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Landscape Approach and Landscape Leadership



What is your landscape?

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Your Landscapes

What is the meaning of the word “Landscape” in your own language?

Very often, the word “landscape” is used in a scientific context, which makes it a scientific or even technical term. But if you have to communicate with landscape inhabitants you may want to find an equivalent for the word “landscape” in your own language. A word that resonates well with the people you interact with, a word that they understand, and that they like. Can you find a good equivalent of the word “landscape” into your own language?

Let’s give it a try:

1. Consider how would you translate the word “landscape” into your own language?
2. Try to find an equivalent of the English word “landscape” in your own language.
3. Once you have found a good word, write it on a piece of paper.
4. Can you translate this back into English?
5. Turn to the person next to you, briefly describe the word you have decided on, and what it would mean if you would translate this back into English.

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Did you find this difficult?

This video from Rwanda's Assumpta Uzamukunda may help you to envision some of the ways the word "landscape" can have a deeper meaning when translated back into your native language.





Understanding the Landscape Approach

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Landscape Approaches

Let's answer some questions:

1. What do you believe is the ideal size of a landscape?

A. The size of a community	B. The size of many communities together
C. The size of a country	D. A size spanning multiple countries
E. All of the above	

Landscape Approaches

Let's answer some questions:

2. What do you, personally, see your landscape as?

A. A space for people to share and collaborate on relevant issues	B. An arena of conflict and competition for space
C. A mosaic of different land uses which are complimentary	D. An area where international commodity companies derive their products from
E. Any or all of the above	

Landscape Approaches

Let's answer some questions:

3. What would you say the real aim of a landscape approach is?

A. To combat land degradation and erosion	B. To instigate collective action
C. To channel climate funds from the global to the local	D. To move from community development to wider area-based development
E. To communicate and participate in international networks	

Landscape Approaches

Let's combine our answers:

- A landscape can be any size,
- It can be a space for any activities, across scales, where people can connect with the environment.
- And a landscape approach can support in moving from community development to a wider area-based development.

So what would this make a landscape approach?

Let's expand:

- Landscape approaches can focus on any specific geographical area,
- Landscape approaches aim to find integrated and inclusive solutions to sustainable development,
- Landscape approaches require a participatory approach, engaging multiple key stakeholders.
- Some key skills are required to facilitate diverse stakeholders across scales.



Understanding Landscape Leadership

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Defining Landscape Leaders

Let's take some time to carry out a collective exercise.

Now that you have a better idea about what a landscape approach is, it's time for you to work together to define what you believe a "landscape leader" to be.

Let's split into groups of 2, and take 5 minutes to discuss and define the following:

- What is a landscape leader?
- Write down their characteristics and attributes.
- If you have time, how would you visualise a landscape leader?
 - What would they look like?

Landscape Leadership

- A leader is someone who is able to "lead" or guide other individuals, teams or organisations,
- A leader has the ability to inspire and motivate others to move into the same direction,
- A leader does not strive for personal fame, but for achieving collective goals.

Defining landscape leadership:

- Landscapes provide a space for activities across scales. They provide a space where people can connect with their environment.
- From helping to shape the relationship between people and the landscapes they live on, to facilitating multi-stakeholder dialogues within those landscapes, landscape leaders have a key role in it all.

Landscape Leadership

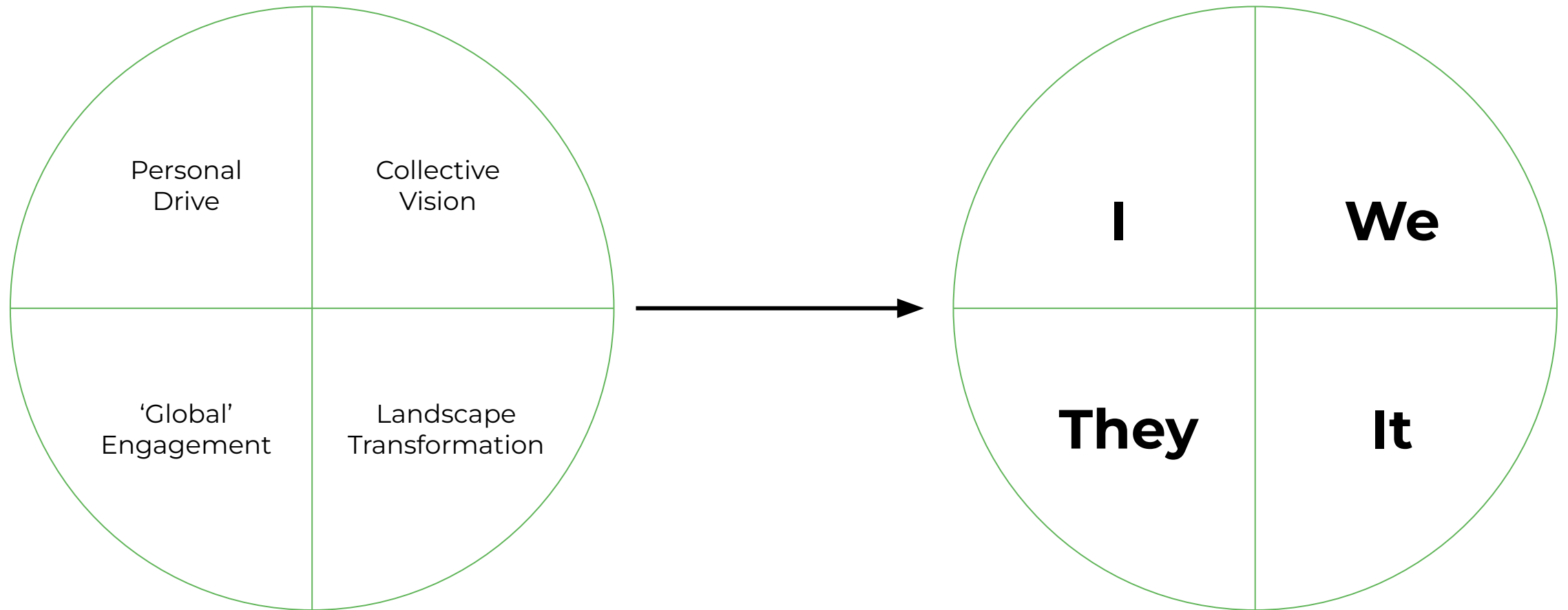
- Landscape leaders are key in not only nurturing awareness about landscapes they live in, but also in facilitating a deeper collective understanding of their landscapes.

Characteristics of a leader?

- What are some traits or characteristics you would look for in a leader?
- How do these apply to landscapes, what are some key characteristics that landscape leaders need?

Landscape Leadership

The four characteristics of a landscape leader:



Key Resources

1. Landscape in your language video: <https://youtu.be/iNrK97mJmTg>
2. Landscape approach video: <https://youtu.be/08hx5Fdcsl>