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REIMAGINING GOVERNANCE, PEACEBUILDING, AND ECOLOGY IN AFRICA:

HOW CAN STATES ANTICIPATE?

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BACKGROUND: REIMAGINING WHAT, AND WHY?

- Governance
- Peacebuilding
- Ecology (Environment)

... If we had all the answers and if it were perfect ... there would not be a reason to gather around such ...

... solution oriented in this dealing ...



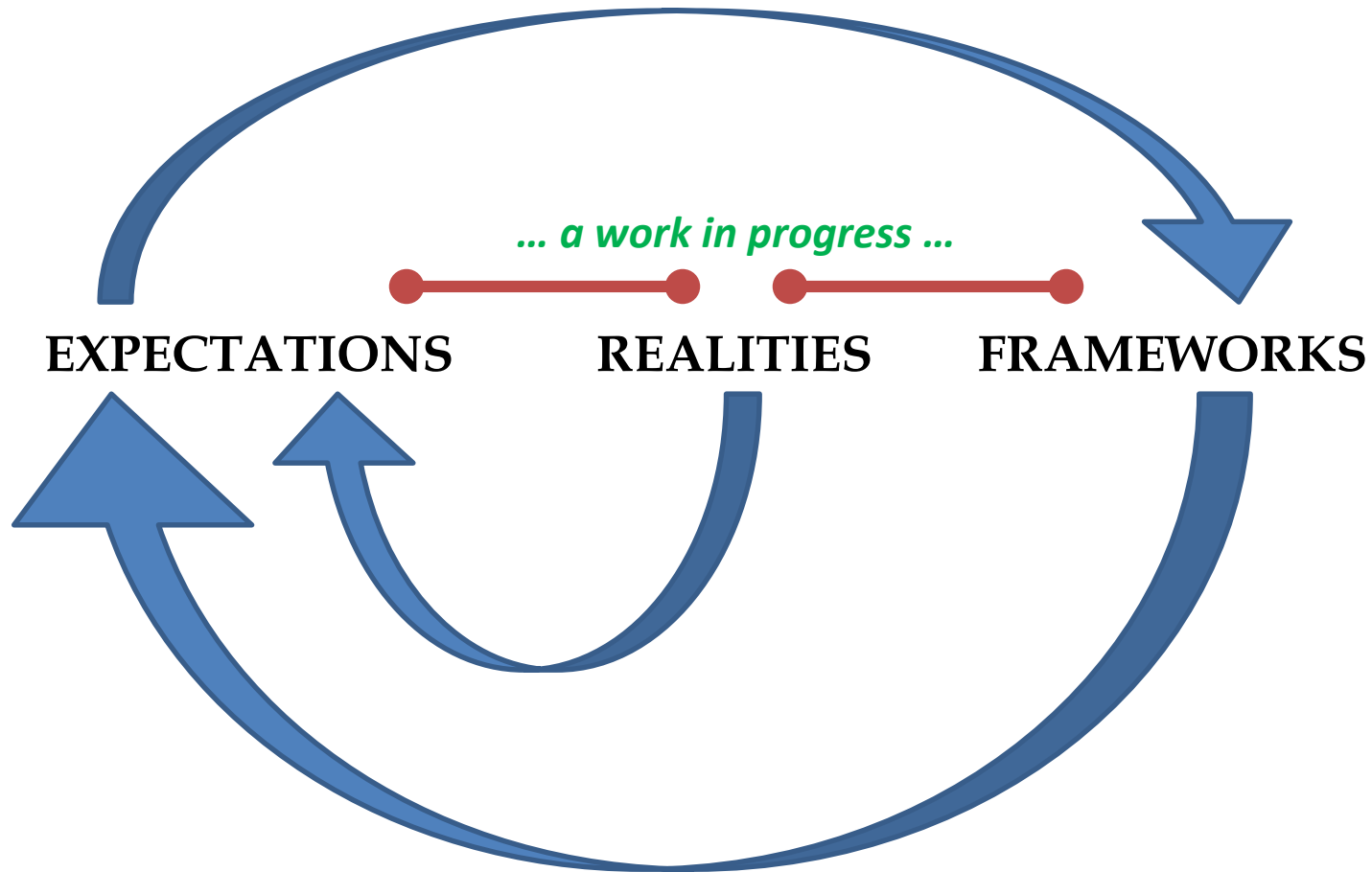
CONTEXT

- ✓ Environment
- ✓ Positive Peace

- How does the environment affect peace?
- How does peace affect the environment?



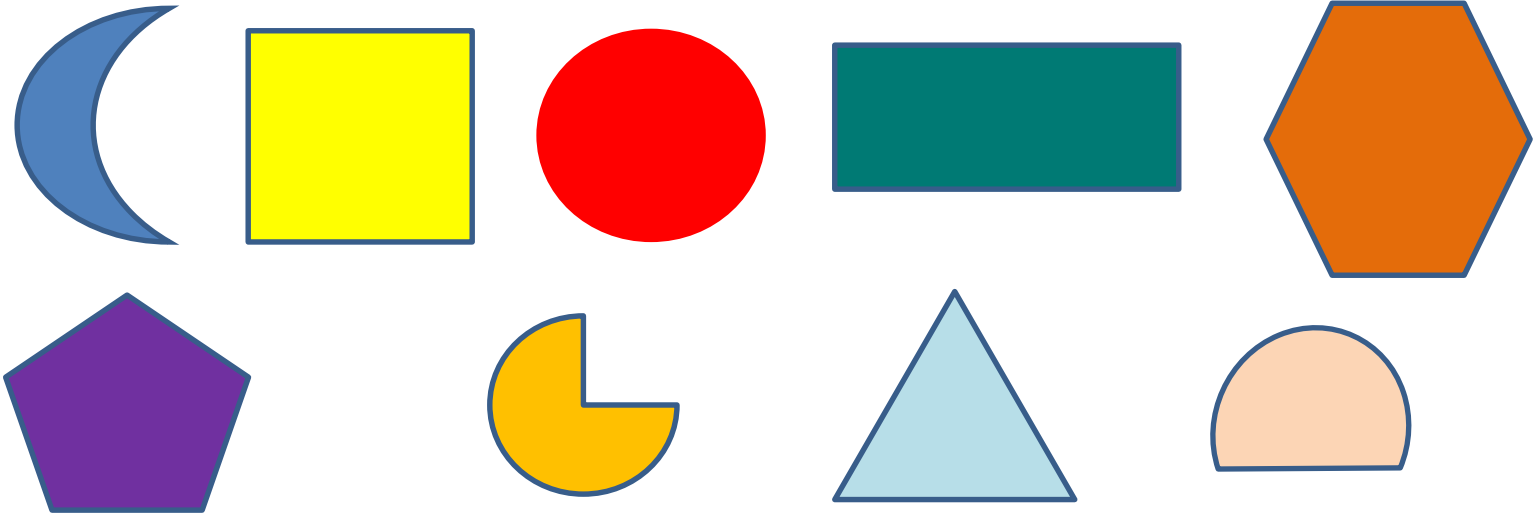
ACTOR DYNAMICS AND THE ROLE OF THE STATE



Examples to substantiate this claim in Central, East, North, Southern and West Africa: ...



INCLUSION AND LOCAL OWNERSHIP



Whose table? Who is at it? Is peace the objective? How fit?



GAPS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTORS

- Expectation | Reality – Development versus the Contrary
- Expectation | Framework – Framing
- Framework | Reality - Implementation

... a pathway for cooperation ...



HOW CAN STATES ANTICIPATE?

- ✓ Aggregate expectations, *see Nigeria's Niger-Delta*
- ✓ Interest Balancing, *see Libya*
- ✓ Weigh existing realities, *see DRC*
- ✓ Leverage, review, or develop (existing) framework, *see South Africa*
- ✓ Lessons from Awatche in C.A.R
- ✓ Leverage Resilience, *see pastoralists in East Africa*



CONCLUSION

- Reimagining governance, peacebuilding and ecology in Africa will require that we understand existing gaps and opportunities between existing frameworks, expectations and realities if positive peace as per the environment is the priority; and ...
- ... while at it, states cannot afford key stakeholders' distance from the core. Africa's historical trajectory has shown that it determines, to a greater extent, how peaceful the continent is/will be, and the extent of the environment's fitness for development.



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