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Agribusiness management, value chain analysis, and leadership

A short course for PCAARRD Industry Strategic Plan Managers

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Learning outcomes

1. Identify and define real-world issues, opportunities and constraints to agribusiness development in agri-food value chains in the Philippines;
2. Map value chains and identify appropriate investigative techniques to specific value chain challenges;
3. Evaluate partnership needs and develop appropriate approaches to broker effective collaborations;
4. Build on leadership skills through enhanced foresighting and adaptive management techniques;
5. Effectively communicate results and findings.



Our approach to the week

Day 1

Your capacity
to lead and
influence

*AM Leadership
PM Partnerships
Dinner event*

Day 2

Strategically
consider
value chains

*AM Concepts
PM Community
Working evening*

Day 3

Get hands on

*AM Field visits

Working evening*

Day 4

Reflect on the
future

*AM Your future
PM Celebrations
3PM finish*



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The Role of the ISP Manager





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Thinking in systems, thinking with impact



The food system

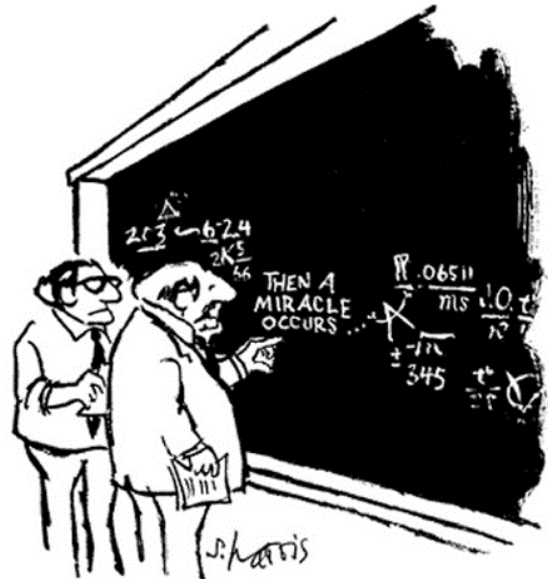
Food systems encompass the *entire range of actors* and their *interlinked value-adding activities* involved in the production, aggregation, processing, distribution, consumption and disposal of food products that originate from agriculture, forestry or fisheries, and parts of the broader economic, societal and natural *environments in which they are embedded*.

The role of R&D for impact

- Applied research typically is to underpin positive development – ie research that is designed to have an ‘impact’
- Achieving impact requires social change
- To bring about social change, human actors interact through time within a social system
- To achieve impact, research projects need to align with an implicit ‘theory’ about how desirable social change might occur—a ‘theory of change’

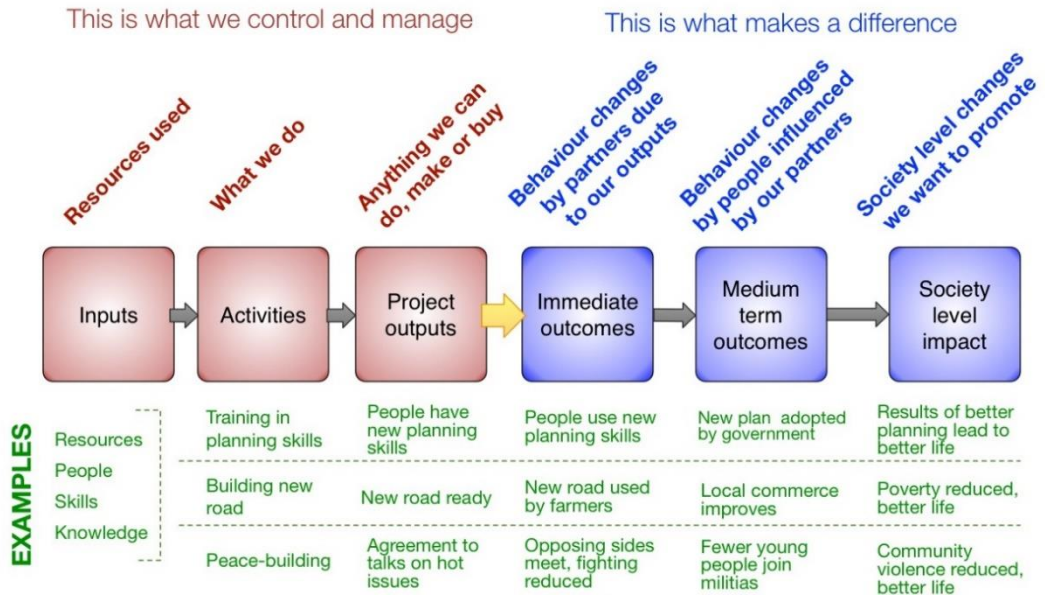
Pathways to impact: some key premises

- Essentially a road map
- Start with goals being sought by a project or program *then work backwards*
- Not just a tool but *an approach and process*; many ways to do it
- End up outlining a roadmap of how you get from “here” (i.e. activities, outputs) to “there” (i.e. outcomes and goals) - the ‘missing middle’ between what a project/program initiative does/funds and how these lead to desired changes



“I think you should be more explicit here in step two.”

Pathways to impact: some key premises - 2

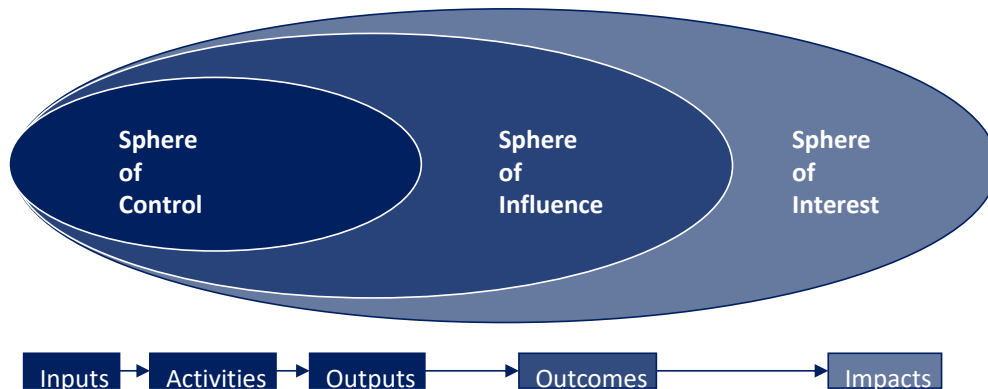


(Source: resultsbased.org 2016)

Very difficult to predict what **impacts** might be achieved in advance; and changes cannot be controlled by one programme

Pathways to impact: some key premises - 3

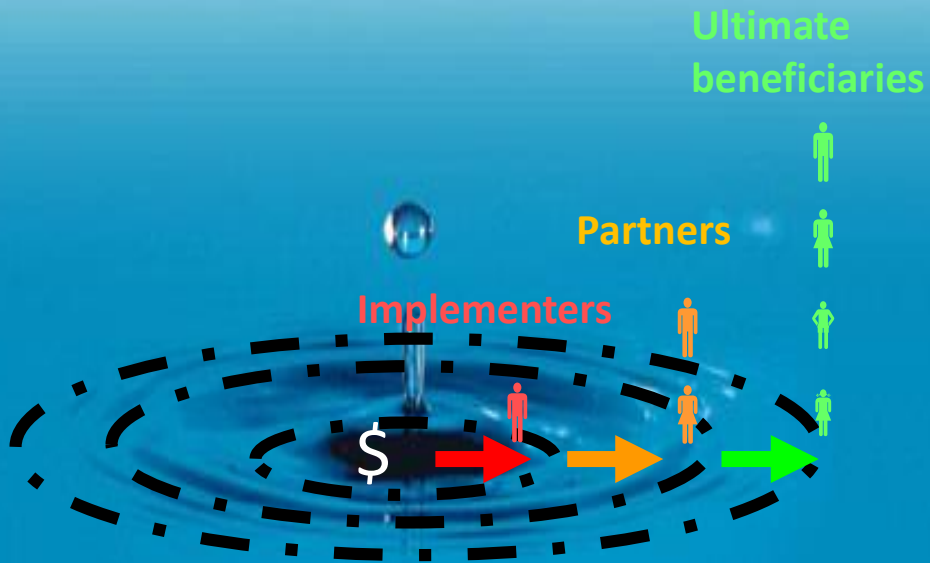
- Focus is on **outcomes**
- Recognition of limits of our influence
- Outcomes → where a programme/work can have a direct influence



(Source: Hearn 2009 (ODI))

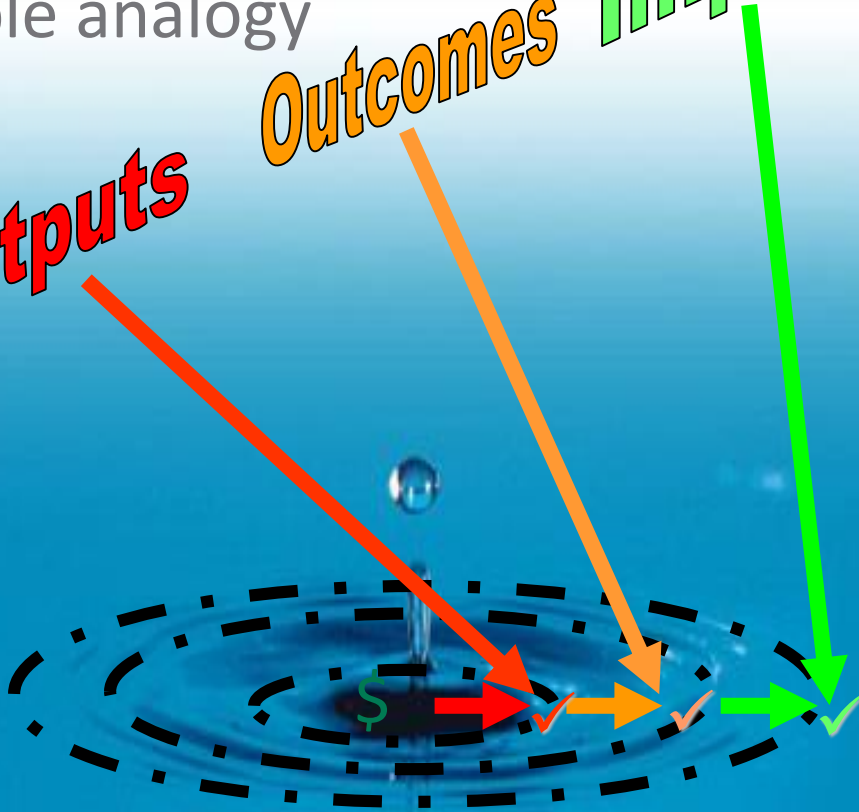


The ripple analogy



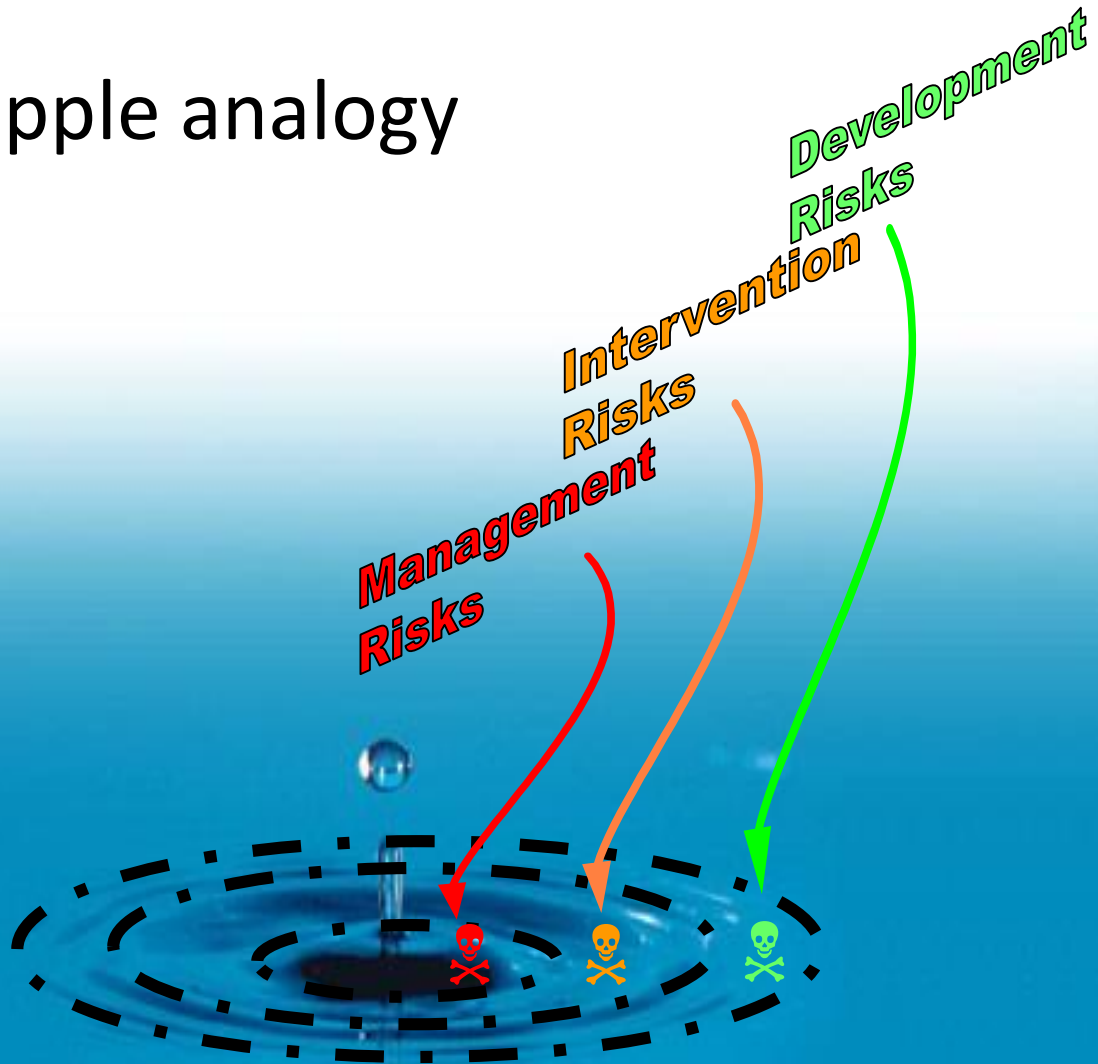
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Outputs **Outcomes** **Impact**

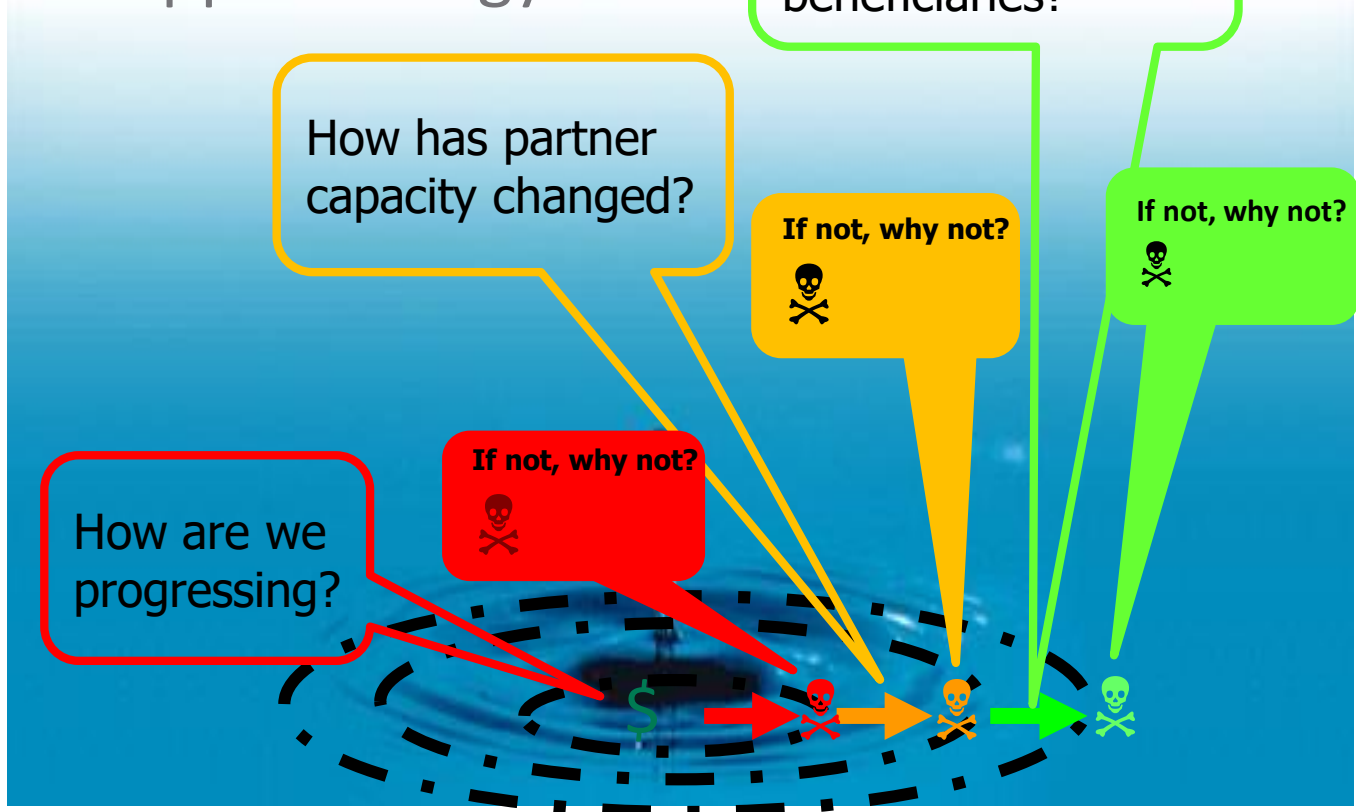




The ripple analogy



The ripple analogy





MARKET PLAYERS

Government

Infrastructure

SUPPORTING FUNCTIONS

Information

Informing & communicating

Related services

Private sector

Demand

CORE

Supply

Setting & enforcing rules

Regulations

Informal networks

Informal rules & norms

Business membership organisations

Standards

Laws

RULES

Not-for-profit sector

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Adaptive leadership

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Partnership brokering

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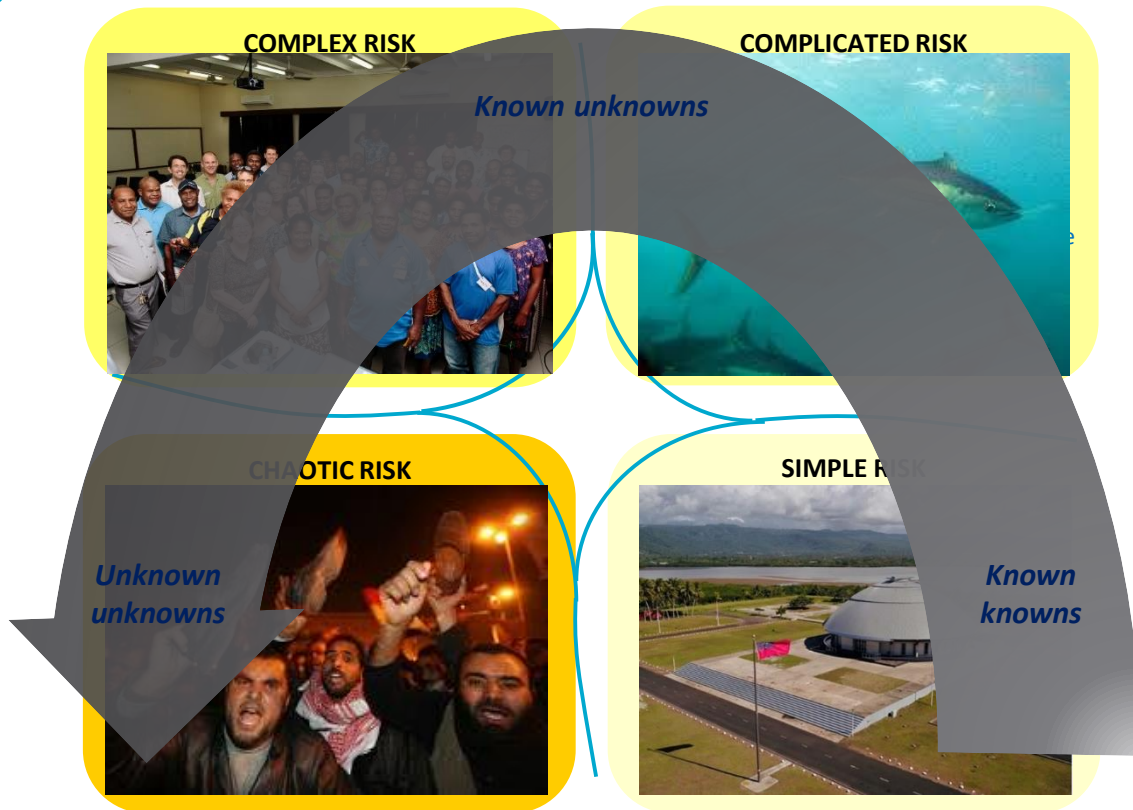


Partnerships and Brokering

Write down (5 mins)

- Why are partnerships important
- What have you gained from partnering
- What have been your challenges

Typology of future risk and knowledge brokering



Partnership brokering roles within this model

When complex

- Hold the space for creative thinking; lack of knowing
- Be alert to emergent patterns and insights

When complicated

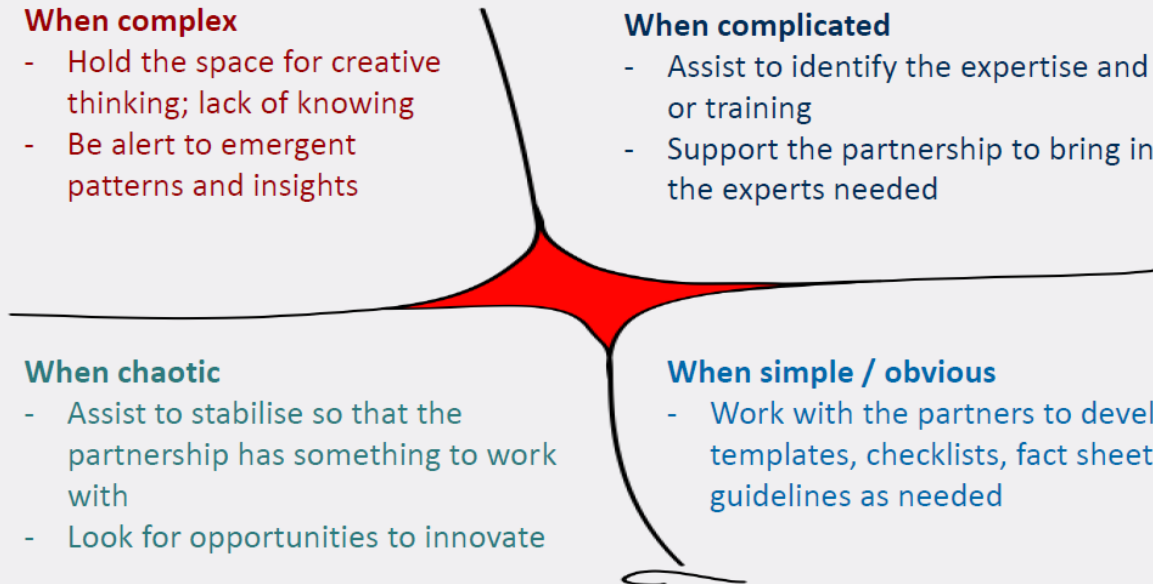
- Assist to identify the expertise and / or training
- Support the partnership to bring in the experts needed

When chaotic

- Assist to stabilise so that the partnership has something to work with
- Look for opportunities to innovate

When simple / obvious

- Work with the partners to develop templates, checklists, fact sheets, guidelines as needed





Defining the term 'partnership'

Based on a dictionary definition the term partnership can be understood as:

an **ongoing working relationship** where **risks and benefits are shared**

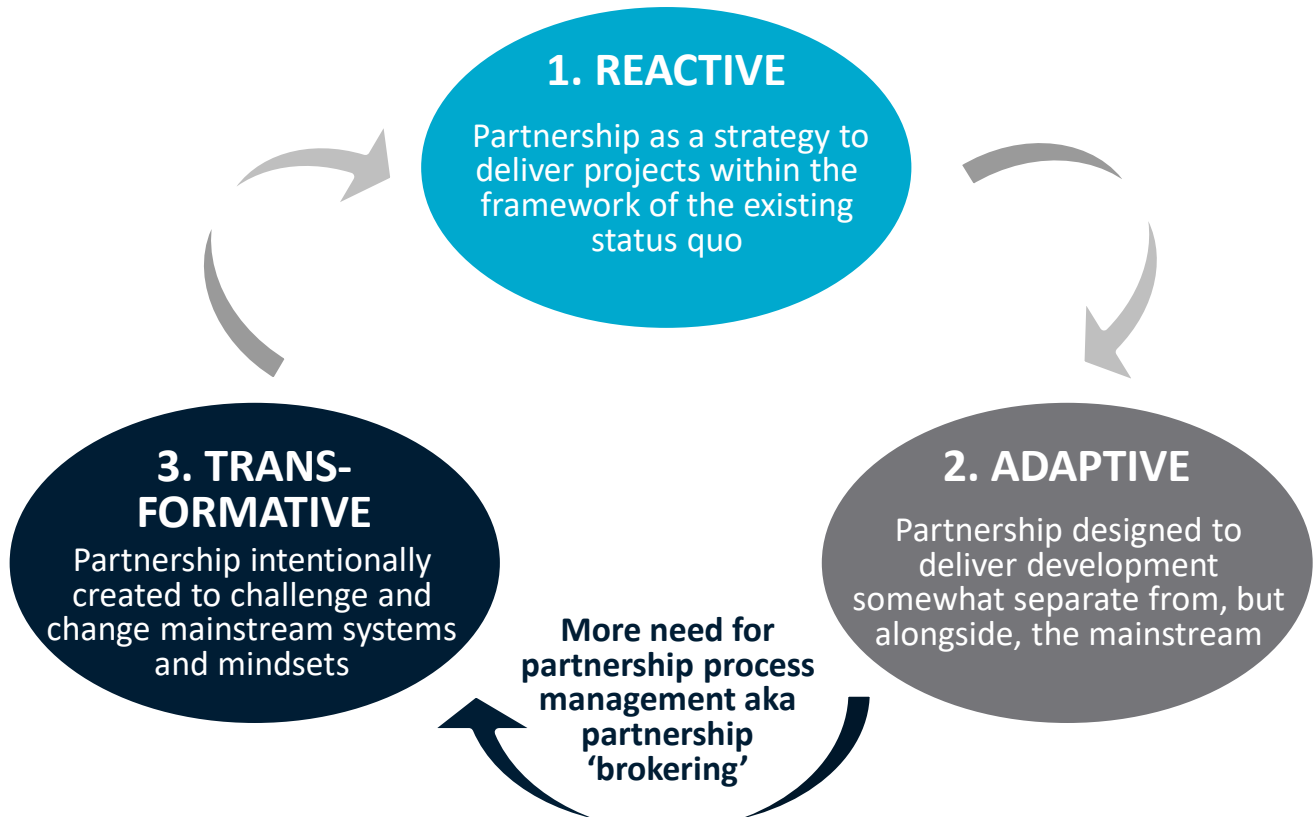
In practical terms this implies that each partner is equally involved in:

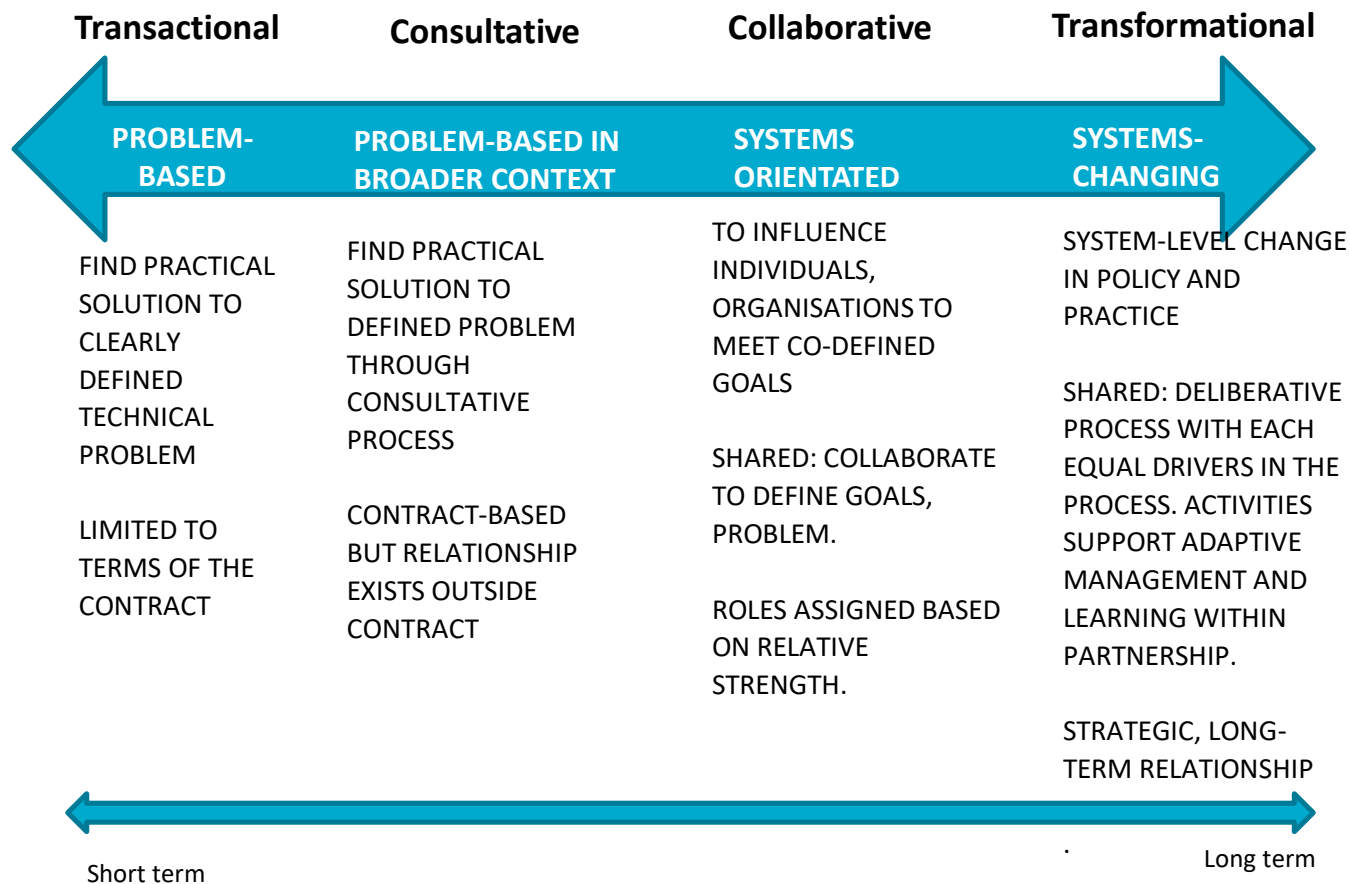
- **Co-creating** the partnership's activities
- Bringing **contributions** (or different kinds to the partnership)
 - Committing to **mutual accountability**

What matters is not so much whether partnerships conform to this definition but that all partnerships share / agree a definition



Positioning partnerships and partnership brokering





The value add of partnering

The 'benefits' of partnership

Inputs

Combined resources
from all the partners

Minus

Transaction cost



Value Add

Innovation
Quality
Legitimacy & buy-in
Integrated solutions
Sustainability
Appropriateness
Like hood of
Implementation



Outputs

Achievement of project and
individual partners' objectives

Additional benefits:

Attitude change

Networking

Technical transfer

Increased social capital

Spin off activities

Wider influence on policy &
practice towards systems change

Capacity building of partners

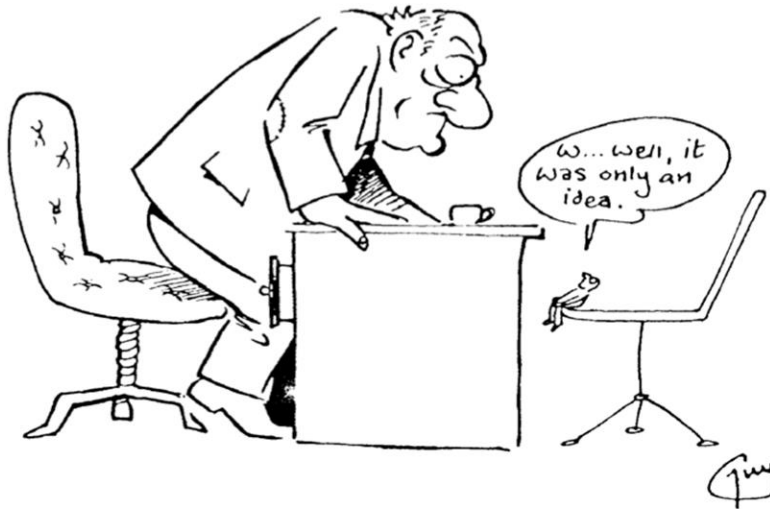
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Common partnering challenge: **ANXIETY ABOUT DIFFERENCE**



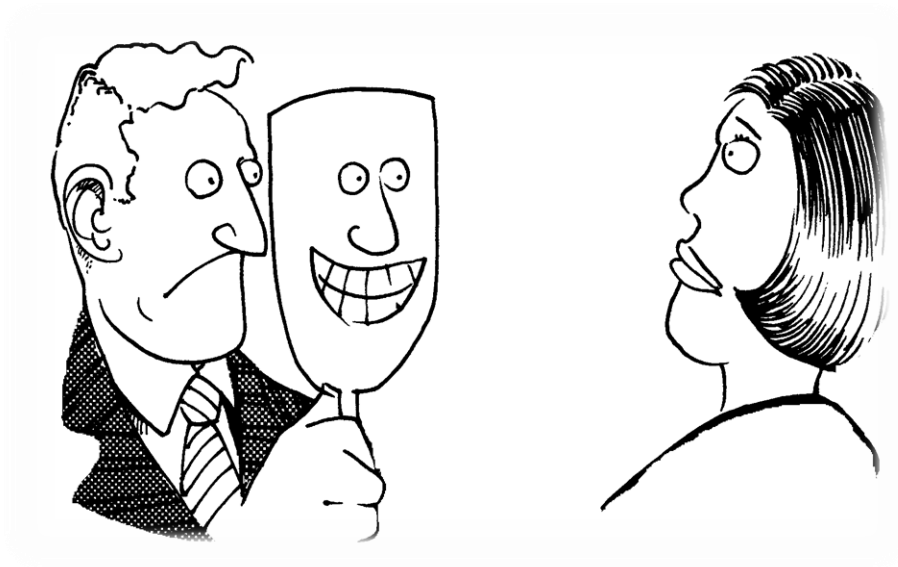
Key principle: **DIVERSITY**

Common partnering challenge: **POWER IMBALANCE**



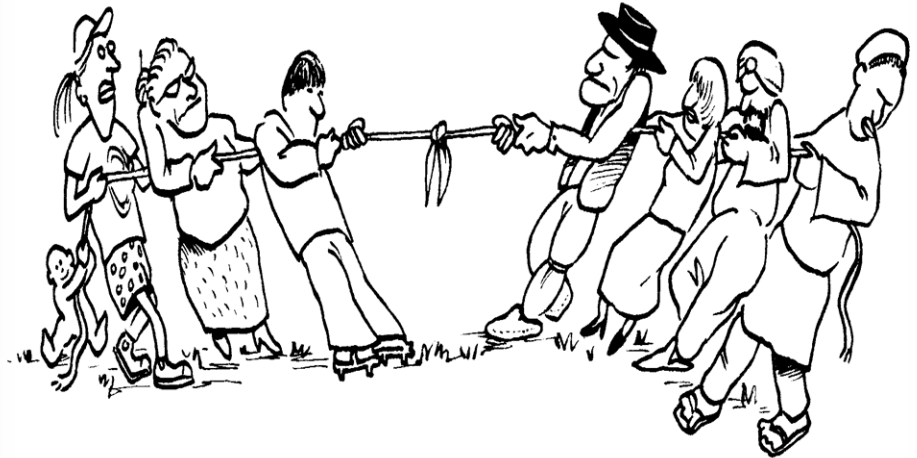
Key principle: **EQUITY**

Common partnering challenge: **HIDDEN AGENDAS**



Key principle: **OPENNESS**

Common partnering challenge: **COMPETITIVENESS**



Key principle: **MUTUAL BENEFIT**

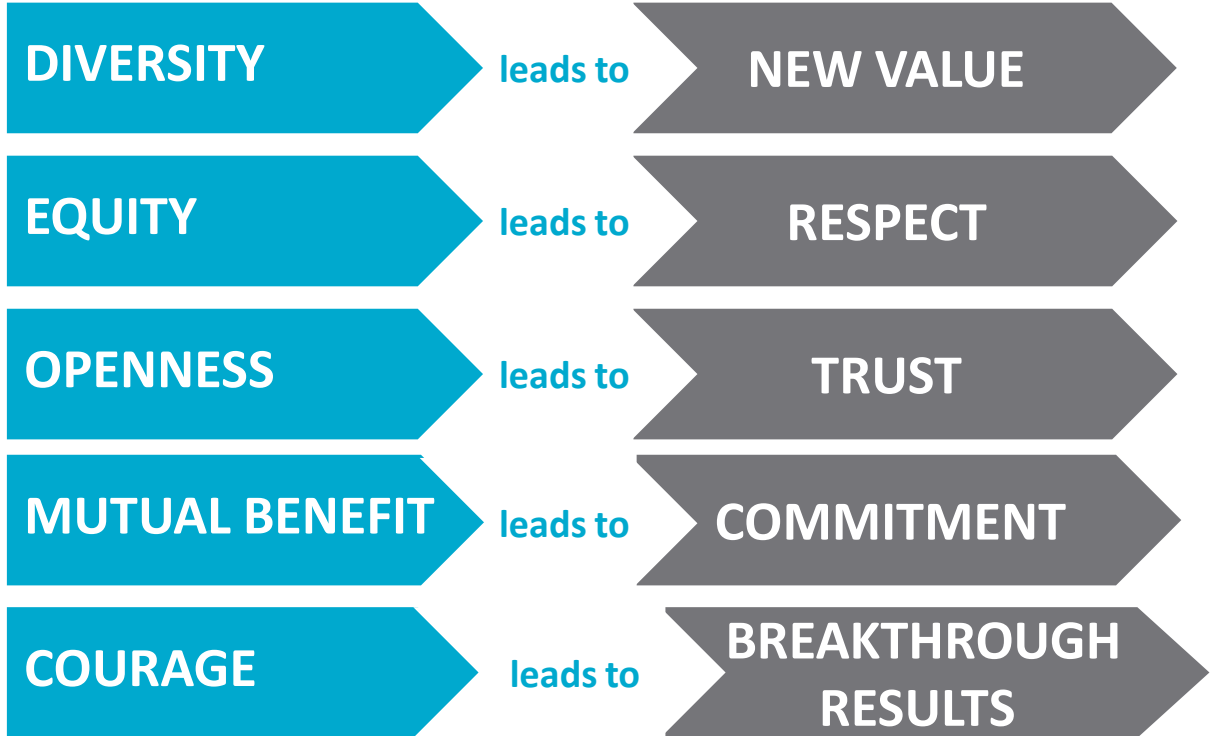
Common partnering challenge: **UNCERTAINTY**



Key principle:
COURAGE



Why do partnerships need these **CORE PRINCIPLES?**





Role of partnership broker

A **partnership broker** is an active 'go-between' who supports partners in navigating their partnering journey by helping them to create a map, plan their route, choose their mode of transport and change direction when necessary.

THOSE OPERATING IN THE PARTNERSHIP BROKERING ROLE
HELP PARTNERS TO OPERATE IN COMPLEX SPACE

Role of a partnership broker

The term 'broker' is widely used internationally, but in certain contexts there are a number of alternative terms

Change
maker

Animator

Intermediary

Servant
leader

Boundary
spanner

Process
manager

Integrator
/
connector

Bridge
builder



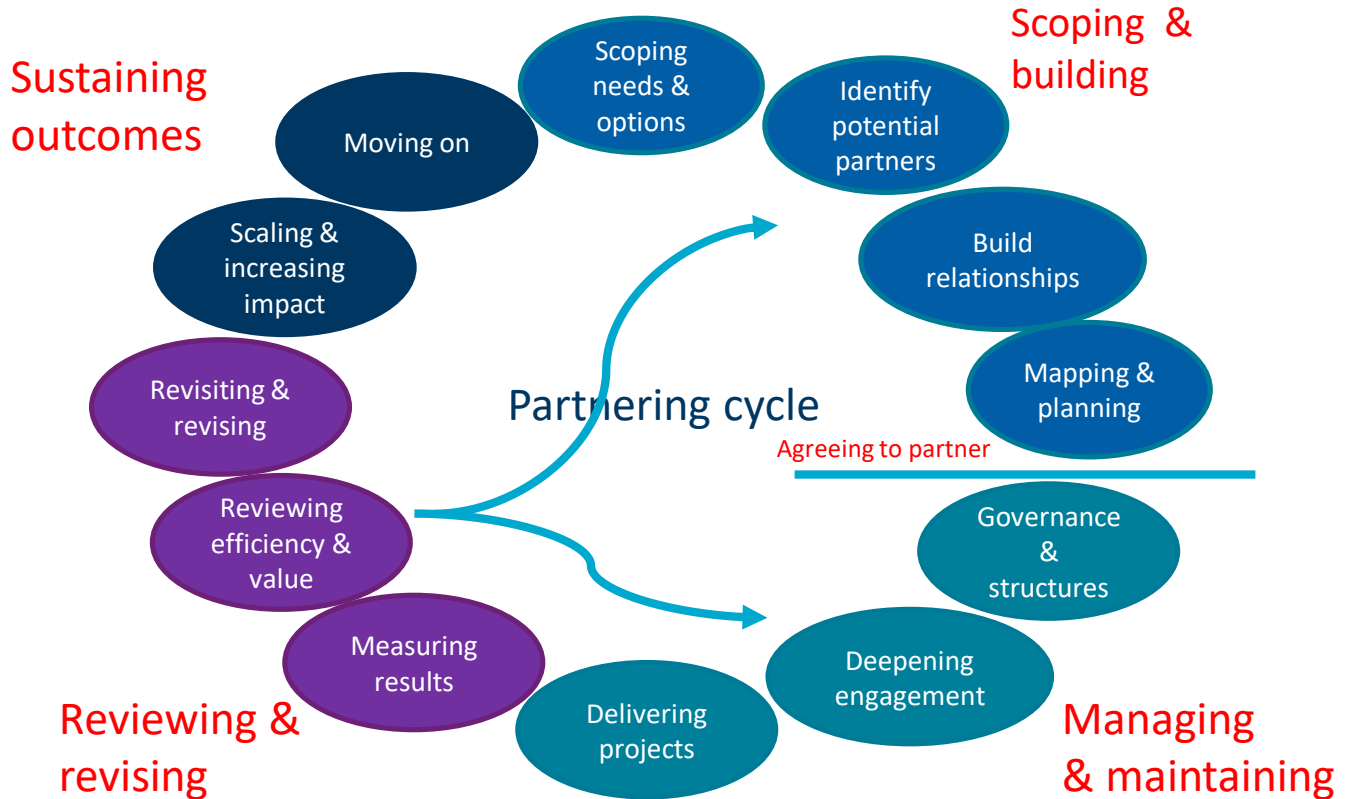
Partnership brokers' relationship to a partnership

An **internal** partnership broker is an individual who helps to: prepare their organisation to be effective partners by negotiating partnerships and / or maintaining and managing a partnership arrangement and / or tracking the partnership's impacts.

An **external** partnership broker is an independent third party contracted to: scope, plan or facilitate the early stages of a partnership; develop a partnering agreement; research, maintain, monitor, review or evaluate a partnership over time.



Partnership Cycle





SUSTAINING OUTCOMES

- Exploring** moving on options and supporting decisions
- Managing** closure / moving on processes collaboratively
- Helping** partners celebrate and learn from their partnership 'story'
- Ensuring** outcomes are able to be sustained / embedded / scaled / transferred

REVIEWING & REVISING

- Supporting** partners in reviewing added value and effectiveness
- Assisting** in revising the collaboration agreement
- Helping** partners implement changes needed to improve the partnership
- Guiding** partners to plan for sustaining outcomes and moving on

Potential roles for brokers at different stages in the partnering cycle

SCOPING & BUILDING

- Scoping** the partnership's potential
- Exploring** drivers, expectations and underlying interests
- Embedding** key partnering principles
- Enabling** partners to differentiate between their partnership and its projects
- Negotiating** a detailed agreement to underpin the partnership

MANAGING & MAINTAINING

- Co-creating** appropriate governance arrangements
- Helping** partners to work through complex internal and external challenges
- Building** partner capacities to strengthen and optimise the partnership
- Enabling** partners to explore new ways of transforming systems



KEY PARTNERING SKILLS INCLUDE:	KEY PARTNERING ATTRIBUTES INCLUDE:
Relationship management	Empathy & interest
Communications	Using plain language
Facilitation	Capacity for active listening
Synthesising complex information	Paying attention to detail & diversity
Goals management	Professionalism & integrity
Interest-based (not position-based) negotiation	Patience & persistence

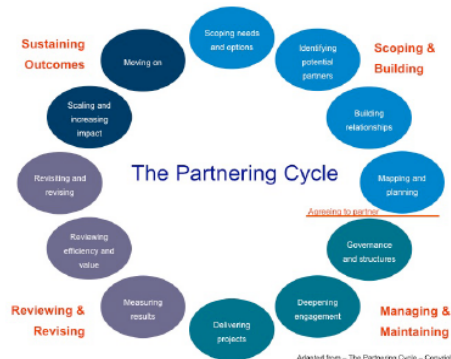


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Partnership Brokering Exercise

SCOPING & BUILDING

- Initiating the idea of partnering
- Making the case to key stakeholders
- Scoping the possibilities
- Energising and enthusing
- Early relationship building
- Managing expectations
- Initial / outline planning
- Helping partners to reach agreement





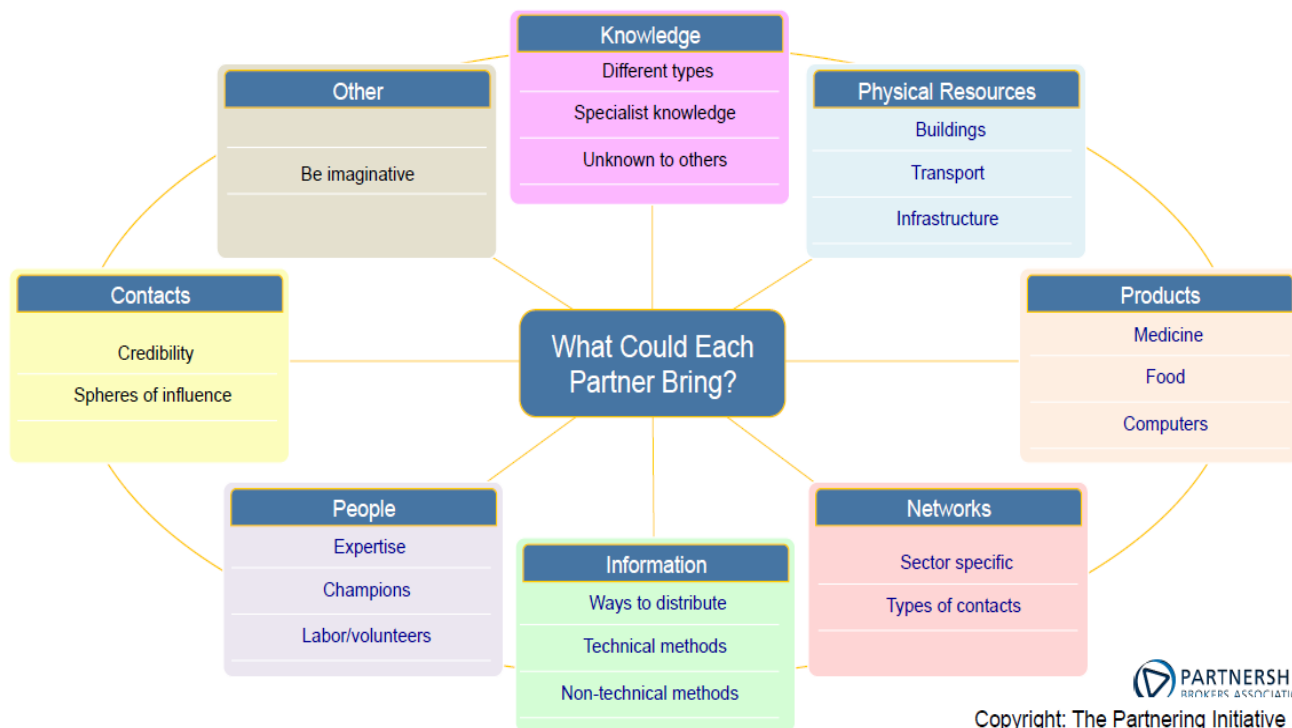
Exercise 1

Your table will be assigned one Stakeholder group – you are invited to make the case for partnering from that perspective by addressing the following questions:

1. Why do we want to partner? (*what do we need?*)
2. What are the benefits? (*what's in it for us?*)
3. What are the challenges? (*what do we fear?*)
4. What can we bring to the table? (*what do we offer?*)

You have 20 minutes (5 per question!)

Partner resource mapping





Exercise 2

1. Move tables to form multi-stakeholder groups of 4
2. Hold a meeting of the five key players in the scenario that is scoping the potential of forming a partnership to develop an inclusive value chain programme
3. The representative of the **donor** organization is chairing the meeting
4. **The explicit aim of the meeting is to see if there is genuine partnership potential here (and if so, in what ways)**
5. The underlying aim of the meeting is to check each other out and broker better understanding of each other

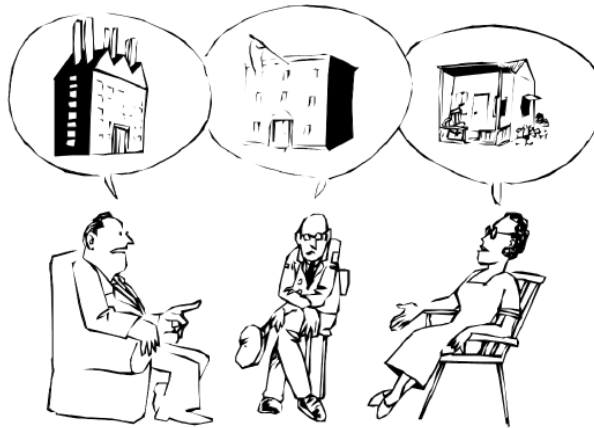
You have **30 minutes**



Debrief

- **How many groups agreed to move forward as a partnership?**
 - **What happened?**
 - **How did each party feel?**
- **What were the key factors in this decision?**
 - **What behaviours helped?**
 - **What behaviours hindered?**
 - **Other observations?**

What makes successful partnerships



... each sector plays its appropriate part and contributes from core competencies and strengths



Preconceptions – how sectors are understood and characterised...

Government	Business	International Agencies	Community	Civil Society/ NGOS
Bureaucratic Buck passing Dogmatic Short-term Inflexible Controlling	Profit driven Quick fix Hard-nosed Self-centred Greedy Inconsiderate	Arrogant Latest 'fad' Overpaid Multiple focus Wasteful Insensitive	Demanding Lazy Uneducated Difficult Hot-tempered Weak-willed	Unprofessional Point scoring Self-righteous Narrow focus Unrealistic Unaccountable

If we can't (and if we can't persuade others) to get beneath stereo-types there is little chance of building genuine partnerships...a key benefit / value of partnering may be the role it can play in understanding why each one of these sectors is critically important and needs to be respected (and, perhaps, also improved!)



Golden rule 1 - BUILD ON SHARED VALUES

(because successful partnerships are values-driven)

Golden rule 2 - BE CREATIVE

(because every partnership is unique)

Golden rule 3 - BE COURAGEOUS

(because all partnerships involve risk)



Resources

Partnership Brokering Association website -

<https://www.partnershipbrokers.org/>

McManus, S. and Tennyson, R. (2008) Talking the Walk: A Communication Manual for Partnership Practitioners.

Partnership Brokers Association (2017). Brokering Better Partnerships by investing in the partnering process.

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Stakeholder engagement

We didn't cover this during the presentation, but material is available here

Business Model Canvass for: (Type your team name here)

7.

Who are our key partners?
Who are our key suppliers?
What are we getting from them & giving them?

5.

What key activities do we require?

1.

Which of our customer's problems are we helping to solve?

4.

How will we Get, Keep & Grow customers?

2.

Who are our most important customers?
What are their archetypes
What job do they want us to get done for them?

6.

What key resources do we require? (i.e. financial, physical, technology, people)

3.

Through which channels do our customers want to be reached?
How will we get our idea to the customer?

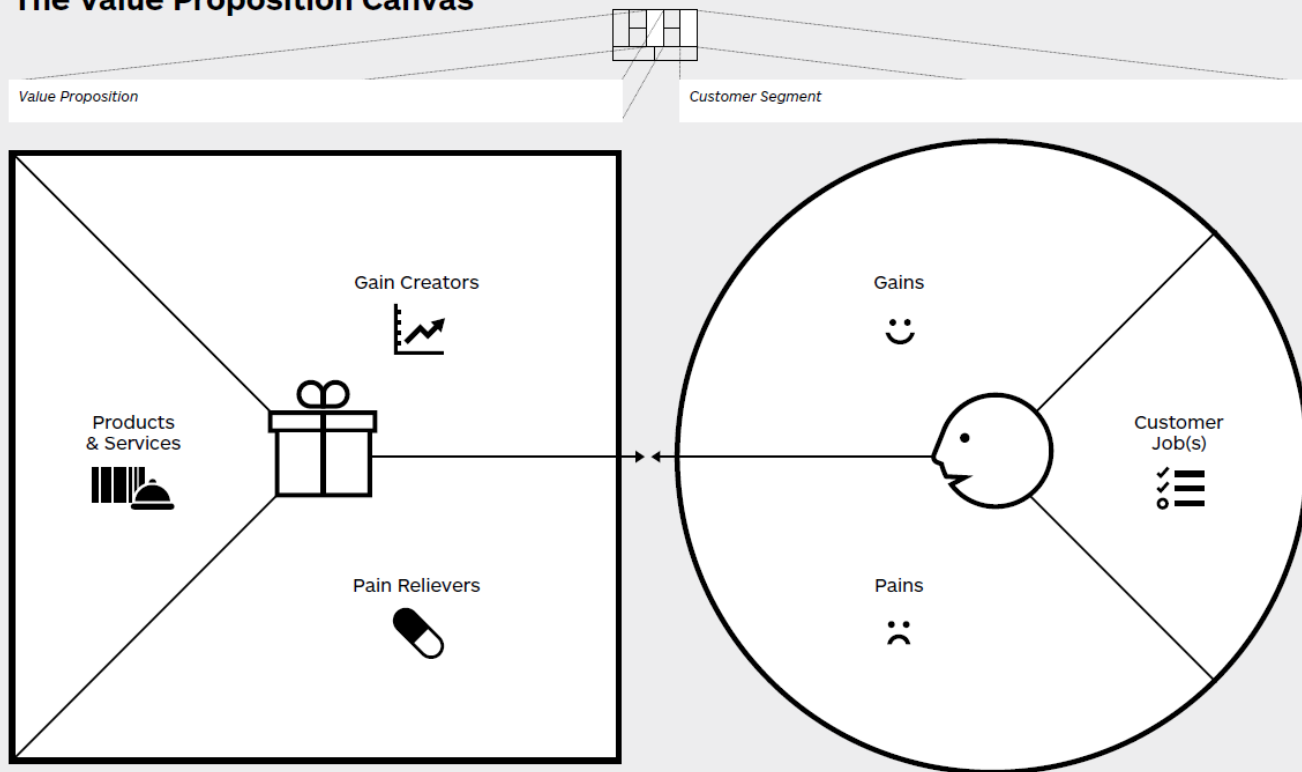
9.

What are the most important costs inherent in our business model? Fixed & Variable?

8.

How do we make money? What's the revenue model?

The Value Proposition Canvas

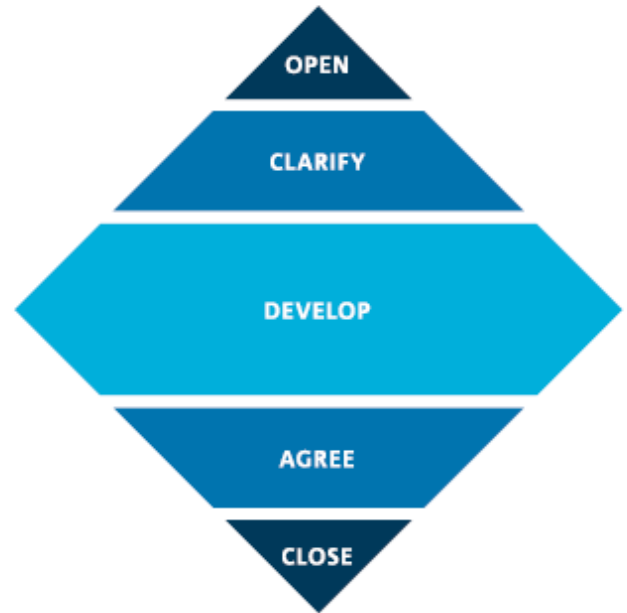




Customer conversation planner

“Most people do not listen with the intent to understand; they listen with the intent to reply.”

- Stephen Covey



Briefing: Field visit preparation



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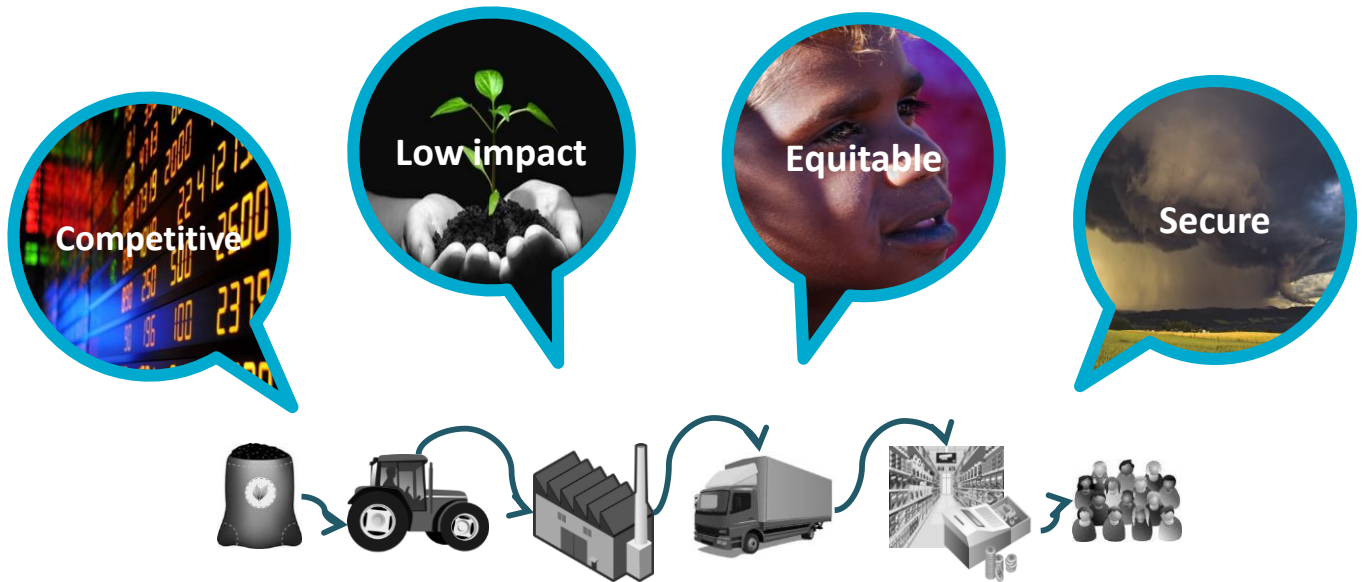


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Considering multiple value chain priorities

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What do chains aim for?





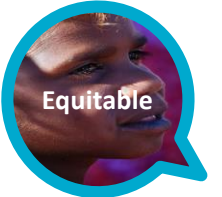
We need to capture broader objectives



Profitable and innovative; able to sustainably meet economic objectives for its stakeholders; sustaining needs, income and livelihoods now and into the future



Minimised environmental resource impact; does not deplete resources now and into the future; minimal disruption of social and cultural values; innovative use of physical and social resources



Provide equitable opportunity for stakeholders, in line with their resources and needs; provide opportunities for competition, collaboration, growth and progression; do not lock stakeholders in or out



Manage risk and disruptions proactively and effectively; able to bounce back or adapt in response to risk and change; able to transform to avoid risk and take advantage of change



Prioritising and selecting value chains

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Value chain and market development principles

[Link to slides](#)



How do you visualise a value chain?



Why is chain visualisation important?

- A common objective of VCA is to describe how a chain works – mainly because it is something that is not well understood
- Mapping a chain, often diagrammatically, is an accessible way to communicate the structure of a chain.



Disadvantages of mapping

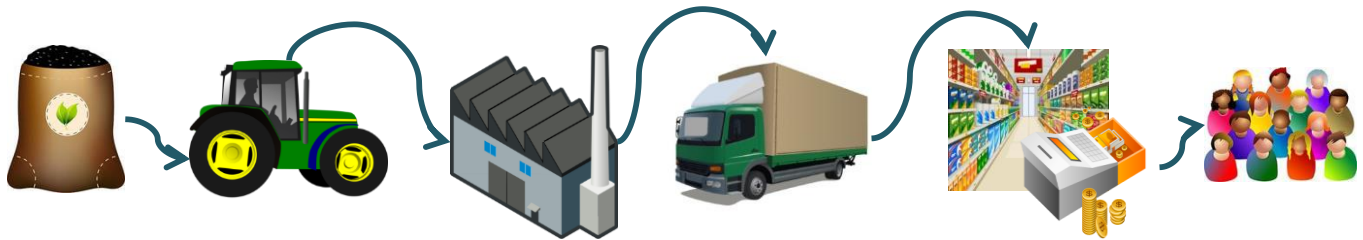
- They can be too complex
- They can be too simple
- They can be considered as The Truth
- They can't really convey how the chain works in reality

But, mapping a chain is a great way to start the conversation about chains.

A map is a powerful boundary object.

The concept of chains

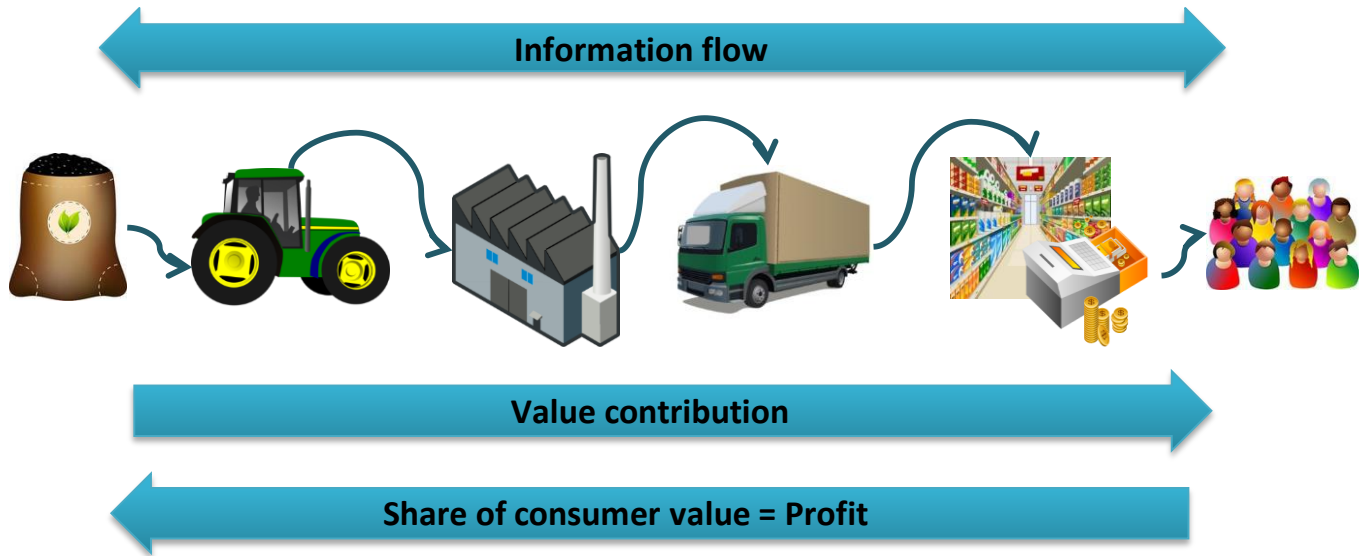
Structure



Other input suppliers
Finance
Governance and regulatory structures
Industry associations and services

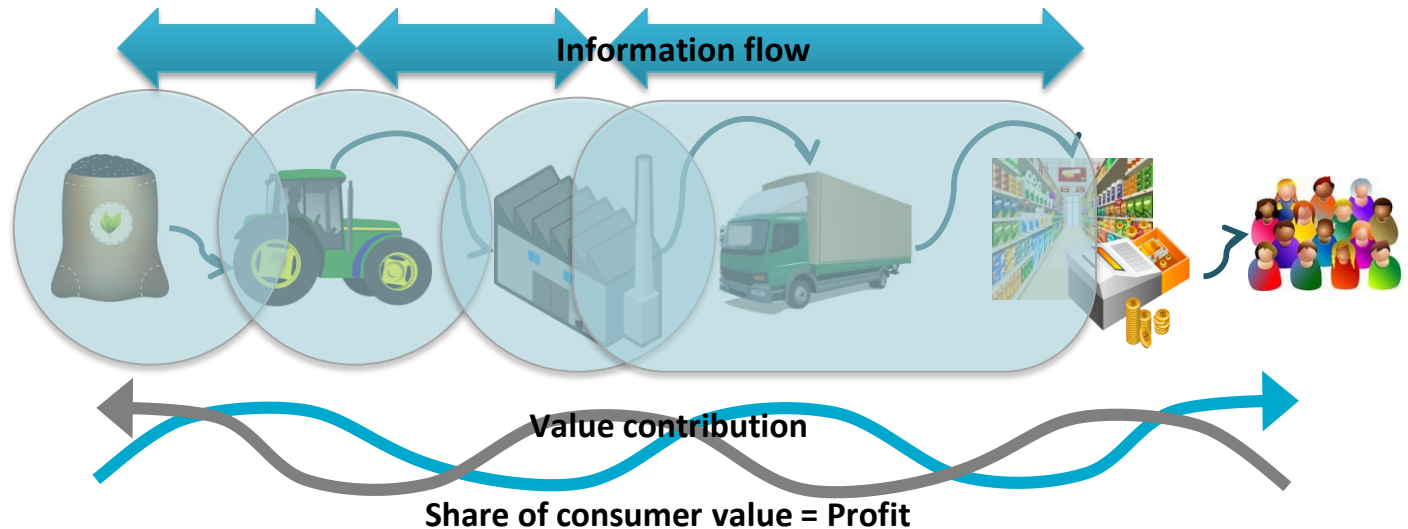
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Flows



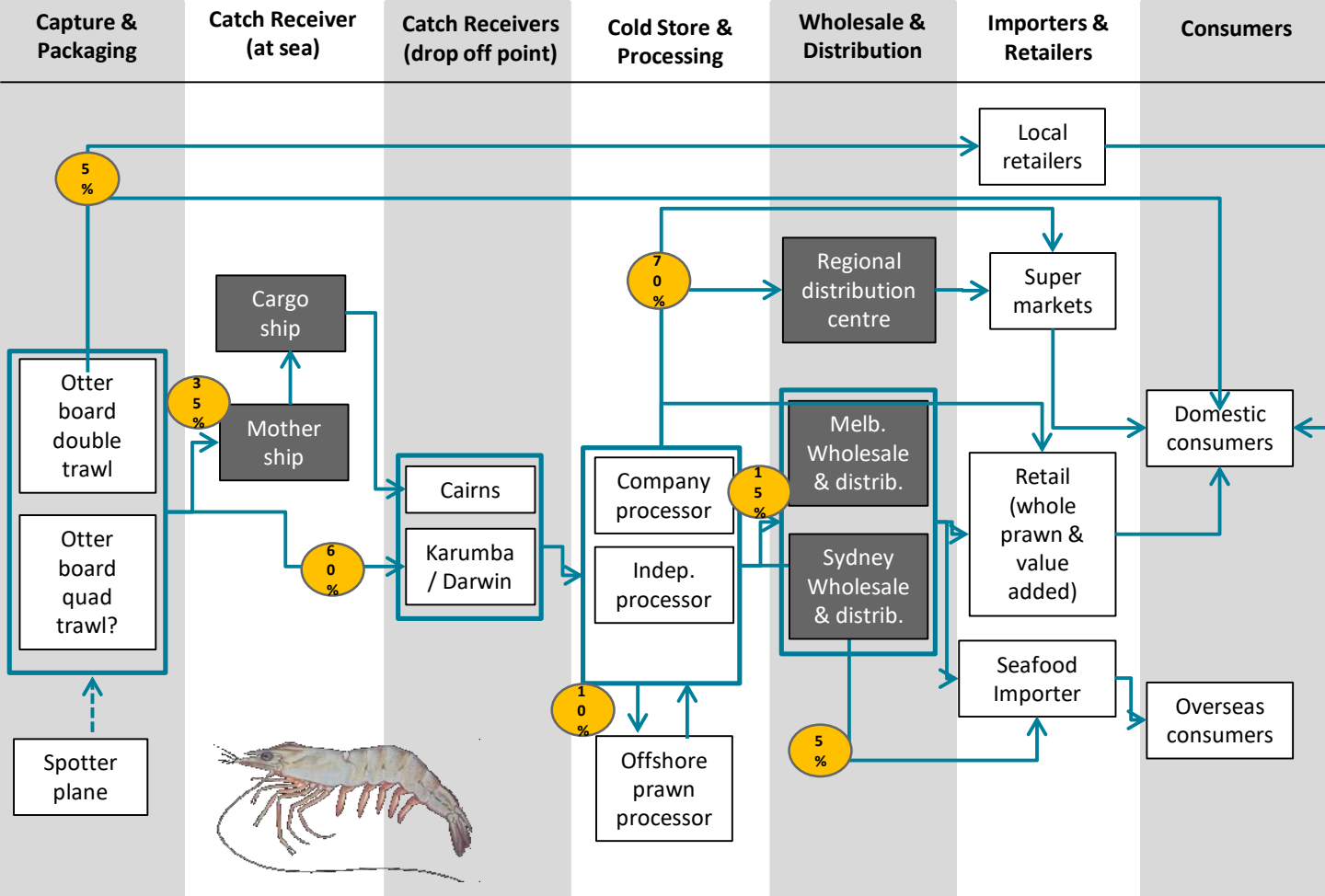
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Relationships



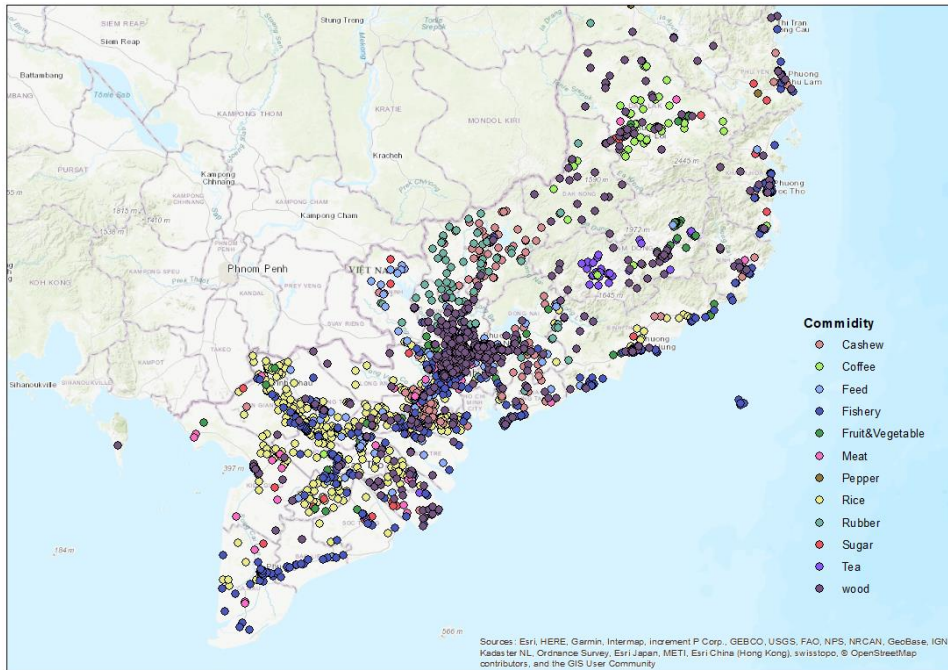


What can mapping output
look like?

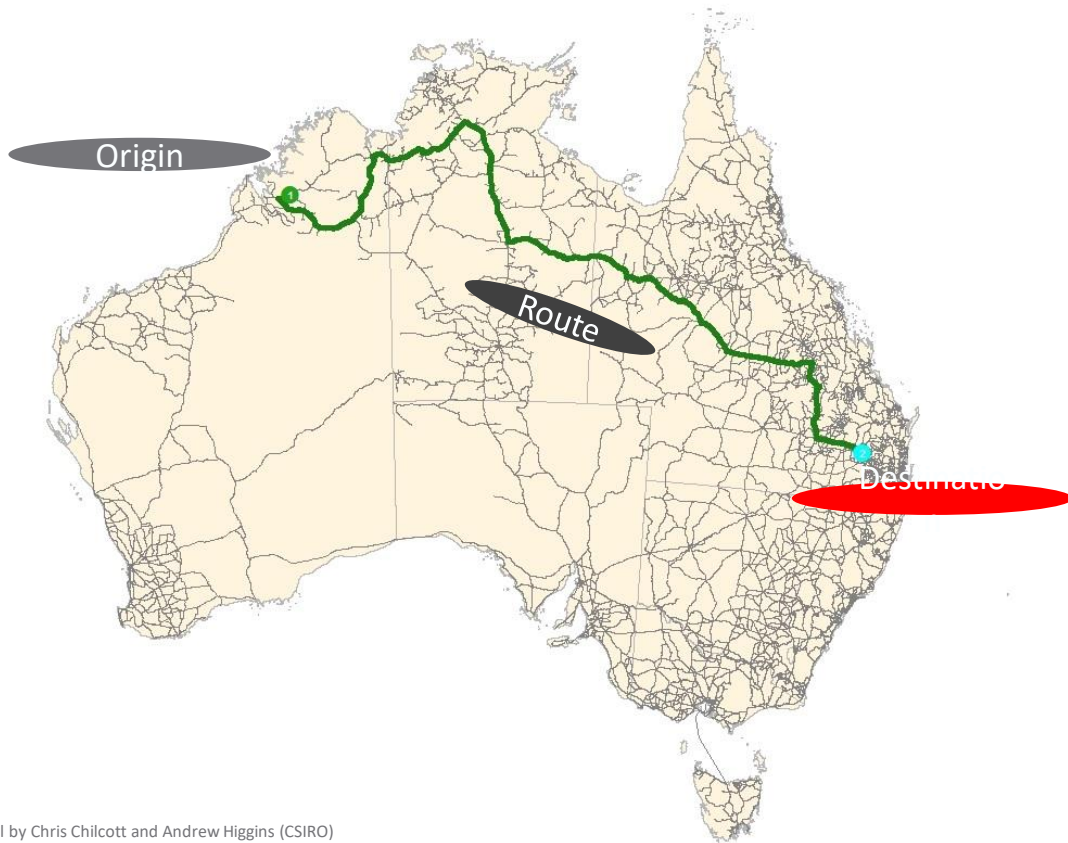


Example 1: Mapping actors in a chain

Example 2: Mapping enterprise location for different commodities

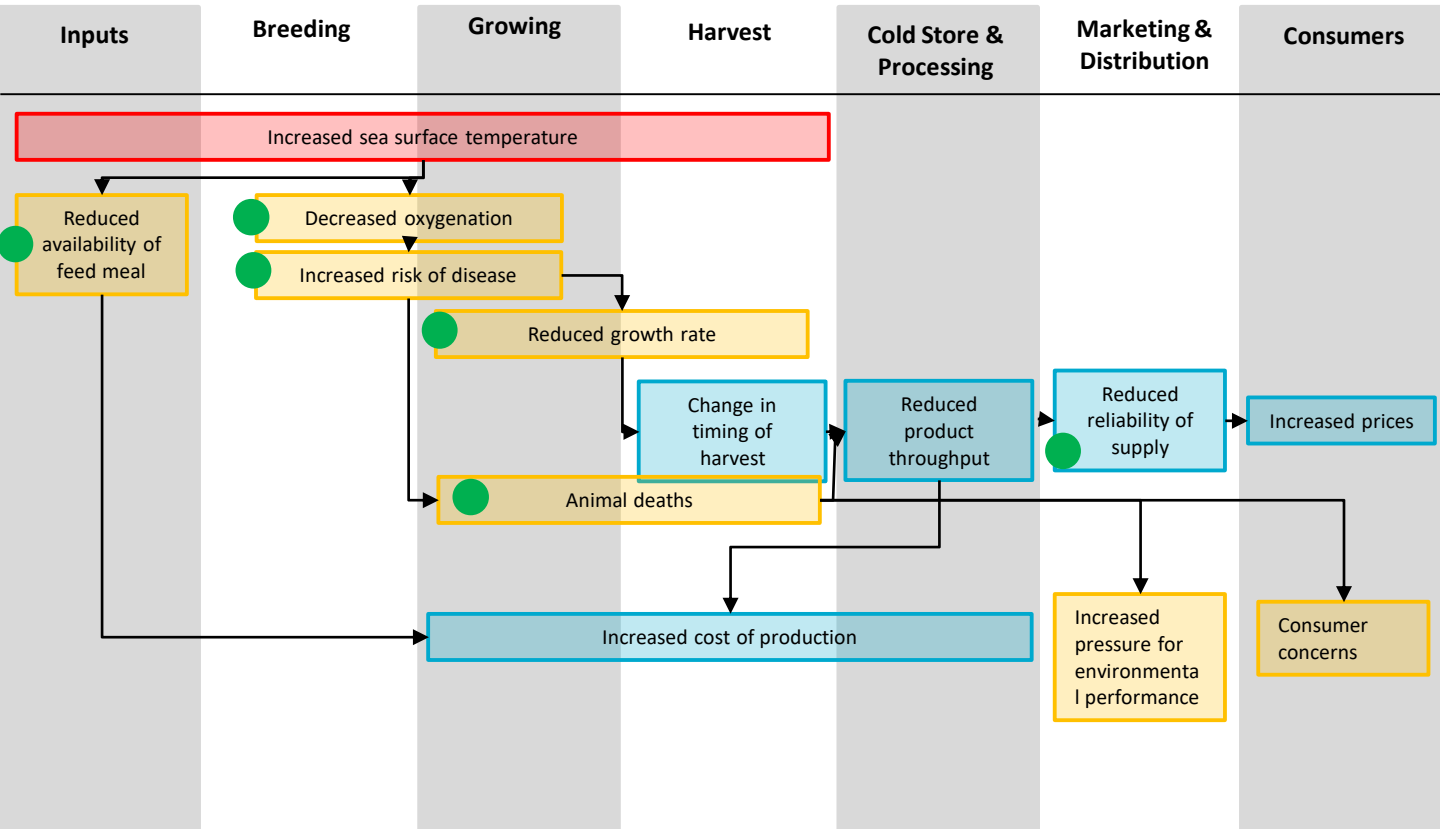


Example 3. Mapping transit routes



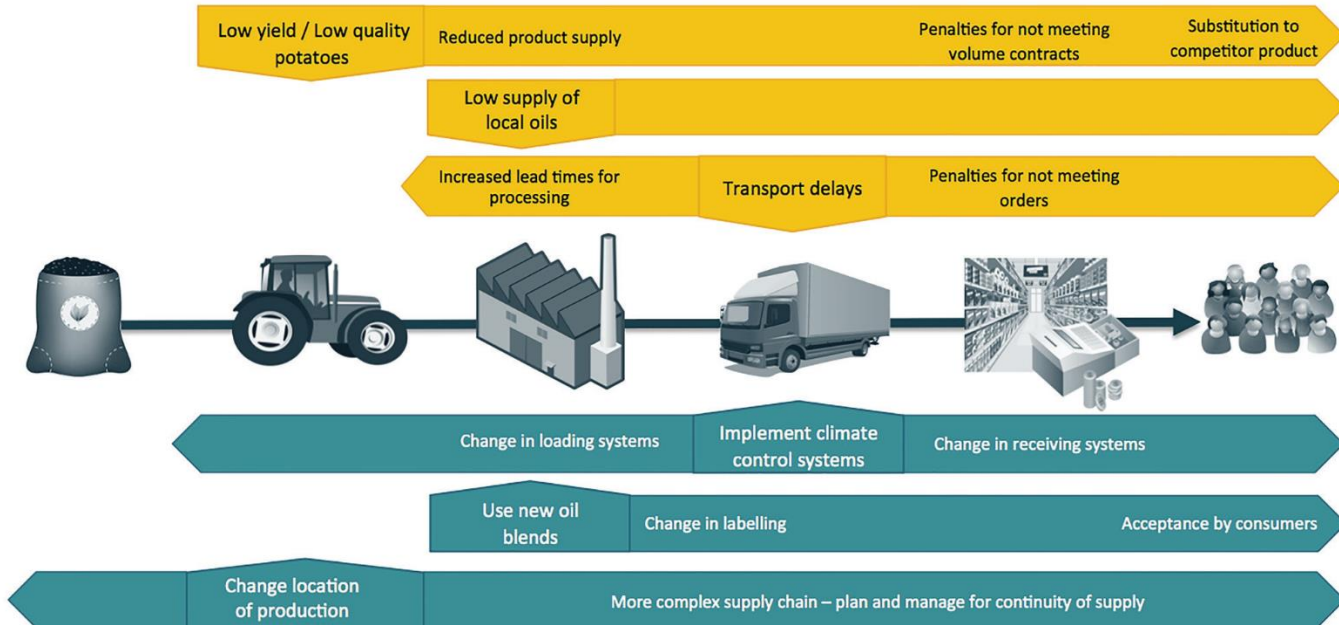


Example 4: Mapping events as they take place across the chain



Example 5: Mapping risks and strategies against actors

CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS and flow-on effects



ADAPTATION STRATEGIES and flow-on effects

Activity: Chain mapping

1. In a group, select a commodity that you would like to focus on
2. Map its chain, including:
 - a. The activities along the chain
 - b. The actors (businesses and other organisations) that you know of who conduct those activities
3. Output: A map, drawn on butchers paper, put up on the wall



**20
minutes**



Value chains at a community level

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Activity: What is value?

1. *Do we do the banana activity to start?*
2. *Insert instructions from BAU activity on what is value*
3. **Output: What is the value of your commodity for the community that you have selected?**



**20
minutes**