



Emerging from Emergency

The Emerging New Civilization(s) Initiative
within a synergic vision of CoR Impact Hubs

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A strong assumption

There is **not just one** winning approach to achieve the transformations humanity needs to face the challenges

Counter-intuitively, a multiplicity of approaches can be the best tool we have to be effective (and also to honour the diversity of worldviews of our members, which is a strength)

Our configuration as a platform and the Impact Hubs offer the opportunity to implement this multiplicity while keeping the overall coherence of

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and identifying points of synergy between different approaches

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A two-legged approach

Policy and culture

Top-down and bottom-up

Map and territory

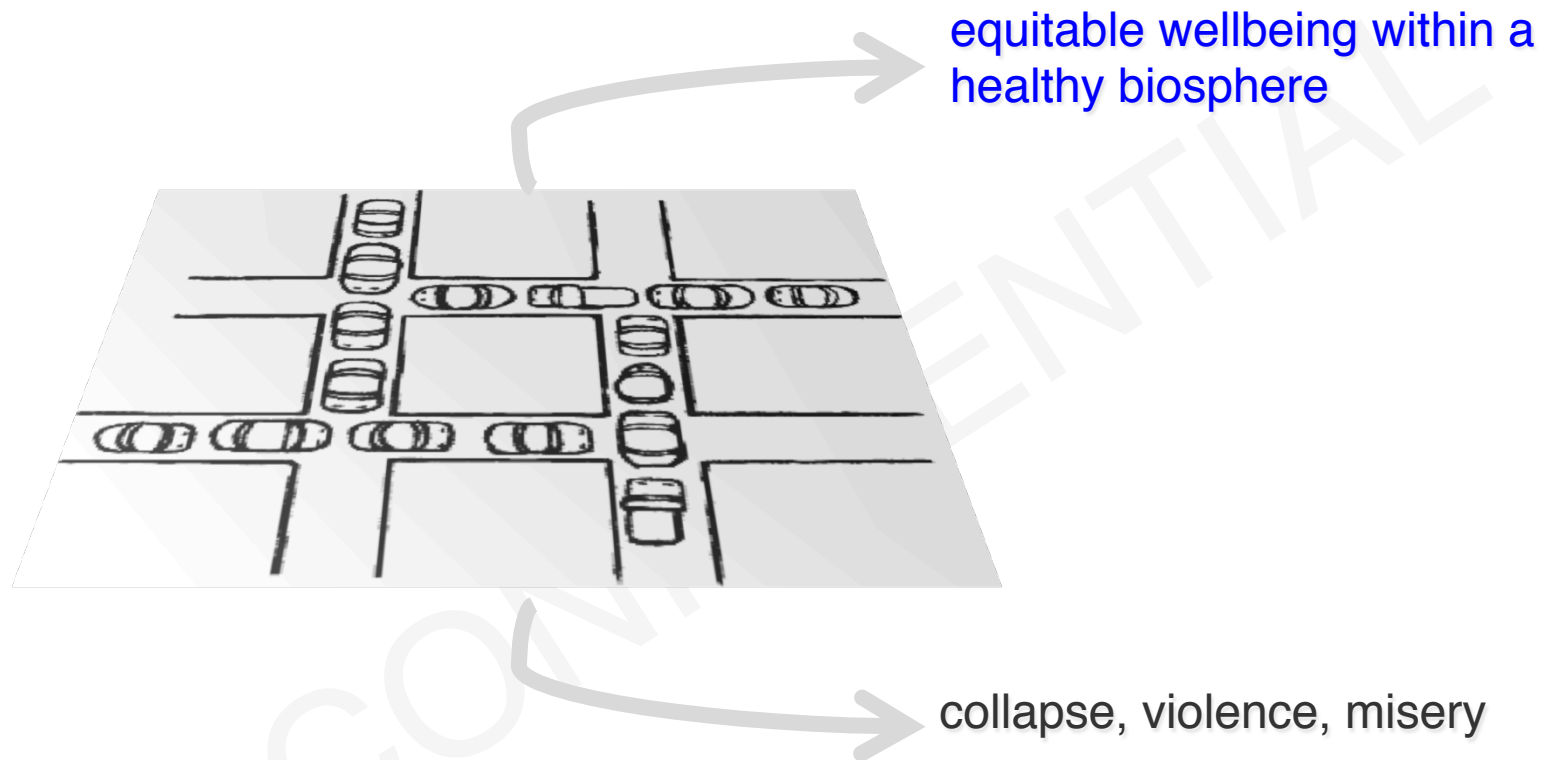
Taking leaps in sense-making

how many apples?





the adventure of emergence: crossing the threshold



coming back to Ilya Prigogine and Isabelle Stengers



A fundamental question

Is the future scripted (“we know what needs to be done, let’s make it happen”) or fundamentally unscripted (“we are learning new ways of becoming human”)?

Is our action about implementation or about exploration?

And, should it be both?

Planetary
Emergency

Emerging
New Civilization(s)

Reframing
Economics

Youth &
Intergenerational
Dialogs

Rethinking
Finance



ENCI findings 2019

Dilemma: complexity of challenges vs linearity of “solutions”

Multiple approaches

- “green” technologies

- wellbeing economics

- inner transformation

- policies (regulations, incentives)

- collective leadership

- complexity science

all required, none is THE solution

Blind spots

“Dancing with systems”

Ref: “ENCI: Emerging from Emergency” Engagement Paper (June 2019, after Dubrovnik meeting supported by WAAS)

ENCI findings 2020

Emergence is a **cultural transformation** > *the Human Revolution* (Peccei)

Gap between values (ethical, aesthetic, relational) and value (economic):
from separation and scarcity to **relatedness and abundance**

Pluriversity of perspectives: as much Ubuntu as modern science

Wider in perception and **deeper in learning**

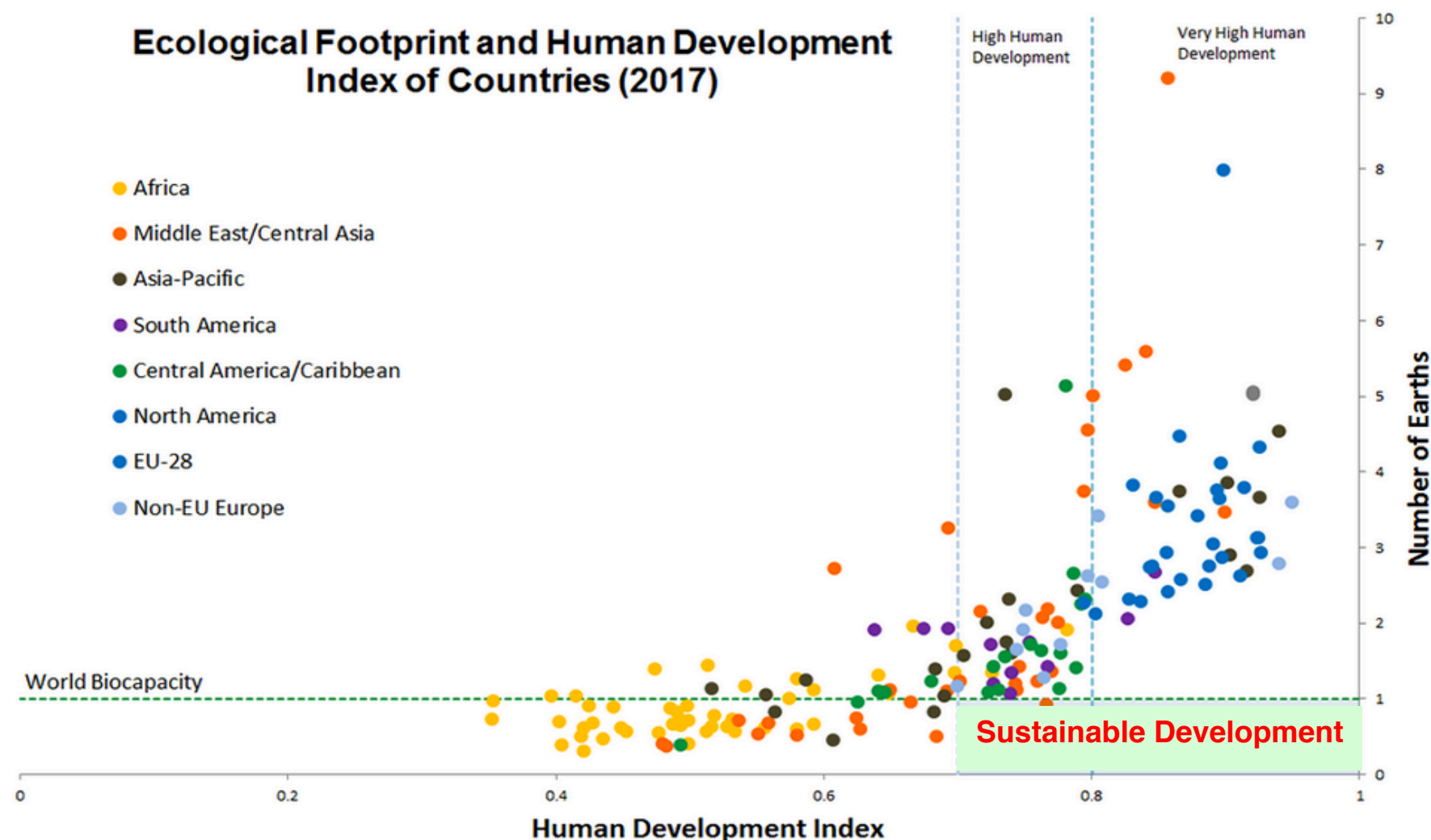
New conversations with unheard voices:

Most of the World, women, young generations, vulnerable communities

Putting **knowledge creation** upside down

Reinventing the concept of development

Ecological Footprint and Human Development Index of Countries (2017)



Source: Ecological Footprint (in number of Earths): National Footprint and Biocapacity Accounts, 2021 Edition, Global Footprint Network.
Human Development Index: Human Development Report, 2020, United Nations Development Programme.

LEARNING NEW WAYS OF BECOMING HUMAN

A discussion paper in the context of the
Emerging New Civilization(s) Initiative (ENCI)

The Club of Rome - October 2020

Framing the transformations we need to achieve as a huge process of exploring and learning our way in uncharted territories, in which the active participation of youth and intergenerational dialogues play a critical role

Coming back to the future...

"What we all need at this point in human evolution is to learn what it takes to learn what we should learn - and learn it."

Aurelio Peccei, in ["No Limits to Learning"](#) (1979)

Deeper learning in action

Example: what and how much energy do we need?

Fixed response Growing amount of fossil fuels

Same question, different response
 Growing amount of renewables

Reframing the question
 Decoupling wellbeing from energy consumption

Changing the question

Is energy consumption a driver of wellbeing?
What drives health and wellbeing?

Relationships !

Deeper learning in action

The unknown cannot be taught: it has to be explored

Systems thinking needs not be taught: it has to be preserved

People need safe spaces to explore the unscripted

Different generations have to learn together (not one teaching the next)

Communities and specialists have to learn together

Let us overcome separation (beyond “us” and “them”, beyond disciplines...)

> **life is relational !**

Ongoing activities

Webinars & workshops (internal+national chapters+guests):

Africa / India / Americas / China / EU / with emerging actors

“The map is not the territory – Break your brain” workshops

IBI Warm Data Labs / People Need People sessions

Development of themes and proposals

The Fifth Element – Life for learning, learning for life

Value & Values – Revisiting our debt to nature, rebalancing the books

Global Youth Engagement Program

Digital for Life / Innovation for Life

Pluriversality of worldviews – Narratives of hope

Funding prospection

Development of methodology

Partnership building

Quarterly dialogs Youth – CoR



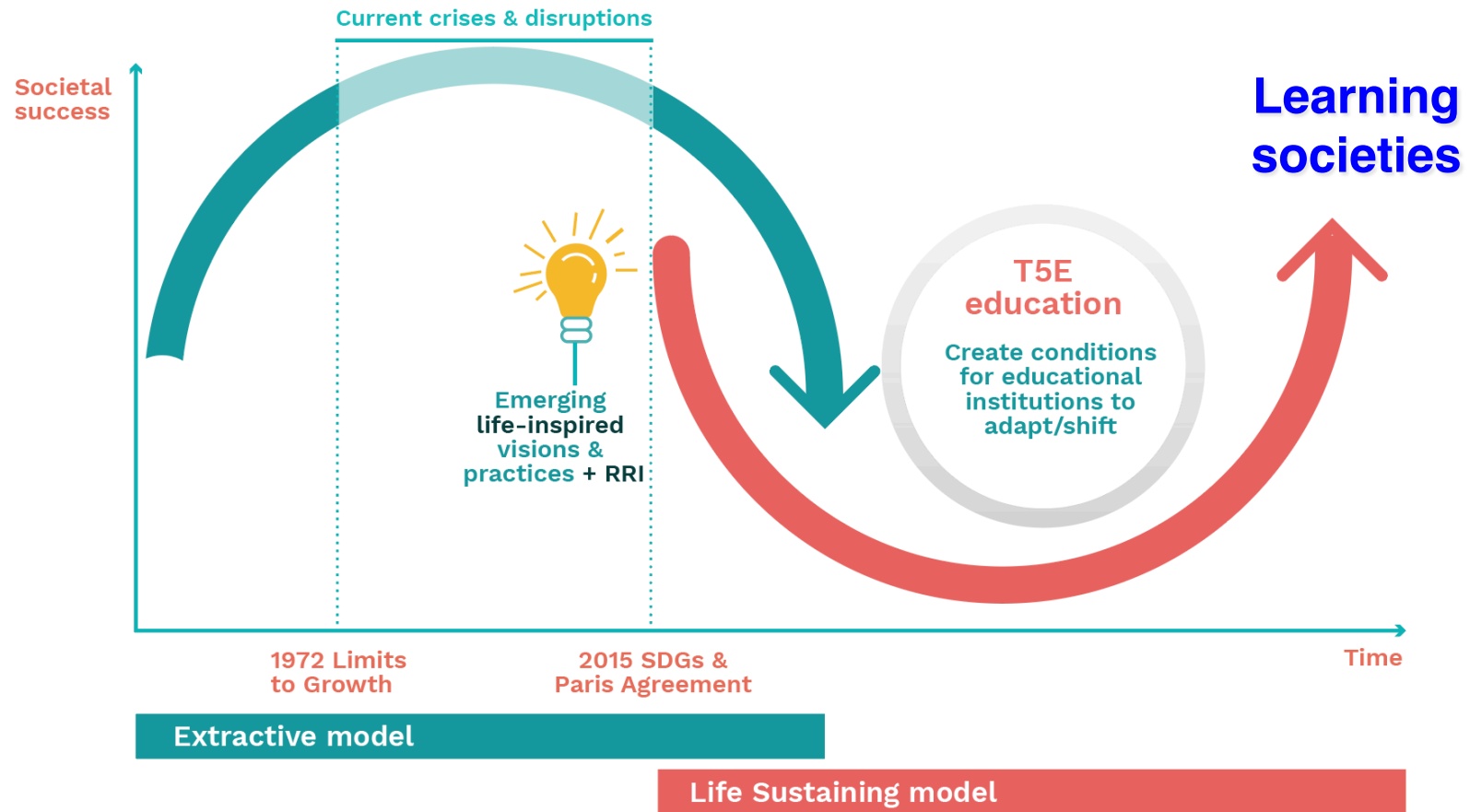
Life for Learning, Learning for Life

Life-inspired systemic learning to liberate **the transformative potential of learning for collective action** and building journeys towards desirable futures

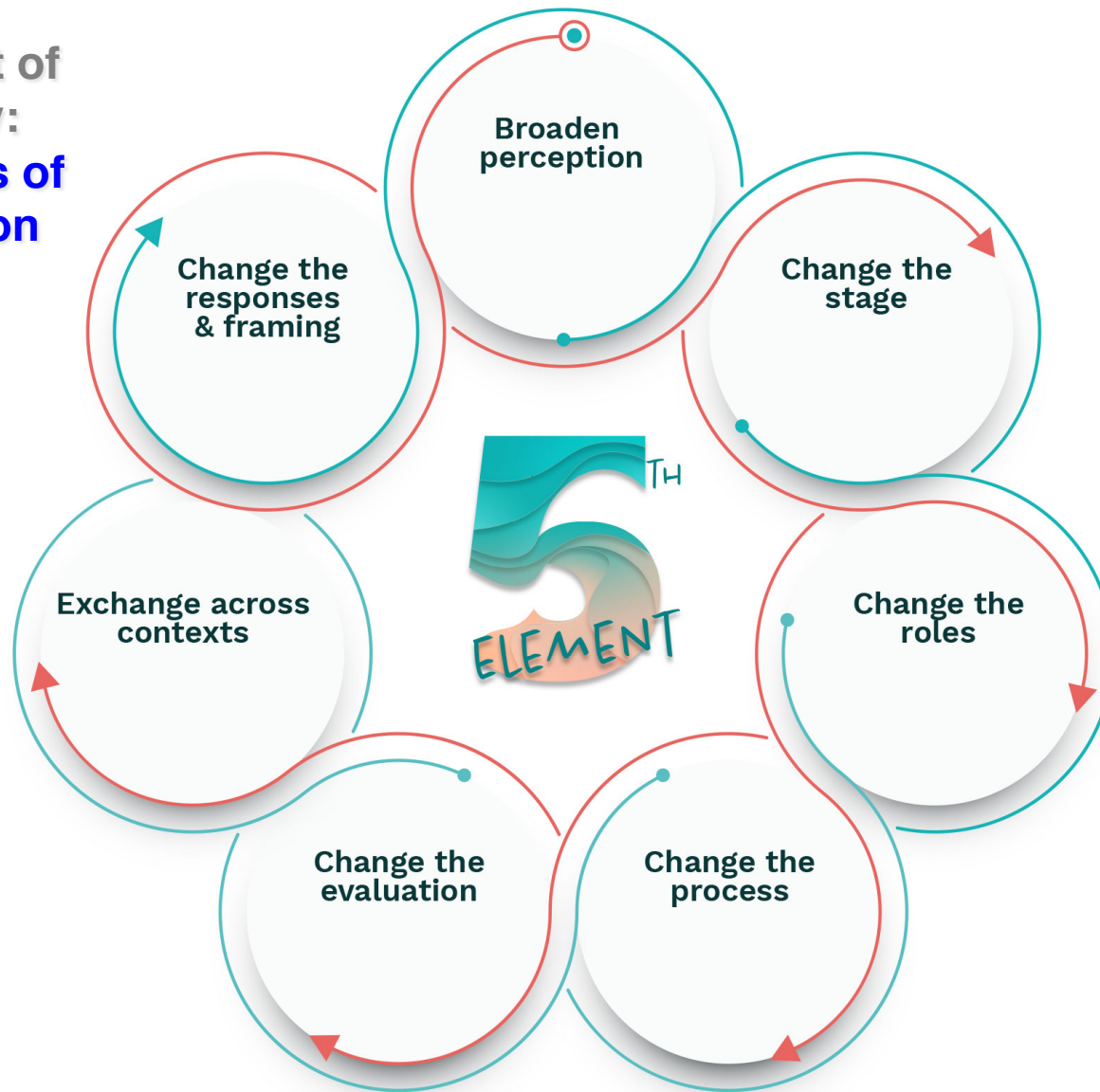
Learning as enabler of societal transformations: a new conception involving the whole of society, in which education becomes mutual and experiential learning, as a radical way of co-creation

Learning at last what we already know !

The ambition



Development of
methodology:
**the dynamics of
transformation**



The partnership



...actively looking for more partners in the “Global South”



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