Multi-stakeholder Partnerships in the Post 2015 development era: Sharing knowledge and expertise to support the achievement of the SDGs Expert group meeting organized by Division for Sustainable Development, UN HQ, NYC, 16 June 2015

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We realized that the challenges ahead are:

1....wicked – both complicated and complex

 We need to deal with them in co-creation and in an integrated way

2....a result of present trends

• There is a need for transformation

We started with our own organization

Vision "Chalmers for a sustainable future"
 Avoid lock-in effects – everyone onboard
 Challenge driven matrix organization

Matrix organization

Energy

Information and Communication

Life Sciences

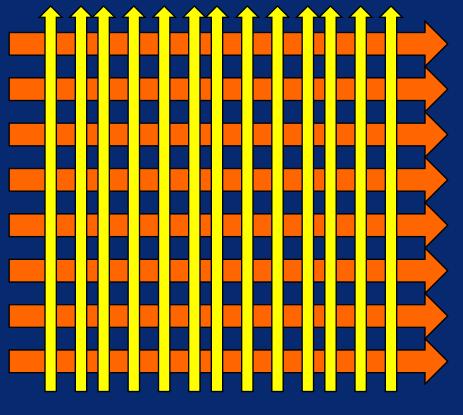
Materials

Nano science and Technics

Production

Built Environment

Transport



17 Departements

Sustainable development provide the driving force!

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- 3. Good facilitating is crucial

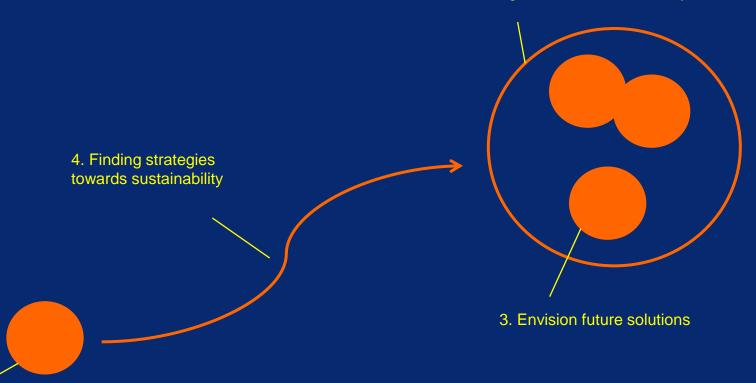


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Backcasting

1. Defining criteria for sustainability



2. Describe present situation in relation to the criteria for sustainability

[Holmberg, 1998]

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GoBiGas – the world's largest demonstration plant for biomethane production



GoBiGas = Gothenburg Biomass Gasification project

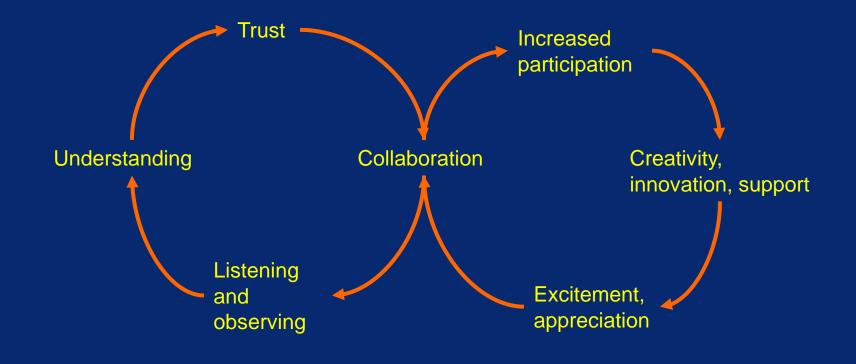
Purpose: Shall in a commercial scale demonstrate the possibilities of gasifaction to produce renewable and CO_2 -neutral biomethane

Project owner: Göteborg Energi AB

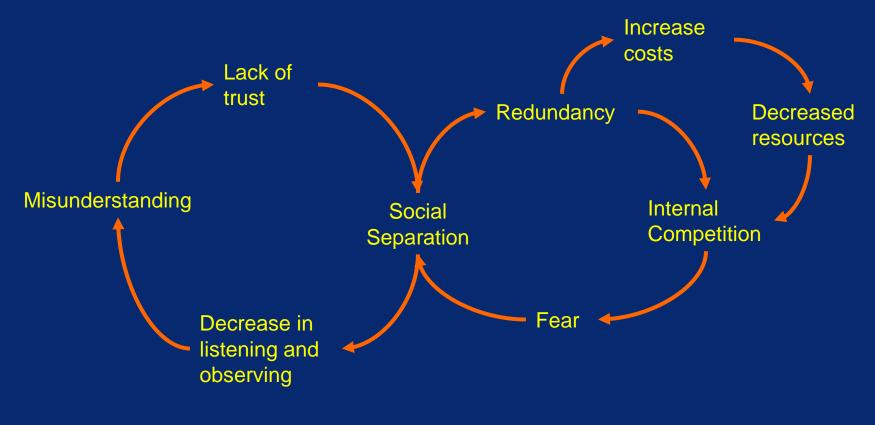


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Collaboration begins with listening



The cost of not listening



Where students becomes change agents by taking on complex societal challenges with industry, academia and society.



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Chalmers for a sustainable future



A Vision

Clear commitment by the management team
Clear "why" we are doing it
Incentives
Structures



A Neutral Arena/Organization

- overview and responsibility outside and across the traditional boarders
- engine for the issues that otherwise often becomes everyone's interest but nobody's responsibility.
- Idea incubator
- node for information
- open and inviting
- service oriented (not building own empires)
- building trust and lower barriers
- keeping the memory of the change process and give feed-back to relevant stakeholders and thereby keeping up the change momentum.



Create Engagement

The change process must build on the engagement and involvement of the individual. Therefore, the features of the neutral arena/organisation must be adapted to meet these requirements. Listen and learn for change! Invite people not only to contribute to the anwers but also to formulate the questions!



Zzzzzzzz

If the

1. The commitment from the management team is there 2. The neutral arena/organization works well

3. The engagement and involvement actively build bottom-up initiatives

Then you can relax Zzzzzz and celebrate

Double loop-learning through:

UNESCO, Global Action Plan ESD UNEP, GUPES SDSN, Northen Europe University networks in Europe and Scandinavia

Thank You!

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You can download a text that describe what I just presented here:

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