InterAction Council

"Strategy X"
A Plan to Secure the Future of Humanity from Existential Threats
A Collaborative Initiative advanced by the InterAction Council and Partners
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Vision: To create a flourishing and safe world for all, and to secure the well-being of future generations.
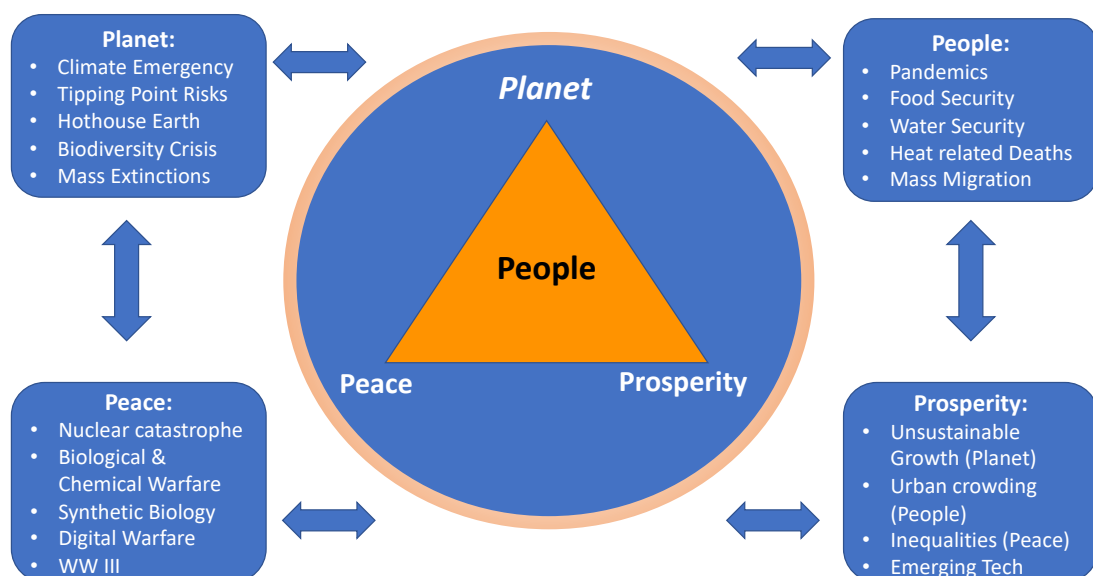
Goal: To prevent and reduce risks from existential threats to ensure human survival.

Key Threats and Risks: Existential threats and risks can be considered under the Sustainable Development Goal clusters of Planet, Peace, People and Prosperity:

- **Planet:** Threats range from mass extinctions from asteroids to massive volcanic eruptions and biodiversity collapse to threats from our climate emergency
- **People:** Inequalities, food and water insecurity act as drivers for migration and conflict, whilst a warming planet increases the risk of pandemics with the potential to threaten human existence
- **Peace:** Nuclear, chemical, and biological warfare, including engineered pandemics; Digital Warfare and Artificial Intelligence
- **Prosperity:** Mechanical-Technical-Industrialisation including unsustainable growth (planet); unhealthy crowded cities and rapid travel (pandemics) and widening inequalities (peace); human security risks are posed from emerging technology, including Quantum Computing and genetic engineering

Challenges: include fragmented global governance, sectoral and reactive responses, compounded by nationalism, underestimation or denial of risks and competing interests. Moreover, threats and risks often interact and reinforce each other with the potential to escalate existential catastrophes:

CONTEXT: The Escalating Nexus of Existential Threats and Risks

Planet:
- Climate Emergency
- Tipping Point Risks
- Hothouse Earth
- Biodiversity Crisis
- Mass Extinctions

People:
- Pandemics
- Food Security
- Water Security
- Heat related Deaths
- Mass Migration

Peace:
- Nuclear catastrophe
- Biological & Chemical Warfare
- Synthetic Biology
- Digital Warfare
- WW III

Prosperity:
- Unsustainable Growth (Planet)
- Urban crowding (People)
- Inequalities (Peace)
- Emerging Tech

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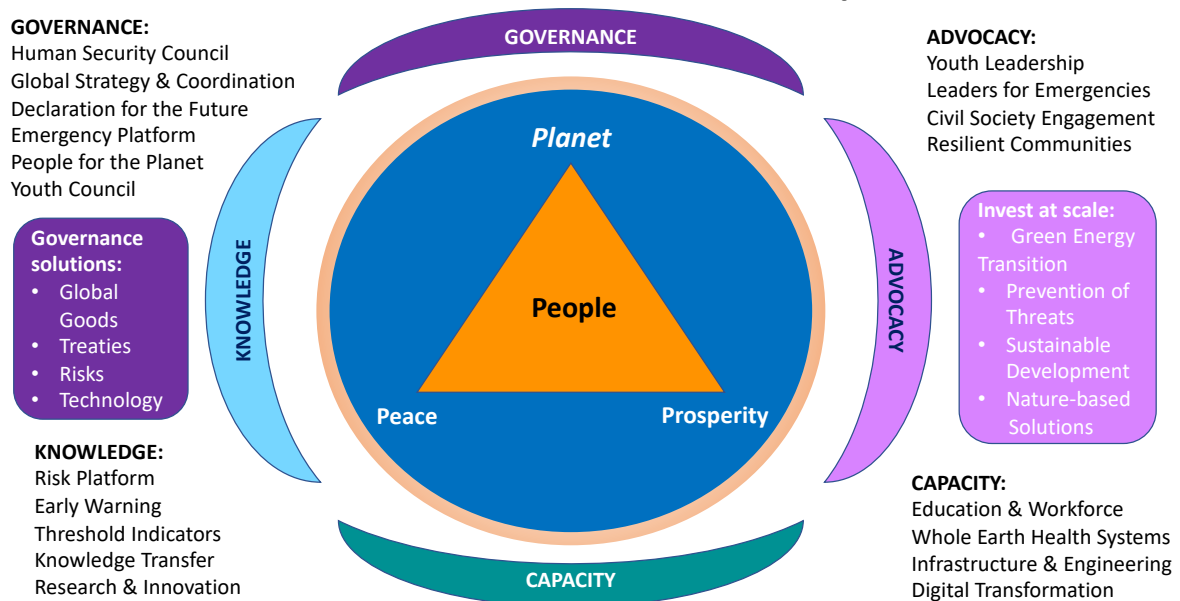People
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Strategic Sustainable Systems: Utilise strategic foresight to design processes for the delivery of multi-disciplinary governance and policy for the:

- **Planet:** Prevent tipping points from escalating and creating runaway climate change; create a strategic global emergency response to stabilise our essential determinants of life on this planet including temperature, air, water, land, and food systems, and to assist in recovery
- **People:** Prevent future pandemics – through enhanced global governance with regional and local coordination, create One Health systems for prevention, detection, early warning systems, preparedness and response; transform global health security as a global good with digital solutions
- **Peace:** Prevent violence within families and communities, and create inclusive and fair societies to promote a culture of peace; identify risks for conflicts for early intervention with diplomacy and development for pathways to peace including intercountry initiatives; advocate for and agree on common global rights and responsibilities, and implement controls for technologies and weapons of mass-destruction; adopt no first use policies, remove hair trigger alerts and pledge no use of nuclear weapons
- **Prosperity:** Scale renewable energy to underpin human security, sustainable development and growth; establish global governance for digital technology and AI to reduce risks and enhance beneficial solutions; promote open access health and education, research and innovation to create a flourishing world for all

A Global Futures Platform - for Planet, People and Peace: to enable governance, knowledge, advocacy, and capacity, to scale the rapid delivery of integrated systems with digital solutions:

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GOVERNANCE:
Human Security Council
Global Strategy & Coordination
Declaration for the Future
Emergency Platform
People for the Planet
Youth Council

Governance solutions:
- Global Goods
- Treaties
- Risks
- Technology

KNOWLEDGE:
Risk Platform
Early Warning
Threshold Indicators
Knowledge Transfer
Research & Innovation

ADVOCACY:
Youth Leadership
Leaders for Emergencies
Civil Society Engagement
Resilient Communities

Invest at scale:
- Green Energy Transition
- Prevention of Threats
- Sustainable Development
- Nature-based Solutions

CAPACITY:
Education & Workforce
Whole Earth Health Systems
Infrastructure & Engineering
Digital Transformation

GOVERNANCE

Planet

People

Peace

Prosperity

KNOWLEDGE

ADVOCACY

CAPACITY

Recommendations: In October, a **Global Youth Council to Prevent Existential Threats to Humanity** was established with One Young World, to advance next steps with partners:
- **GOVERNANCE:** A Global Security Council for the Planet, People and Peace
- **STRATEGY:** A Plan to Secure the Future of Humanity from Existential Threats
- **PLATFORM:** A Global Futures Platform - for the Planet, People and Peace
- **ADVOCACY:** Champions and Ambassadors for the Well-Being of Future Generations
- **LEADERS:** Create Courageous and Inclusive Leadership for Emergencies and Global Security
- **PARTNERS:** Establish an Alliance of Partners for the Planet, People and Peace

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