

Promotion of Dialogue for Policy Making: Case of the long-term significant reduction in Green House Gases emissions

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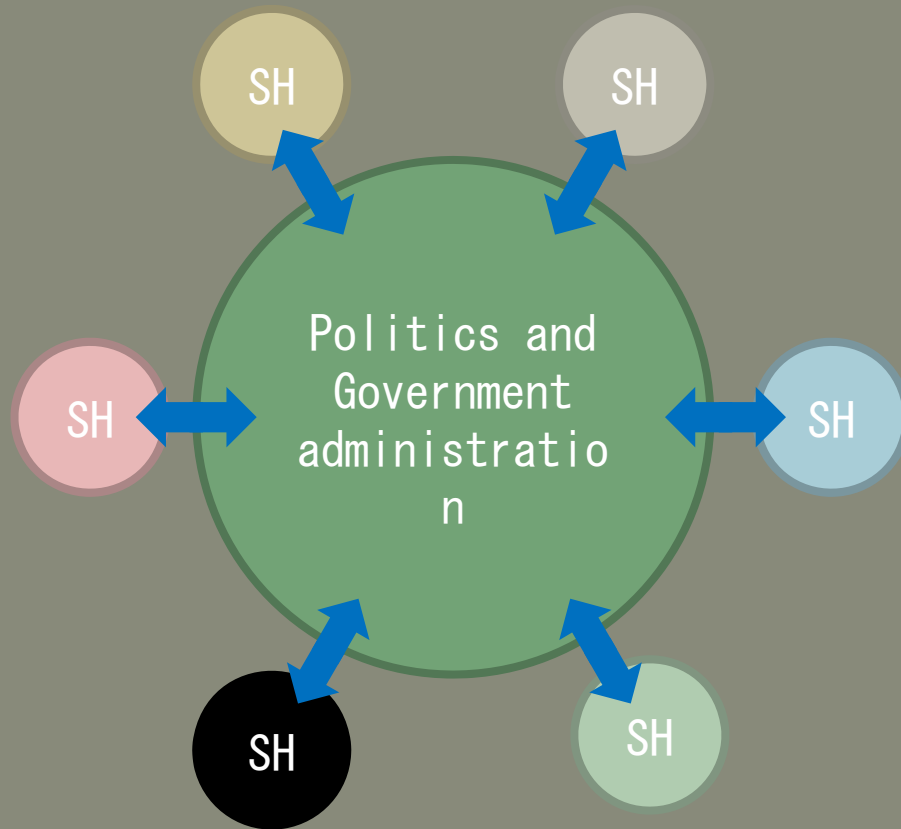
Background

- Ambitious target: 25% cut in 2020
- Complicate problem
- Requires a big change in a long run
- Opinions diverge

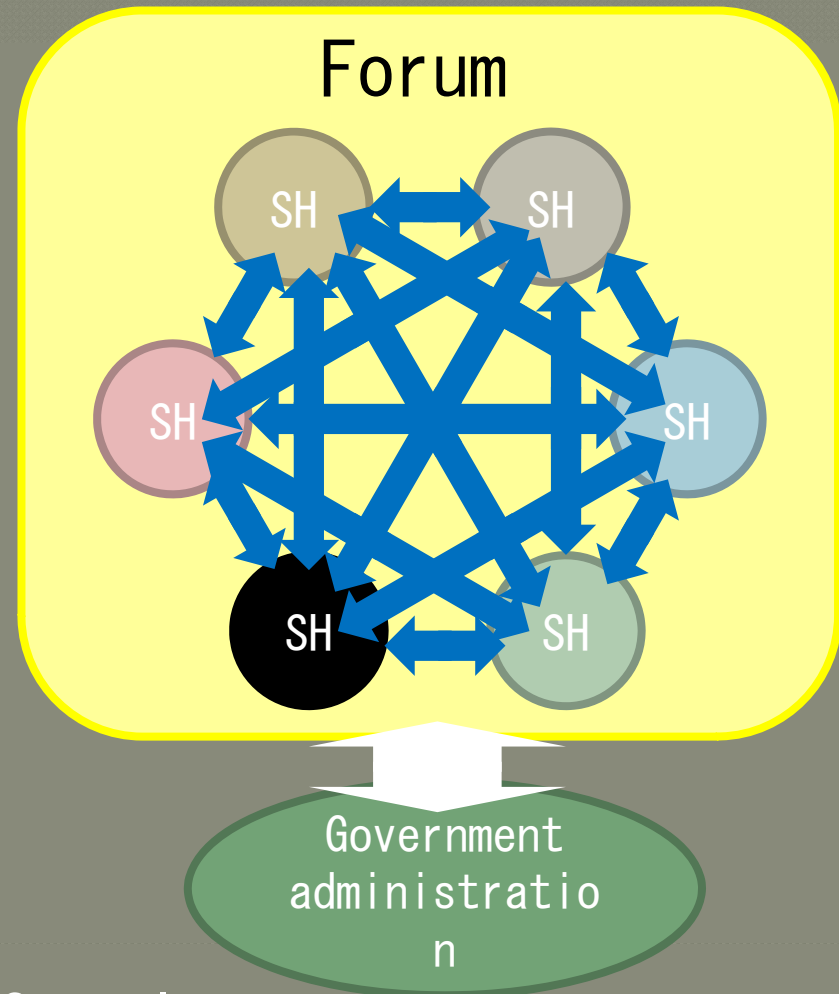
Problems we tackle

- Opaque decision making process
- Change negotiation process
 - from multiple bilateral ones between government administration and individual SH
 - to conventional ones complemented with multilateral ones between SHs

What is different?



Conventional process



Complementary process

Objectives of project

- Development of a forum for SHs' (stakeholders') dialog on significant long-term GHGs emissions reduction:
 - Forum for Creating a Low-Carbon Society
- Verify the validity of the SHs' dialog
- Propose this approach as a useful policy making tool as well as to raise public awareness

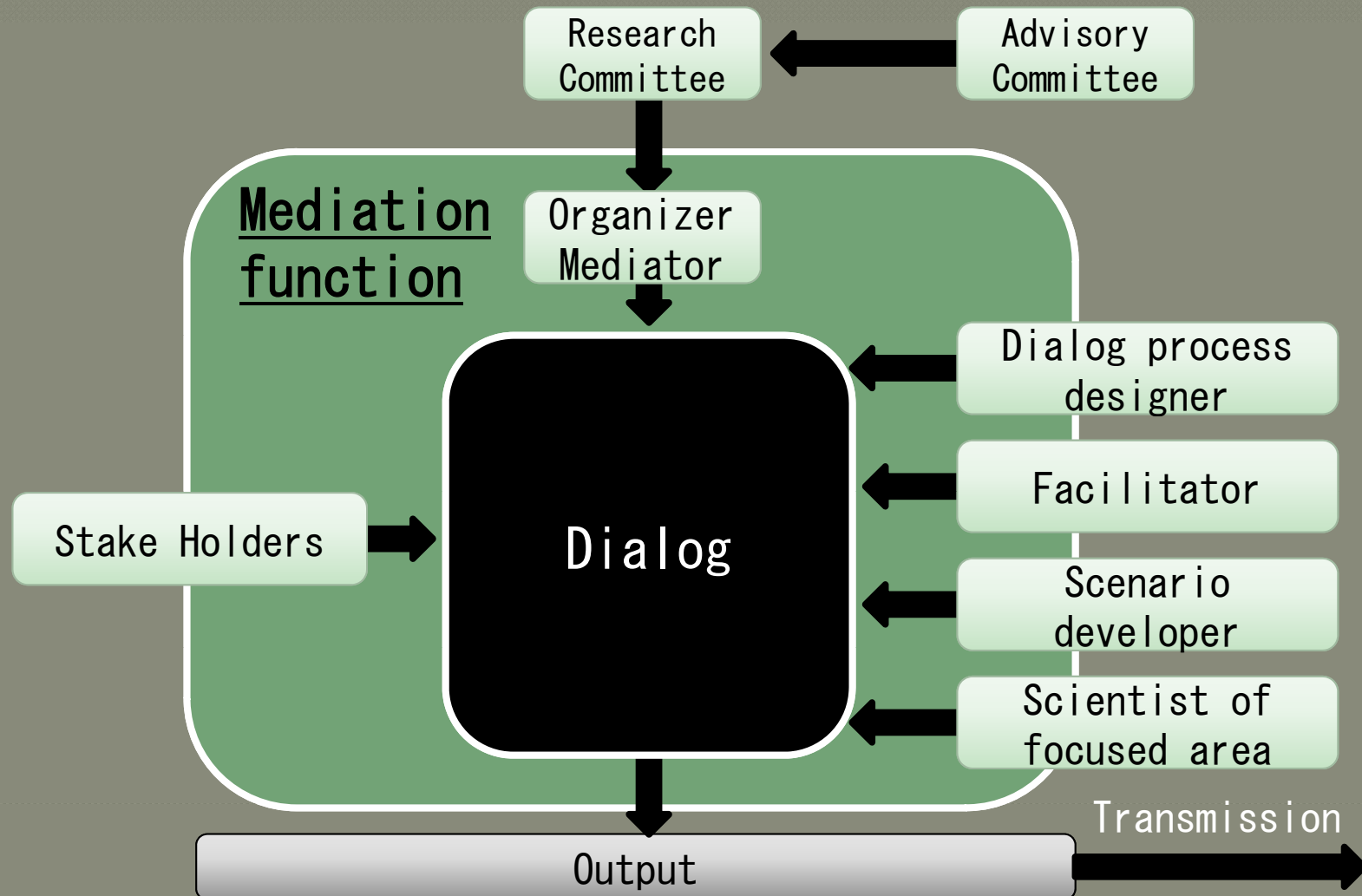
Target

- To identify opinion structure
 - Discovering the reasons or points of controversy
 - To find a point of agreement

Conditions

- Time scope ca. 50 years
- Significant reduction is premise
- Focus on domestic measures:
 - avoid measures depending on the results of international negotiation

Structure



Stake Holders

- Industry (14)
 - Energy supply (3)
 - Material (1)
 - Manufacturer (2)
 - Retailer (1)
 - Logistics (1)
 - Developer (1)
 - Finance (1)
 - Venture business (1)
 - Agriculture (2)
 - Industrial assoc. (1)
- Local government (3)
- Local partnership Org. (1)
- Labor union (1)
- Consumers' org. (1)
- NPOs (6)
 - Global warming (2)
 - Environment (4)
- Future generation (2)

Total 28

Process

- Phase 1: Individual contemplation
 - Done
- Phase 2: Agenda setting by stake holders
 - Done
- Phase 3: Dialog on selected themes
 - Now going on

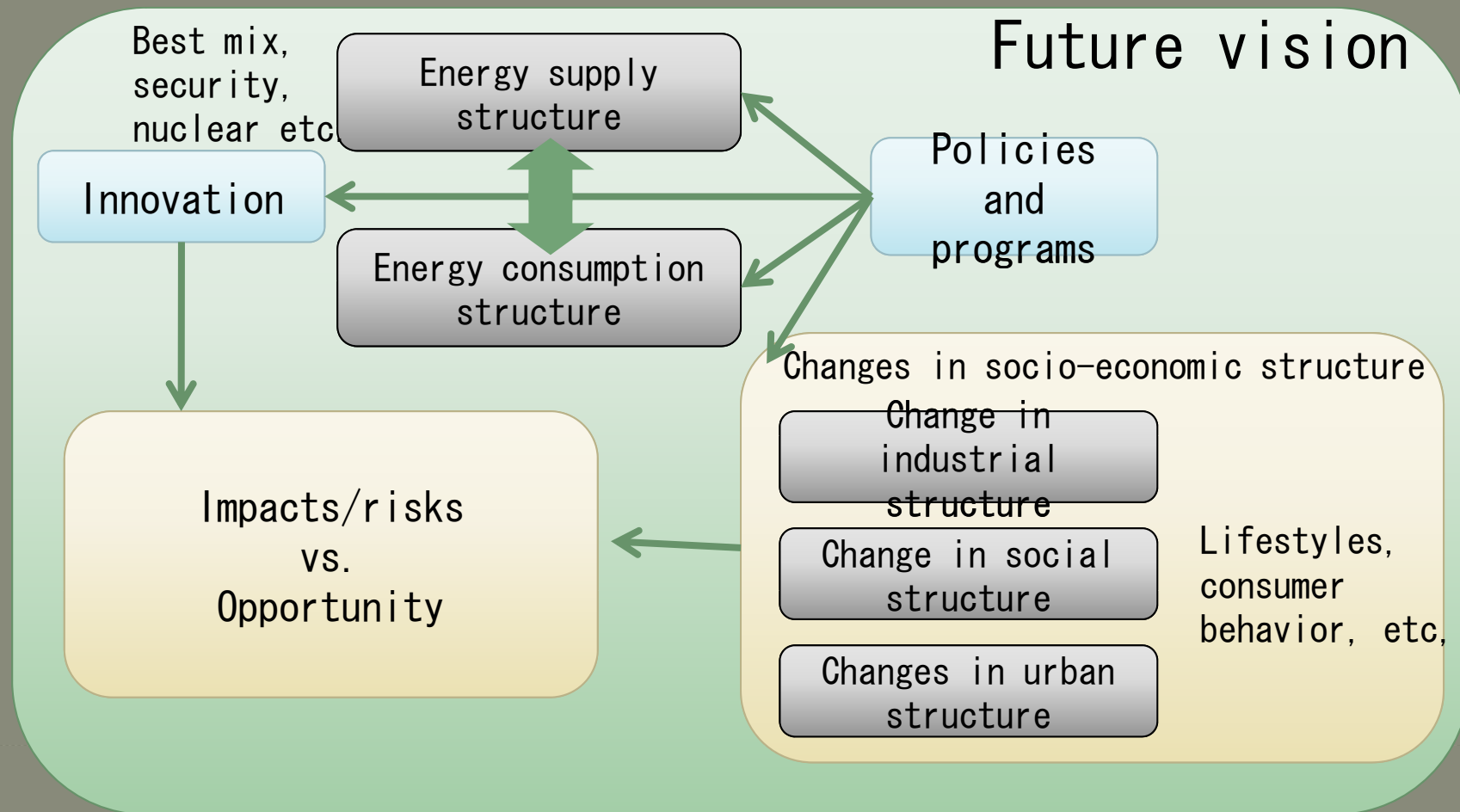
Phase 1: Individual contemplation

- Goals are;
 - Deeper contemplation
 - Leveling of knowledge gaps in SHs
- Output:
 - Proposal of issues to be debated (individual)
- Method:
 - Understand a given scenario by Q/A with scenario developers

Use of scenario

- ◉ A common visible object
 - A set of choices with constraints which are required from natural science to reach the goal
 - Economy, industrial structure, technology, infrastructure, lifestyle etc.
- ◉ Get different prejudices, logics etc of other SHs through other SH' s Q/A to understand other SHs' view

Phase 1: Over sixty themes are proposed



Phase 2: Agenda setting

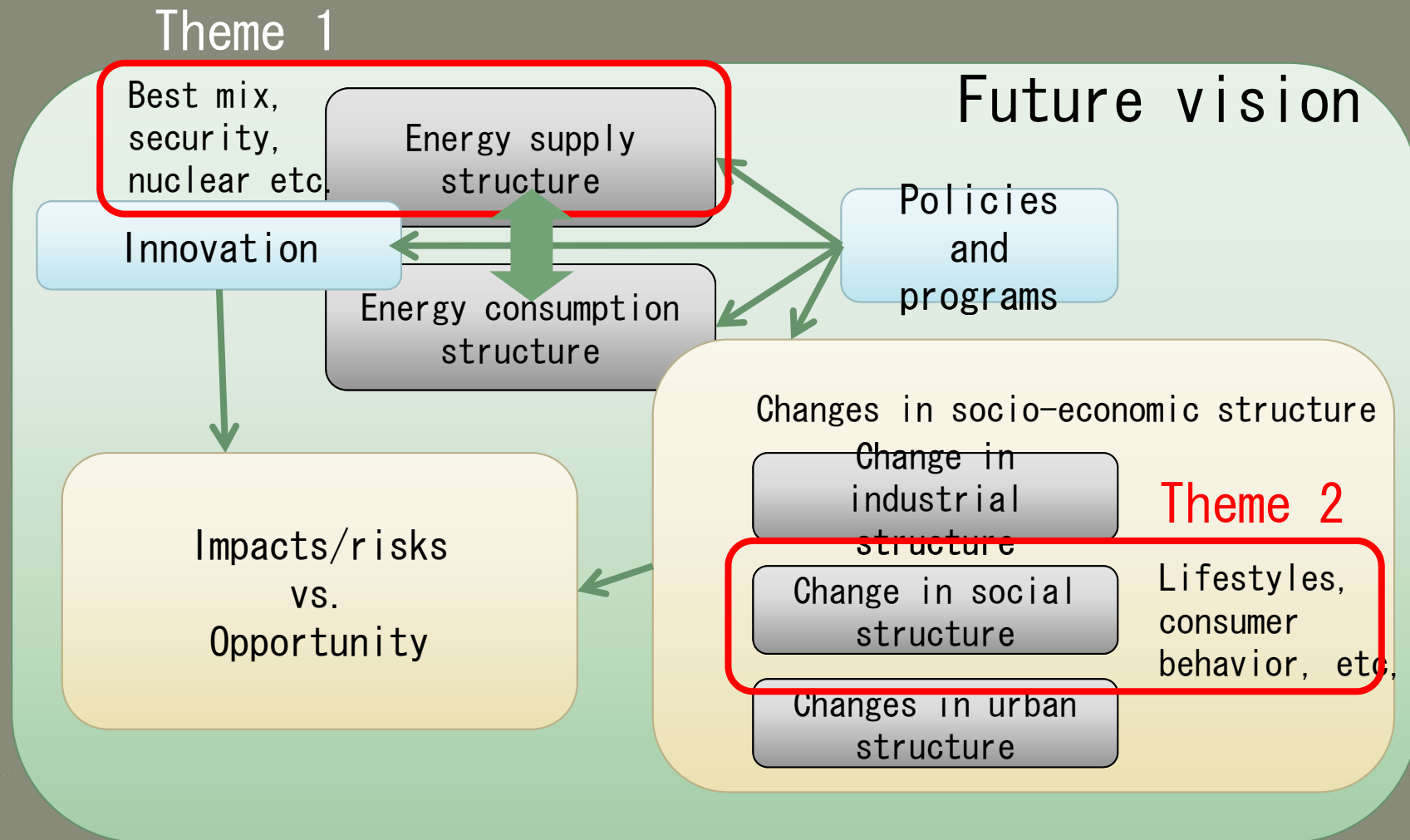
- Goals are;

- Collective decision of agenda and procedure

- Output:

- Agreements on which themes to be addressed, names of scientists/experts of the concerned theme if necessary, schedule etc.

Phase 2: Two themes are selected



Phase 2: Selected themes

- Theme 1: How far we shall increase renewable energy in 2050?
- Theme 2: Ideal of lifestyle for Low Carbon Society

Phase 3: Dialog on selected themes

- ◉ SHs chose theme(s) they discuss
- ◉ Forum on energy supply
 - Dialog 1: presentation by two SHs having contradicting view and discussion. Names of experts to be invited in the following dialog are listed.
- ◉ Forum on lifestyle
 - Dialog 1: discussion on definition and scope of 'lifestyle' .

Concluding remarks

- Forum for Creating Low Carbon Society had been established and working.
- SHs took initiative to stir dialog.
- Although the project is just in the stage of the start of ‘real’ dialog, we can expect a meaningful outcome.