

# BEYOND GLOBAL JUSTICE

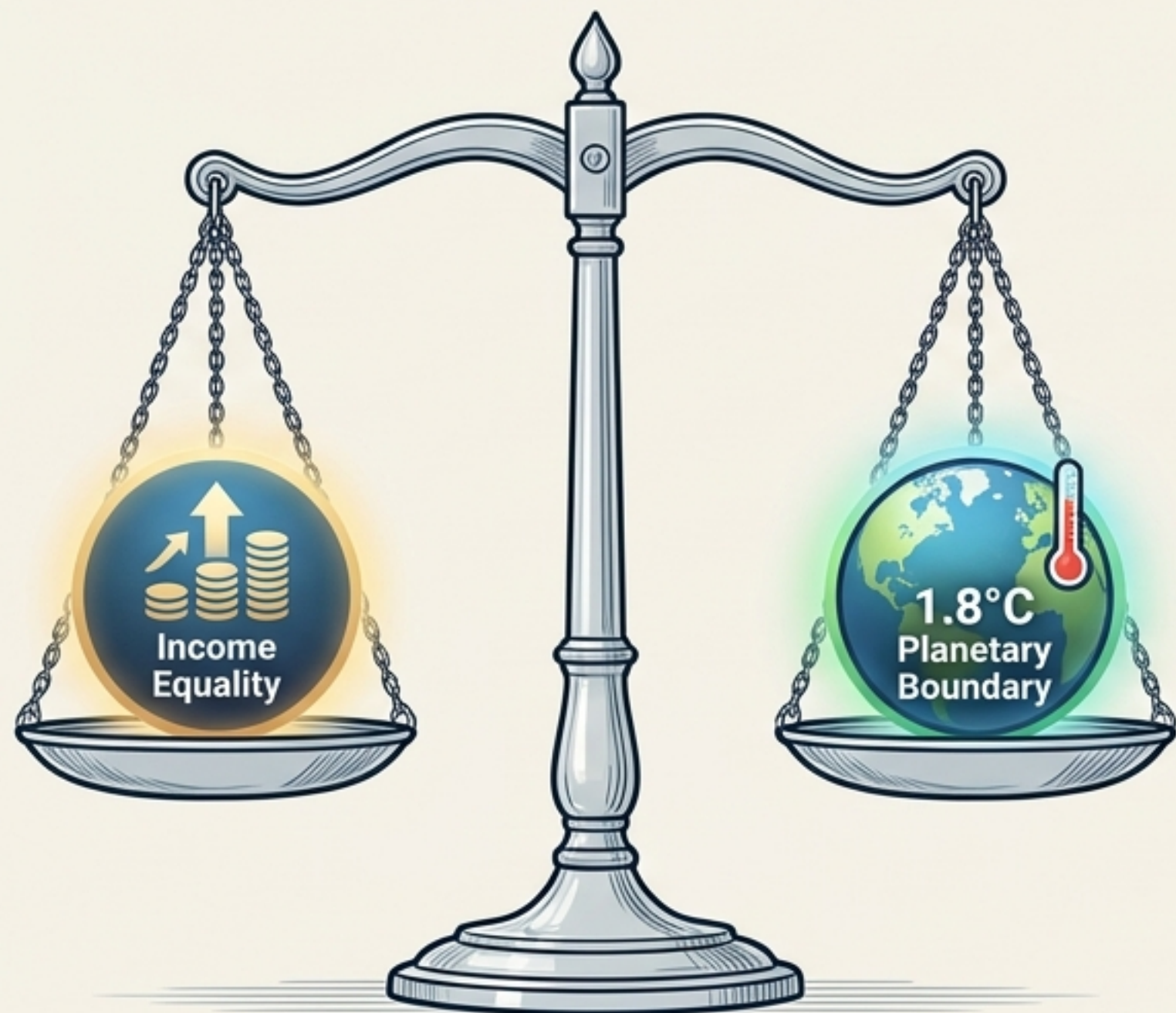
Toward a Life-Coherent Architecture of Universal Provisioning



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## The Premise: The Necessary But Insufficient Gap



**The Breakthrough:** The 2026 Global Justice Report successfully merged global income equality and rapid decarbonization into a single achievable model.

**Insight:** Distributing income equitably within an unchanged, extractive economic grammar fails the test of justice.



**The Gap:** Equality and habitability are necessary, but insufficient. A habitable world built through deprivation is not just. An equal world that destabilizes ecosystems is not viable.



# The Danger of Aggregation: Equality of What?



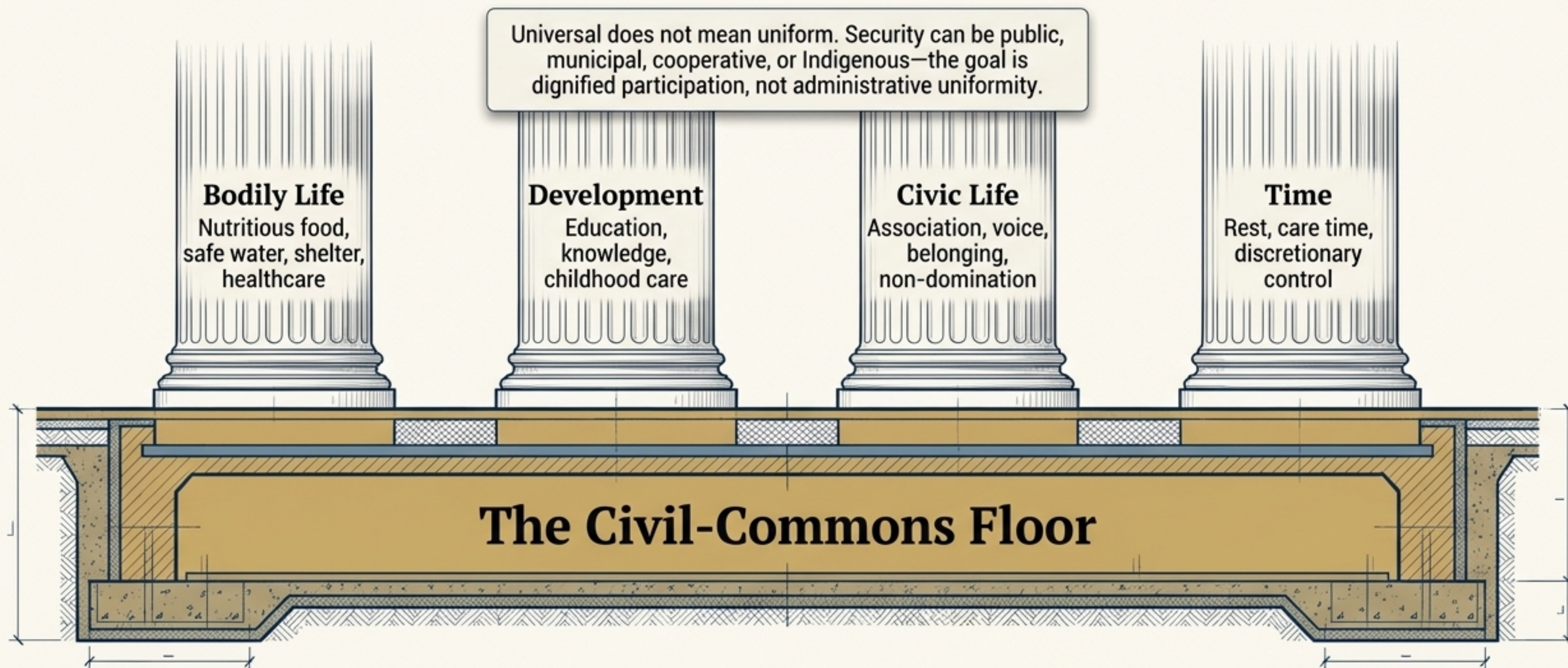
**Proxies vs. Real Freedom:** Income is only a proxy. A health entitlement is useless without nearby facilities. A bicycle is useless without safe roads. Equal resources can coexist with unequal capabilities.

**The Shift:**  
We must shift the objective from income convergence to **effective life-capacity convergence**.



# Principle 1: The Civil-Commons Floor

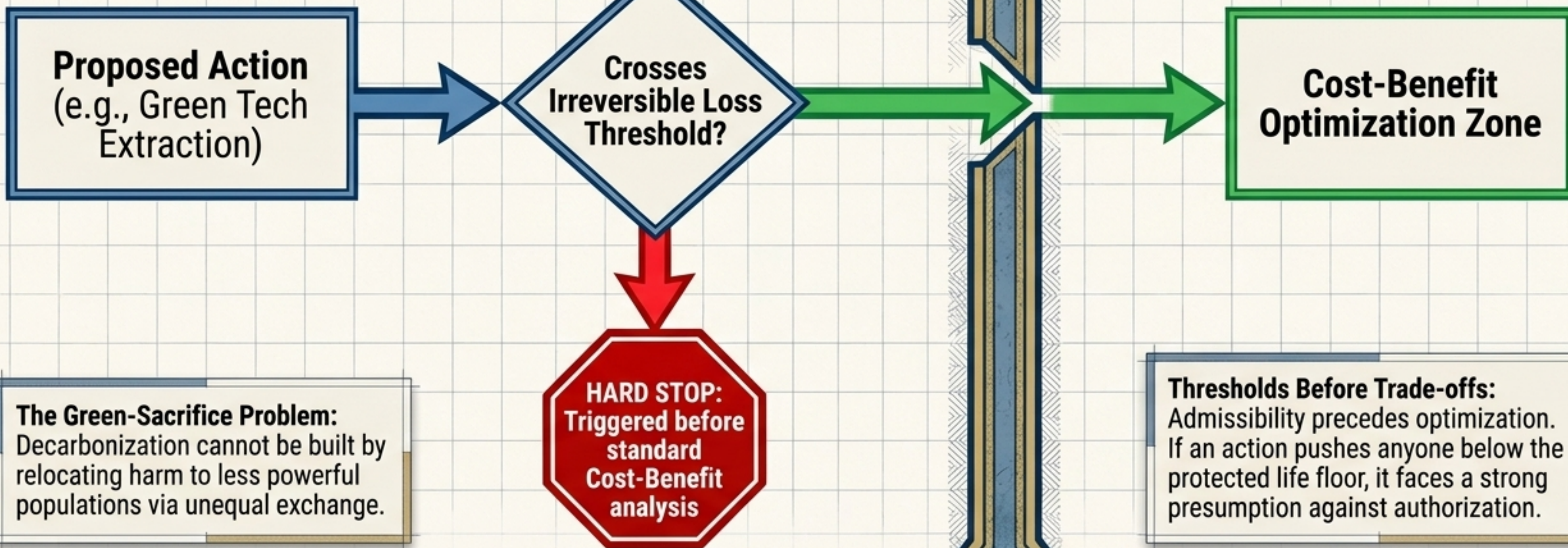
**Concept:** Moving from monetary claims to effective access. Necessities become secure when collectively organized institutions guarantee them independently of individual market power.





## Principle 2: Non-Sacrifice (The Boundary)

**The Principle:** No population, species, or generation may be systematically deprived of life conditions for aggregate economic or environmental gain.

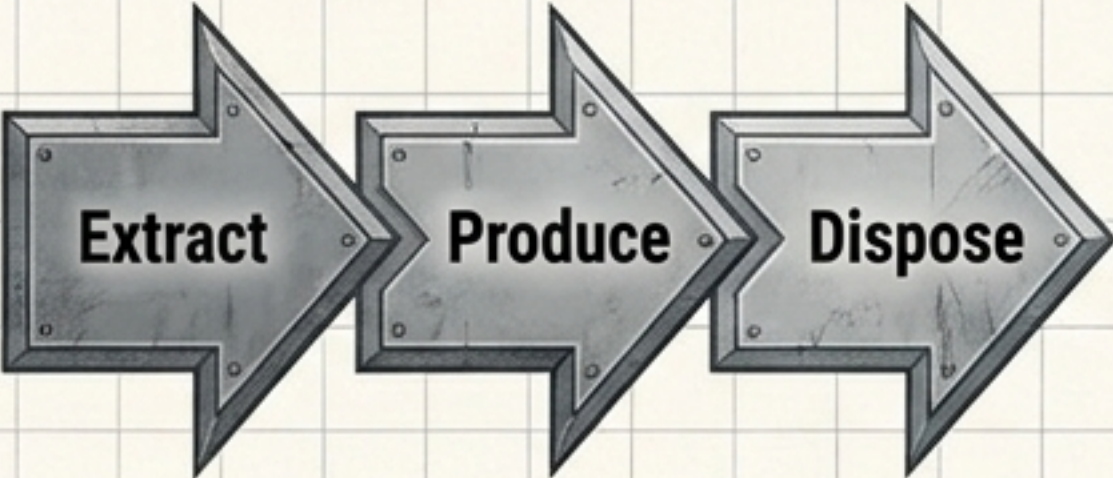


**The Green-Sacrifice Problem:**  
Decarbonization cannot be built by relocating harm to less powerful populations via unequal exchange.

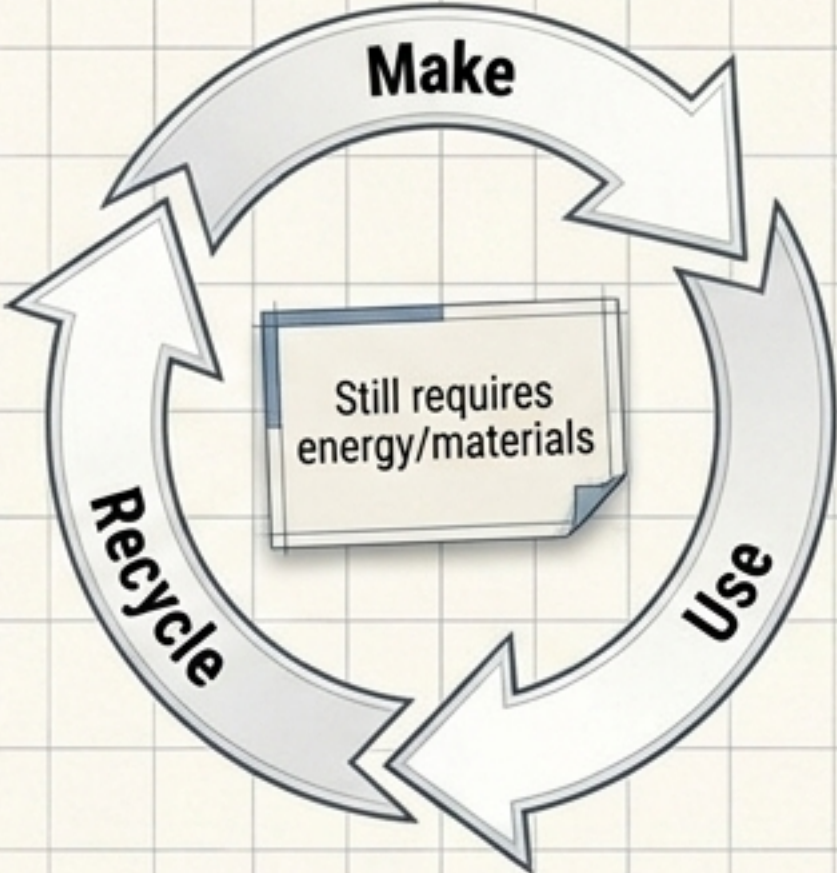
**Thresholds Before Trade-offs:**  
Admissibility precedes optimization. If an action pushes anyone below the protected life floor, it faces a strong presumption against authorization.



# Principle 3: Regenerative Provisioning (The Engine)



Linear Economy



Circular Economy



Regenerative Economy

**Beyond Sustainability:** Sustainability maintains the rate of damage. Regeneration actively renews the capacities upon which the system depends.

**Finance as Servant:** Finance must coordinate claims upon future production based on public purpose, not dictate access based on portfolio yield.

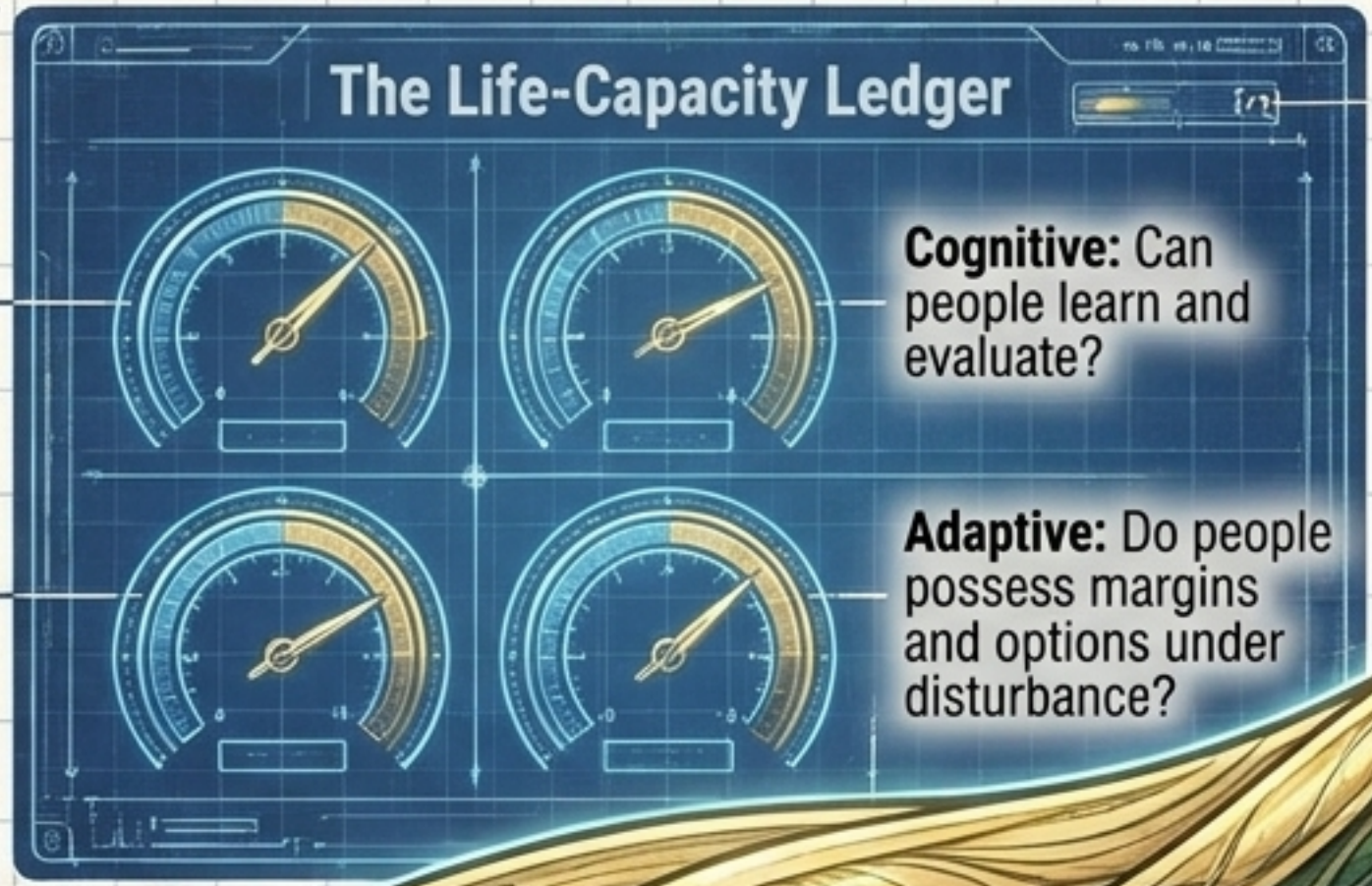


# Principle 4: Enlargement of Living Capacities (The Purpose)

**The Institutional Error:** Treating means (GDP, hospital revenue, asset appreciation) as the ultimate objective. The true purpose is the protection, restoration, and enlargement of living capacities.

**Bodily:** Can people maintain health?

**Temporal:** Do people possess sufficient control over time?



**Cognitive:** Can people learn and evaluate?

**Adaptive:** Do people possess margins and options under disturbance?

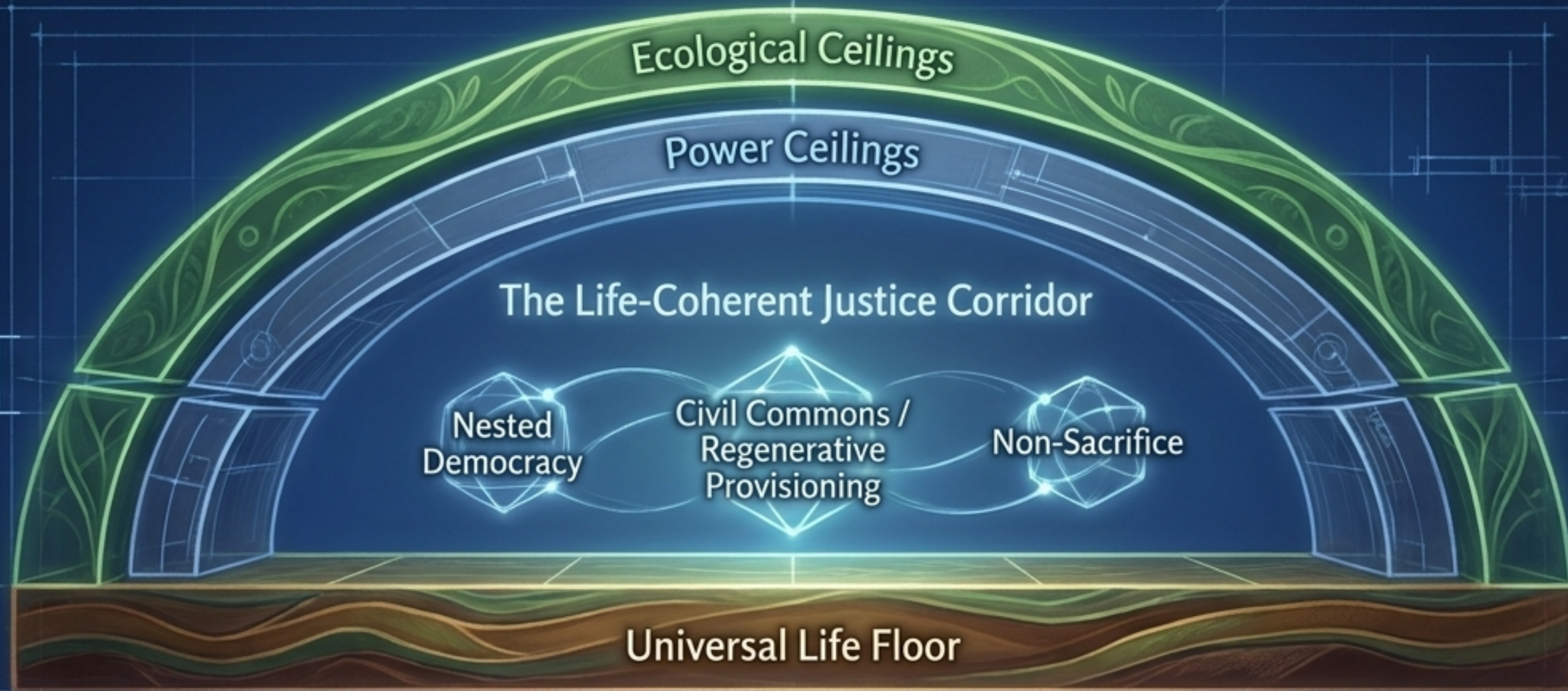
**The Civil-Commons Floor**  
(as established in Slide 4)

**Abundance Without Excess:** Expanding public, relational, and temporal abundance without proportional increases in material throughput.



# The Constitutional Geometry of a Just World

**The Ceilings:**  
Limits pressure  
on living systems  
and prevents  
unaccountable  
command.



**The Floor:**  
Protects necessities  
and capabilities  
below which no  
person should fall.

**Enlargement of Living Capacities**

**The Corridor:**  
The plural field of legitimate prosperity—neither unlimited  
consumer sovereignty nor comprehensive state prescription.



# Defining the Ceilings



## Ecological Ceilings (Upper Bound)

Binding carbon, water, nutrient, pollution, and material budgets. Allocation reflects universal needs, historical responsibility, and transition capacity.

## Power Ceilings (Lower Bound)

Constraining wealth concentrations that mutate into unaccountable political command.

### Mechanisms

- Progressive wealth & inheritance taxes
- Antimonopoly policy
- Worker codetermination
- Democratic control of essential infrastructure



# Reversing the Priority of Social Claims

**Context:** Contemporary systems protect debt and property above food and health. A life-coherent ordering reverses this:



**Insight:** Contracts remain legitimate, but debt service cannot automatically require the closure of essential services.



# Reconstructing the Global Justice Platform

## Original 2026 Platform

Global Justice Fund

**Funding**

Equal Country Dividends

**Distribution**

World Sovereign Fund

**Ownership**

Performance Conditions

**Accountability**

UN Central Bank

**Finance**

## Life-Coherent Reconstruction

**Global Life Commons**

(Securing necessities & regeneration)

**Life-Capacity Dividends**

(Adjusted for need, vulnerability, and repair)

**World Life Stewardship Trust**

(Life mandate supersedes portfolio return)

**Reciprocal Capability Compacts**

(Accountability for recipient and donor states)

**Democratic Monetary Commons**

(Coordinating real resources, protecting imports)



# New Institutions: Commons & Stewardship



The Global Life Commons

- Replaces discretionary aid with standing fiscal capacity (~8-10% of world GDP).
- Finances not just projects, but the capacity to continue provisioning.
- Ensures every investment leaves behind trained people, local supply chains, and maintainable systems.

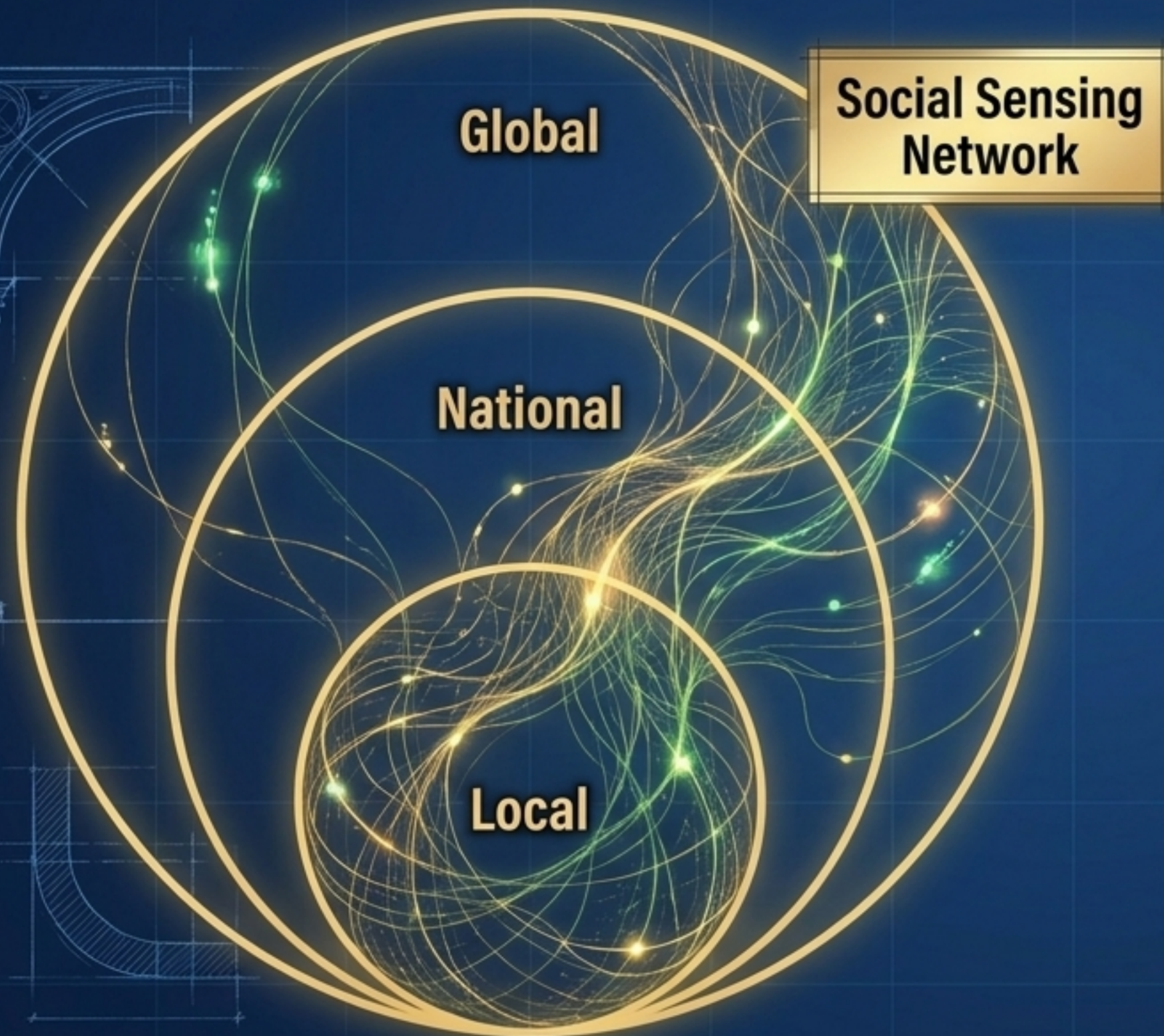


The World Life Stewardship Trust

- Socializes ~10% of global capital.
- Uses ownership rights to democratize firms (worker representation, transparent supply chains).
- Acts as a **steward**, not purely a profit-maximizing state capitalist. Essential services cannot be contingent on market performance.



# New Institutions: Sensing & Democracy



## Nested Democracy

Authority sits at the lowest level capable of managing consequences. Subsidiarity with solidarity prevents central domination without abandoning poor localities.

## Life-Capacity Accounting Authority

Not just a technocratic dashboard. A distributed sensing system combining administrative data with worker knowledge and Indigenous ecological observation to make living consequences visible.



# Anti-Capture Design & The Falsification Test

Holding the life-ground firmly, but the model provisionally.  
Claims of life-coherence must be tied to observable  
observable relations, not self-certification.

## Power Ceilings

Evidence  
Supporting



Triggers  
Revision

If the model leads to state oligarchy  
or productive collapse.

## Universal Provision

Evidence  
Supporting



Triggers  
Revision

If the model leads to bureaucratic exclusion or coercive dependency.

## Nested Governance

Evidence  
Supporting



Triggers  
Revision

If the model leads to local elite capture or  
fragmented inability to manage cross-border harms.

**The Ultimate Rule: Procedural coherence must never be  
protected against contrary evidence of real-world harm.**



# The Democratic Enablement of Life

The purpose of economic and political institutions is not the endless reproduction of money, markets, or states.

It is the democratic protection, restoration, and enlargement of the conditions of life.

A just world requires that no one is denied necessities, no community is disposable, no society exports deprivation, and no generation destroys the possibilities of the next.

**Never fall in love with coherence more than reality.**

