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Enabling Environment

for Science, Technology & Innovation

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10-Member Group on Enabling Environment for STI

- STI central to human development
- STI comes from many sources
- Emergence of “knowledge societies”
- Primary mechanism for achieving SDGs

Transformational nature of STI central to all SDGs

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The World In 2050

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SOLUTIONS NETWORK
A GLOBAL INITIATIVE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS

Stockholm Resilience Centre
Sustainability Science for Biosphere Stewardship

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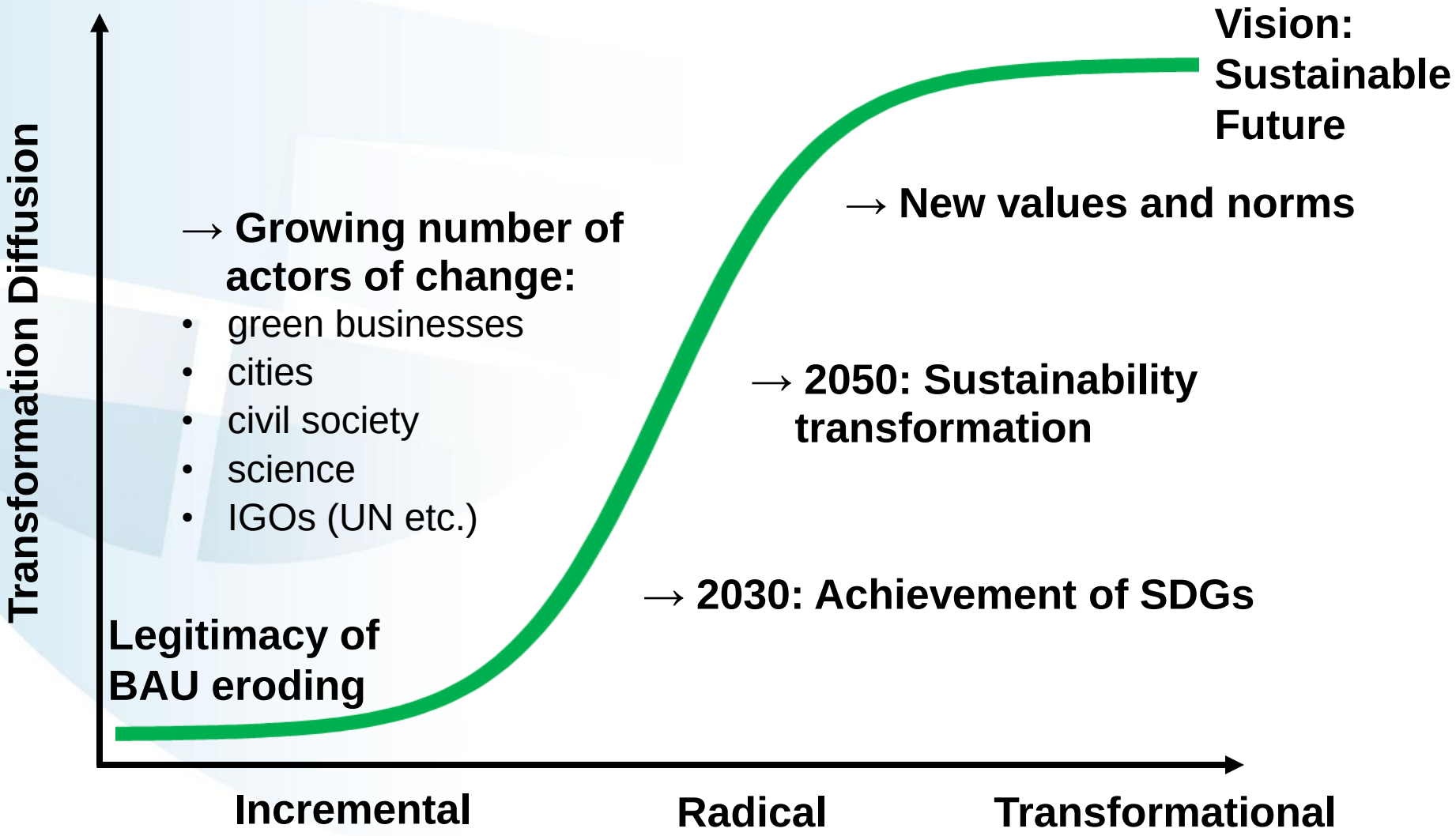
http://www.iiasa.ac.at/web/home/about/news/150312-World-in-2050.html

UN President of the General Assembly High-level thematic debate on Achieving the SDG's

9-10am, 21 April 2016, GA Hall, UN

Sustainability Transformation

"Doing More with Less" within Planetary Boundaries



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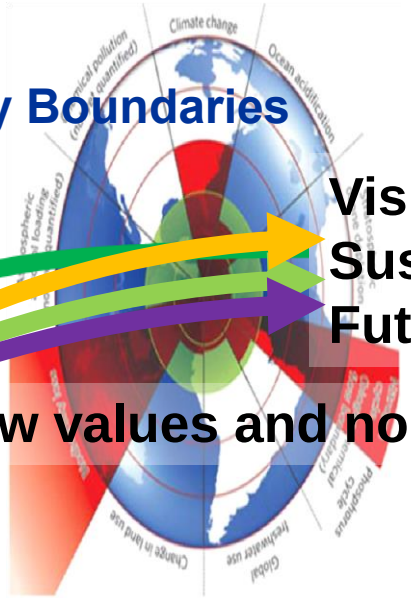

Vision: Sustainable Future

→ New values and norms

→ 2050: Sustainability transformation

→ 2030: Achievement of SDGs

Legitimacy of BAU eroding

Transformation Diffusion

Incremental

Radical

Transformational

Societal Action Plans and Roadmaps

- Commit to develop national and international STI Action Plans and Roadmaps for achieving the SDGs
- Develop inclusive plans with input and participation from all sectors of society in every country
- Harness knowledge, insights, and advice from all sources.
- Assure periodic feedback and evaluation from the STI community
  - Check for policy coherence
  - Check for SDG coherence
- Create real “learning societies.”

Strengthening STI-Policy Interface

- Multiple-benefits from strengthening the STI-policy interface
- Use fact-based scientific advice to support decisions
- How?
  - Create a “science advisory system”:
  - use high quality, fact-based, and credible scientific advice from diverse sources,
  - free of politics and special interests, and
  - independent of (government) control.

International Network of Government Science Advice

- http://www.ingsa.org/, launched by ICSU in 2014

STI Policy Coherence

- Paradox of STI:
  - cause of problems, e.g. as negative externalities
  - but solution, if socially and environmentally sound
- Key to
  - Understand inter-relationships and interdependencies
  - identify trade-offs and inherent in STI for SDGs (nationally and globally)
  - leverage synergies among STI policies and SDGs
- Tools to support policy coherence:
  - integrated assessments
  - systems thinking

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