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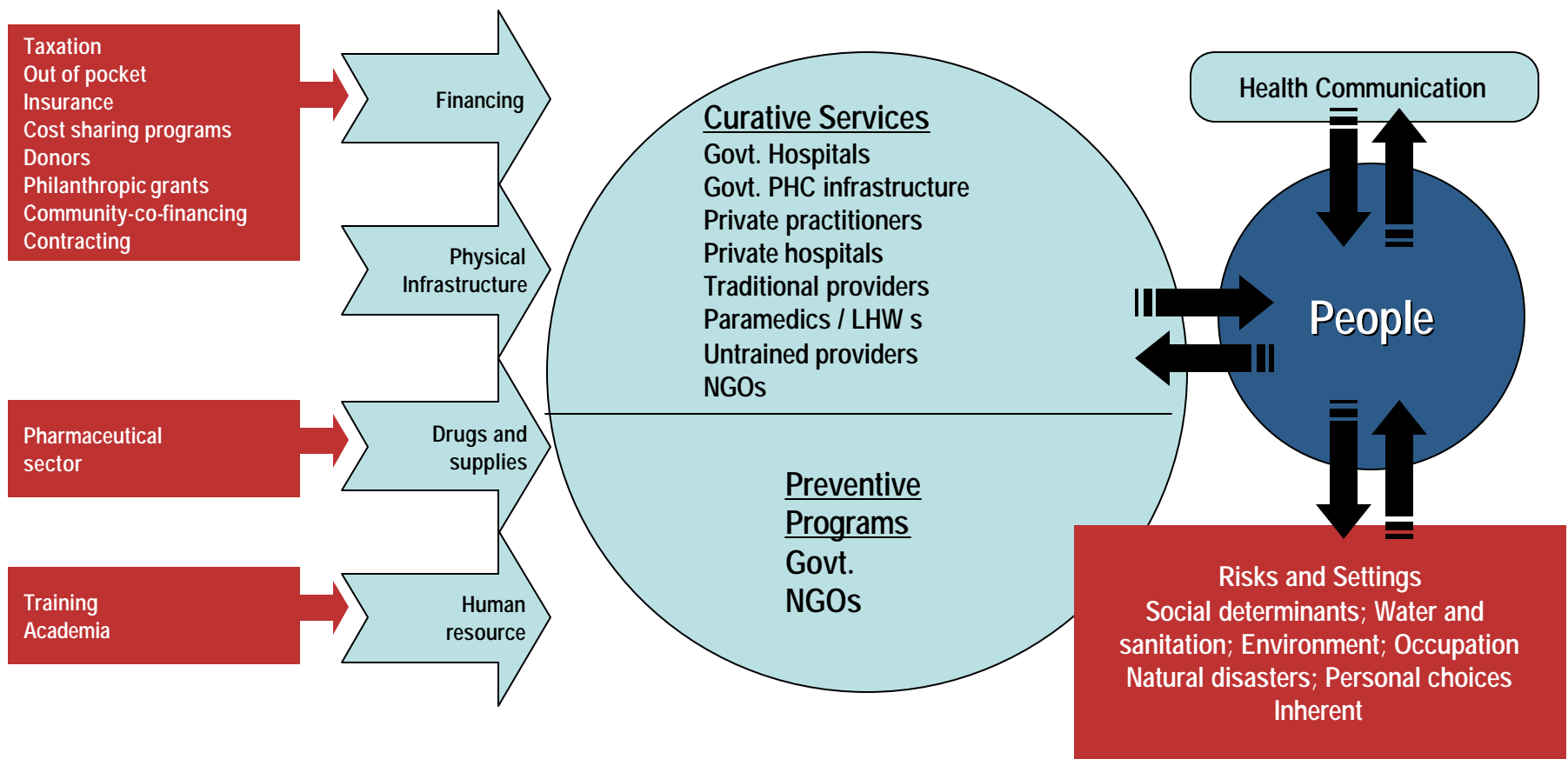
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- Context of the present initiative
- Who we are?
- What are we set out to achieve strategically?
- What will be our operational course of action?
- What are the risks and challenges?
- What is this meeting about and what are its deliverables?
- How will we go about conducting this meeting?

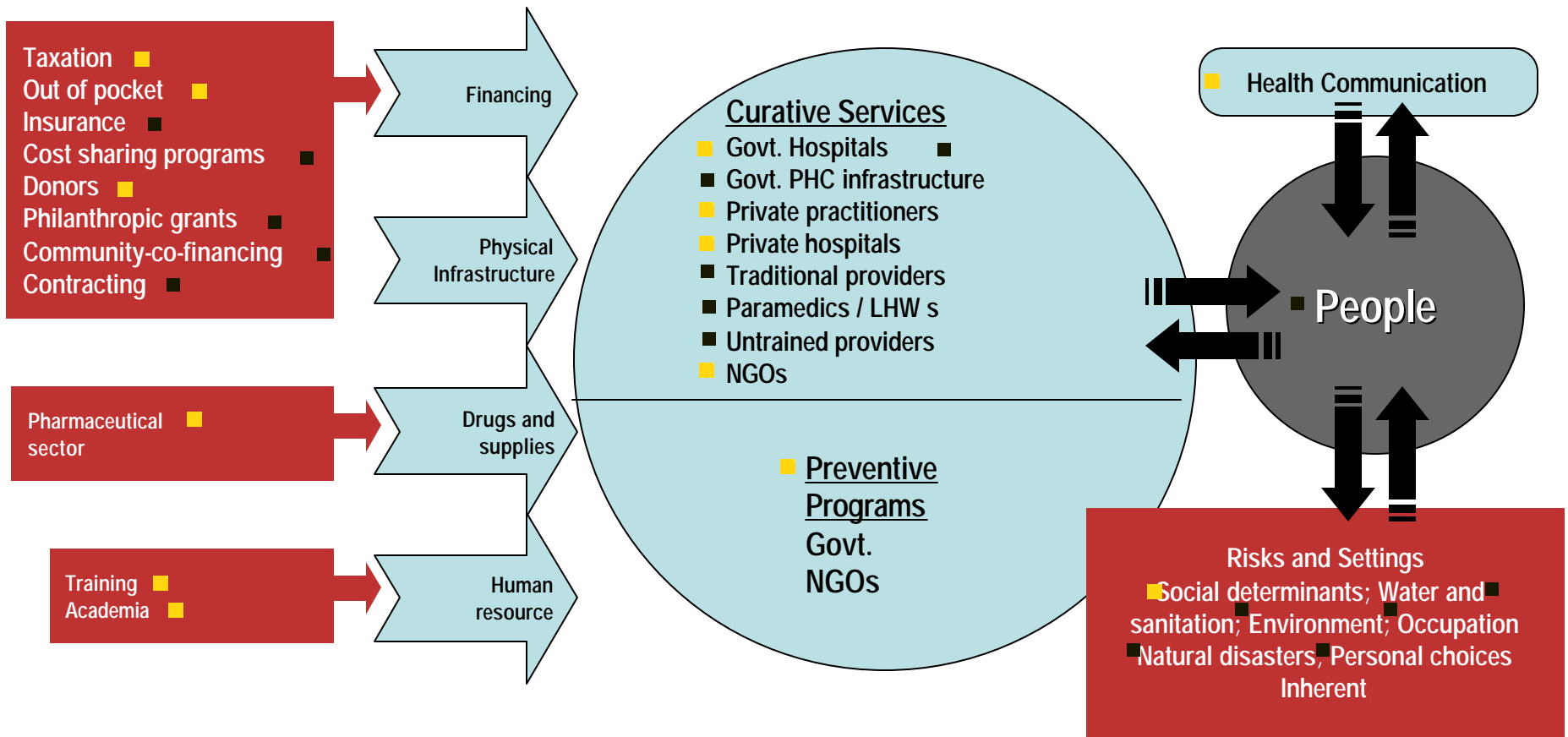
Context

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Who are we?

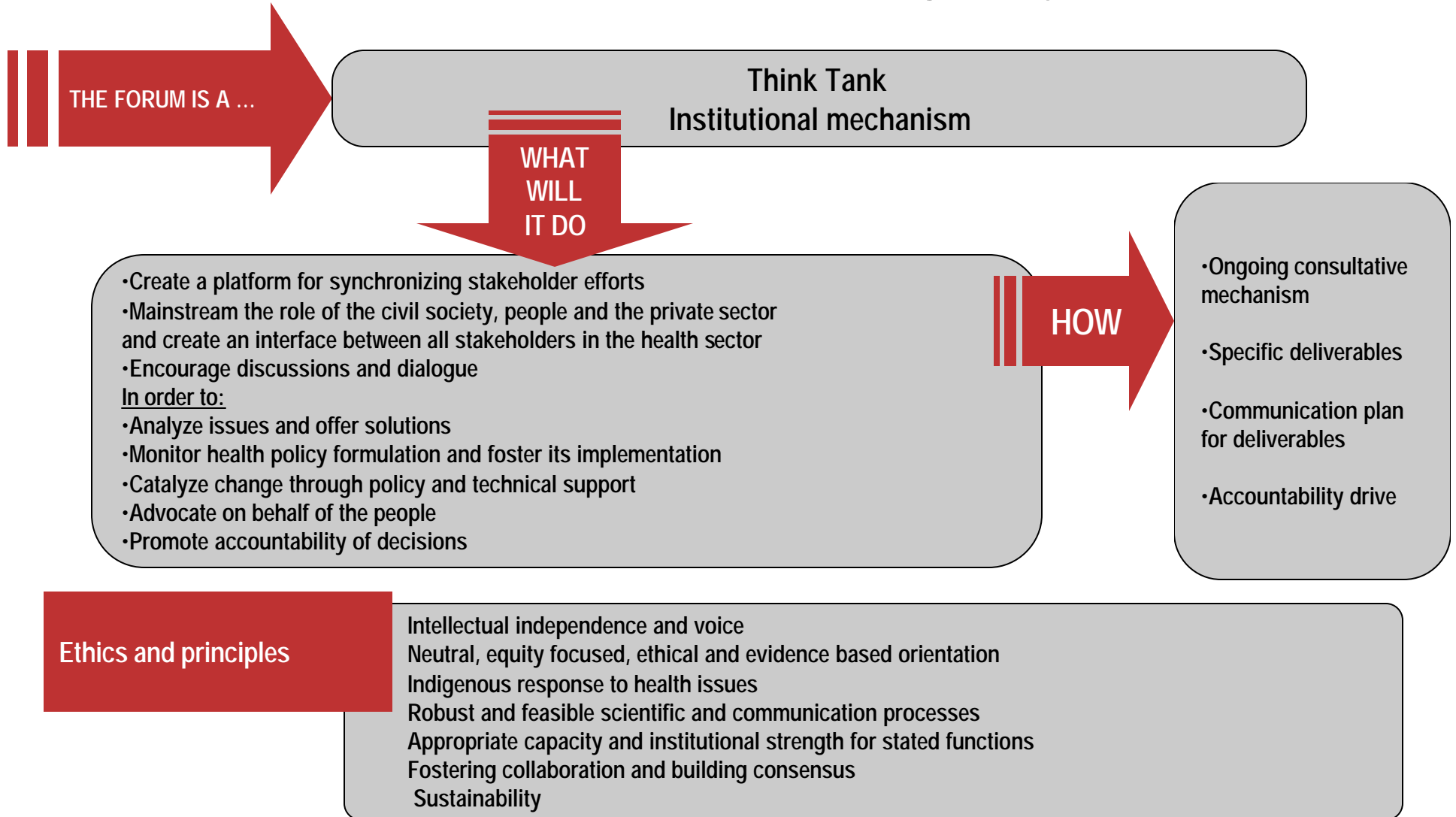
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What are we set out to achieve strategically



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What will be our operational course of action?

Short term

- Building up of the membership of the Forum
- Inputs into the Forum Statement and consensus building
- The development of a 'Gateway Paper' as the first output of the Forum to set a stage for the priority setting dialogue
- Setting up of a priority setting dialogue

Follow up

1. Further action as guided by the priority setting dialogue
2. Setting up of the institutional mechanism

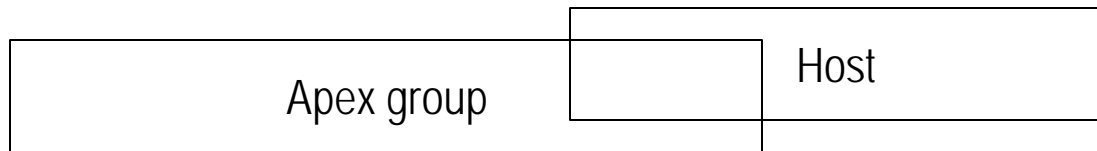
Regular features

- Periodic consultative mechanism
- Development, articulation and appropriate communication of **Forum Consensus Statements** and **View Points**



The structure

Voluntary non-governmental membership association

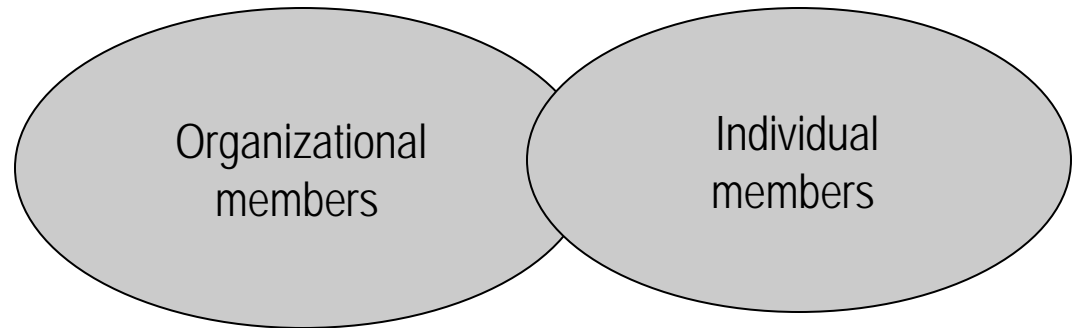


Members would be expected to:

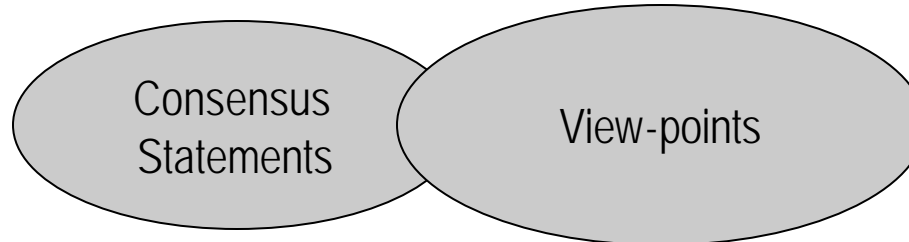
- Support the mission and vision
- Play a voluntary participatory role

Membership does not:

- Have any legal or financial obligations
- Bind members to endorse respective viewpoints



- Two third majority
- Display logos of all concurring organizations/names of members



- Accepted by specifically assigned members
- And will not display all logos

Risks and challenges?

- Independence
- Transparency
- Representation
- Participation
- Sustainability
- *"How can we affect changes that previous efforts have failed to achieve"*
- *"How to address impediments to the enforcement stated policies in the face of societal and vested interest"*
- *"Politics and not science"*

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What is this meeting about and what are its deliverables?

- Inputs into the Forum Statement
- Consensus building on the Forum Statement
- Membership consensus opting

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How will we go about conducting this meeting?

- Introductions
- Offered comments
- Open discussions
- Consensus opting
- Lunch and close