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Transforming Climate Action From Compliance to Strategic Opportunity

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Short Bio

About me



PROF. DR. NIHEL CHABRAK (PhD.)

Founder & CEO

Prof. Nihel Chabrak is a globally recognized expert in sustainable development, climate action, and carbon markets.

As Founder and CEO of VisionNest, she leads a company dedicated to transforming human impact on the environment through research-driven sustainability solutions. She has led capacity-building programs focusing on climate diplomacy.

Her work with AirImpact, a deep tech platform empowering nature-based carbon projects and fostering transparency in carbon markets, led her to advocate for equitable carbon initiatives through innovative ownership models and inclusive governance frameworks to address systemic challenges in traditional market approaches. For instance, at COP28, she led the Great Green Action initiative to promote a paradigm shift for conservation and social equity.

A former Dubai Declaration on Sustainable Finance Coordinator, University Professor, and Researcher on sustainable finance and alternative governance and accounting models for sustainability, Dr. Chabrak brings deep insights into climate finance and sustainable development.

As a Climate Reality Leader and Climate Fresk Facilitator, she bridges complex scientific knowledge with public understanding of climate issues. She is developing The Great Green Academy, a pioneering educational initiative focused on nature restoration and conservation, aligned with UNESCO's Education for Sustainable Development Goals.

Dr. Chabrak holds positions in several global leadership networks, including being a Catalyst for The Inner Development Goals and a member of the Global Diplomacy Lab. Her work consistently demonstrates a commitment to bridging theory and practice in service of sustainable development and climate action.

Part 1

Global Context



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Minimal Compliance approach

Challenges in Integrating Climate Action and Development Goals in Developing Countries

Research from leading institutions shows that while countries are making climate commitments, many face similar challenges in implementation. Including:

- 1 Limited integration between climate and development planning
- 2 Institutional coordination challenges
- 3 Gaps between planning and implementation
- 4 Untapped opportunities for transformative action

Source: [The World Bank](#), [UNDP](#), [the World Resources Institute](#), and [OECD](#).

Integrated Climate Action and Development Strategy

The case of Costa Rica



Institutional Innovation

Created Citizen Climate Change Advisory Council 5C (2017)

- Enhanced citizen participation in climate policy
- Established formal accountability mechanisms
- Multi-stakeholder engagement model

Enhanced stakeholder engagement



Strategic Innovation

Aligned NDC with National Decarbonization Plan 2050

- Comprehensive net-zero emissions roadmap (foundations (2018–22), inflection (2023–30), massive deployment (2031–50))
- Clear sectoral targets and milestones
- Integration with development planning

Model for integrated climate-development planning



Innovative Financing

Pioneer in Environmental Services Payment (ESP) Program since 1997

- Following the Forestry Law of 1996
- Established the (FONAFIFO)
- Ecosystem services: mitigation of emissions, hydrological services, biodiversity protection, and provision of scenic beauty
- Significant increase in forest cover

Significant climate finance



International Recognition

First country to access IMF's Resilience and Sustainability Facility

- US\$725 million secured in 2022
- Support for climate change reforms
- Leadership in Climate Vulnerable Forum (2013-2015)

International climate leadership position



Current Approach

Key Challenges



- 1 **Box-ticking approach**
- 2 **Fragmented planning and implementation**
- 3 **Limited cross-sector coordination**
- 4 **Underutilized stakeholder engagement**
- 5 **Underutilizing International Climate Negotiations for National Gains**



Transform Climate Action Approach

From **compliance-driven** to opportunity-focused through a **Phased Methodology**, supported by an **Architecture** for **Evidence-Based Assessment, Strategic Integration, Inclusive Engagement, and Action-Oriented Implementation.**

Implementation Framework

From Assessment to Action: Our Four-Phase Approach

PHASE 1

Evidence-Based Assessment

Participatory research methodology

- Comprehensive stakeholder mapping
- Gap analysis and opportunity identification
- Institutional capacity assessment

PHASE 2

Strategic Integration

Policy and planning alignment workshops

- Cross-ministerial coordination mechanisms
- Integration of climate and development goals

PHASE 3

Inclusive Engagement

Collaborative human-centric design approaches (design thinking)

- Multi-stakeholder (ministries, private sector, civil society, academic institutions, local authorities, etc.) engagement platform
- Sector-specific, youth, and gender-focused innovation labs

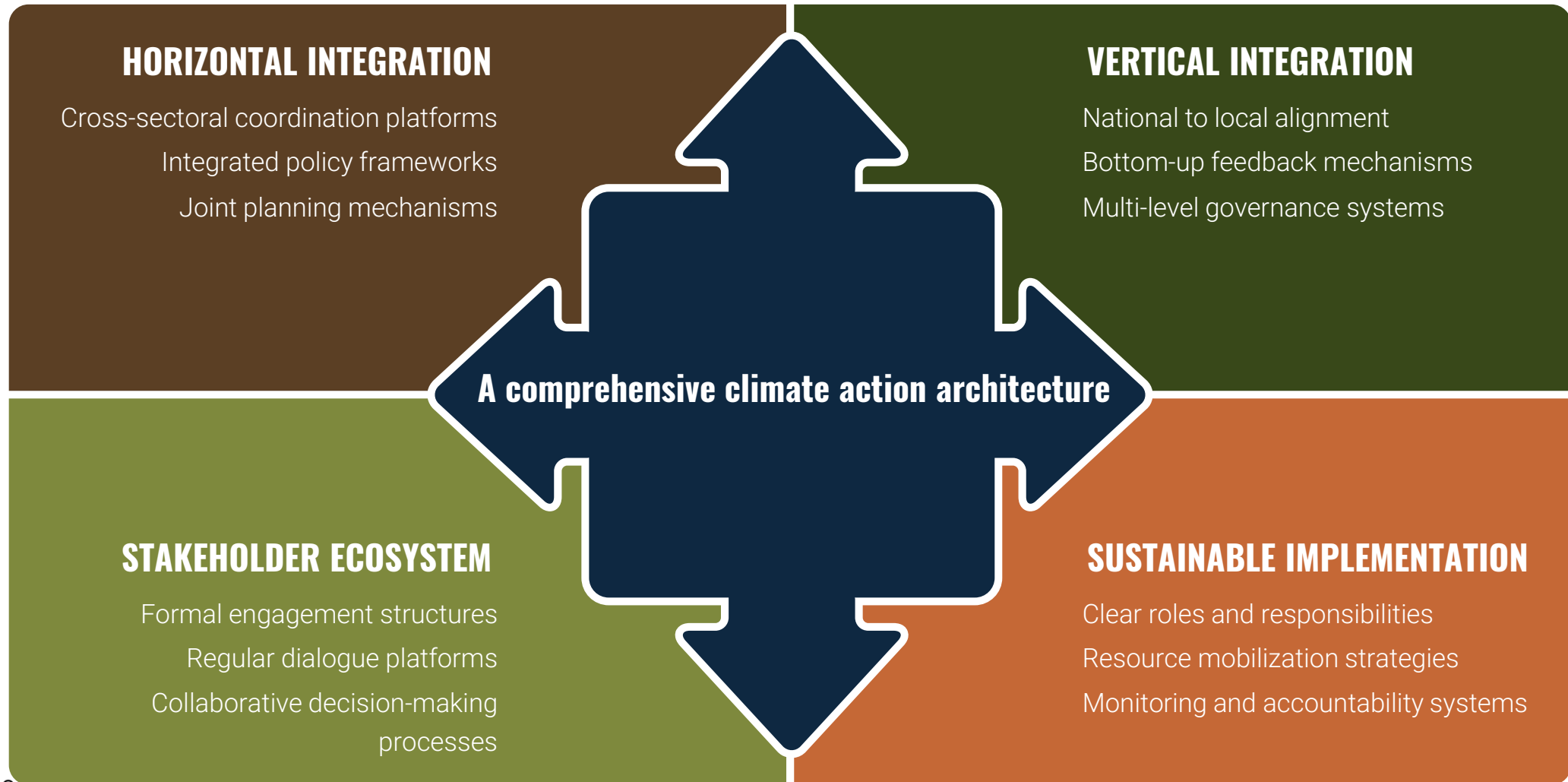
PHASE 4

Action-Oriented Implementation

- Development of concrete action plans
- Monitoring and evaluation frameworks
- Capacity building programs
- Support for international negotiations
- Resource mobilization strategy

Creating Lasting Impact

Building Sustainable Climate Action Architecture





About Vision Nest

A Nest For **Regenerative Thinking** And
Transformative Action To **Redefine The**
Anthropocene For **A Thriving Planet.**



Science-Based

We develop in-depth analyses to foster new understandings

Policy Integration

We translate new thinking into transformative policies

Regenerative Practices

We embed the new vision at all levels enabling new actions



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