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ClieNFarms Scaling Toolbox

Future Radars

Future Forecasting

This is a visioning tool and so you need some imagination to use it to its fullest potential. Use this tool to imagine your ideal future and then look backwards and plot your path to success. Then, reverse the direction and plan your path using the knowledge you have gained from the first imaginary exercise. Whereas most projects are planned solely from the start going forwards, working with complex problems can throw up all manner of curve balls and projects can be easily derailed. This tool helps you plot milestones along the way which are inspired by the future, rather than trapped by the past. These milestones can keep you on the straight and narrow. Imagine that you are lone boat crossing a great ocean a few centuries back, to keep you in the right direction while the winds are buffeting your vessel and currents drag you, a pinpoint is an essential reference - a guiding star if you will. The imagined future is you guiding star. The milestones are watering holes, ports and points of reference planned on your route. Future Radars is a tool from the from [The Visual Toolbox for Systems Innovation](#).

Purpose

When you have a long-term and complex challenge, the pathway of which is full of uncertainties and possibilities because of the systemic context (multiple stakeholders interwoven with each other, and a context also interplaying with them). Under these conditions, traditional planning can lead to your project derailing very quickly due to competitors, unexpected risks or changes not happening. This tool will result in a pathway of milestones which will serve as a basis for drawing out a reliable plan including alternatives in the case of unforeseen events.

Expected outcomes of applying the tool

The tool will help you identify and decide on a gameplan consisting of a collection of changes and actions that will lead you to achieve the envisioned future from the present time.

Preparation

The tool builds on a clear description of your challenge, your current state, and the vision of the future.

Step-by-step guide to using the tool (Recipe)

Please find step by step guide in [The Visual Toolbox for Systems Innovation](#) on pages 127 – 134.

Suggested follow up steps

Based on the results of this tool, you can start a more detailed action planning. As plans may change along the way you may want to revisit the Future Radars process in addition to more traditional project planning tools.

Links and references

[The Visual Toolbox for Systems Innovation](#) on pages 127 – 134



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