

FROM LIMITS TO GROWTH TO ANTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY

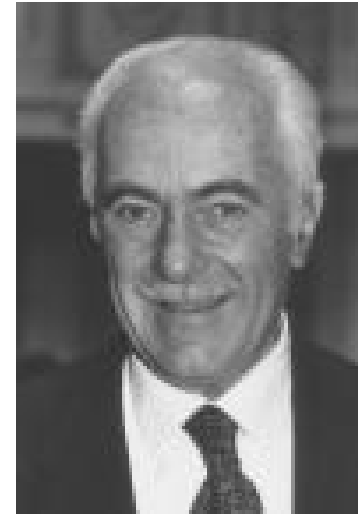
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Understanding holds the precedence over knowledge. From knowledge, acquired from reality, principles are distilled which connect into a view.

Mark Bloch (1886-1944)
French historian, philosopher
and resistance fighter



Chasm Ahead:
Problematique
Mondial

Limits to Growth

Sustainable Growth

oxymoron+

Organic Growth

" Biological Growth

*Homeostasis and
Harmony*

*" While the world is becoming
more ~~One~~ it is becoming
more ~~Many~~ as well.*

Sustainable Development

Environmentalism

"Nature Conservancy

*"GAIA: Cybernetic
Interdependence of Living and
Non-living Spheres*

Sustainable Human
Development



Reintegration

to address

Global Problematique in the 21st Century

QUESTIONS:

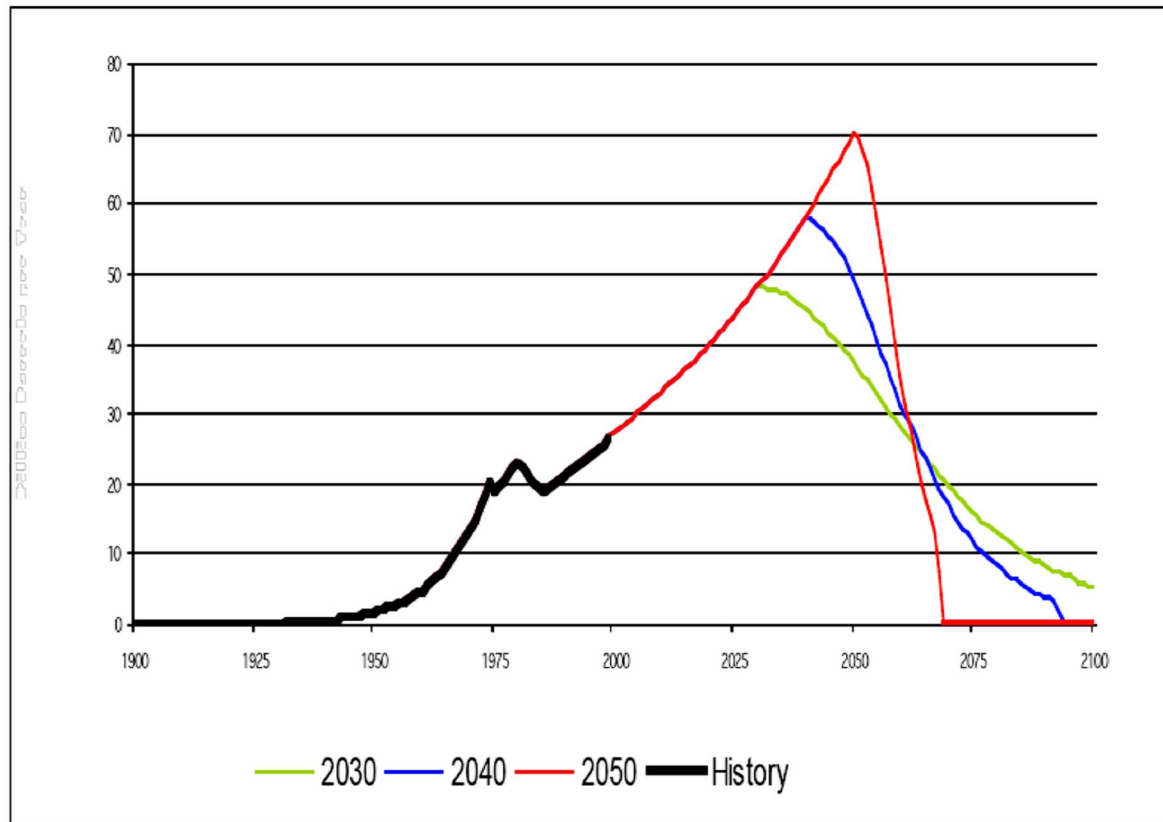
- “ Is it the time, in the spirit of Aurelio Peccei, to question the **consensus** on Global Problematique?
- “ What are the **characteristics of Global Change** in the 21st century - beyond Limits to Growth?
- “ Is a **new paradigm** - beyond sustainability - needed to **address Global Problematique in the 21st century**?

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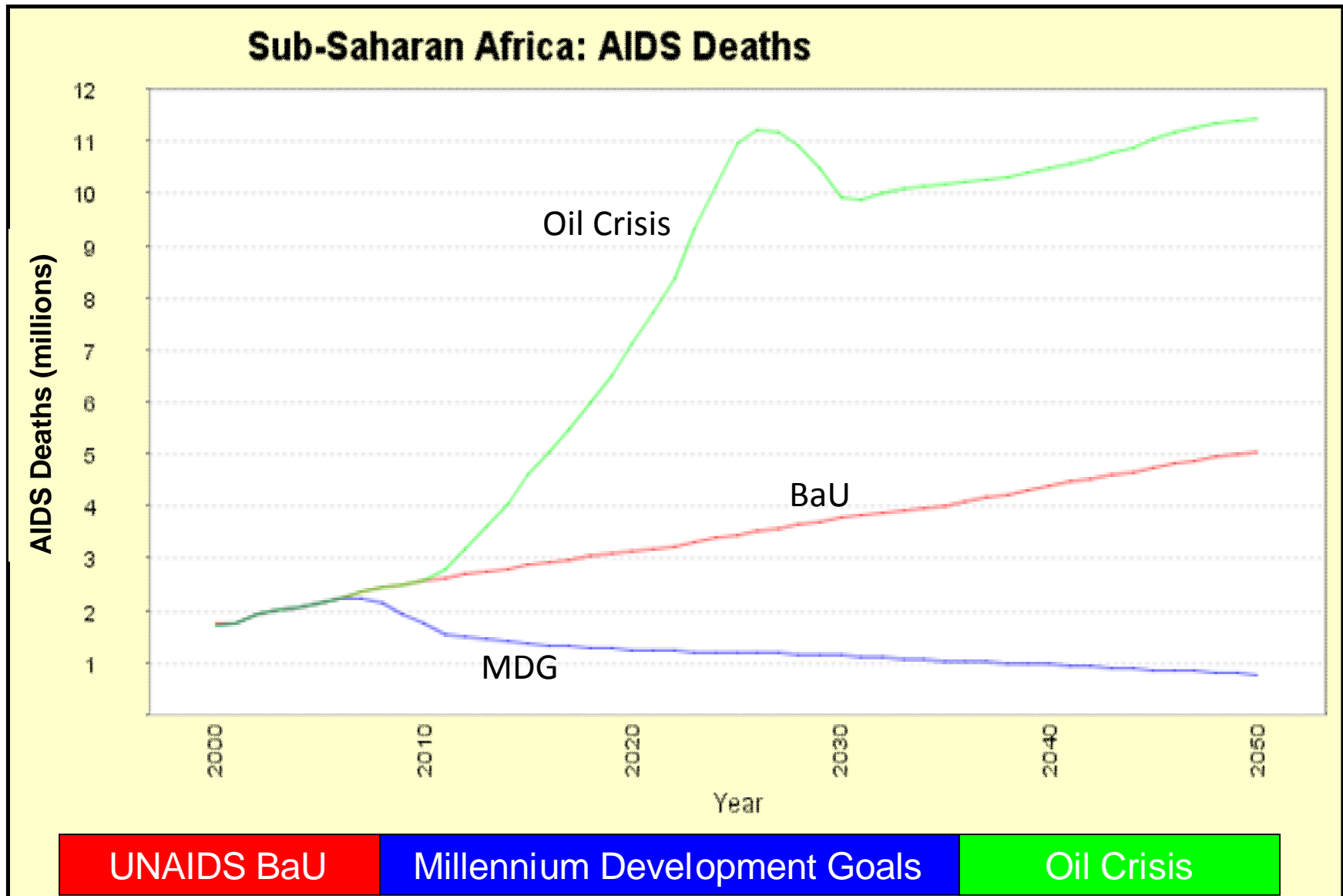
Defining characteristics of Global Change in the 21st century:

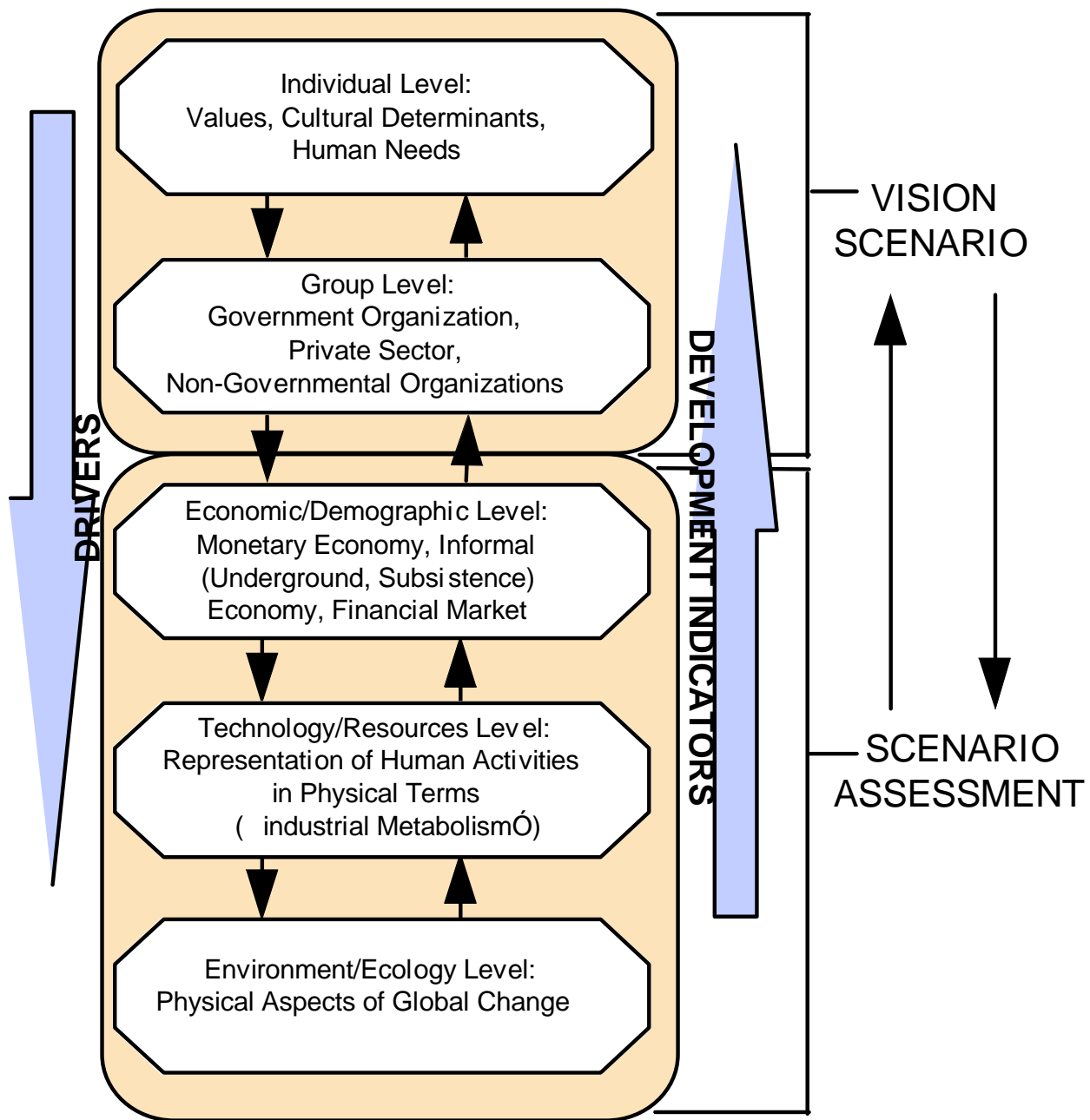
- . **Discontinuity** (*‘Tipping Points’*)
- . **Irreversibility**
- . **Magnitude of global change**

End of the Oil Era: With a Whisper or a Bang?



Sub-Saharan Africa: 3 Scenarios for AIDS





New Paradigm for addressing Global Problematique

“ Global Crises Management

- . Prediction is Fiction
- . Adaptation is History
- . Anticipation is Future

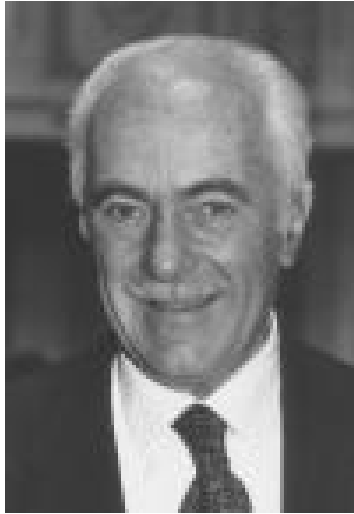
“ Global Consciousness

- . From
Think Globally → Act Locally
To
Think Locally → Act Globally
- . Democracy as Terror of Majority
- . Participatory Democracy:
Rights of Minorities

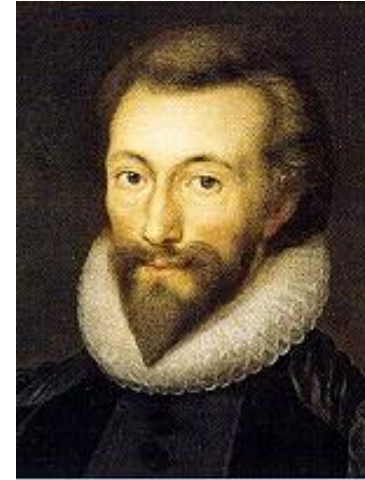


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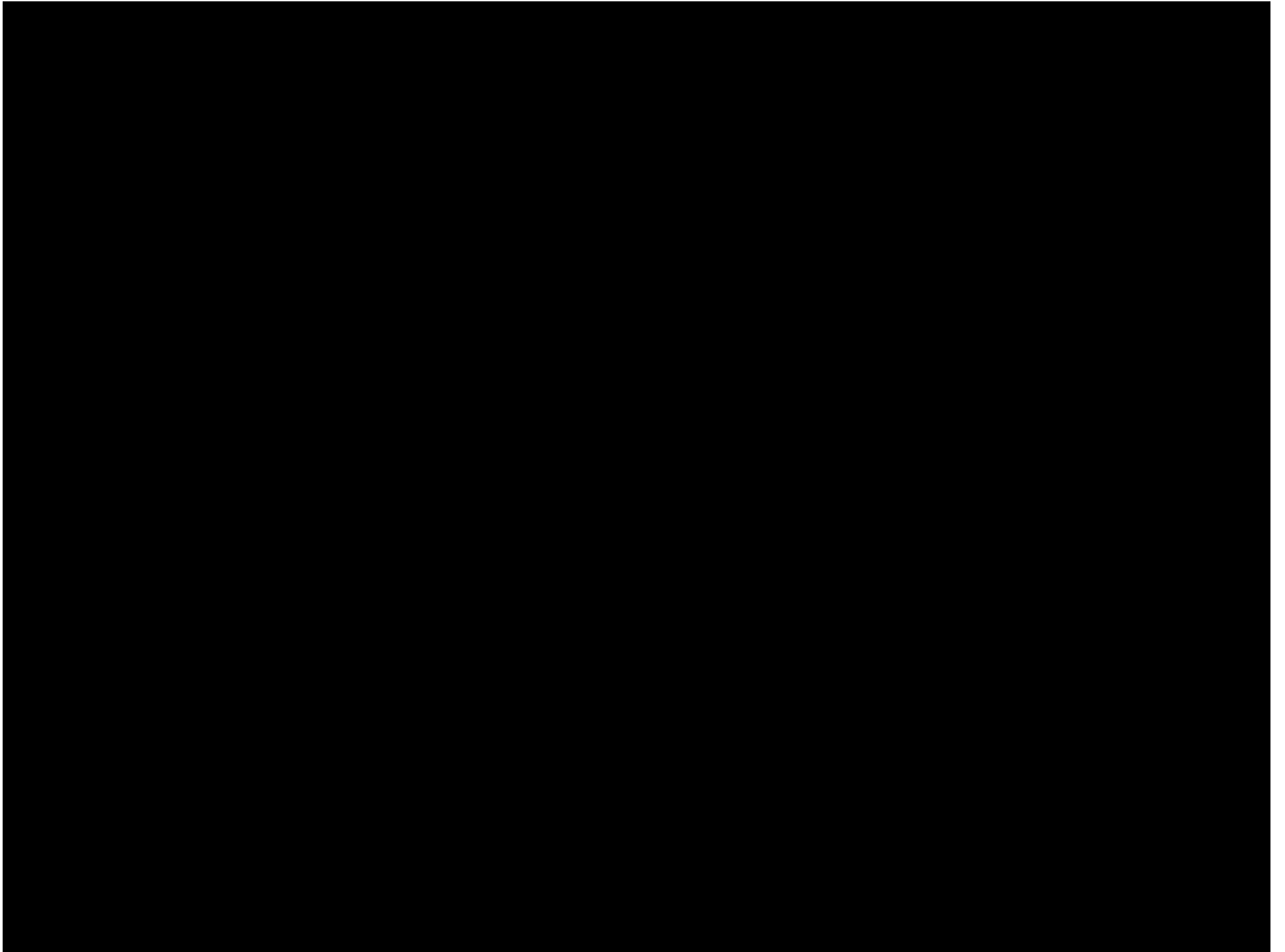


Aurelio Peccei
Global Renaissance



John Donne
Meditation XVII

No man is an island
never send to know for
whom the bell tolls; it tolls
for thee.+



Not working towards guaranteeing the basic capabilities to future generations would be scandalous, but not working towards bringing these capabilities within reach of the deprived in the present generation would be as well outrageous. +

- Amartya Sen

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