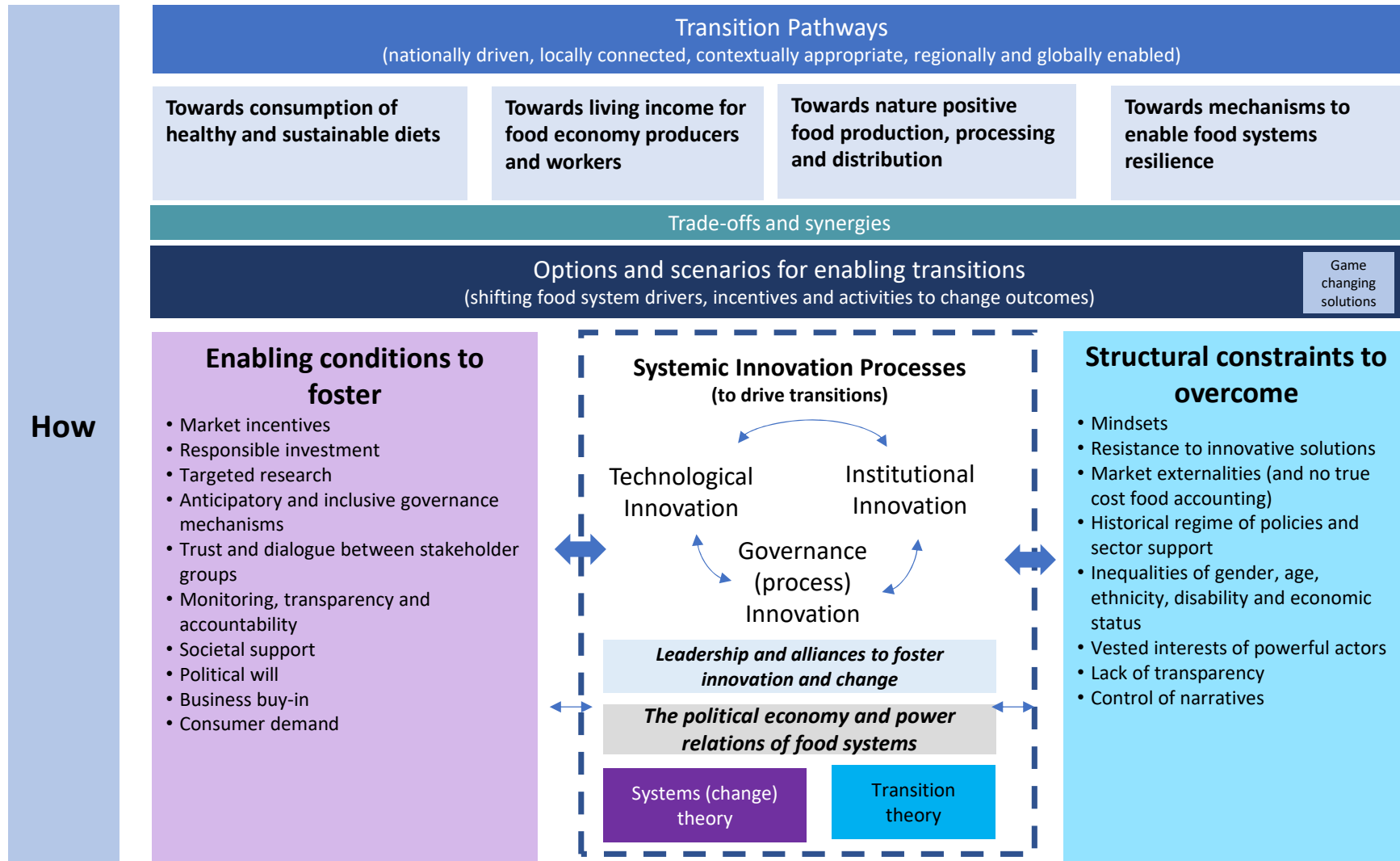
Tackling emerging food related issues and risks requires a systems approach working across sectors

Foresight and scenarios to understand future risks, opportunities and implications for stakeholder interests

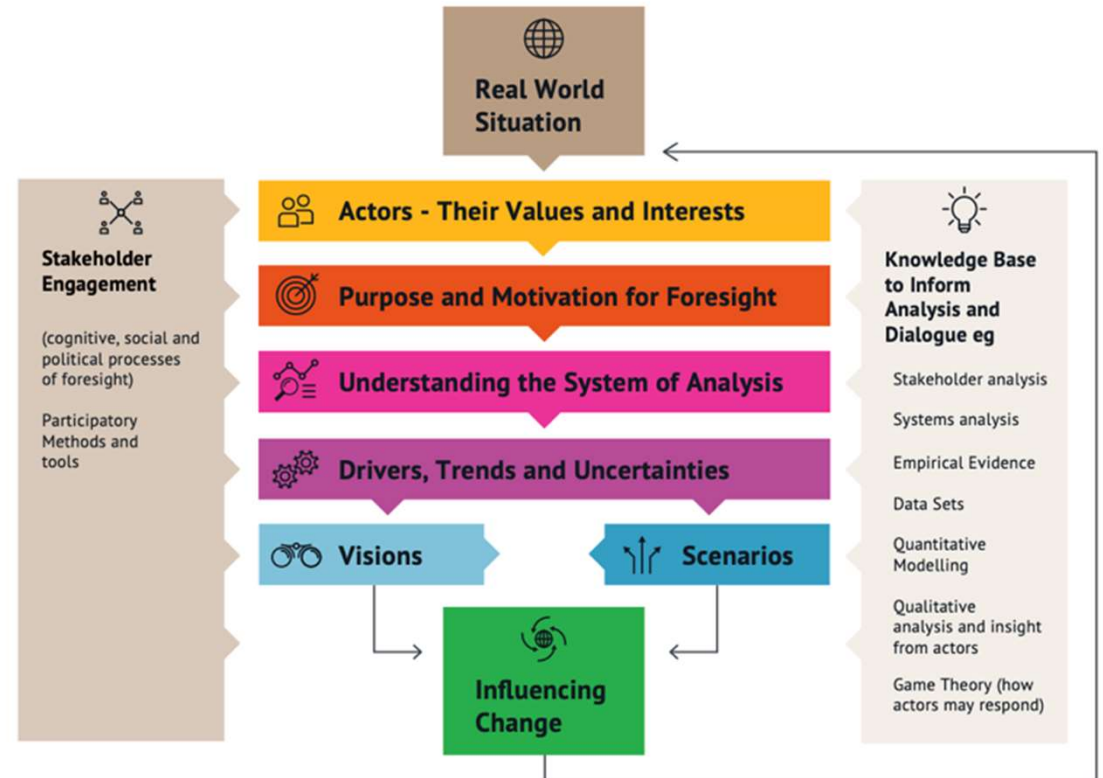
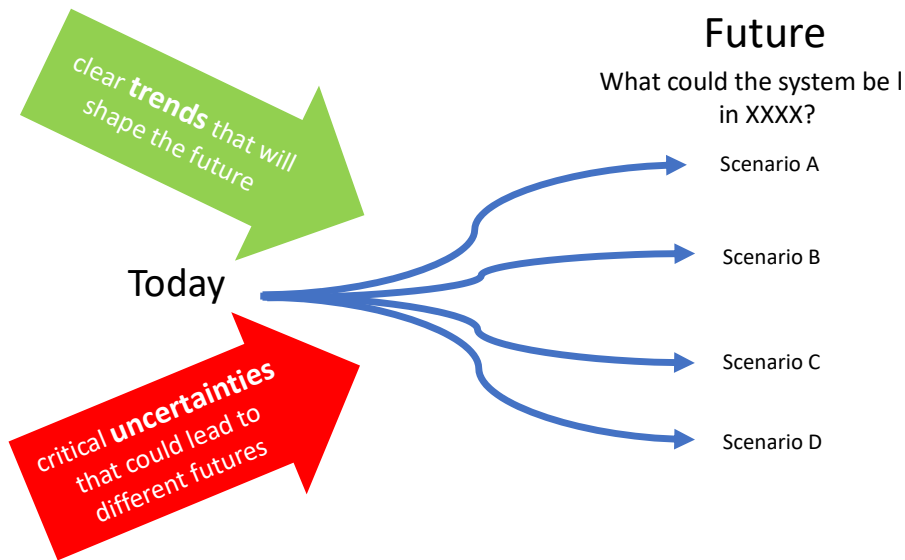
The what of food systems transformation



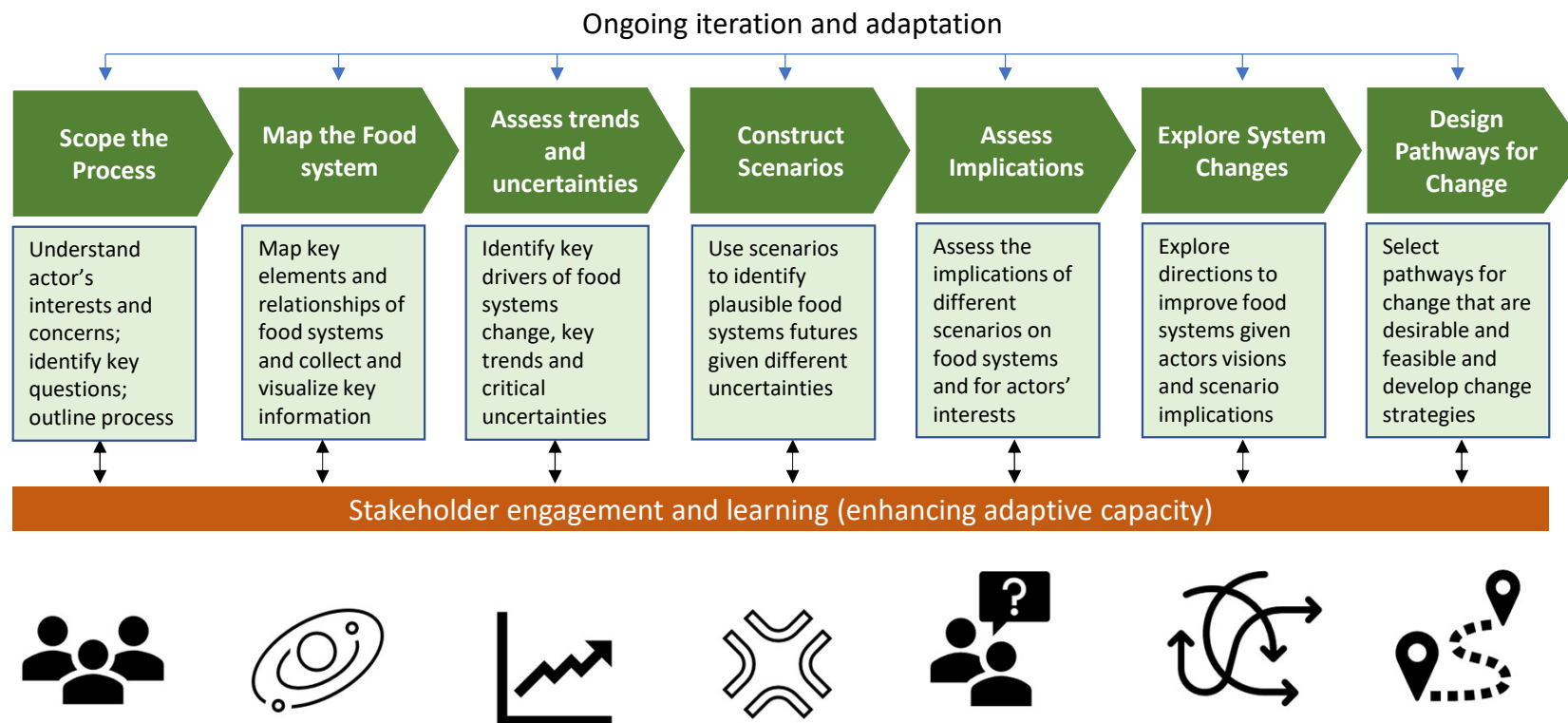
The how of food systems transformation



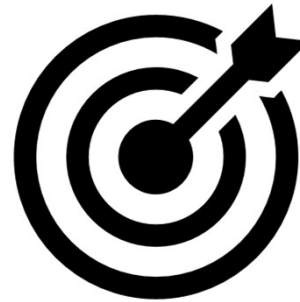
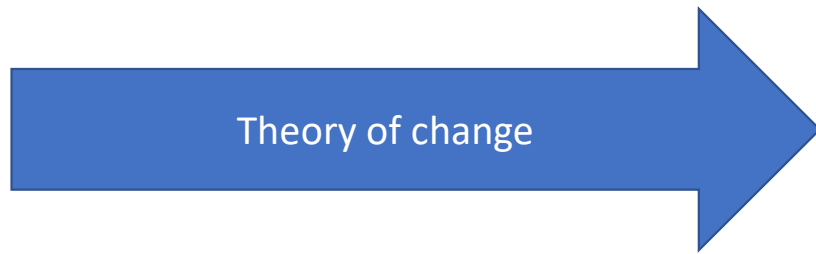
What is foresight? ...



Foresight for systems change



Conventional strategy and theory of change



Inputs

Actions

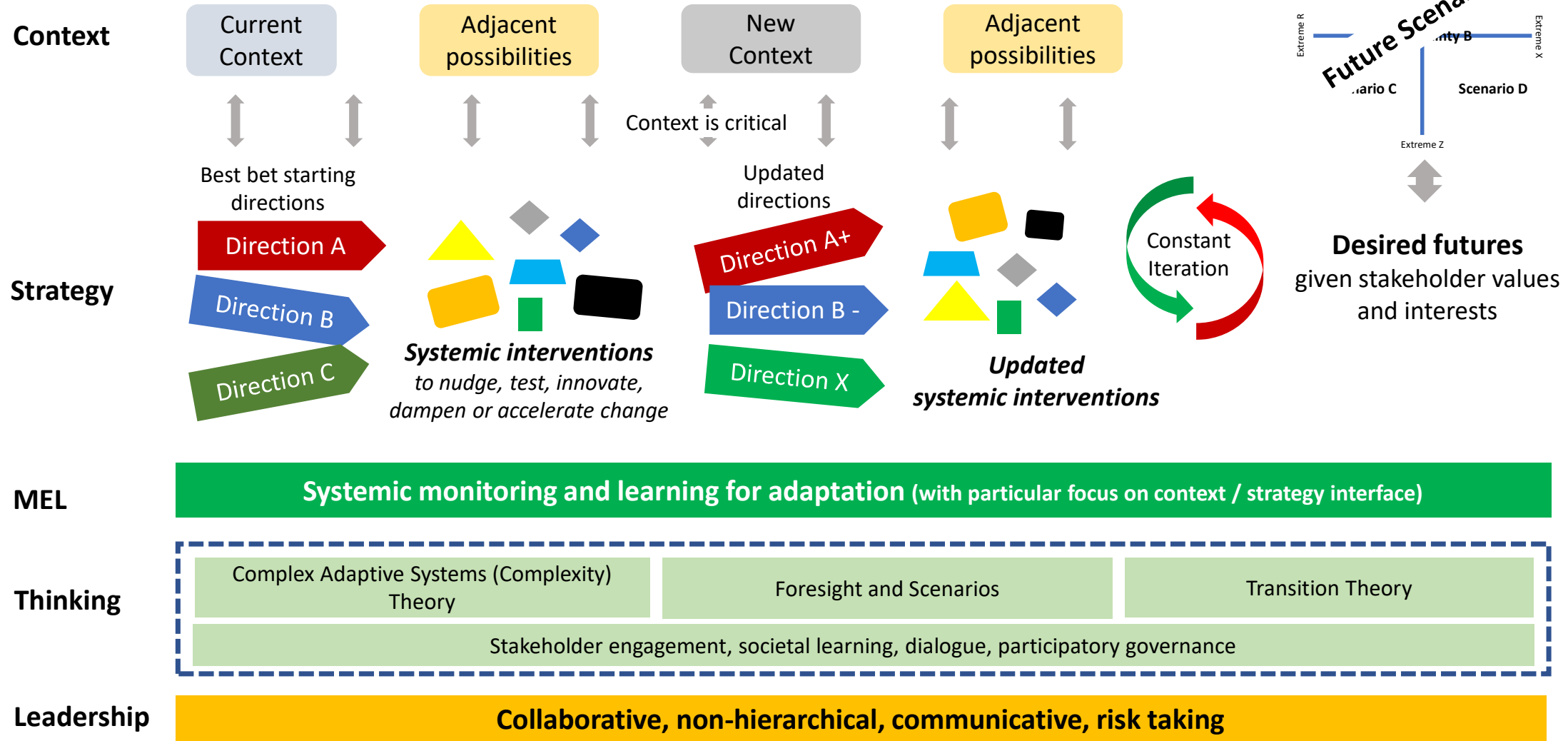
Outcomes

Goals

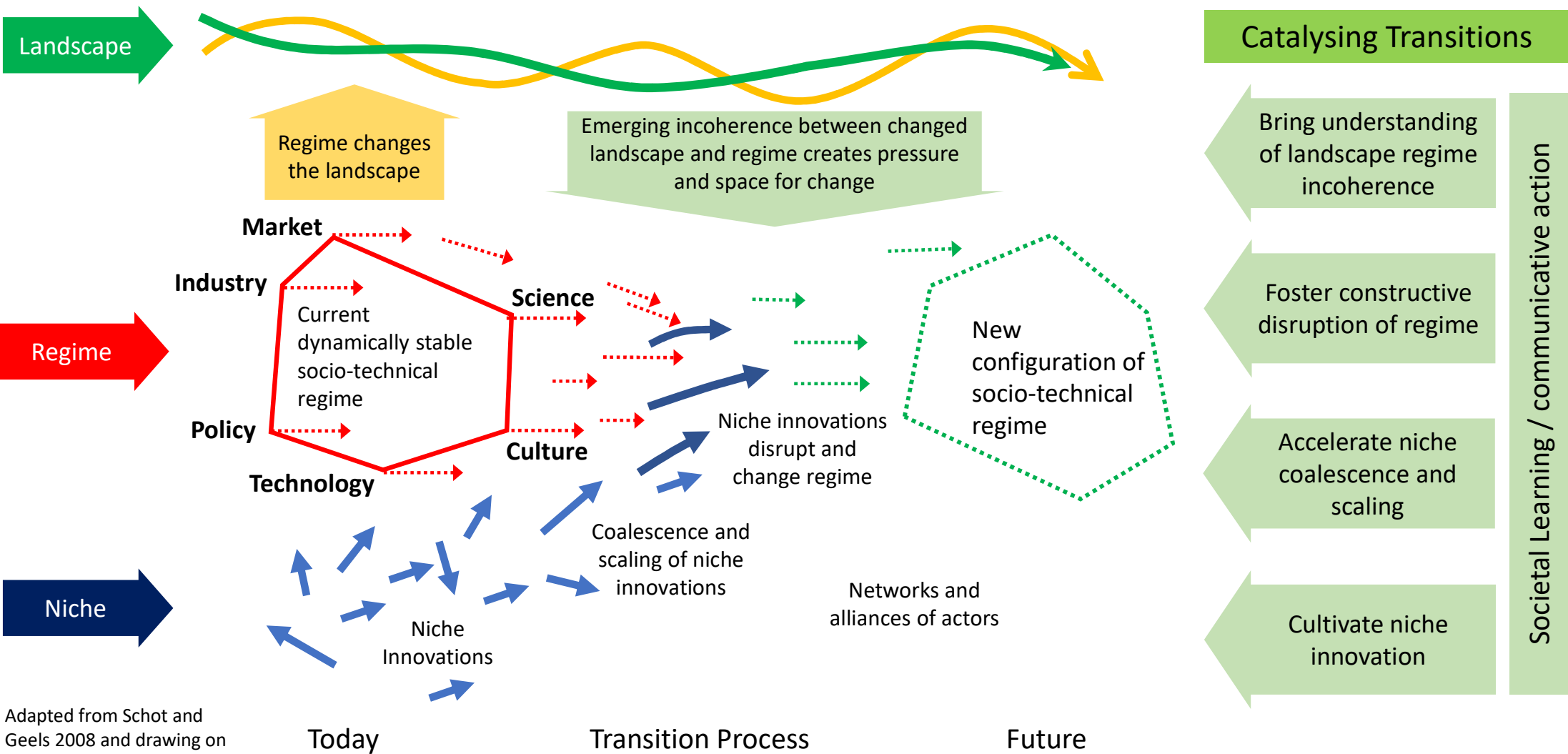
Vision

Pre-determined results oriented

Vector Theory of Change for Systems Transformation



Transitions theory



So – what M&E transformations are needed?

From	To
Monitoring pre-determined results	Monitoring directions and application of systemic change principles
Primary focus on what is being done or achieved	Focus on interrelationships between context and interventions
Largely tangible changes	Tangible and intangible changes that create conditions for systemic change
Sector orientation	Systems orientation
Looking back	Exploring the future