The Flourishing Muti-Level Canvas

Systems Analysis

The flourishing Multi-Level Canvas is a systems thinking tool which has the key advantage of being very visual and quite quick- the tool encourages you to organise scattered and random components of the system into distinct areas and layers. It then let's you see the complex interplay of relations between these components across the different parts and layers of a system. It also lets you see how potential ideas may impact different parts of the system. A downside of this tool is its key focus is on the components, rather than interconnections between them and the overall purpose of the system, both of which are harder to grapple with and more impactful when you do. You need to have a pretty good grasp of systems innovation to use this, (if you don't, please use the Context Map first to dip your toe in) but if you do, this tool is there to help you find your feet in the system.

The Flourishing Multilevel is a tool from the from The Visual Toolbox for Systems Innovation

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Purpose

The tool will help you gain a deep understanding of current components of the system, how they are interwoven and how they impact your project plan. It should always be used before making decisions for the future of the project.

Expected outcomes of applying the tool

The tool will result in a visual identification of the elements that make up the complex system of three levels in which your project is embedded, as well as the interplay amongst them.

Preparation

What needs to be in place for the tool to work properly (ingredients list)
The tool builds on an in-depth understanding of the complex system around your project, comprising the dominant market or system, the collection of innovation initiatives bubbling up in parallel to that system, and the main trends and pressures from the overarching level.
Step-by-step guide to using the tool (Recipe)
Please find step by step guide in The Visual Toolbox for Systems Innovation on pages 87 - 95

Suggested follow up steps

Based on the results of this tool, you can start planning the future for your innovation. If so, you can start with the visioning and back-casting tools before planning. Alternatively, you may want to go deeper in your understanding of the barriers and opportunities for your innovation. Then you can go for the Fishing for barriers tool.

Links and references

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