

# Beyond GDP, Beyond Recovery: Financing within the Storm for Caribbean Resilient Prosperity

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# Prosperity Reimagined: Stability, Adaptation, and Ecological Balance

Prosperity that collapses at the first shock is not prosperity. The task is to implement **resilient prosperity** while ensuring the ecological stability of the planet.

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# Three Questions for a New Development Finance Paradigm

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Why are incremental fixes failing the Caribbean?

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What do we mean by a systems-control paradigm and the Nature Bank?

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How can this approach deliver climate and development finance differently and better for our region?



# Why are incremental fixes failing?

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The Caribbean is at the intersection of three interlocking crises.

## Climate Crisis

A single event can wipe out assets worth 50%+ of GDP

## Development Finance Crisis

Middle-income labels and high debt burdens combine to restrict access to affordable finance

## Systems crisis

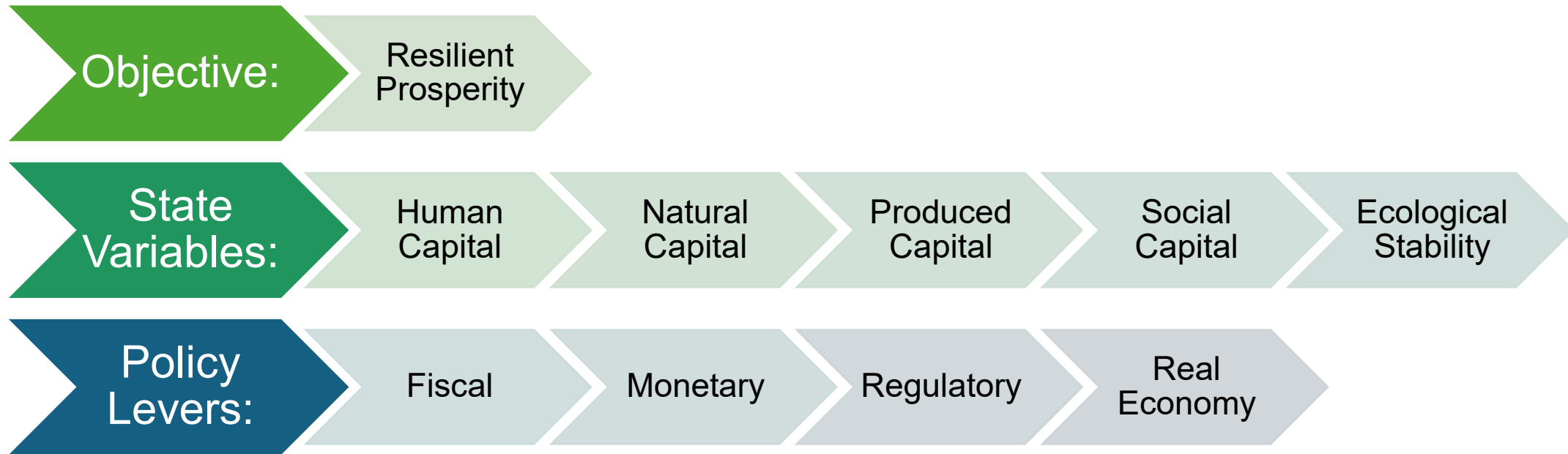
Our policy interventions (nationally, regionally, and globally) are designed for a world of isolated shocks and stable baselines

If we keep observing **system-wide shocks** but responding with **narrow, siloed, short-term fixes**, we will continue to experience the same outcome. Our problem is not just a **financing gap**; it is a **paradigm gap**.

The goal is not simply to maximise output in one period; it is to keep the system within a safe operating space over time.

A paradigm shift:  
from GDP to  
Resilient Prosperity

# A Paradigm Shift: A Systems Control Approach



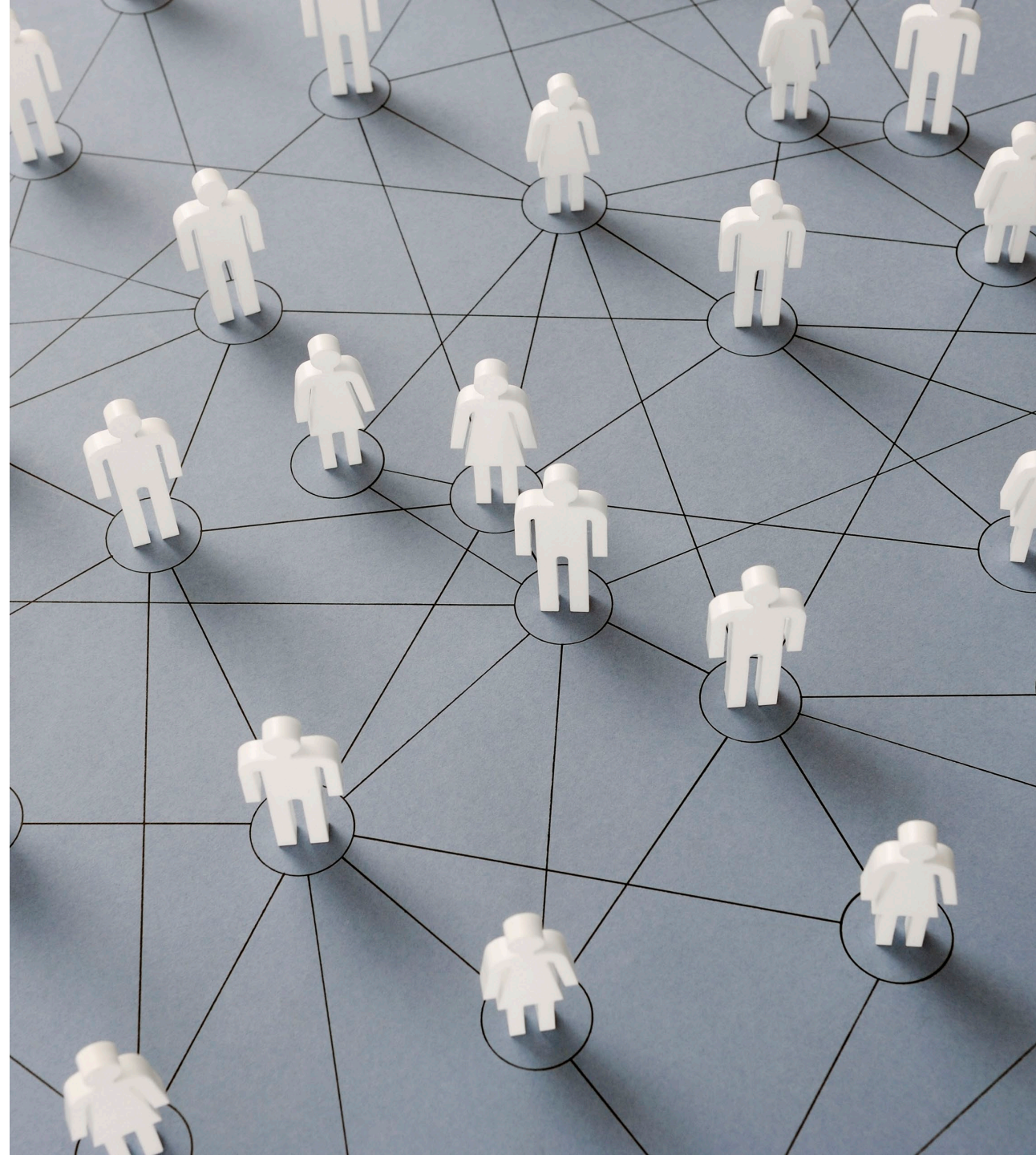
We need systems thinking in foundational concepts, in integrating frameworks of analysis, in the identification and appraisal of investments, in the risk-return relationship, in financing, and in implementation

# From single projects to integrated portfolios

Economies are networks. The relevant unit is often a portfolio, not a single project.

Integrated investment portfolios reduce risk and increase returns because they tackle bottlenecks along the value chain and justify larger-scale, more diversified, and lower-cost capital mobilisation.

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# What is the Nature Bank, and how will it deliver differently?

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Mission-driven  
around resilient  
prosperity

Systems-control  
lens

Mobilise finance  
thematically and  
globally

Natural capital as  
a core economic  
asset

Capacity building  
as an endogenous  
output of every  
major operation.

What gets measured, verified, and rewarded gets financed—and scaled.



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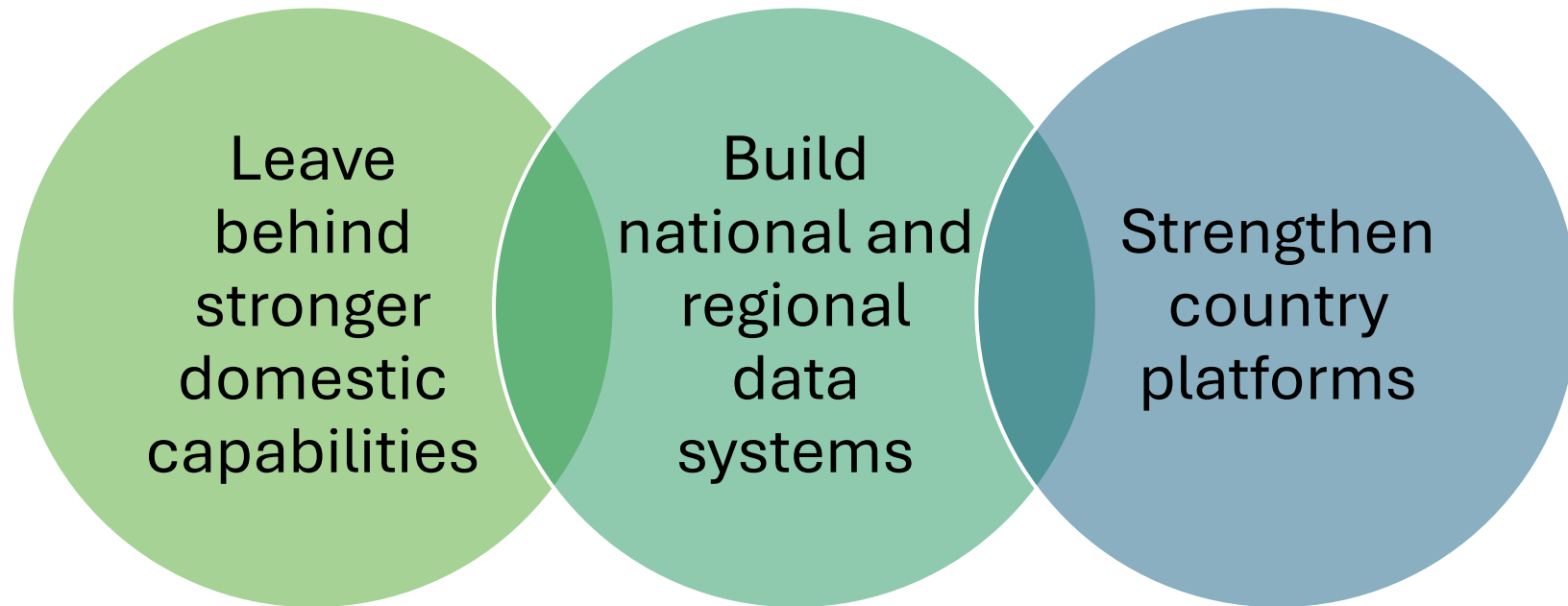
We finance nature-positive, ecologically-resilient infrastructure as a system, not a silo, with returns measured in durable, inclusive prosperity, not just short-term GDP.



# Endogenising Capacity Building: From Dependency to Empowerment

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Every major programme is designed to:



Stronger institutions and better data mean fewer implementation delays, fewer project failures, and more predictable policy environments – all of which lower the cost of capital.



Redefine what counts as “bankable”

Shift from project pipelines to portfolio pipelines

Integrate climate finance, debt relief, and macro-stability

Treat data and standards as regional public goods

Make partnership the rule, not the exception



**Practical**  
Implications for  
the Region





# Key Takeaways and Call to Action

- ❑ Endorse these enhanced frameworks and commit to partnerships backed by smarter finance, healthier ecosystems, and stronger institutions.
- ❑ Use the tools already on the table – climate-resilient debt clauses, nature-backed instruments, regional risk pools – and add the new ones we are designing together, to break the cycle of shock–rebuild–debt–fragility.
- ❑ Treat resilient prosperity, not GDP alone, as the test of whether we are succeeding.



# THANK YOU

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