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**Readying Public Institutions for Strategic Planning and Foresight**

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# Readying institutions



# for complexity

## Why we need to infuse a new (systems) perspective?



Avoid  
blind spots



Ensure we address the right problems and that our interventions don't create unintended consequences



Broaden the  
decision-frame



Ensure we don't just optimise within narrow areas of responsibility, but work towards systemic change



Overcome  
institutional biases



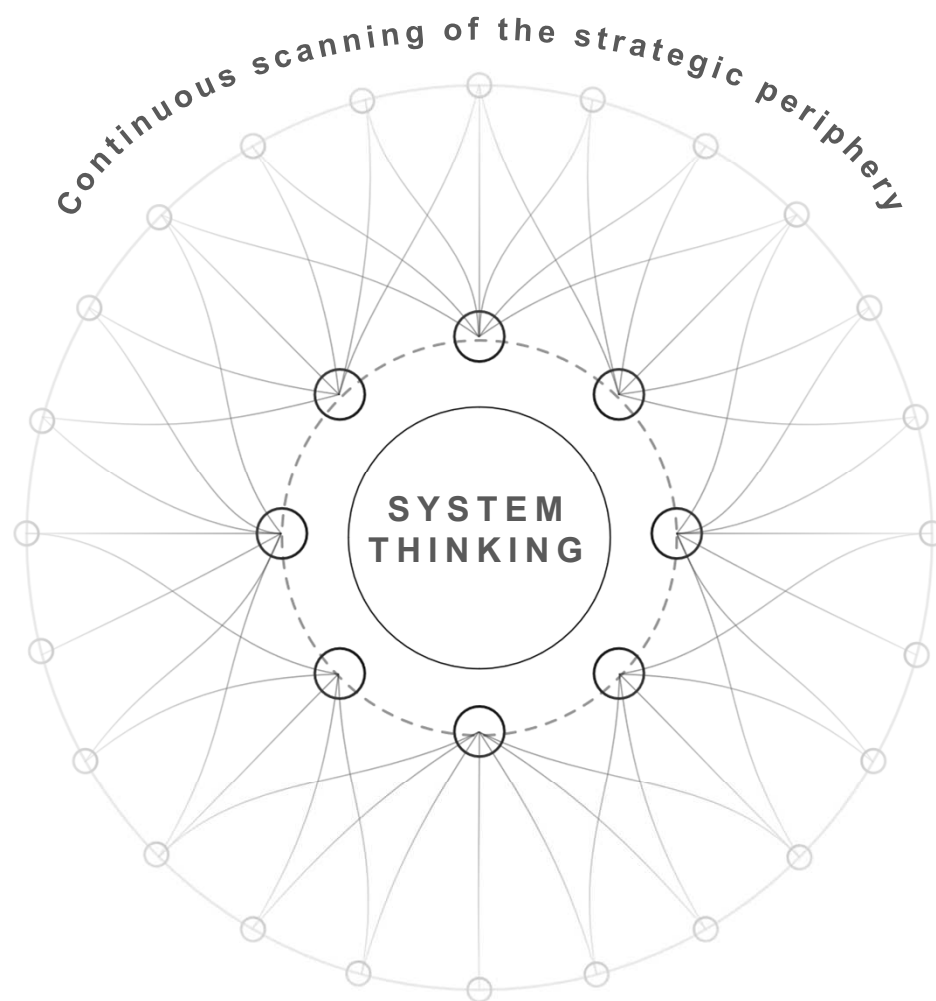
Ensure we leave no one behind and we proactively challenge legacy thinking and path-dependency



Leverage  
outside expertise



Ensure we draw on the widest possible input for developing new ideas or approaches to existing problems



## Practical steps to develop an agile mindset in institutions

### Nurturing cross-functional teams



- Practicing new forms of collaboration by constituting bottom-up coalitions of actors around specific policy problems

### Adopting open participatory processes



- Piloting opportunities for collaboration, co-creation, and co-production in non-strategic areas

### Augmenting capabilities with technology



- Introducing technology-driven solutions that help complement internal capabilities





**Strategic Intelligence  
provides an open  
collaborative platform for  
strengthening systems  
awareness and facilitating  
new multi-stakeholder  
partnerships**



Save and Close



Remove

## Add / Remove

### Add key issues

## SHARE SETTINGS
















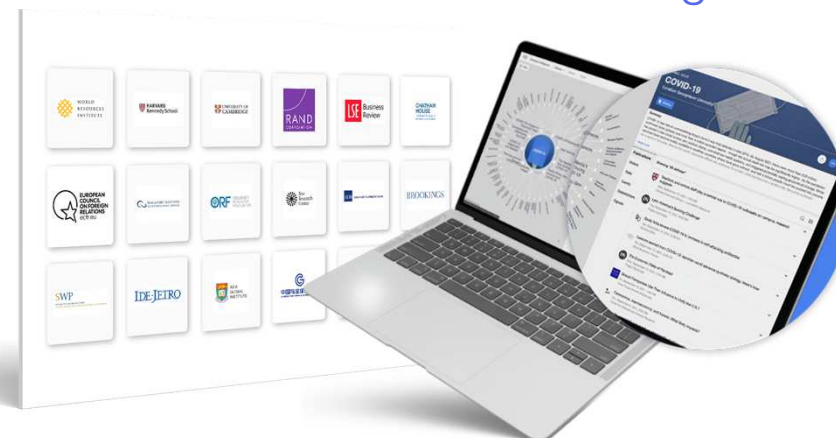
## Human Intelligence



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## Machine Intelligence



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