

POLICY COUNCILS TOWNHALLS

FUTURE ENVISIONING EXERCISES AN OVERVIEW

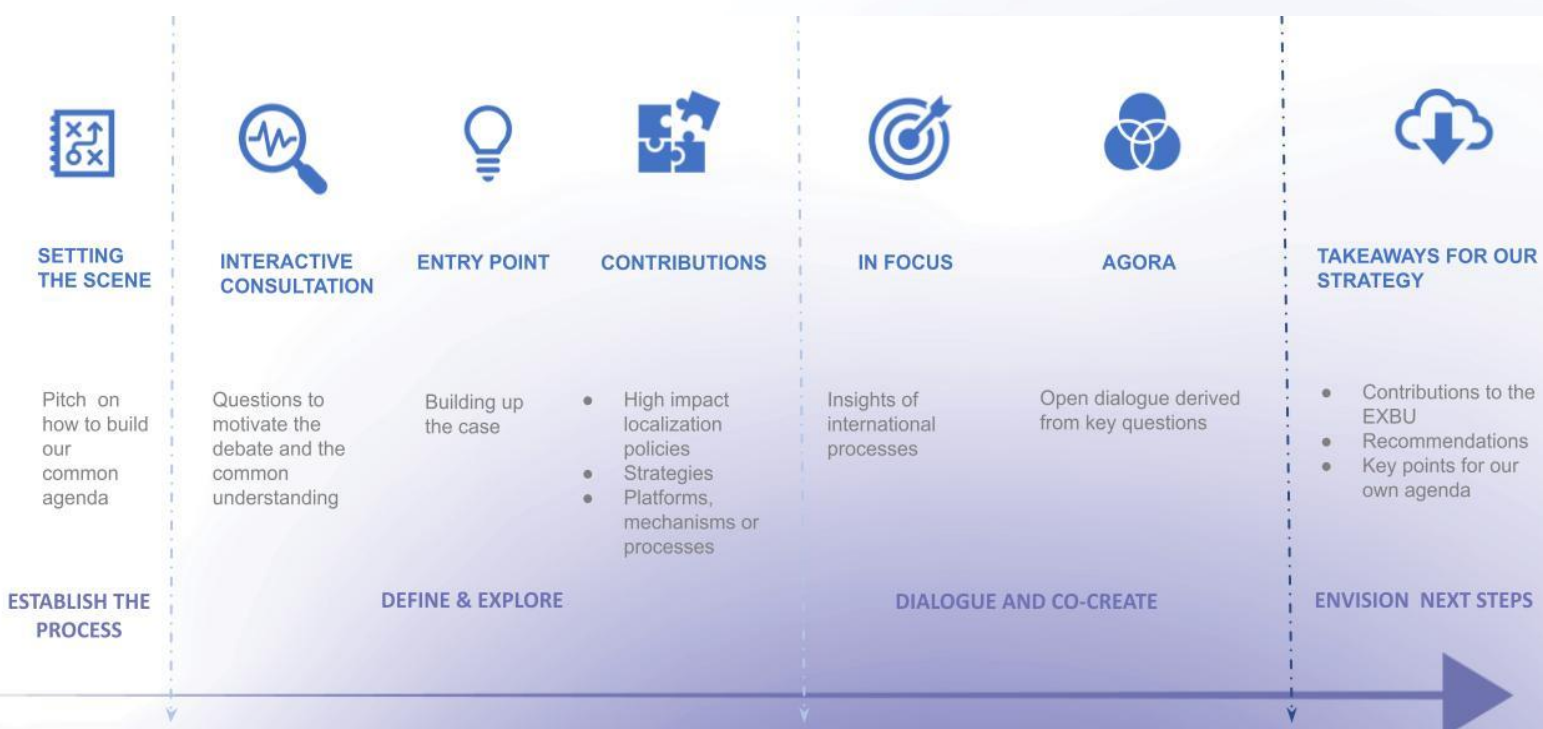
1. WHAT ARE THE FUTURE ENVISIONING EXERCISES?

The Pact for the Future of Humanity adopted by UCLG is both the **political mandate** of the municipal movement and the **roadmap of work** of our world organization. Its ambitious agenda is both the basis and the objective that our constituency strives for to renew our social contract and develop further the interlocution established with the international agenda. **The Future Envisioning Exercises**, mandated by the UCLG Policy Councils, **are a first step** to unfolding the Pact for the Future.

They are the **common point of arrival** of the present Policy Councils and Town Halls, building up on the outputs and outcomes of both processes, the UCLG World Congress and the 2023 Retreat. While, simultaneously, they are a **common point of departure**: they are a space of dialogue and co-creation in which the UCLG political leadership, together with organized civil society and partners articulated in the UCLG Town Halls, will aim to reach real and tangible conclusions through forward-looking consultations around 4 Entry Points to unfold the Pact for the Future: **Reclaiming the Commons, Redefining Finances, Regaining Trust and Rebuilding Governance Architecture**. The conclusions reached will inform the deliberations of UCLG’s statutory bodies, thus contributing to the political mandate of the Pact and the roadmap of our world organization. These deliberations will also inform how the Pact for the Future contributes to the UN General Assembly’s revision of the 2030 Agenda at the SDG Summit, as well as to the 2023 Summit of the Future, which will build on and contribute to the Secretary General’s “Our Common Agenda”.

2. The Future Envisioning Exercises in practice: a series of sessions with a shared methodology

In practice, the Future Envisioning Exercises are a policy process articulated as a series of online live sessions that will follow the following methodology:



Participants will co-create visions on how each one of the 4 Entry Points can contribute to unfolding the Pact for the Future and to the Summit of the Future through:

- exchanging inspiring keynote speeches
- gathering key insights through interactive exercises
- bringing forward the different kinds of contributions that each actor would like to share to co-create such shared vision
- providing an online Agora for open dialogue, which will be structured around the Guiding Questions relevant to each Entry Point.

3. A roadmap to the Future Envisioning Exercises

- Prior to each Future Envisioning Exercise, participants will receive specific documentation to guide the session, including the specificities of the session's agenda and Guiding Questions.
- Following each Future Envisioning Exercise, there will be a Vision Document that will collect the information shared and provide relevant analyses.
- As a wrap up, the Future Envisioning Exercises Outlook will highlight the key takeaways from the whole series.