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The role of evaluation in moving towards zero hunger and sustainable food systems: challenges and solutions. July 15, 2021

**FOOD SYSTEMS
SUMMIT 2021**



DIALOGUES



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746 Dialogues
registered
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74	Sustainability
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**SYNTHESIS OF
INDEPENDENT
DIALOGUES**

INTERIM REPORT II

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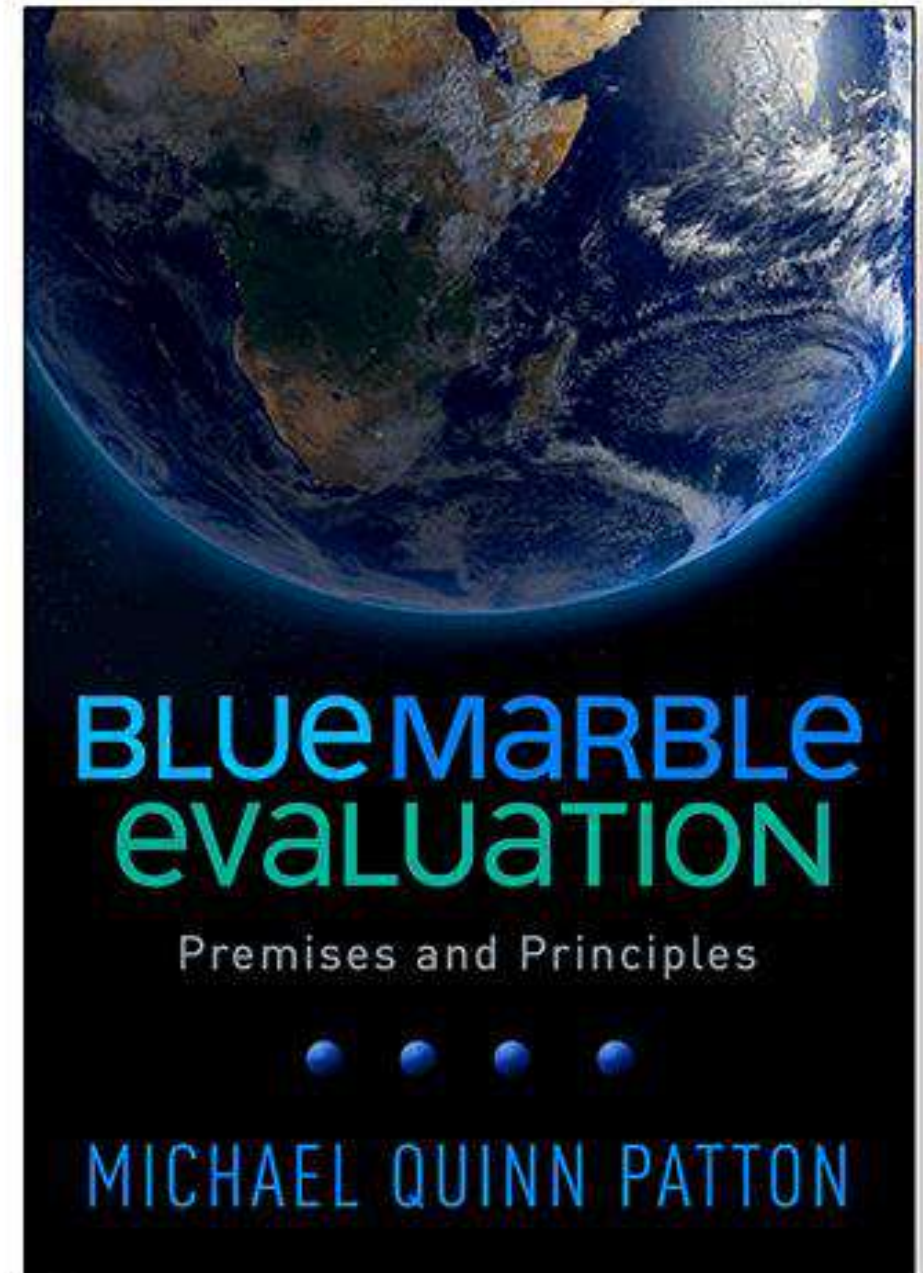


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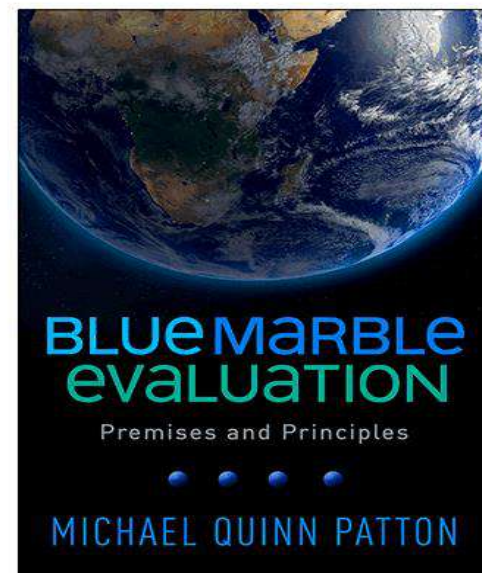
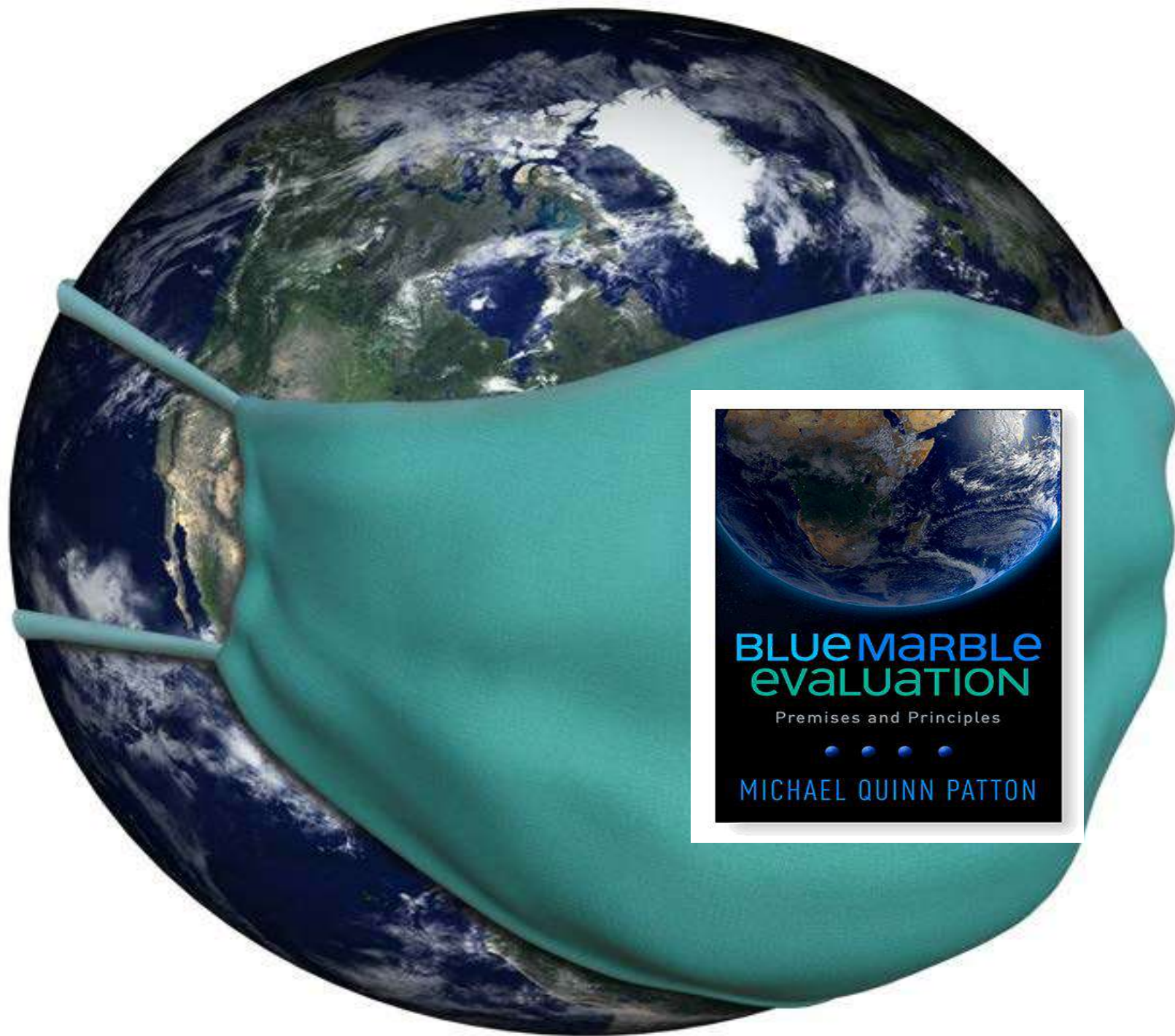
Synthesis of Independent Dialogues


REPORT 2

https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/unfss_independent_dialogue_synthesis_report_2_0.pdf









THEME ANALYSIS AND SYNTHESIS

- Individual report forms posted and accessible
- How to synthesize and make sense of them?
- The report provides straightforward, non-judgmental summary and synthesis of cross-cutting themes (103)
- Generative and illustrative

BASIC STATS

103 Dialogue Reports through
May 2021

Last approximately 1.5 hours

Analyzed data represents more
than 10,000 voices

Nearly an equal percentage of
male/female



INDEPENDENT DIALOGUES

- The Independent Dialogues have emerged as providing important and thoughtful guidance about how food systems transformation should be undertaken, and solutions implemented.

OVERALL OBSERVATIONS

TO IMPROVE ADAPTATION
AND MITIGATE VARIOUS
PROBLEMS LIKE GREATER
ACCESS TO FOOD, CLIMATE
CHANGE, SCALING
EDUCATION INITIATIVES,
ACHIEVING MORE EQUITY,
REDUCING FOOD WASTE, AND
SUPPORTING HEALTH AND
NUTRITION.

Food systems and climate change are interconnected.

All solutions will require education about food and food systems.

Economic and finance issues will cut across any and all solutions

Solutions must be consistent with scientific evidence.

Policy and regulatory reforms will be needed to support and enable solutions

Better use of existing technologies and development of new technologies is critical

Systematic evaluation of solutions will be essential



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**TEN GUIDING
THEMES FOR
SUMMIT
SOLUTIONS**

TEN GUIDING THEMES FOR SUMMIT SOLUTIONS

1. TRANSFORMING FOOD SYSTEMS TO BE EQUITABLE AND SUSTAINABLE
2. APPLYING SYSTEMS THINKING
3. ADAPTING SOLUTIONS TO DIVERSE LOCAL CONTEXTS
4. VALUING DIVERSITY & ENGAGING INCLUSIVELY
5. ENSURING EQUITY
6. SHIFTING PERSPECTIVES & CHANGING MINDSETS
7. INNOVATING AND INTEGRATING WHAT IS ALREADY WORKING INTO INNOVATIONS
8. FACILITATING CONFLICT RESOLUTIONS AND NEGOTIATING TRADE-OFFS
9. MOBILIZING ENGAGED AND ACCOUNTABLE ACTORS COLLABORATIVELY
10. BEING OPEN & TRANSPARENT



**TRANSFORM FOOD SYSTEMS TO BE
EQUITABLE AND SUSTAINABLE**

EVALUATION GREW UP IN THE “PROJECTS”



What we've nailed

Evaluating...

- Projects & Programmes
- Goal attainment
- Implementation
- Outcomes
- Logic models

Generating...

- Findings
- Lessons
- Recommendations

Nontraditional & New Directions:

Evaluating...

- Mission fulfillment
- Strategy
- Advocacy campaigns
- Policy change
- Systems Change
- Complex dynamic interventions

INNOVATIONS & CHALLENGES: *EVALUATING...*

- Community impacts
- Regional initiatives
- Networks and collaborations
- Leadership
- Inclusiveness and diversity
- Innovation
- Collective impact
- Scaling
- Environmental ecosystem sustainability
- Global systems change
- **TRANSFORMATION**



TRANSFORMATION



EVALUATION FOR TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE

Opportunities and challenges for the Sustainable Development Goals



Under the support of the Ministers
and of the Mayor of the City of Prague



Ministry of Education,
Youth and Sports



Ministry of the
Environment



Prague Declaration on

Evaluation for Transformational Change

Adopted on Friday 4 October 2019

We, the evaluators, commissioners, parliamentarians and other evaluation users, gathered in the IDEAS Global Assembly and the Third International Conference on Evaluating Environment and Development, recognize the need and urgency of systemic change from local to global levels to address the global crises endangering our future. Having discussed the role of evaluation in promoting learning, systemic and transformational change, we agree on the following statements.

1. Promote Transformational Evaluation for the Sustainable Development Goals

We commit to evaluations that help us learn, understand and support the transformational and systemic changes needed in our countries and the world, as agreed upon in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. A sustainable balance between the social, economic and environmental domains is crucial in light of the existential threats of the climate crisis, mass extinction of species, growing local and global inequity, and ultimately unsustainable use of the resources of the planet.

2. Work in partnership

We will promote partnerships among evaluators, based on applied ethic codes and professional standards, and on mutual trust.

At the same time, we commit to engage and recognize new evaluators and collaborators from many different disciplines and fields of work, including young and emerging evaluators, students and interns in evaluation teams whenever possible, in order to promote mutual learning and to discover and leverage new views and skills.

SUSTAINABILITY as a universal criterion in evaluations

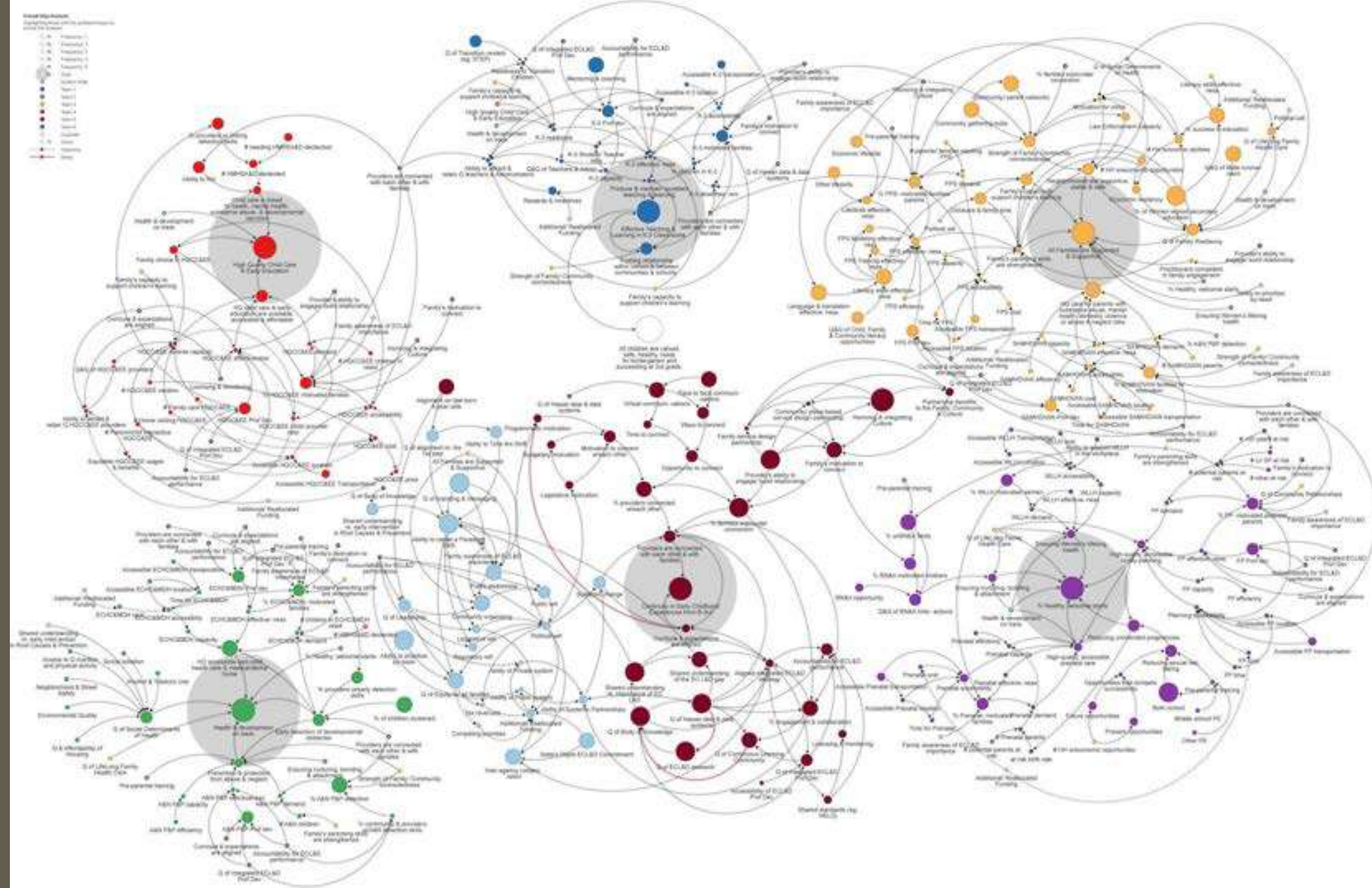


6. Focus on sustainability

In all our evaluations, we commit to evaluating for social, environmental and economic sustainability and transformation, including by assessing contextual factors and systemic changes. We commit to assessing and highlighting, in all evaluations, unintended negative social, economic and environmental effects.

APPLY SYSTEMS THINKING





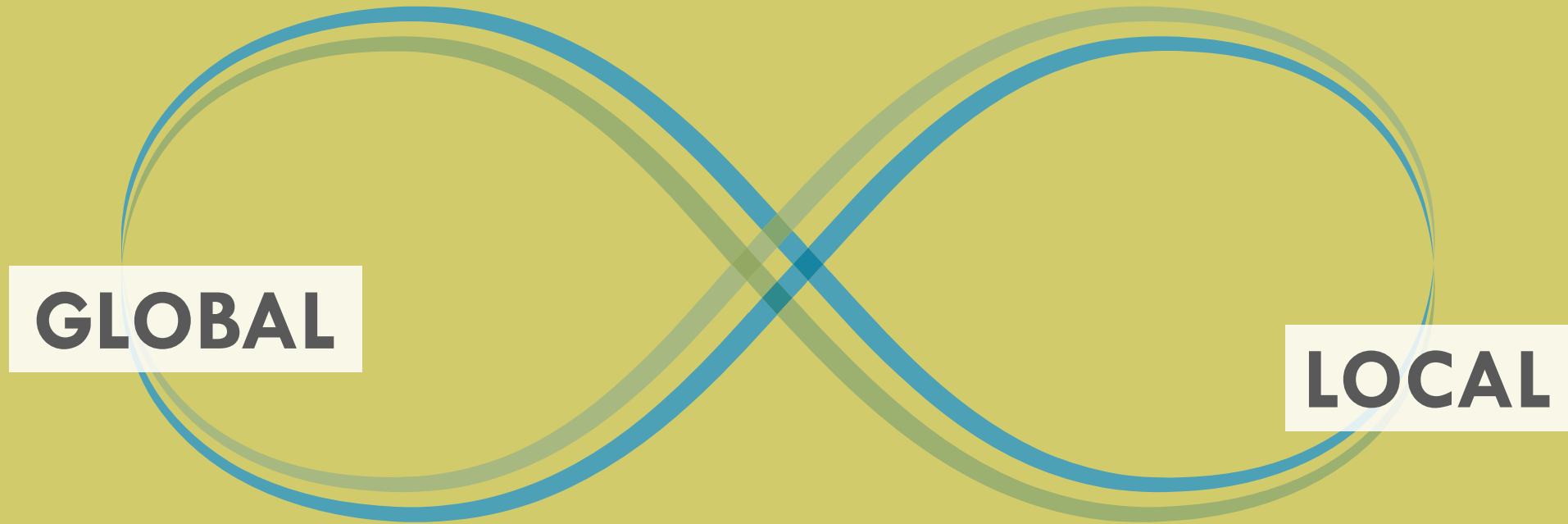
SYSTEMS EVALUATION

- INTERCONNECTIONS
- SYSTEMS PERSPECTIVES
- SYSTEM BOUNDARIES
- SYSTEM DYNAMICS

ADAPT SOLUTIONS TO DIVERSE LOCAL CONTEXTS



GLOCAL EVALUATION



ZOOMING IN & ZOOMING OUT

- A BLUE MARBLE
EVALUATOR
SKILL!





**VALUE DIVERSITY,
ENGAGE INCLUSIVELY**

**ENSURE
EQUITY**





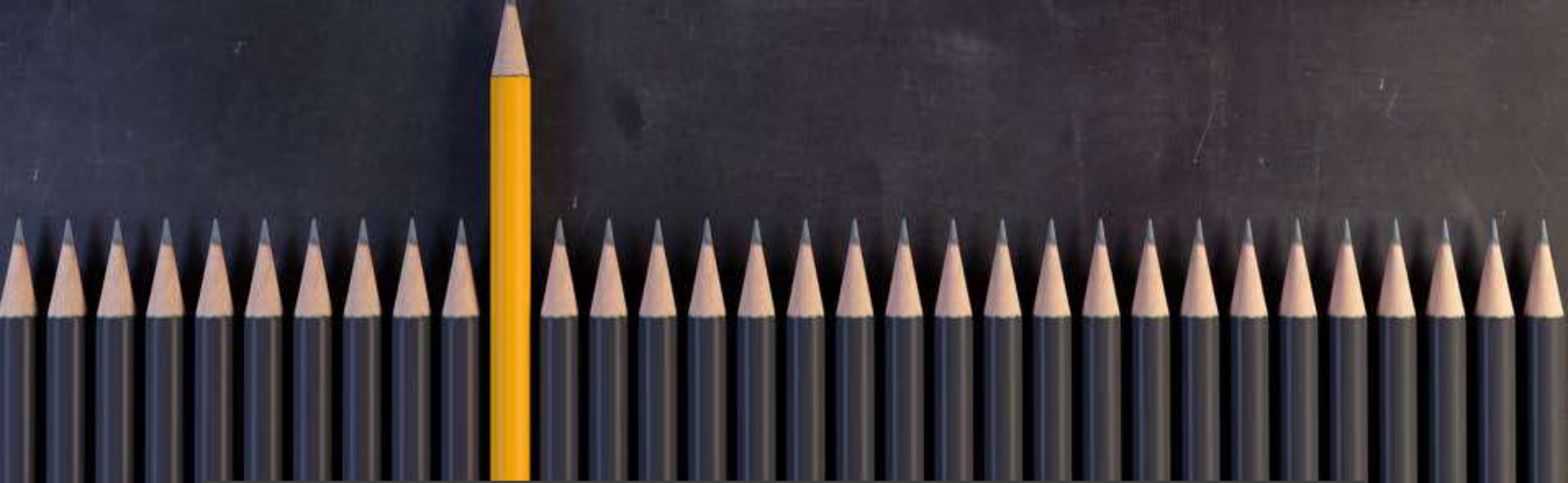
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- Diversity
- Equity
- Inclusion

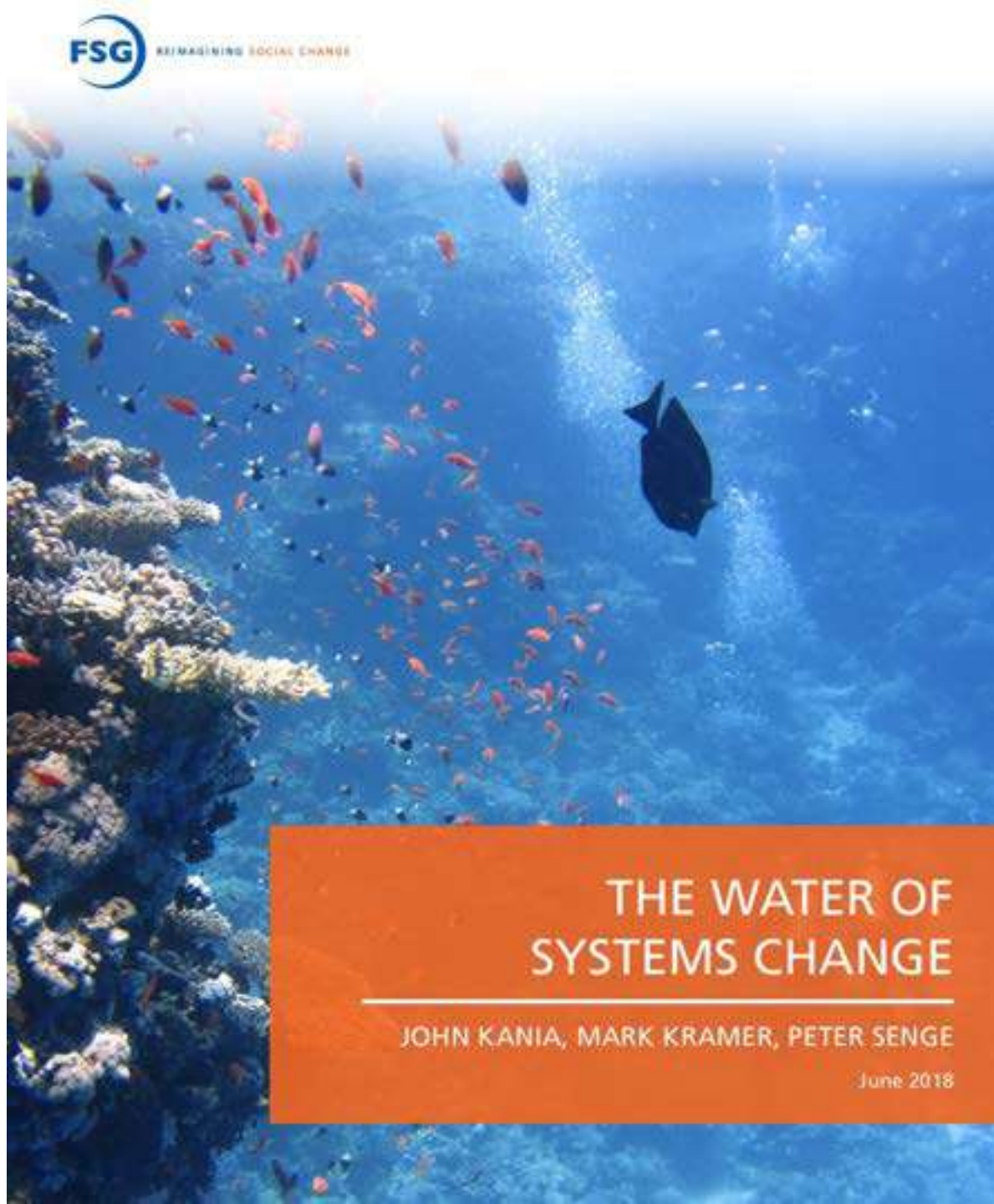
ALL EVALUATIONS SHOULD ADDRESS EQUITY

Jara Dean-Coffey





**SHIFT PERSPECTIVES &
CHANGE MINDSETS**



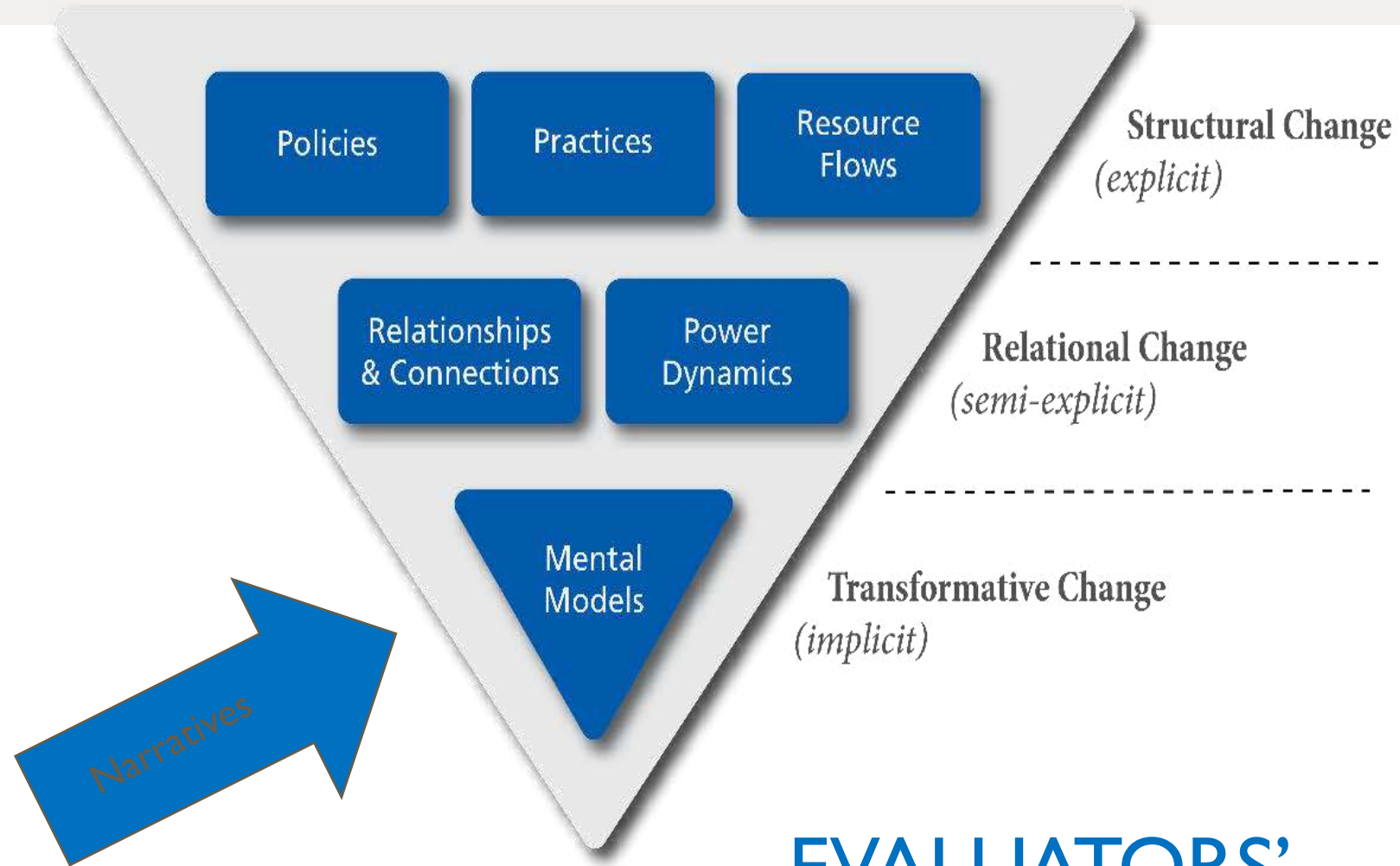
THE WATER OF SYSTEMS CHANGE

JOHN KANIA, MARK KRAMER, PETER SENGE

June 2018

A fish is swimming along one day when another fish comes up and says "Hey, how's the water?" The first fish stares back blankly at the second fish and then says "What's water?"

THE WATER OF SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION



**EVALUATORS'
MINDSETS**



**INNOVATE AND INTEGRATE WHAT IS
ALREADY WORKING INTO
INNOVATIONS**



PESSIMISM

OPTIMISM!!

BAD NEWS



GOOD NEWS!

**FACILITATE
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Facilitating **EVALUATION**

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| Woman pointing to food training materials IFAD/ Fahad Abdullah Kaizer

society. To create an open and honest space for sharing, Dialogues are typically carefully curated and facilitated events with participation by invitation only. Please review the details of the Dialogues for registration information if available or contact the Convenor of the Dialogue you would like to attend.

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EXPLORE



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INDEPENDENT DIALOGUE

IDENTIFYING COMMON GROUNDS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN: TOWARDS THE UN FOOD SYSTEMS SUMMIT 2021



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INDEPENDENT DIALOGUE

DISRUPTING DOMINANT FOOD SYSTEMS: LESSONS FROM 5 INITIATIVES

Wageningen, Netherlands



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INDEPENDENT DIALOGUE

SISTEMAS ALIMENTARIOS QUE CONTRIBUYAN A
GARANTIZAR EL DERECHO HUMANO A LA ALIMENTACIÓN Y
LA SEGURIDAD ALIMENTARIA Y NUTRICIONAL POST-COVID

San José, Costa Rica



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INDEPENDENT DIALOGUE

TOWARDS A GLOBAL FOOD SYSTEM THAT SUPPORTS PEOPLE
AND PLANET: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MISSION-LED
FOOD BUSINESSES



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AFRICA WILL FEED THE WORLD

London, United Kingdom



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TRANSFORMING FOOD INTO A VEHICLE OF CHANGE
DIALOGUE

Washington, United States



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INDEPENDENT DIALOGUE

DRYLAND FOOD SYSTEMS IN TELANGANA

Hyderabad, India



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INDEPENDENT DIALOGUE

GAPS, OPPORTUNITIES AND BARRIERS IN FOOD LOSS AND
WASTAGE IN KENYA'S FOOD SYSTEMS

Nairobi, Kenya



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THE ROLE OF FOOD LABELLING IN SUSTAINABLE FOOD
SYSTEMS

Athens, Greece



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MY NUTRITION MAP

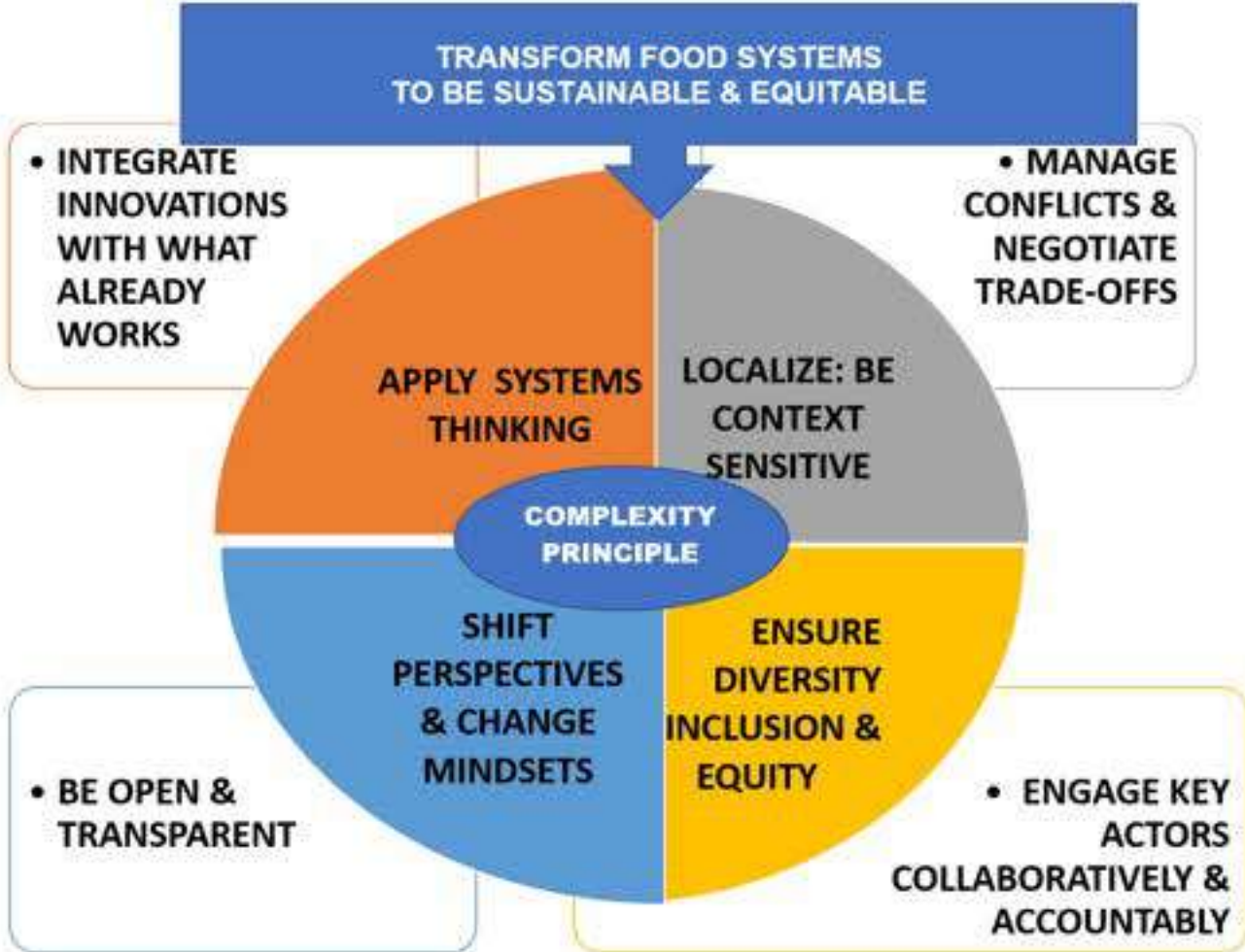
Lagos, Nigeria

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TRANSPARENT**





**CONNECT AND WEAVE SOLUTIONS TOGETHER FOR
TRANSFORMATION**



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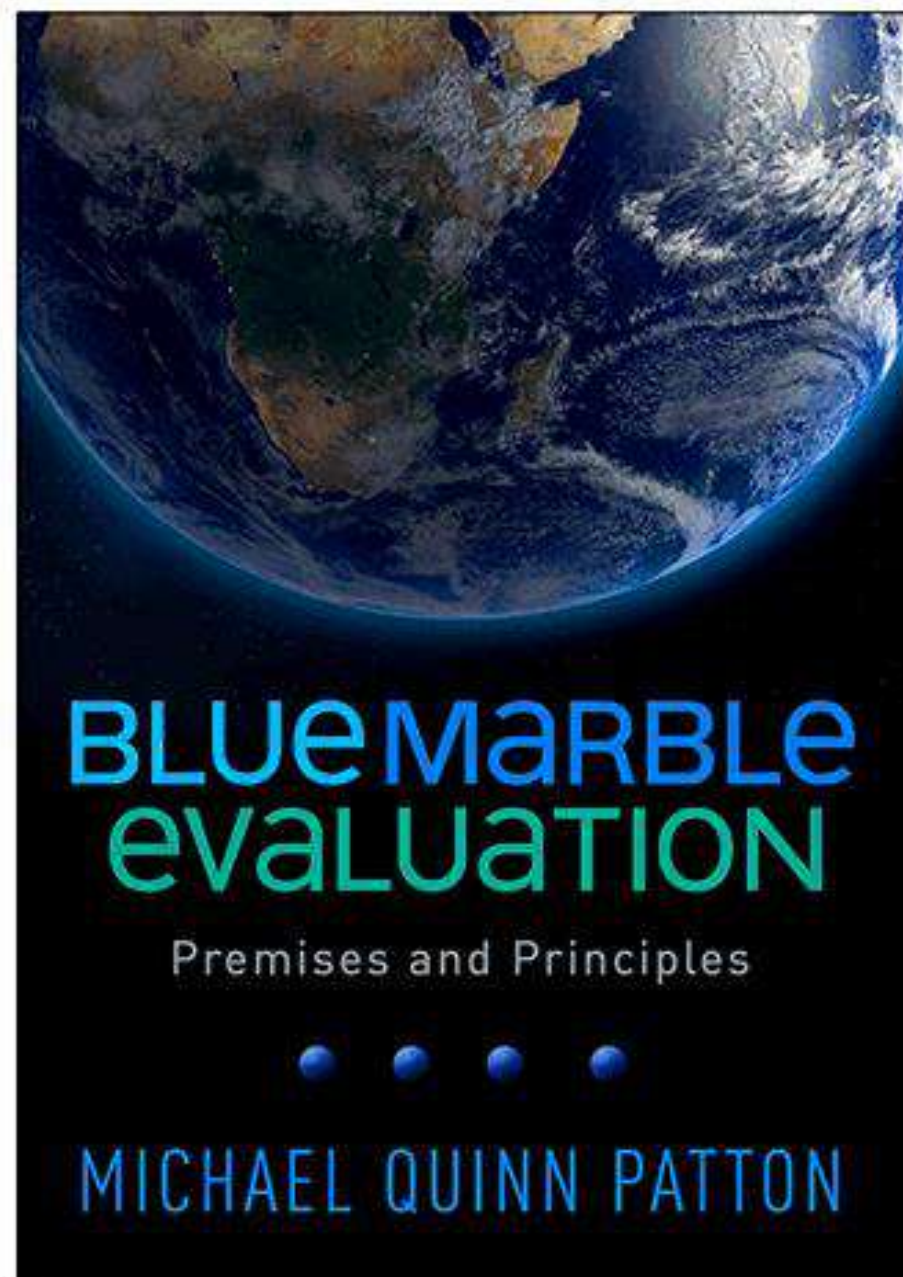
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UNITED NATIONS
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HEY - OUR
NETWORKS CAN
HAVE GLOBAL
IMPACT -



- IF WE
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