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#### ISE4GEMs

### Agenda 2030: SDGs

#### Figure 1.1 The interconnectedness of the Sustainable Development Goals



## **ISE4GEMs Guide**



### Part A (Practitioner Theory) Chapters:

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Systems Thinking
- 3. The GEMs Framework
- 4. ISE4GEMs Approach and the SToC

### Part B (Practitioner Approach) Chapters:

- 5. Evaluation Preparation and Design
- 6. Data Collection
- 7. Data Analysis, Interpretation and Reporting
- 8. Capacity Development for Social Change

### What is Systems Thinking?



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Interrelationships: connections between people, things or ideas.

**Perspectives:** formed by values, beliefs and what we know about the world.

**Boundaries:** Defined by our knowledge, resources, ideas, values, biases, priorities or perspectives.



### What is 'Systemic' Thinking?

**Systematic** analysis implies a thorough, predictable, and controlled process which is essentially reproducible but may not consider all the interactive parts of the system and stakeholders.

**Systemic** analysis encourages a critical and holistic analysis of the opportunities, constraints, and relationships of parts within a system, analyzing the system as a whole.



# **Systemic Theory of Change**

SToCs are developed using a second-order judgment from a position outside of the intervention looking in.

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A systemic ToC or SToC is established by asking a wider set of questions that more fully describe the change processes through different perspectives. SToCs are developed using a second-order judgment from a position outside of the intervention looking in. By viewing the change processes of the intervention from this position, you open up different possible boundaries

for understanding change processes to determine the most relevant ones for consideration.

### Intersectionality



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# ISE4GEMS Key elements of ISE4GEMS

- Ethics to empower and enable individuals and communities
- Validity and rigour through inclusive interpretation
- Transdisciplinary mixed methods for socioenvironmental analysis
- Capacity development on systems thinking and GEMs
- Attributes and competencies



# Part B Practitioner Approach



### **Stages of the ISE4GEMs**

#### FIGURE B.1 The ISE4GEMs learning and action cycles—Phase I



#### Figure B.2 Stages of the ISE4GEMs



TOOL 6: ISE4CEMs Planning Tool TOOL 7: Transdisciplinary methods and tools

identify and implement capacity development opportunities Implement strategies for knowledge sharing and communicating evaluation results Final reflections



CHAPTER

## PHASE I -PREPARATION AND DESIGN

Step 1 : The Boundary Story

Step 2: The evaluation boundary

Step 3: ISE4GEMs Planning and Design considerations



### **Evaluation Boundary**

#### Figure 5.4 The ideal boundary of the evaluation





## **Planning and Design**

#### **Tool 6: ISE4GEMs planning tool**

### **Implementation plan**

	Column #	Field
$\star \star \star \star$	1	Evaluation purpose, objectives and use
	2	Evaluation criteria
	3	Evaluation key questions
	4	Evaluation indicators
	5	Data collection methods and alternative methods (including data storage and management plan)
	6	Data sources and stakeholders
	7	Ethical risks and safeguards
	8	Data analysis and interpretation for systemic triangulation
	9	Capacity development and knowledge sharing plan
	10	Timeline and resources



### **Chapter 6**

### PHASE 2-DATA COLLECTION

- Step 1: First Data Collection Cycle
- Step 2: Second Data Collection Cycle
- Step 3: Debriefing meeting and practitioner reflection



## **Data Collection**

- Continuous reflection
- Adaptation
- Cycles of data collection and emergence
- Transdisciplinary methods
- Capacity Development



THE MIRACLE OF ADAPTATION



### **Chapter 7**

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### PHASE 3-DATA ANALYSIS, INTERPRETATION AND REPORTING

- Step 1: The Systemic Triangulation framework for data analysis
- Step 2: Develop the STOC and final boundary story (Optional)
- Step 3: Draft report conclusions and recommendations



### **Systemic Triangulation**

#### Figure 7.2 Systemic triangulation



Adapted from: Reynolds, M. 2015. (Breaking) the Iron Triangle of Evaluation. IDS Bulletin 46(1):71-86.





### PHASE 4-CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

- Opportunities for Capacity Development
- Dissemination and Communications Methods
- Final practitioners' reflections

### Capacity Development & 2030 Agenda



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- Underscores the 2030 Agenda
- At the core of policy failure in some sectors, especially in developing countries.

- Work in partnership to build mutual capacity.
- SDGs have specific targets related to capacities included under Goal 17 on partnerships





### **Communicating Results**

Figure 8.2 Contextualized graphic presentation of data





### Tools

#### ANNEXES

#### Annex 2. ISE4GEMs Tools

Tool 1: First-order boundary analysis

Tool 2: Stakeholder analysis

Tool 3: Second-order boundary analysis

Tool 4: Vulnerability assessment

Tool 5: GEMs evaluability assessment

Tool 6: ISE4GEMs planning tool

Tool 7: Transdisciplinary methods and tools

Tool 8: Facilitators' field guide meeting planner

Tool 9: GEMs data analysis

Tool 10: GEMs integration tool

Tool 11: Final reflections



- Piloting
- Contributions requested for *Inclusive Systemic Thinking* book *Routledge* 2019-2020





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