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# From Questioning the Future to Acting on Monday Morning

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*"He who predicts the future lies even if he tells the truth"*

Arab Proverb





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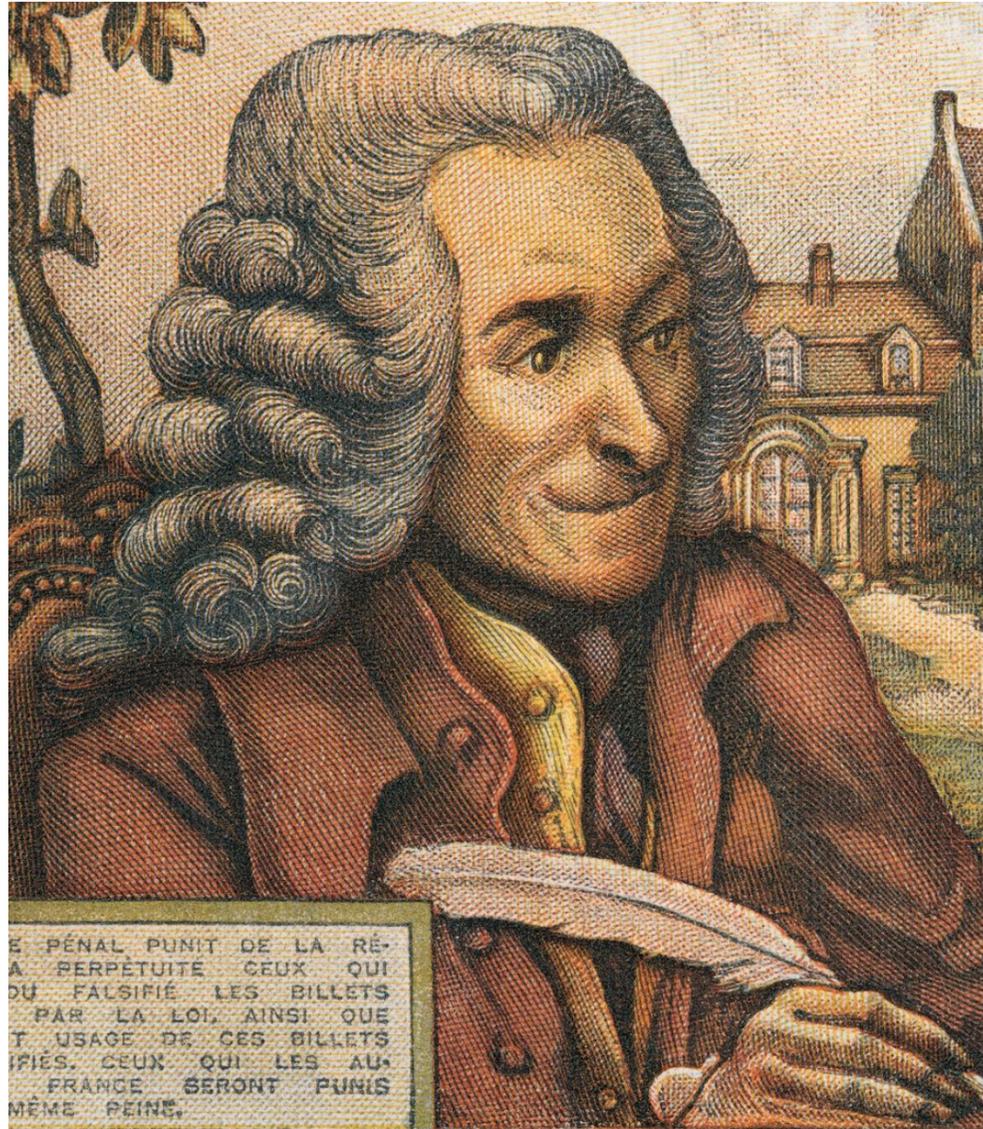
# *ASSUMPTIONS*

- Future is speculative.
- All predictions are inherently unreliable.
- Events can lead to wildly different outcomes.
- Truth is subjective and context-dependent.
- Ethical dimension of predictions and thus foresight.
- The truth about the future is only momentarily true.



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“History never repeats itself; man always does”

Voltaire



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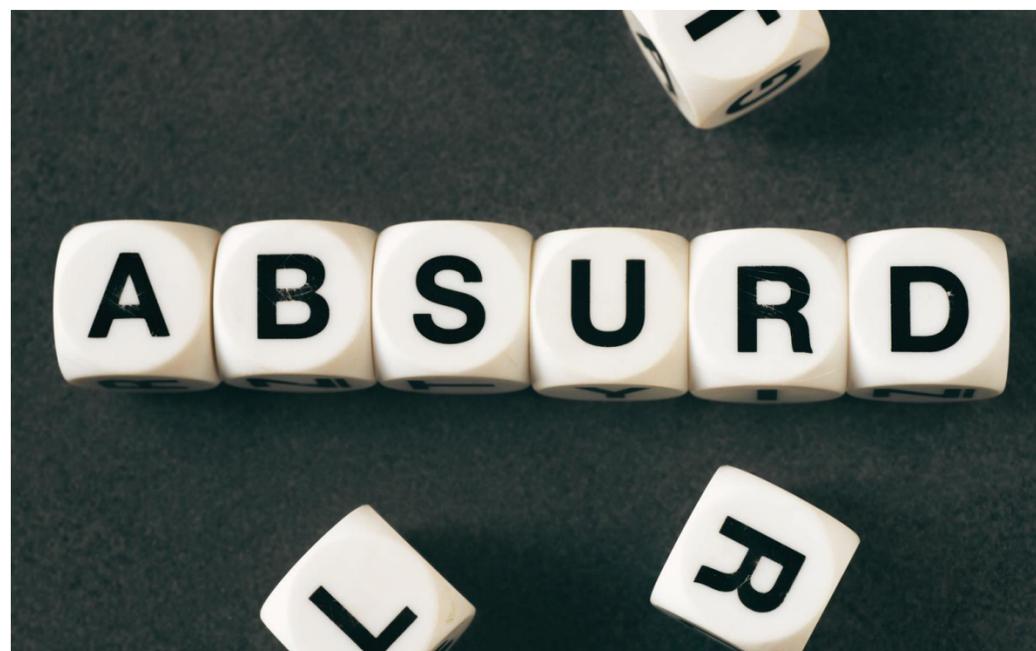


There are several things and values in the world that will never change. They will remain the same as ever and sometimes we call them **megatrends (data/strategic) or vital forces of change (cultural/relational/civilizational)**.



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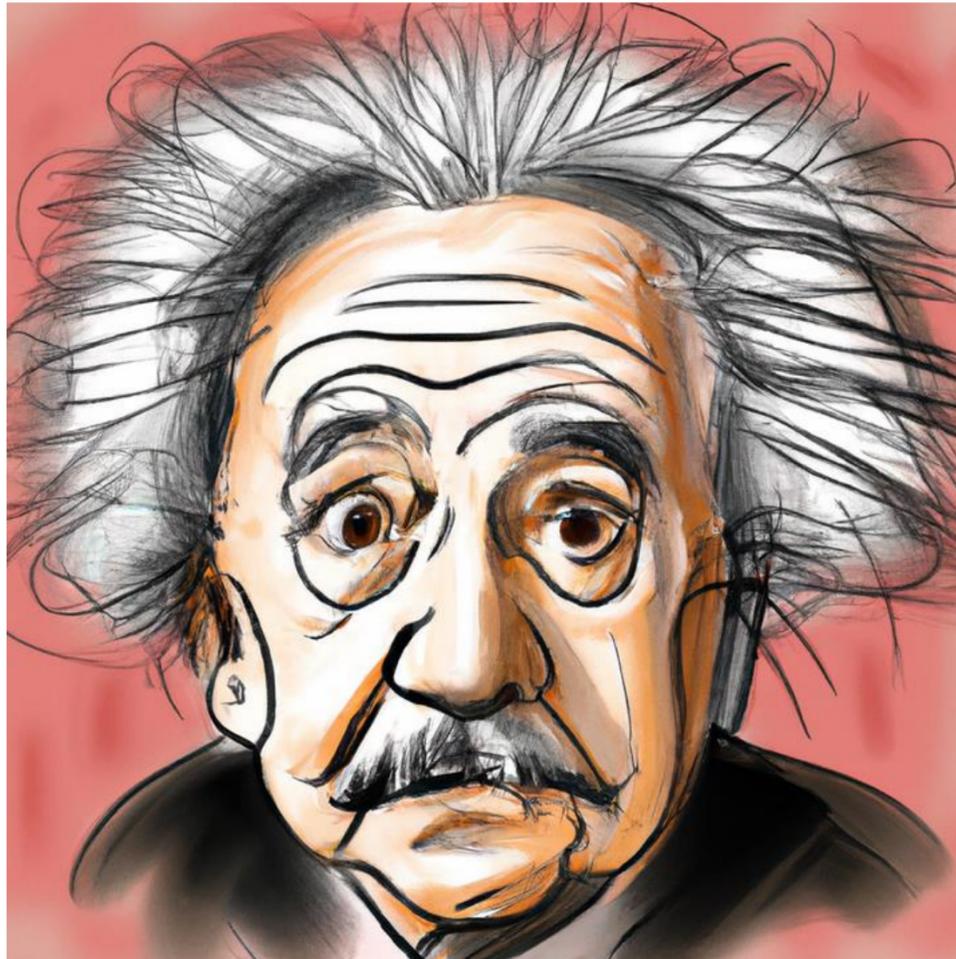


But then there are absurd ideas that enters our horizons of consciousness or change that challenges and disrupts the status quo and that we **disown at the outset. We call them the weak signals of change or emerging issues.**

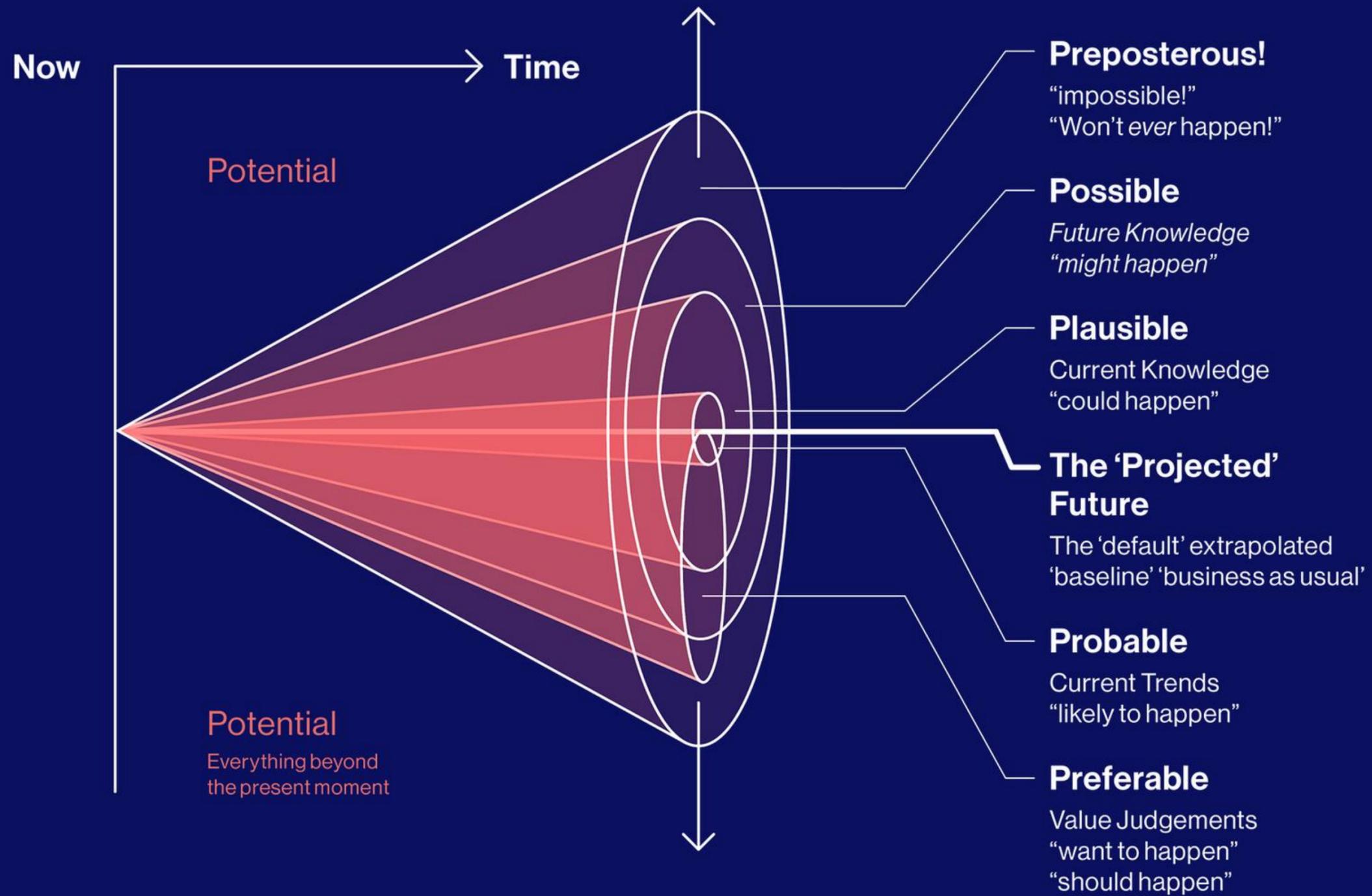


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“If at first the idea is not absurd, then there is no hope for it.”



Joseph Voros's Futures Cone



## ENGAGED FORESIGHT FRAMEWORK





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# ENGAGED FORESIGHT PROCESS

## DEVELOPING PROFESSIONAL FORESIGHT COMPETENCIES



**Questioning and  
Discovering**

How can we effectively frame an issue, idea, or policy within a futures-oriented context?



**Futuring and  
Transforming**

How do we identify baselines, alternatives, and commit to a preferred future?



**Designing  
and Adapting**

How can we empower an organization to bridge its vision with the present and develop actionable options and strategies?

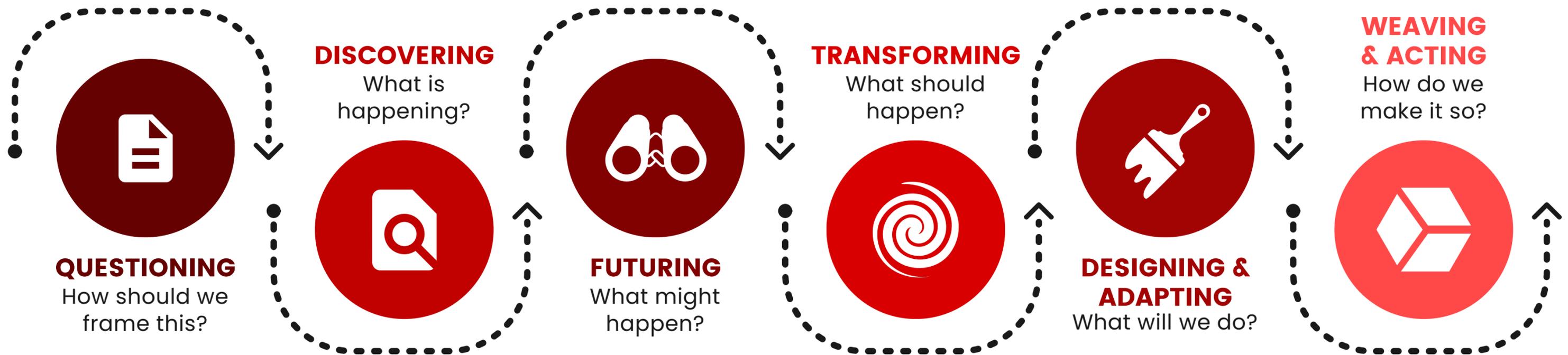


**Weaving of  
Insights and Acting**

How do we gather insights, build consensus, and implement the most compelling next steps?



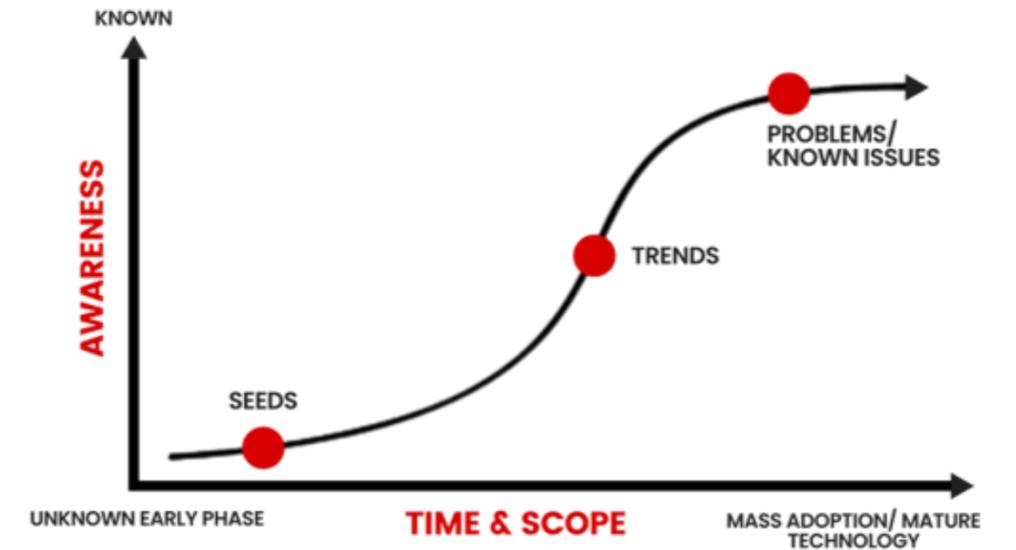
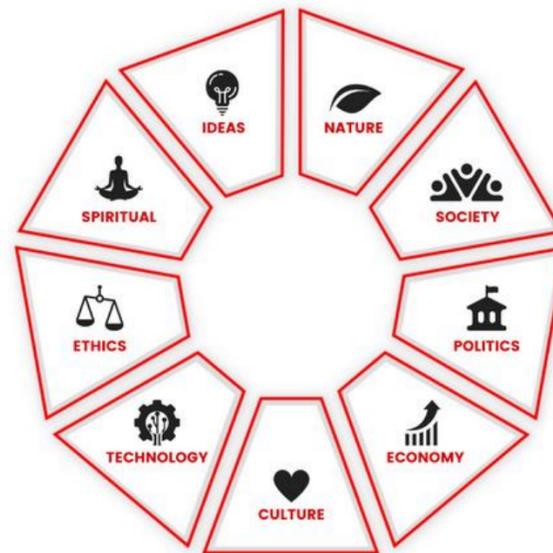
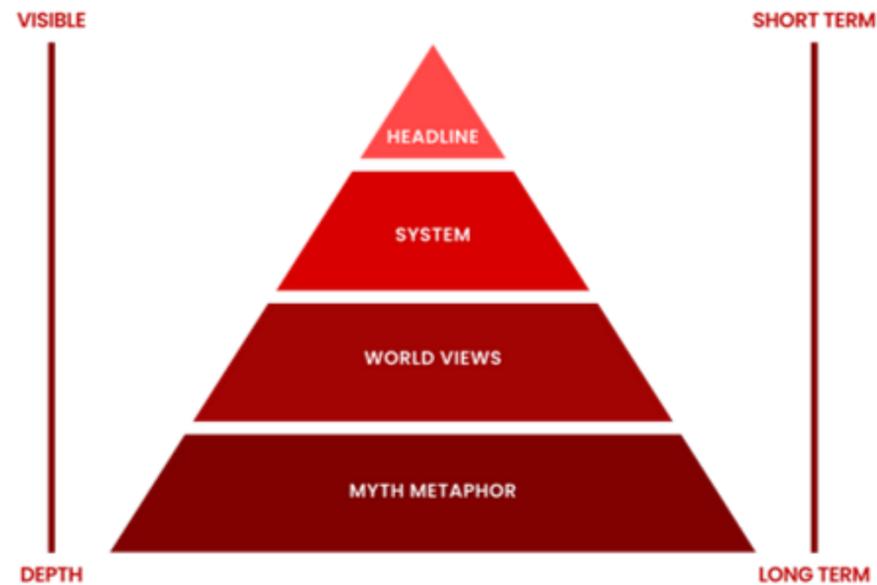
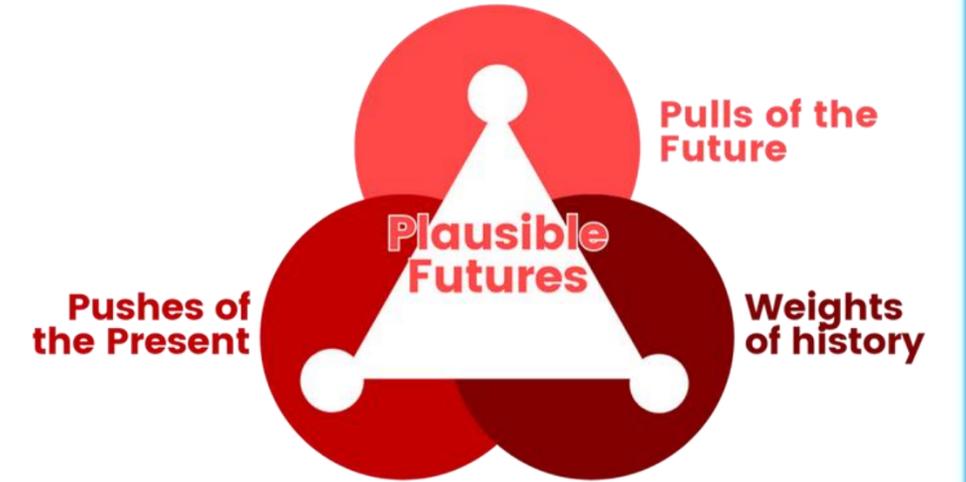
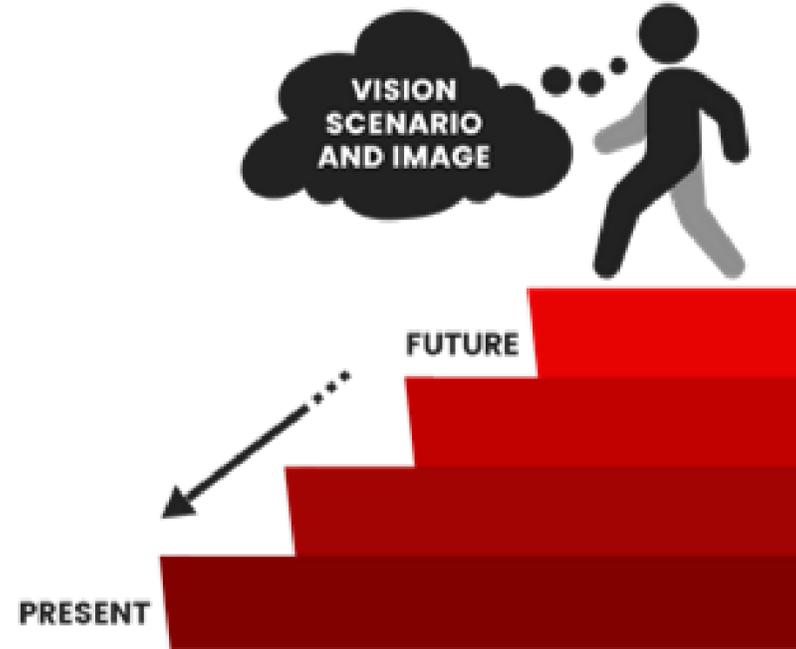
# SIX PROFESSIONAL FORESIGHT COMPETENCIES





### ALTERNATIVE FUTURES SCENARIO ARCHETYPE

<p><b>CONTINUED GROWTH</b></p> <p>There is persistence in growth. BUSINESS AS USUAL IS AMPLIFIED INTO THE FUTURE. Products, resources, and services are relatively cheap. Corporate Governance.</p>	<p><b>COLLAPSE</b></p> <p>The scenario is breakdown and decline. Society is in a constant downward spiral. SURVIVAL and DEGENERATION. Chaos and disorder. We have lost our sense of ethics and morality.</p>
<p><b>TRANSFORMATION</b></p> <p>High technology, mystical, space-driven or highly cohesive societies. From DOING TO BEING. Creative and imagination based society. Highly decentralized, autonomous, ultra-efficient.</p>	<p><b>DISCIPLINE</b></p> <p>Authoritarian and conserving. Society is frugal and somewhat theocratic. There is voluntary obedience. Managed growth. Preservation and restoration of places, processes, and values.</p>





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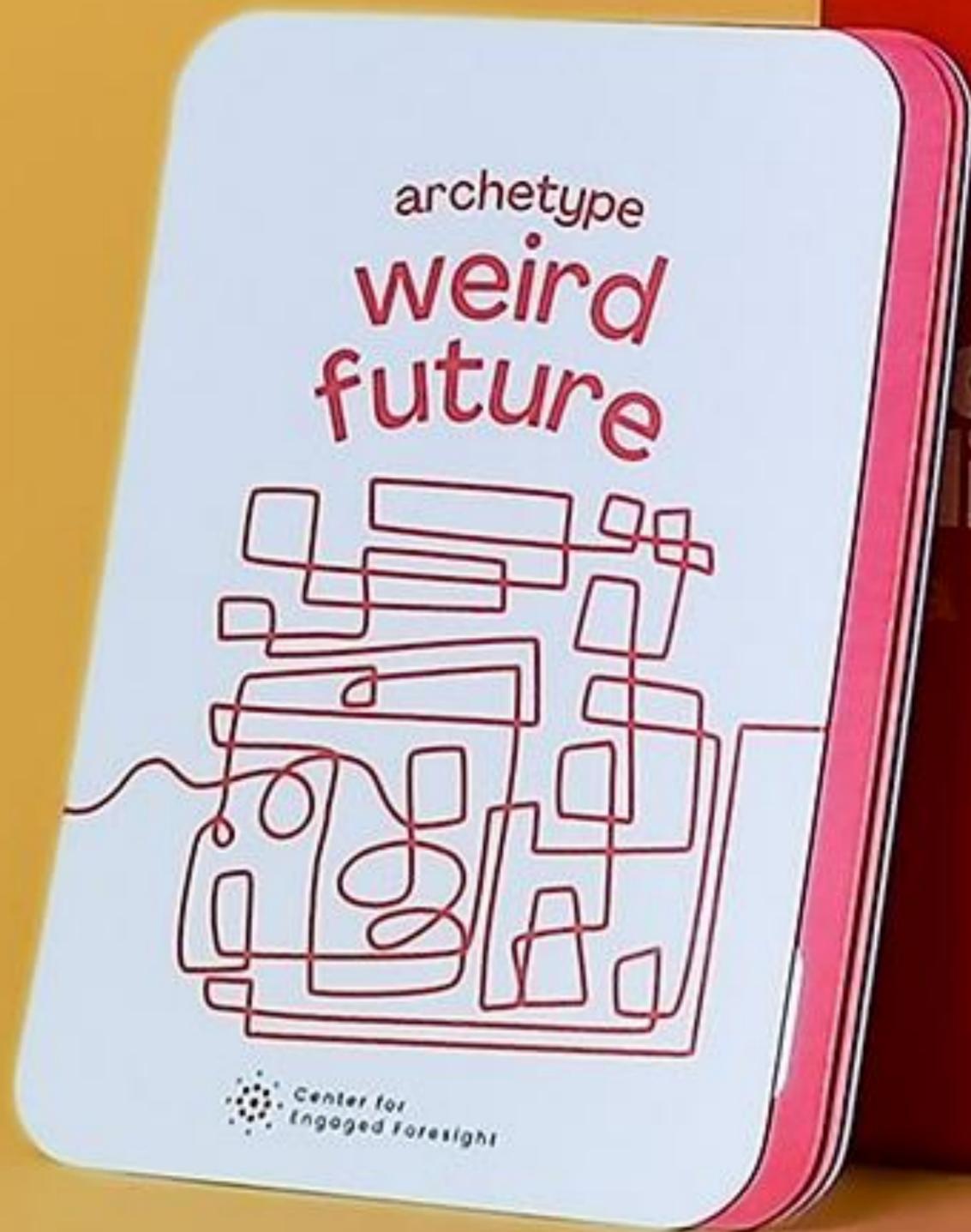


**A Scenario Workshop and Interface-Dialogue on Indigenous Community Foresight in Sarangani Province, Philippines, with the Muna'To Indigenous Peoples, Maharlika Sunrise Festival.**

Image: The Center for Engaged Foresight







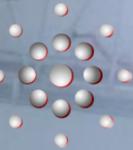
# Dreams & Disruptions a foresight game

Step into a world where chaos meets creativity, and uncertainty becomes your playground. Dreams and Disruptions is a wild ride and a transformative journey through the future.

Build scenarios with a twist of randomness, embrace diverse voices, and tackle disruptions head-on. With a dash of leadership, a pinch of anti-fragility, and a whole lot of imagination, this game will challenge your assumptions, immerse you in contradictions, and inspire you to dream big and shape anti-fragile tomorrows.

Buckle up, because the future is yours to create!

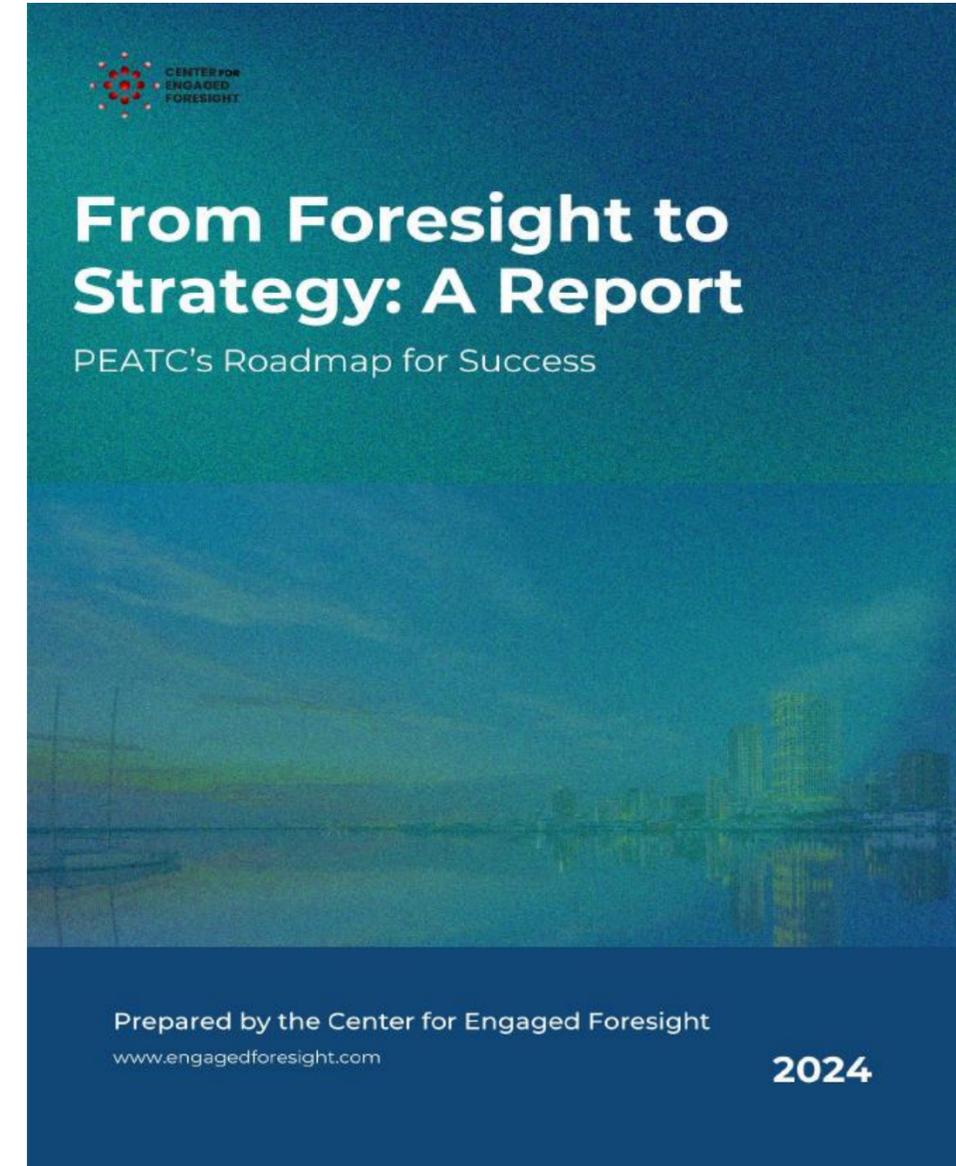
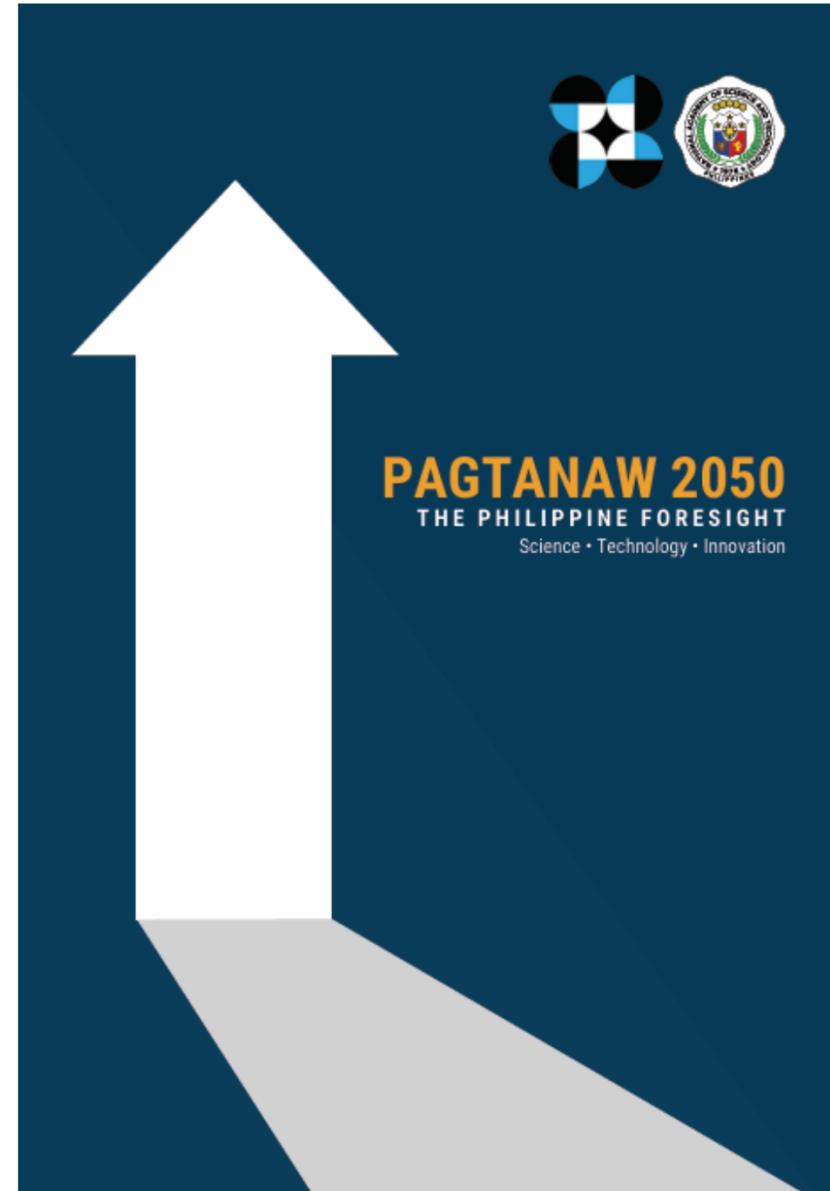






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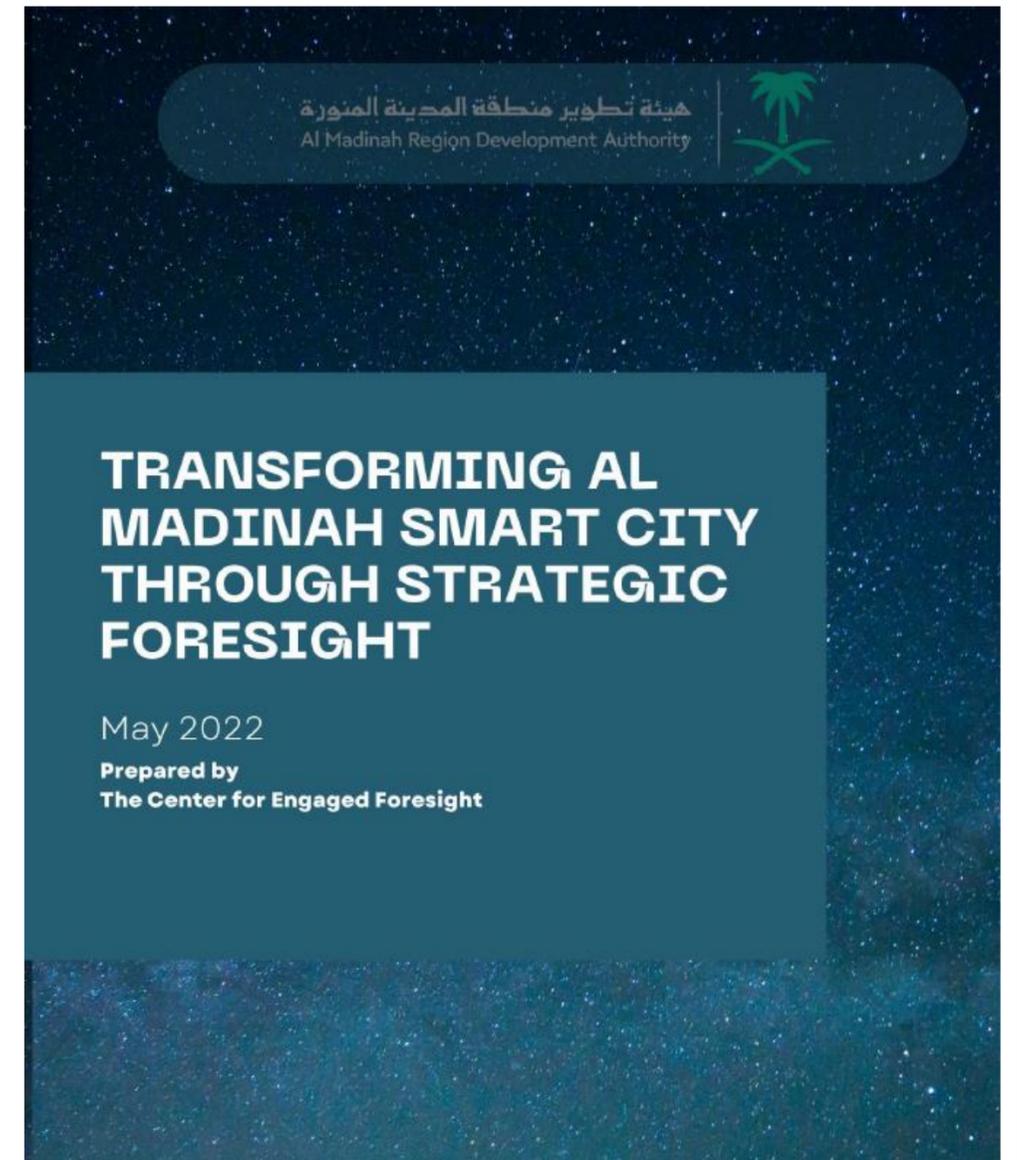
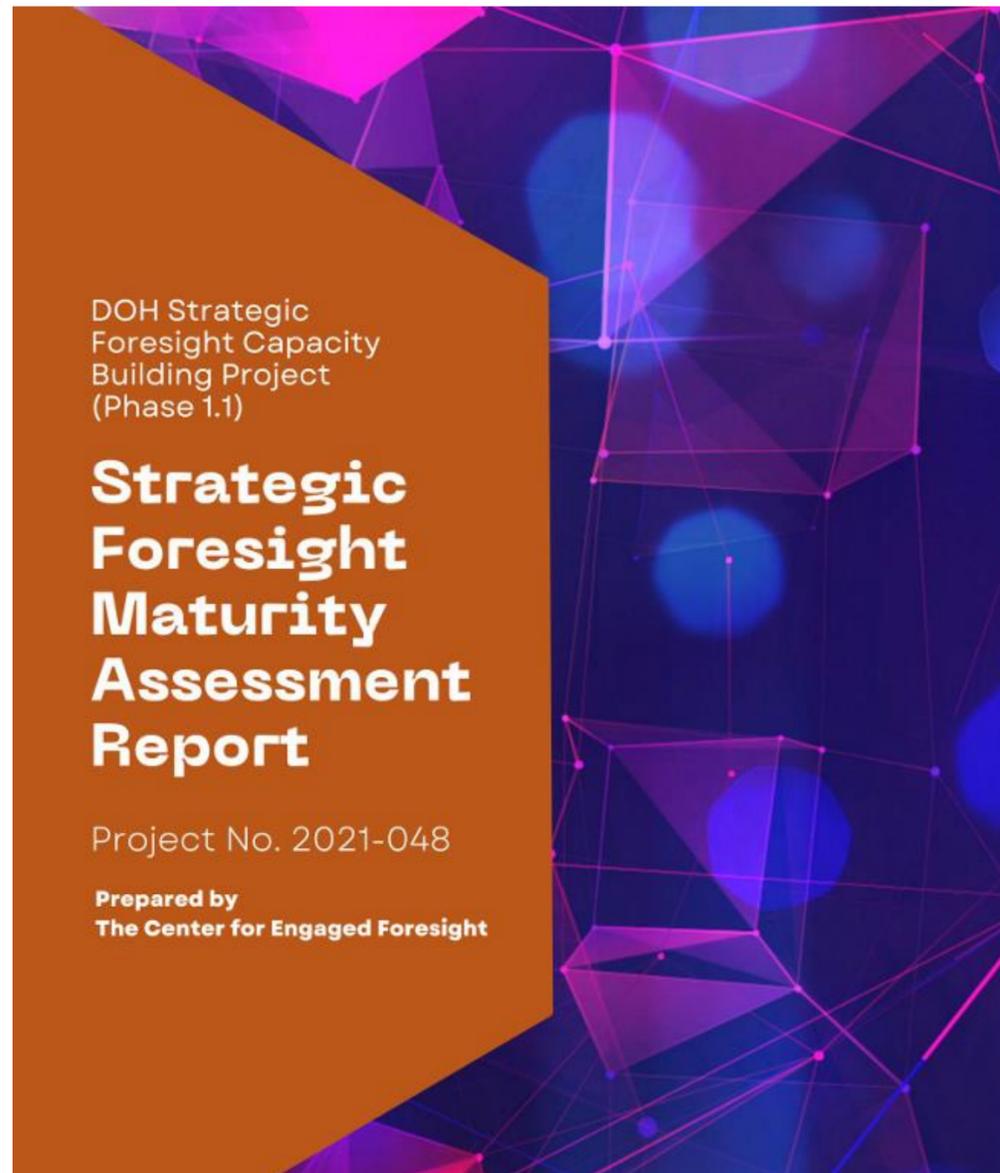
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**FINAL REPORT:  
 2040 FUTUREVISIONS AND STRATEGIC PATHWAYS  
 FOR A SMART DISASTER MANAGEMENT  
 IN WEST JAVA PROVINCES**

**Executive Summary**

This report presents the result of the four-day Smart Education and Training workshop to explore emerging issues, preferred futures and pathways to smart disaster management in West Java held on September 9-12, 2019 at the BPDSM Provinsi Jawa Barat, West Java Province. It employed and mixed the expert's knowledge, futures literacy and applied foresight methodologies to reveal, reframe and consolidate participant's assumptions, insights and 2040 future visions of West Java province smart disaster management.



*Figure 1 Governor Ridwan Kamil with the smart disaster management participants of the Smart Education and Training Workshop. 2019*

Two preferred and one integrated smart disaster management visions stood out in the workshop: 1) *Jabar Tangguh Bencana (Living in harmony with disasters)*; 2) *Tatanga Sabar: A Smart, Resilient, Responsive and Prepared West Java 2040* (the integrated vision) and 4) *Jabar Lenteng 2040*.<sup>1</sup>

The cover features logos for UNESCO National Commission of the Philippines, HRCFS, and SMART. The title is prominently displayed in white and blue text against a red and grey background. Below the title, it specifies the event as a 'FORUM-WORKSHOP ON ANTICIPATORY THINKING AND STRATEGIC FORESIGHT FOR SUSTAINABLE CITIES' held in May 2014 in Laoag, Philippines.

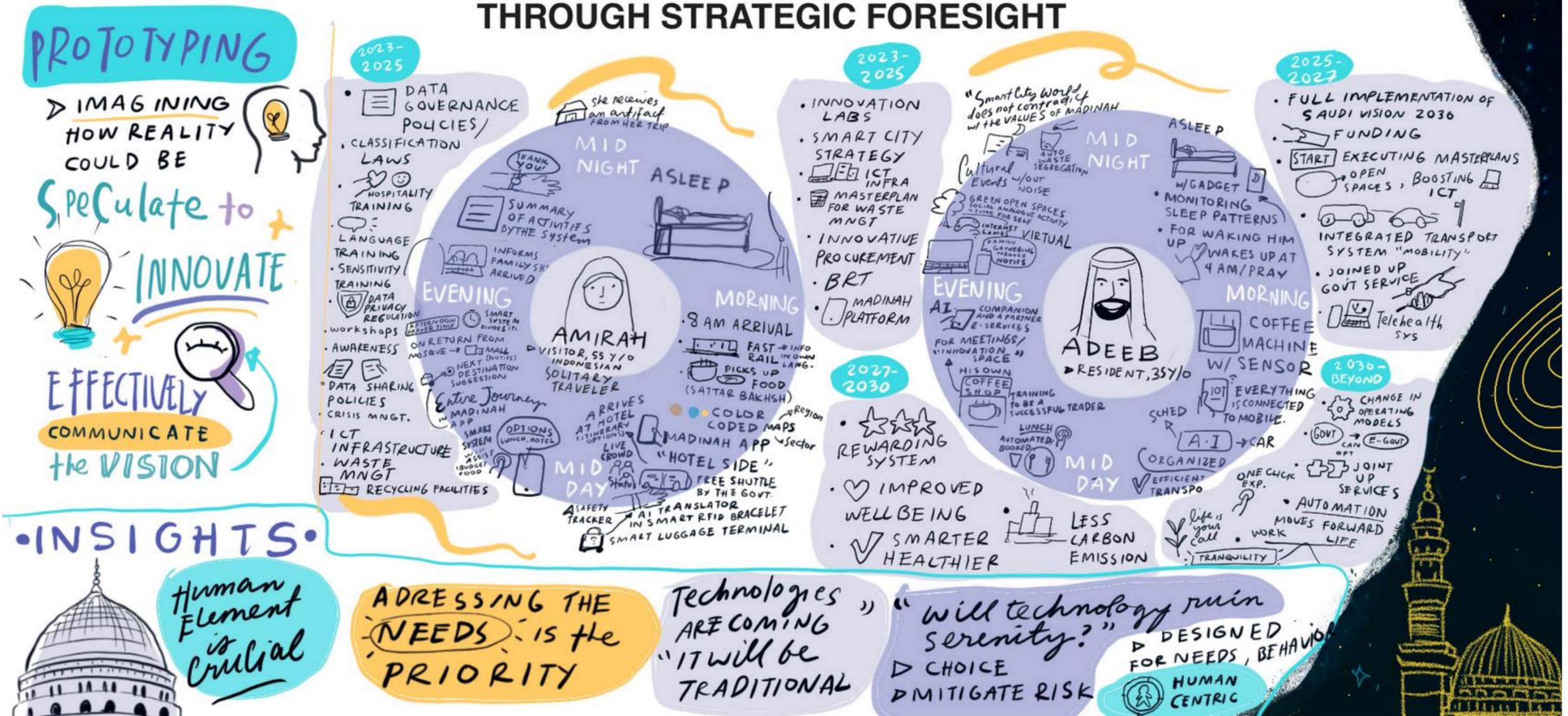
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**TRANSFORMING SMART CITIES FOR THE AL MADINAH CITY THROUGH STRATEGIC FORESIGHT**





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**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING THE MAKATI FUTURES THINKING AND STRATEGIC FORESIGHT COMMITTEE AS A SPECIAL COMMITTEE UNDER THE MAKATI DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT (DRRM) COUNCIL**

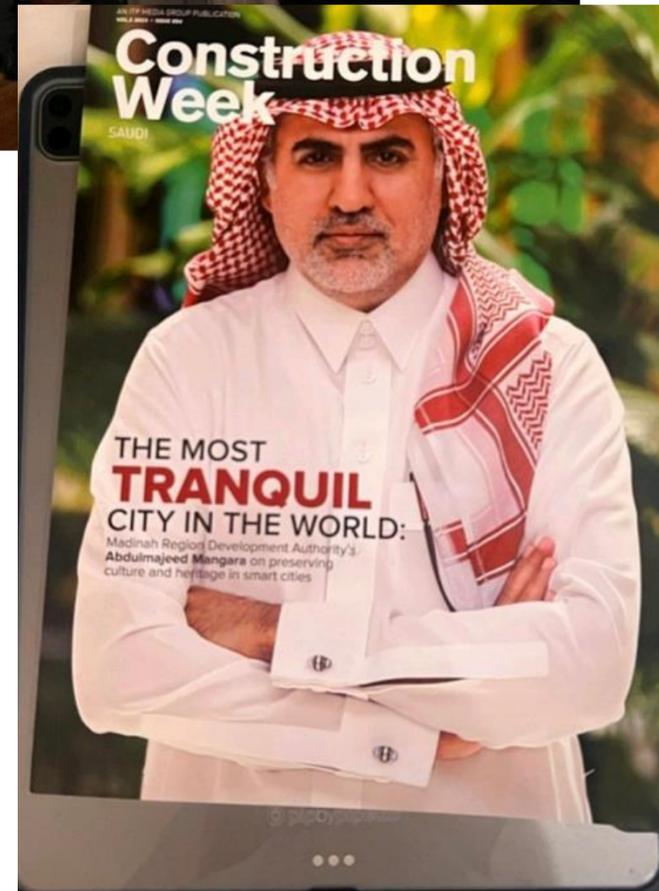
**WHEREAS**, the Philippines adopted the seventeen (17) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which provides a framework to attain a better and sustainable future for all;

**WHEREAS**, the SDG 11 Sustainable Cities and Communities expressed the need to “substantially increase the number of cities and human settlements adopting and implementing integrated policies and plans towards inclusion, resource efficiency, mitigation and adaptation to climate change, resilience to disasters, and develop and implement, in line with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, holistic disaster risk management at all levels”;

**WHEREAS**, Section 2 of Republic Act No. 10121 likewise known as the “Philippine DRRM Act of 2010”, states that it is essential to “adhere to and adopt the universal norms, principles and standards of humanitarian assistance and the global effort on risk reduction as concrete expression of the country’s commitment to overcome human sufferings due to recurring disasters”;

**WHEREAS**, Section 2 of Republic Act No. 9729 otherwise known as the “Climate Change Act of 2009”, stipulates that “the State shall strengthen, integrate, consolidate and institutionalize government initiatives to achieve coordination in the implementation of plans and programs to address climate change in the contest of sustainable development”;

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of the Local Government Code, otherwise known as the “General Welfare Clause”, mandates that every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily, appropriate or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare;





The Life of all Filipinos by 2040  
Matatag, Maginhawa at Panatag na Buhay

*By 2040, Filipinos enjoy a strongly rooted, comfortable, and secure life. In 2040, we will all enjoy a stable and comfortable lifestyle, secure in the knowledge that we have enough for our daily needs, unexpected expenses, that we can plan and prepare for our own and our children's future. Our family lives together in a place of our own, and we have the freedom to go where we desire, protected and enabled by a clean, efficient, and fair government.*



The NEDA has published various information, communication, and education materials on *AmBisyon Natin 2040* for ease of understanding on how our long-term vision was crafted and eventually branded.



**AmBisyon Natin**

**2040** represents the collective long-term vision and aspirations of the Filipino people for themselves and for the country in the next 25 years. It describes the kind of life that people want to live, and how the country will be by 2040. As such, it is an anchor for development planning across

**AmBisyon Natin 2040** is a

picture of the future, a set of life goals and goals for the country. It is different from a plan, which defines the strategies to achieve the goals. It is like a destination that answers the question "Where do we want to be?". A plan describes the way to get to the destination; AmBisyon Natin 2040 is the

**AmBisyon Natin 2040** is the

result of a long-term visioning process that began in 2015. More than 300 citizens participated in focus group discussions and close to 10,000 answered the national survey. Technical studies were prepared to identify strategic options for realizing the vision articulated by citizens. The



Vision 2040 is a statement of where Filipinos aspire to be in 25 years. It is a set of goals identified by the public, for themselves, their children, their community, and the country. This vision, once articulated, shall eventually set the direction for government policy.

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The Highlights of the National Survey briefly talks about the details of the long-term survey conducted by NEDA in 2015.



The Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) tackles on how our long-term vision became our AmBisyon Natin for 2040.



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## *KEY OUTCOMES*

- STRATEGIC RESOURCE ALLOCATION
- INCREASE APPETITE FOR AND STRENGTHENED INNOVATION CAPACITY
- INCREASED STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT
- LONG-TERM CLARITY GUIDES POLICY, PRIORITIES AND DECISIONS
- ENHANCED INTERDEPARTMENTAL COLLABORATION
- PROACTIVE RISK MANAGEMENT
- ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OR INCREASE AGILITY AND FLEXIBILITY
- FOSTERED A CULTURE LEARNING AND FORESIGHT
- CULTIVATING NETWORKS AND BUILDING TRUST



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*“How thick is the present? The present  
is just a limit between the past and  
the future.”*

Aristotle



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May the future be kind to all of us.



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