PARTNERSHIP ECOSYSTEMS FOR EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Co-Creation Workshop on ESD: “Empowering Learners and Institutions for Sustainability”

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The World Wherein Our Students are Learning

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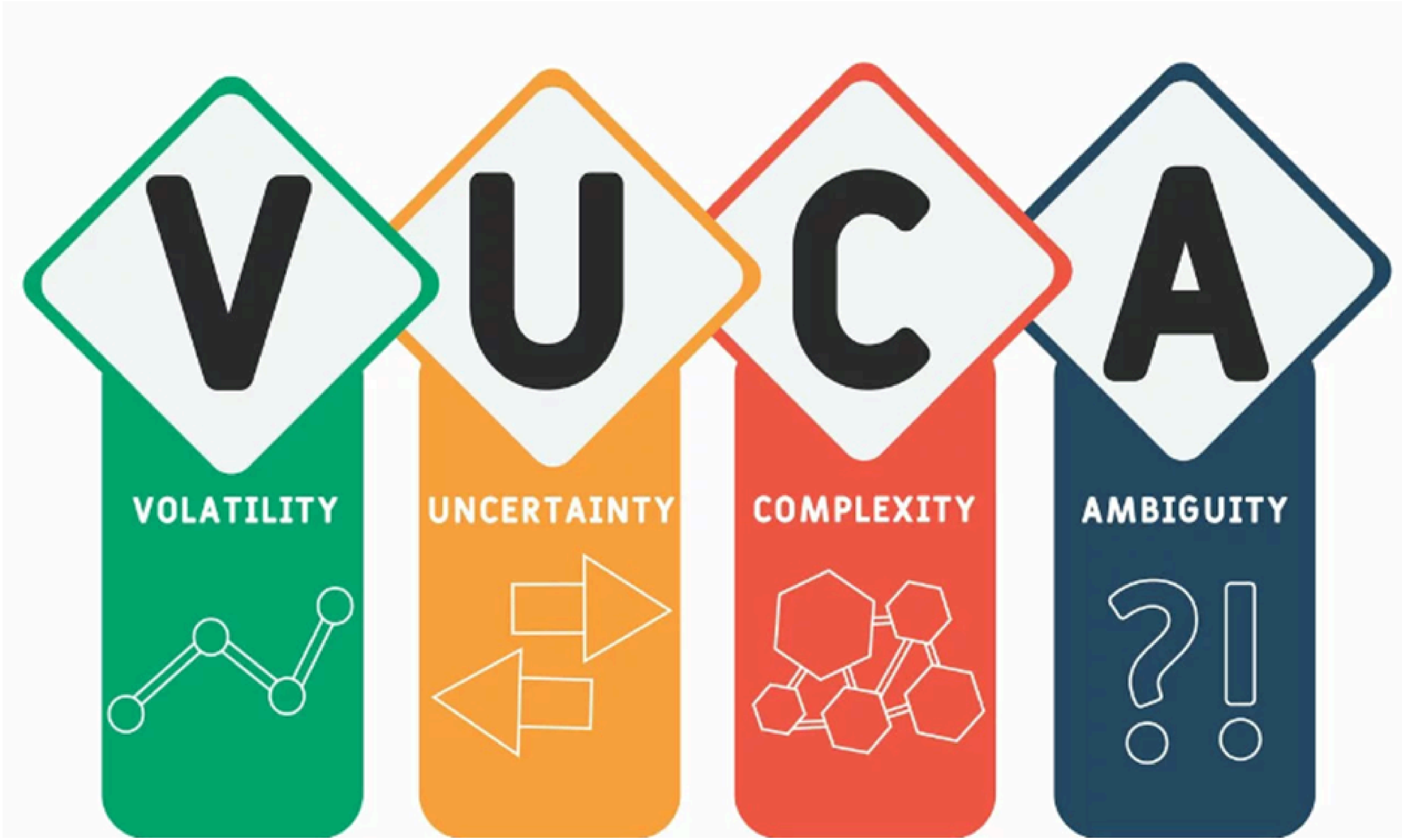

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The world right now

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The world right now?

- Chaotic and complex
- Very connected but also disjointed

And school right now?

- Disconnect on what they study and what is going on in the world
- Subjects sometimes feel disjointed

The world right now

In the BANI world, educators are confronted with learners who demand purposeful education.

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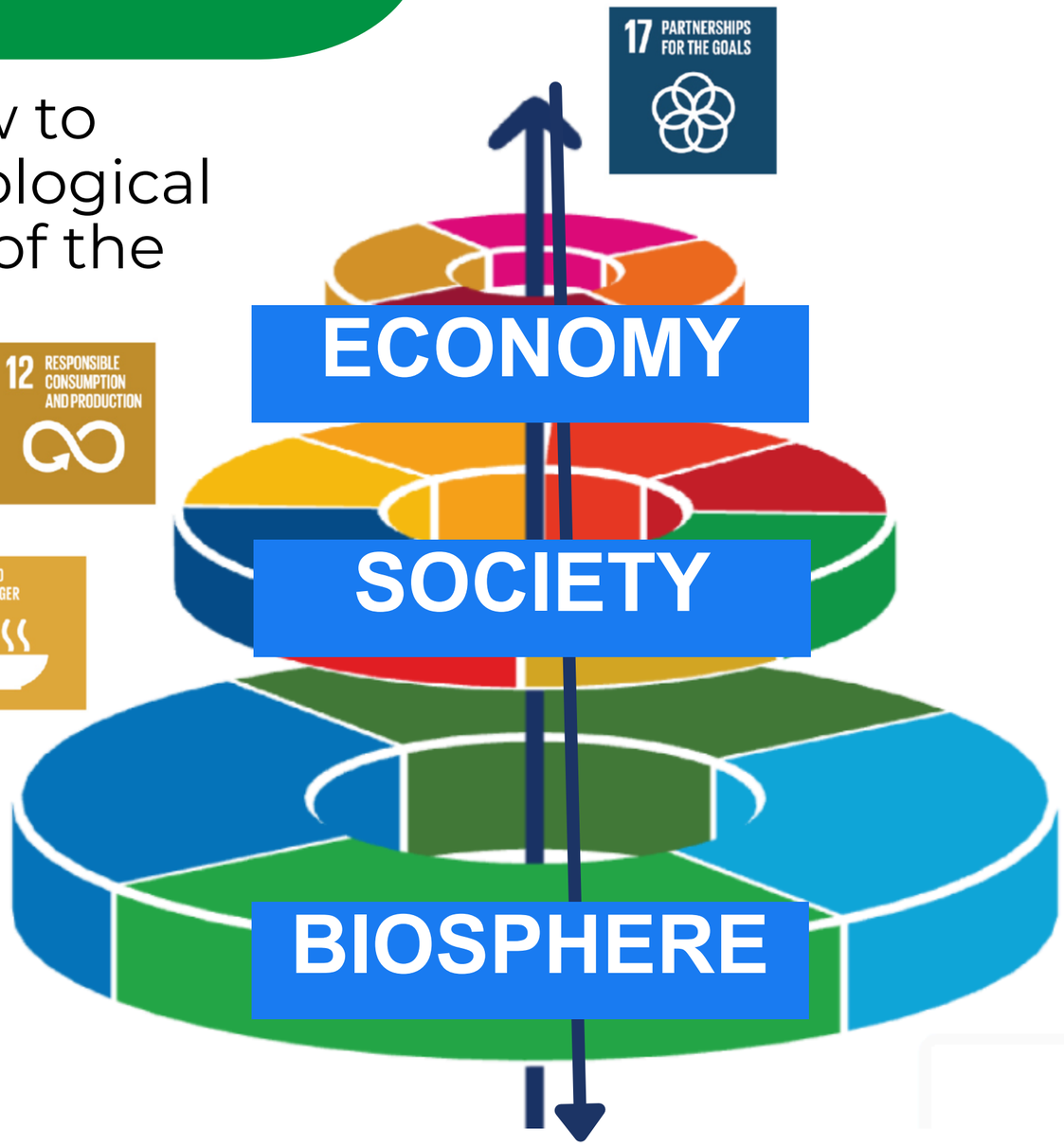
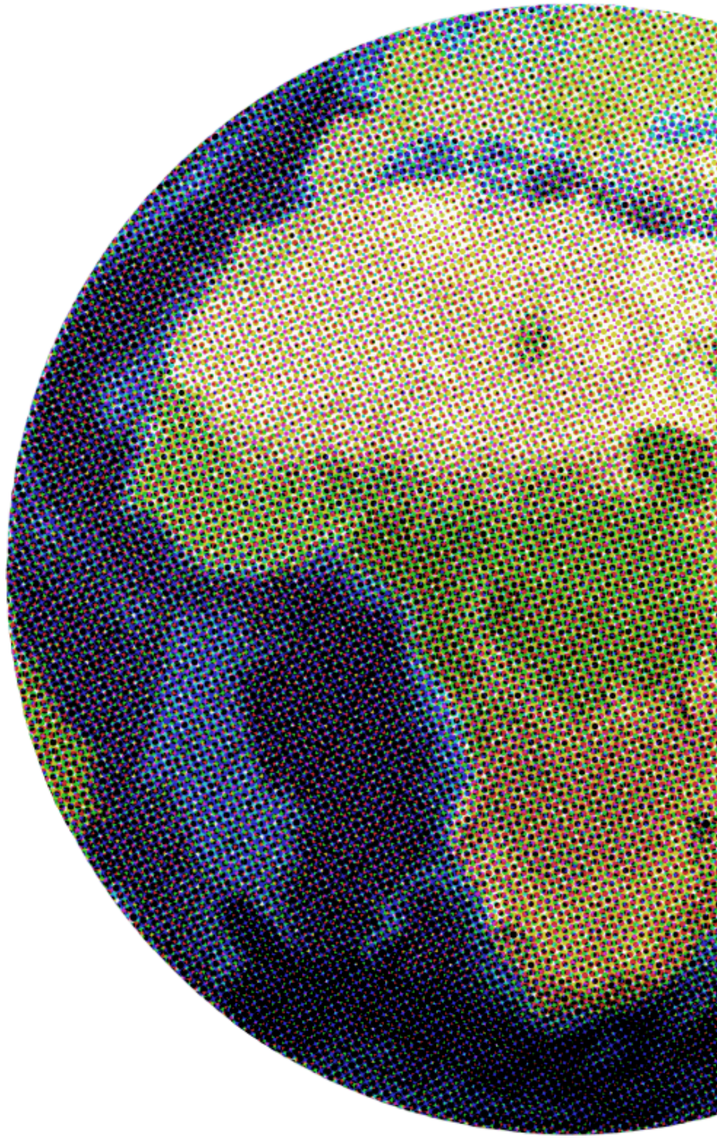
We need to rethink education on how to interlink the subjects and the socio-ecological for a more meaningful understanding of the BANI world



The Big ask of ESD

- That learners are equipped with the knowledge, skills, values, and agency to to address interconnected global challenges
- That learners of all ages be empowered to make informed decisions and take individual and collective action to change society and care for the planet
- That ESD enhances the cognitive, socio-emotional and behavioural dimensions of learning and encompasses learning content and outcomes, pedagogy and the learning environment itself



Looking at the context of Ateneo de Manila

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In the University’s Vision:
“Ateneo de Manila University will be a force for good in seeking innovative and sustainable solutions to society's most pressing challenges [...] in the work of social transformation through education, formation, research, and social engagement."

ESD thrives when learning moves beyond the classroom

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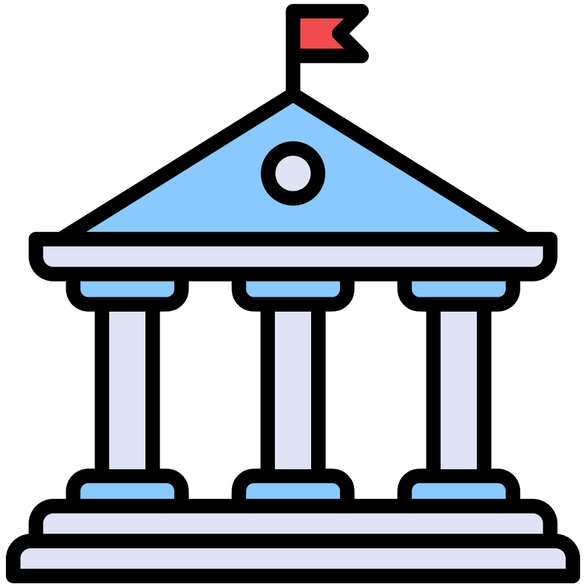

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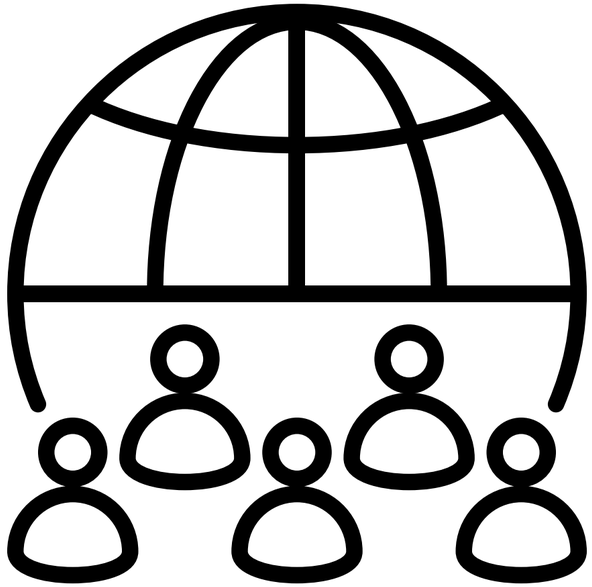

Civil Society

Private Sector

A shared goal benefits from more than one point of view and way of proceeding

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Looking at best practices:
A bottom-up approach

Widening perspectives through integrating science, policy, and community knowledge

ESD does not exist in a vacuum

Resource mobilization and communities of practice through networks

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SDSN PH
Sustainable Development Solutions Network Philippines

AUN-EEC
ASEAN University Network on Ecological Education

ProSPER.Net
Promotion of Sustainability in Postgraduate Education and Research Network

SECRA
Strengthening University-Enterprise Collaboration for Resilience Communities in Asia

Laudato Si' Action Platform

WCRP
World Climate Research Programme

IUSDRP
Inter-University Sustainable Development Research Programme

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Building partnership ecosystems is not just about collaboration, but it is also about shared responsibility in ensuring our students are able to see the big picture as well as their place and mission in a VUCA and BANI world -- somehow they see that a sustainable, inclusive, and resilient future is possible.