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This is in reference to the document UNDS Inter-linkages. Three points please:

1.

In context of reviewing concepts like bilateralisation and silo structures, I am concerned about the phrase 'scaling-up'. As a parameter, this is often an impediment to approving valuable, fruitful grass root action plans. There should be space for a flexible concept like "Potential for Adaptive Replication in Concentric Circles".

2.

There is mention of "developed countries' views and developing countries experiences". It may kindly be noted that developing countries also have highly valuable views based on direct, local experience – often greatly differing from the developed world. This needs to be incorporated as a basic concept in UN content.

3.

The entire thrust on re-structuring has a management approach devoid of the humanistic angle. The best re-structuring will fail unless a process of peeling off the sense of superiority based on knowledge / position / power in the human resource of the UN system is addressed. There is need for regular exposure to philosophers and thinkers in a free-flowing environment, particularly from the non-North, to evince change in the psychology of those who work in the UN system.