

Strategic Foresight for the Post-2015 Development Agenda

Introduction to the format of the Strategic Foresight Café

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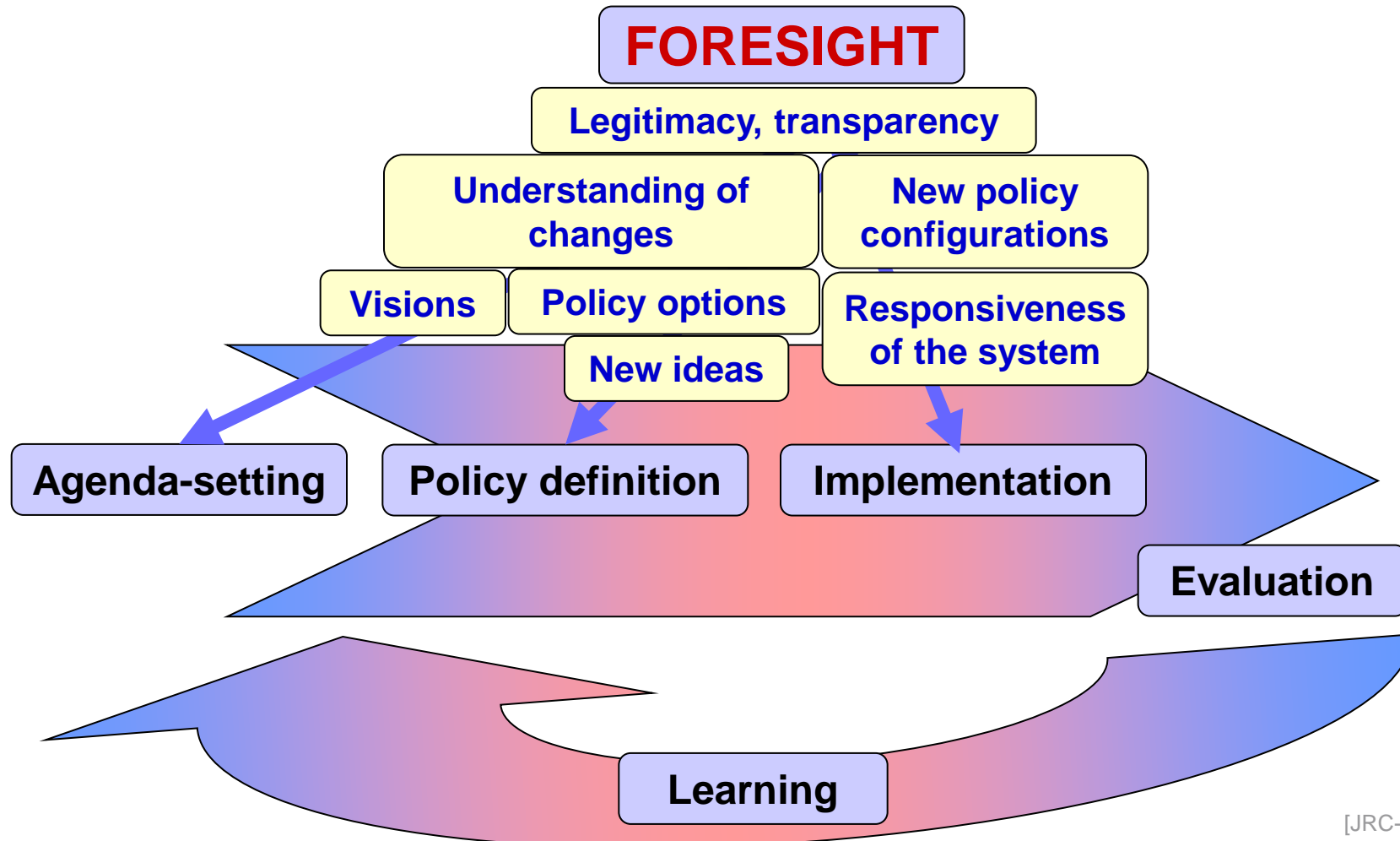
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FORESIGHT FEEDING INTO POLICY DESIGN



[JRC-IPTS, 2007]

FORESIGHT FUNCTIONS FOR POLICY MAKING

1. **Informing policy** – generating insights regarding the dynamics of change, future challenges and options, along with new ideas, and transmitting them to policy-makers as inputs to policy design
2. **Facilitating policy implementation** – enhancing the capacity for change within a given policy field by building a common awareness of the current situation and future challenges
3. **Embedding participation in policy making** – facilitating the participation of civil society in the policy making process, thereby improving its transparency and legitimacy
4. **Supporting policy definition** – jointly translating outcomes from the collective process into specific options for policy design and implementation
5. **Reconfiguring the policy system** – new configurations of or linkages between policy making bodies in a way that the system becomes apt to address long-term challenges
6. **Symbolic function** – indicating to the public that policy is based on rational information (i.e. *evidence-based policy making*)

PURPOSE OF STRATEGIC FORESIGHT CAFÉ

- The purpose of the strategic foresight café is to provide participants of the CSTD inter-sessional panel with the opportunity to discuss key questions related to Theme 1 ‘Strategic Foresight for the Post-2015 Development Agenda’ in three thematic sessions.
- The foresight café is based on the World Café (2002) process, which is a creative yet simple methodology for hosting conversations around particular questions that matter to benefit from the *‘wisdom of the crowd’*.

World Café Guidelines



PROCEDURE OF THE FORESIGHT CAFÉ EXERCISE

Introduction	15:00 Introduction to the strategic foresight café
Theme 1	15:15 Room 1, Room 2, Room 3
Theme 2	15:55 Room 2, Room 3, Room 1
Theme 3	16:35 Room 3, Room 1, Room 2
Wrap-up	17:15 Presentation of group findings by the chairpersons Discussion of findings and suggestions to be addressed at the 18 th Session of the CSTD, to be held in Geneva in May 2015

CSTD STRATEGIC FORESIGHT CAFÉ THEMES

- Theme 1 (Chair: Mr. Andrew Reynolds, USA)
STI and ICT trends, implications for MDG/SDGs transition and post-2015 development agenda
- Theme 2 (Chair: H.E. Gisella Kopper Arguedas, Costa Rica)
Sharing of national experiences and methodologies on foresight
- Theme 3 (Chair: Mr. A Min Tjoa, Austria)
Regional and international collaboration in foresight



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FROM THE ISSUES PAPER

Thematic coverage:

- Relevance of technology trends identified in Section III of the Issues Paper
- Role of technology foresight exercises to improve our understanding of societal challenges, policy action and investment decisions
- Technology foresight as a tool to support the Post-2015 Development Agenda
- Technology foresight and the private sector
- Preparing the STEM workforce for future technologies
- Sharing experiences on national foresight exercises
- International cooperation and the role of the CSTD



CSTD STRATEGIC FORESIGHT CAFÉ SPLIT

Group A	Group B	Group C
Room E.2070/72	Room E.2064/66	Room XVIII
T1→T3→T2	T2→T1→T3	T3→T2→T1
Suggested countries: Cameroon, Central African Republic, Lesotho, China, India, Islamic Republic of Iran, Bulgaria, Hungary, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Austria, Finland, France	Suggested countries: Liberia, Mauritius, Nigeria, Japan, Oman, Philippines, Latvia, Costa Rica, Cuba, El Salvador, Germany, Malta, Portugal	Suggested countries: Rwanda, Tanzania, Tunisia, Togo, Zambia, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Turkmenistan, Russian Federation, Mexico, Peru, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, USA

Chairpersons and facilitators rotate from one room to the other!

