

# Multi-stakeholder Initiative (MSI) for a Sustainable Blue Economy in the WIO

## Progress Update and Opportunity Outlook

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# WIOGI Project Overview

## Project objective

Cooperation between relevant actors at regional and local levels for the protection and sustainable use of marine and coastal biodiversity in the WIO region is strengthened.

## Partner: Nairobi Convention Secretariat

April 2020 – March 2024

Volume: EUR 3.4 million funded by BMZ



## Project components

- **Component 1:** Strengthening regional policy dialogue
- **Component 2:** Enhancing engagement of private sector at the regional level
- **Component 3:** Establishing multi-stakeholder partnerships in Mozambique

## Adopting a multi-stakeholder approach

- **Stakeholder-led:** co-creation => local ownership and stronger governance => collective leadership (partnership with Collective Leadership Institute)
- Focus on **interdependence** of ocean **governance**, healthy **ecosystems** and a sustainable blue **economy**

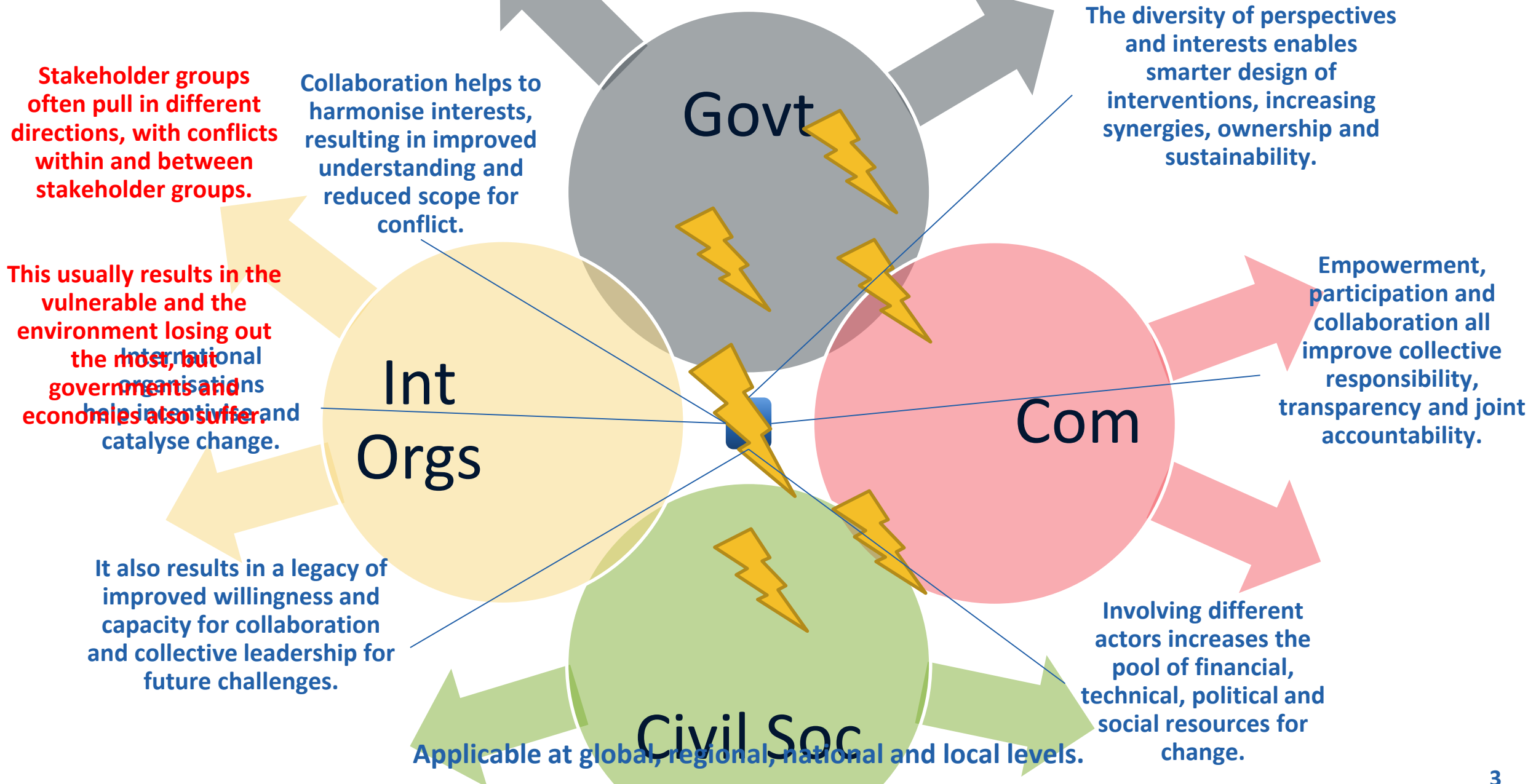
## CoP decisions

- Decision CP.10/12 - Request Secretariat to support the implementation of project with BMZ (including in the development of a regional multi-stakeholder initiative to enhance coastal and ocean stewardship and accelerate the transition to a sustainable blue economy).

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# The case for a multi-stakeholder approach: expanding the enabling environment for an SBE





# The emerging two-year vision for the MSI

- A well-resourced & effective **alliance** between government, business, civil society, research & international organisations.



- Catalysing and enabling the **transition to a sustainable blue economy** in the WIO at regional and local levels.

- With **multi-stakeholder governance** – empowering the enablers, drivers and engines of an SBE to engage in decision-making, policy shaping, opportunity development and impact.



**Blue Stewardship**  
all empowered to safeguard WIO's natural resources

- Managing a **collaboration system to mobilise technical and financial resources to catalyse three strategic pillars** to enable an SBE:

**Blue Investment**  
business models, value chains, technology, infrastructure and jobs

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**Blue Governance**  
policy-making, planning, participation & info management

- Managing a **transformation network** of multi-stakeholder partnerships and projects, learning from each other and informing policy.



# A growing number of initiating partners



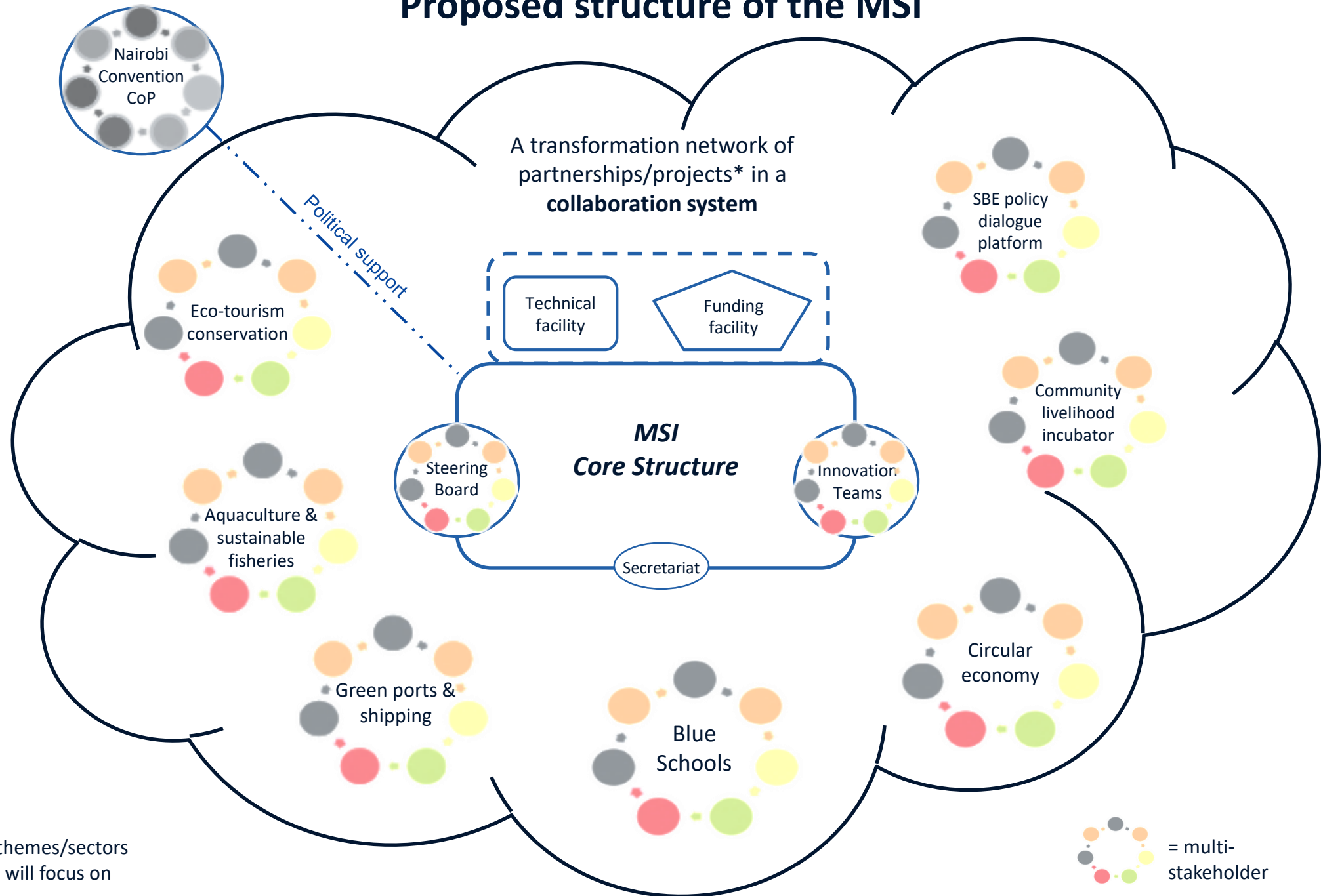
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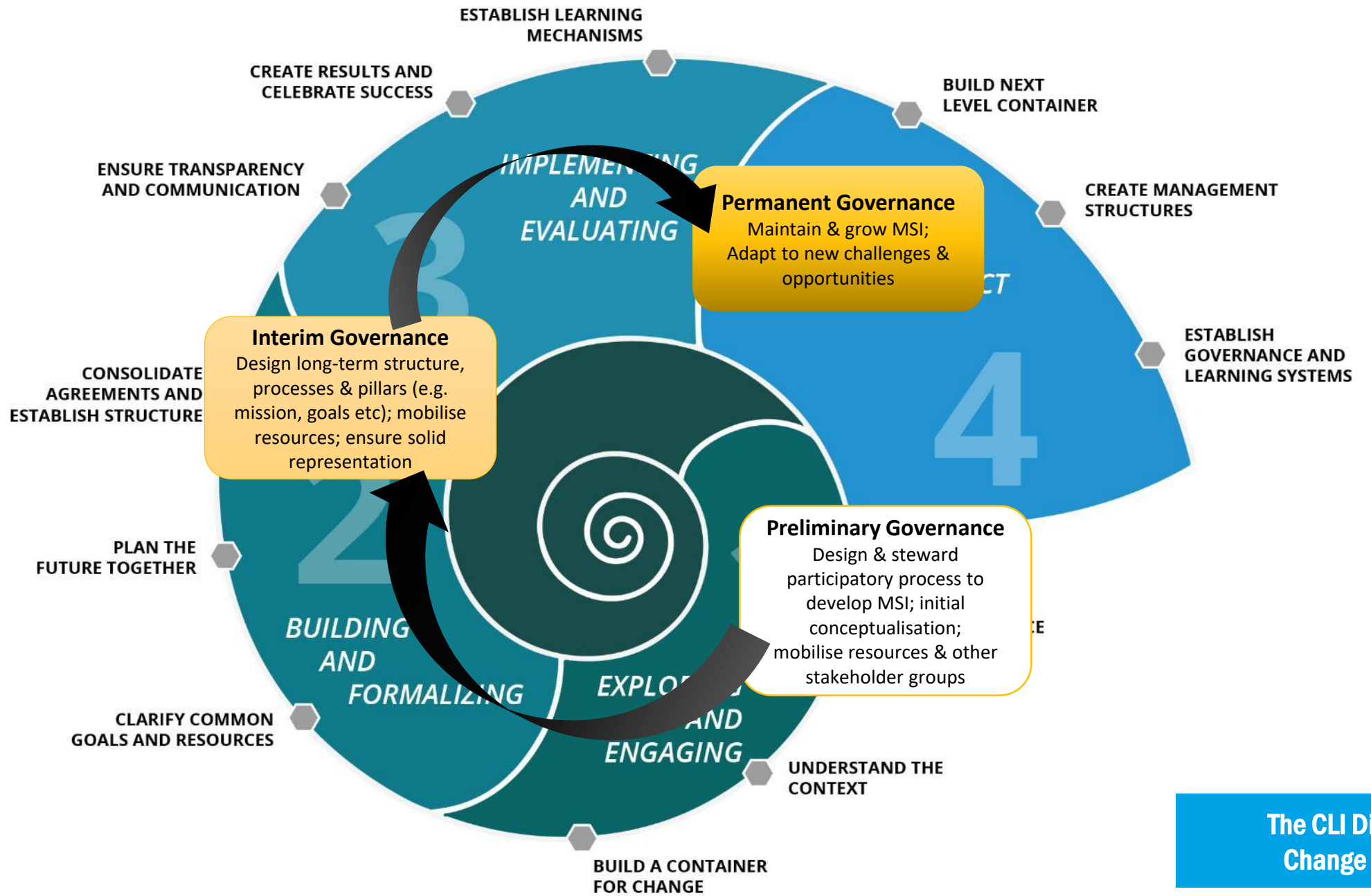


# Proposed structure of the MSI



\*illustrative themes/sectors that projects will focus on

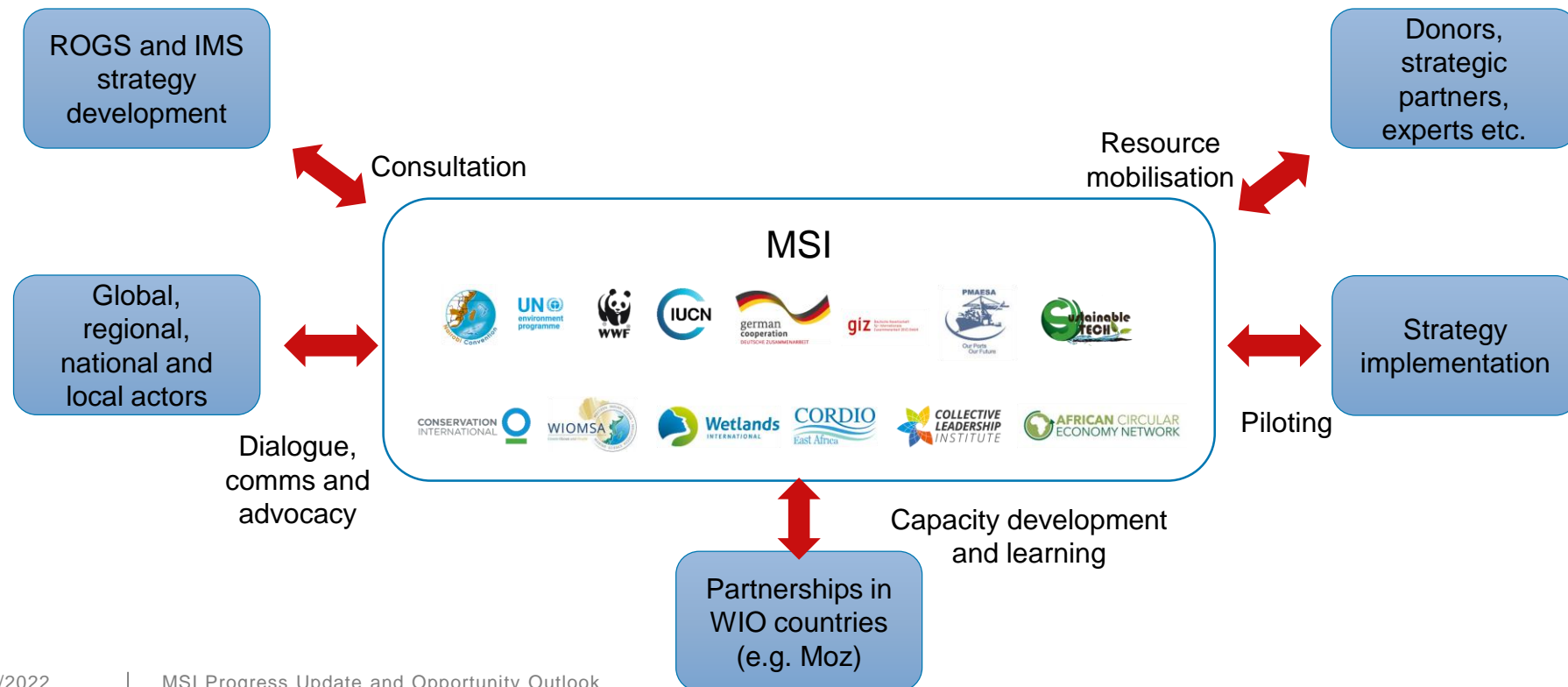
# Evolving governance in MSI development



# Once developed, MSI can be a multi-purpose platform

## MSI can support the NC stakeholders by:

- acting as a consultation mechanism for regional strategy/policy development.
- mobilising greater collective resources and expertise to support regional and local action.
- organising partners to support the piloting of regional policies and strategies.
- supporting dialogue, communications and advocacy for change at all levels.
- acting as regional learning mechanism and capacity developer for local SBE partnerships and projects.





# Options for countries to engage

## Focal Points could engage in the MSI for:

- Steering and developing the MSI – critical for multi-stakeholder governance.
- Sector specific Innovation Teams.
- Consultation processes for regional strategies.
  
- Need to consider current coordination constraints and “grow organically”.
- Recommendation: one island state, one mainland state and the Chair of Bureau engage.

## Discussion:

- What are the opportunities and barriers for you to engage in the MSI?
- How would you like to be involved?

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**Thank you!**

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