

# Civic Leadership as Strategic Thinking

Series on Civic Leadership in the Post Pandemic Era



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# Civic Leadership

- **Strategic thinking** is a process that defines the manner in which people think about, assess, view, and create the future for themselves and others

<https://www.cssp.com/cd0808b/criticalstrategictinkingskills/>

# Strategic thinking – Why is it important



More wants than resources can meet



Inclusion, human rights and diversity are a just imperative



Ideas rule the world and advance human learning

# Tools for strategic thinking

- Vision, mission and values
- Team building and safe spaces
- Personal and professional harmony
- Community, solidarity, participation
- Innovation: new thinking for old problems
- Documentation and knowledge management (data and learning)
- Accountability and effective use of resources
- Communication plan
- Nimble organization and organizing

<https://www.ahri.com.au/assist/organisational-development>

## HeForShe launches #HeForSheAtHome campaign



**[Women's unpaid work is worth \\$10 trillion annually](#)**

[www.unwomen.org](http://www.unwomen.org); [www.oxfam.org](http://www.oxfam.org)

# The COVID-19 World Right Now

- Neck deep in survival with less attention to thinking strategically
- Interconnected but with fewer safe spaces
- Resources shrinking ( material, human, time)
- Only tech resource appears to be growing ( it is the new oxygen)
- Organizations, families, communities and states are all struggling!
- Informal sector is in disarray
- [Kindness and solidarity needed](#)



# What is Strategic leadership like right now?

- Flexibility, kindness
  - Using technology to connect and educate people
  - Developing crises management tools
  - PPE donated to frontline actors - using 3-d tech
  - Groups are holding power to account
  - Meeting basic humanitarian needs
- Attention to gender based violence; UN Women launches #Heforsheathome campaign
  - Radio stations are offering psycho social support to women who are locked in with abusers
  - Community groups are taught to sew and distribute face masks
  - Countering fake news and disinformation

## Post COVID-19 Strategic Thinking Leadership

- Solution bringers and not proposal bringers – money always follows good ideas
- Role of technology to save lives and the planet
- Crises management and analysis
- Food security and livelihood
- Holding power to account – **office of the citizen**
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
- Safe spaces within organizations





# Being young is not enough you must have a transformative agenda

## 01

Leadership is inspiring oneself to inspire others

## 02

How is this period shaping you?  
What opportunities and challenges do you see?



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@mrlurvy

One man is doing naming ceremony beside my house. I wanted to call the authority's attention to it.

But they just brought Jollof and meat now

And he still talk say Amala dey come later.

I am in dilemma

9:44 AM · 2020-04-13 · [Twitter for Android](#)

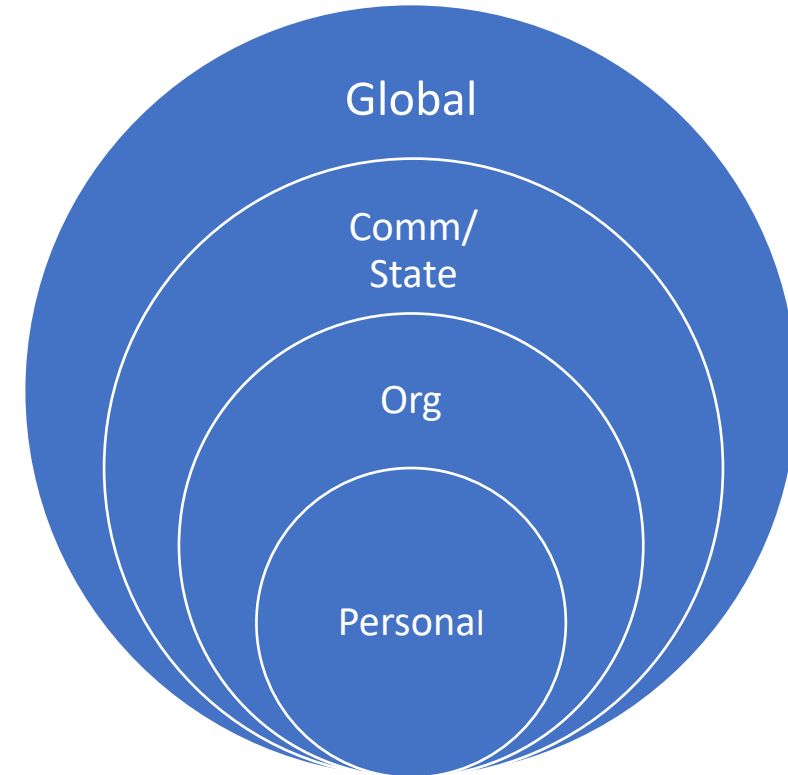
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# Conclusion: Strategic Thinking as Concentric Leadership Circles

- Now, is an opportunity to build back better, stronger, resilient and equal societies. It is a time for bold prioritization ...

Phumzile Mlambo Ngcuka  
Executive Director UN Women



# Thank You.. Some Resources

- <https://www.cssp.com/cd0808b/criticalstrategicthinkingskills/>
- <https://www.ahri.com.au/assist/organisational-development>
- [www.premiumtimesng.com/coronavirus/383930-coronavirus-how-ready-is-nigerias-health-sector.html](http://www.premiumtimesng.com/coronavirus/383930-coronavirus-how-ready-is-nigerias-health-sector.html)
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- <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/headlines/386263-coronavirus-lagos-cant-cope-with-5000-cases-in-four-weeks-commissioner-warns-residents.html>
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- <https://www.power987.co.za/news/covid-19-lockdown-police-receive-87-000-gender-based-violence-calls/>