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CARE AND PUBLIC POLICIES: A COMPLEX WEB OF CONNECTIONS

*Expert Group Meeting on Advancing
Care Economy in the Arab Region:
Underexplored Care-Related Areas*

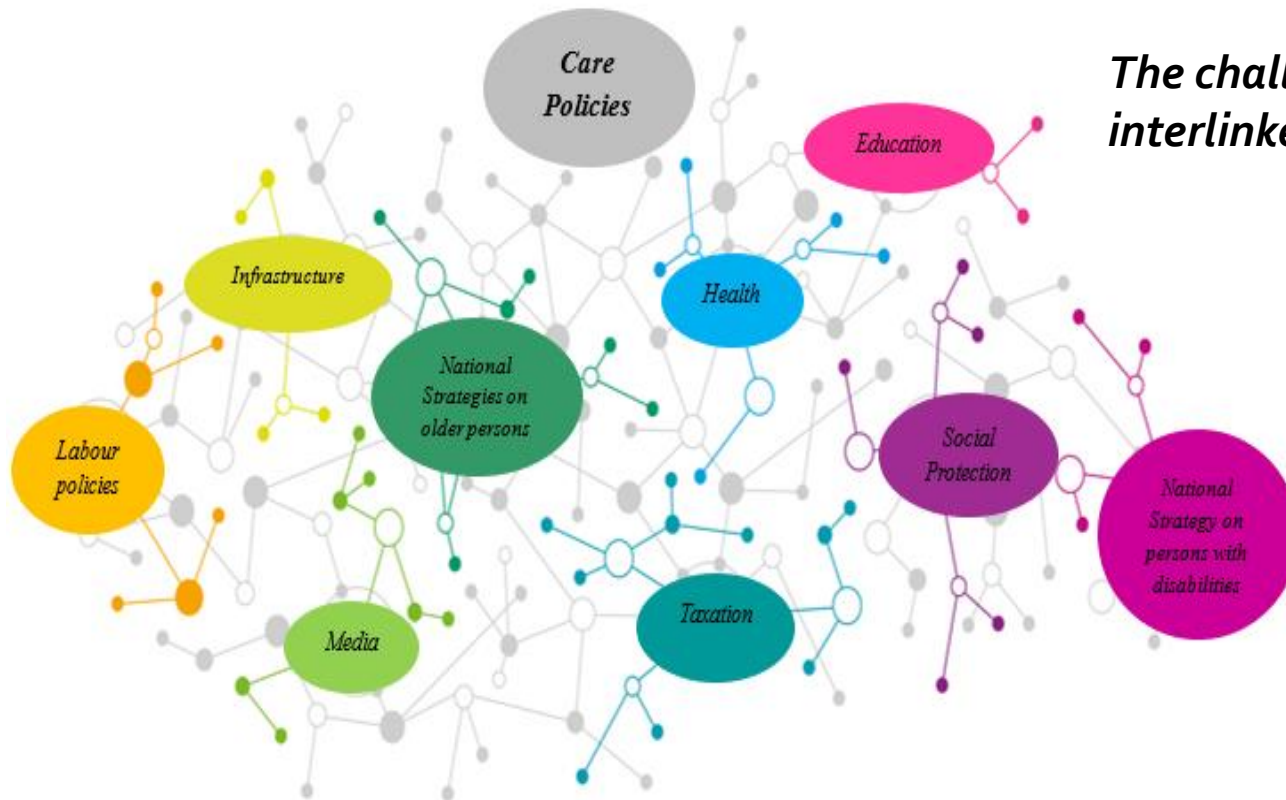
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Intricate Web of Connections

The connections between the different public policies, and their connection with care, are **complex and non-linear**

Gender equality and women empowerment add an additional layer of complexity (Gender norms, stereotypes, discrimination in laws, power structure)

The challenges and obstacles facing women's employment are interlinked





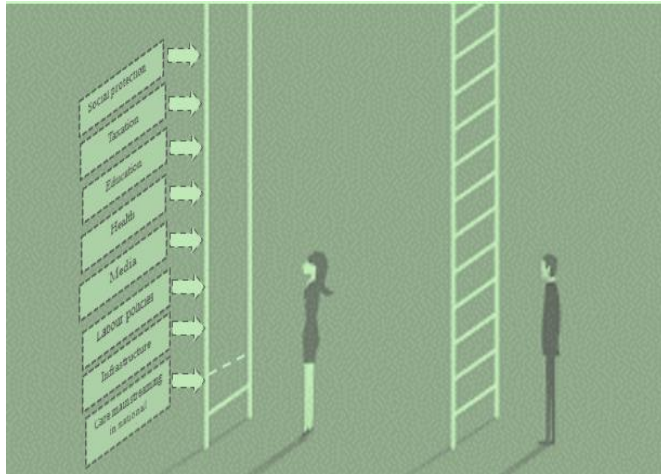
Care and Gender Equality

The solutions, like the challenges, are non-linear

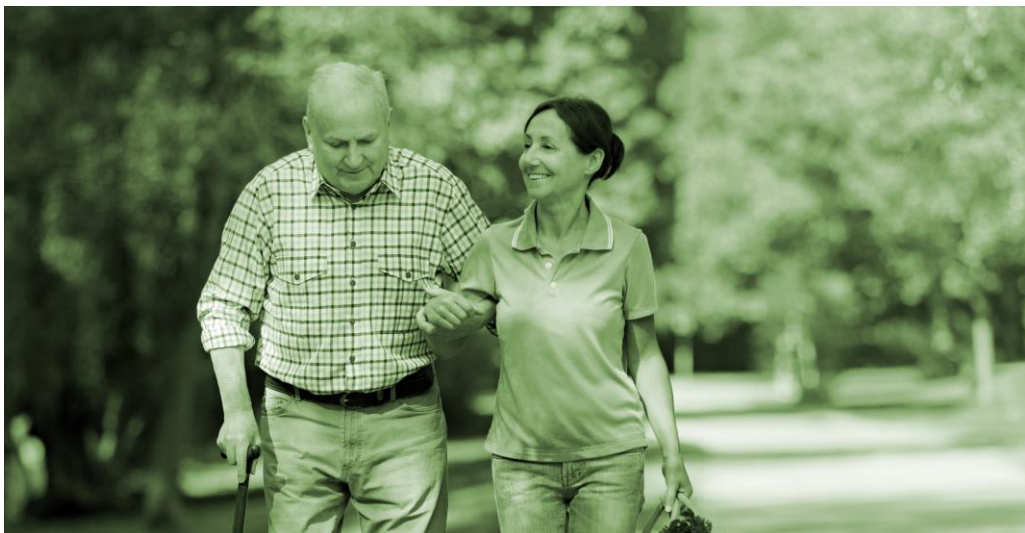
Care policies cannot be implemented in isolation

The complex interlinkages need to be carefully examined and disentangled to find solutions which work in light of the complexity

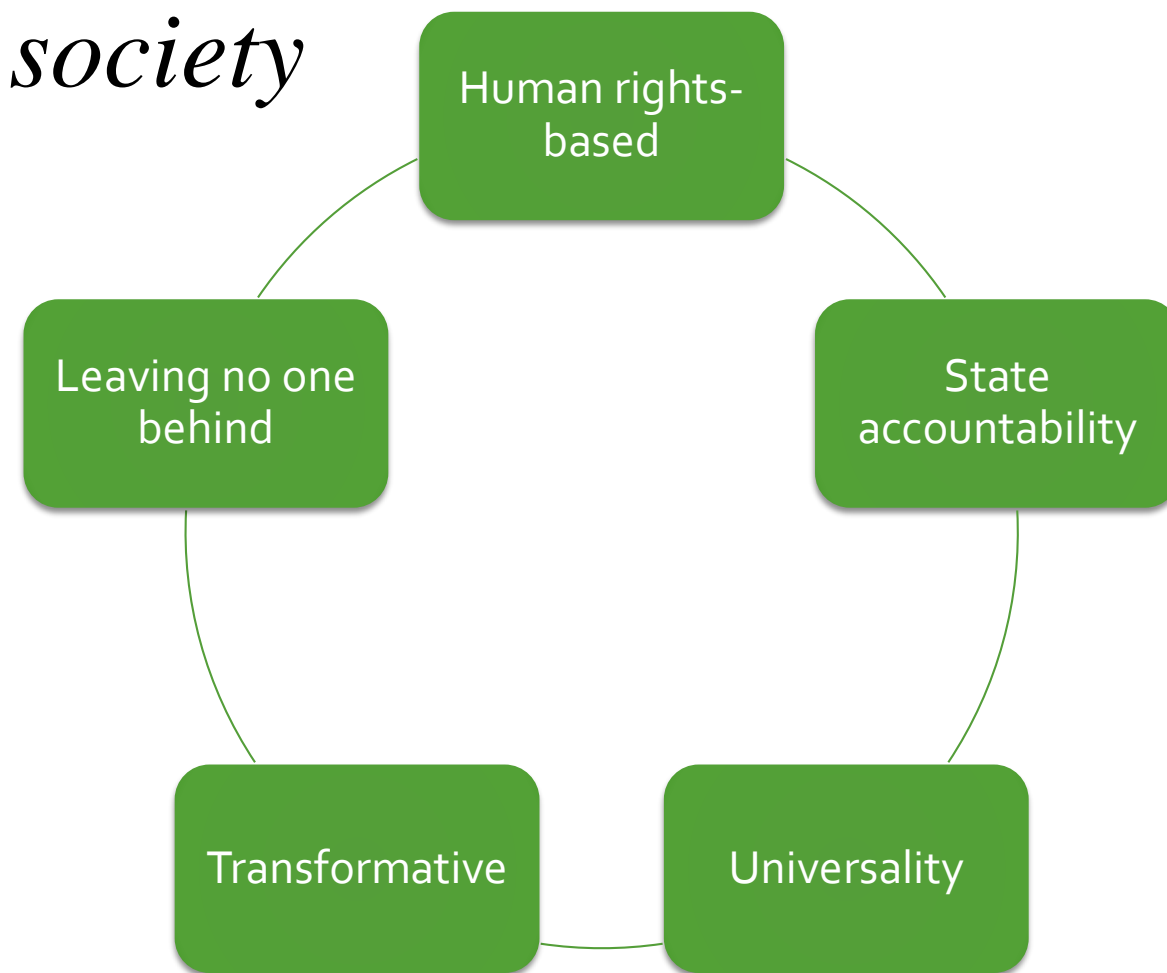
Care should be **mainstreamed** within the different public policies by examining the existing linkages between care and each policy in the design, implementation and monitoring



It is essential to develop a care-centered strategic vision mainstreaming care in the different public policies



Care Vision – *towards a caring and sustainable society*



From the UN system policy paper on transforming care systems



We suggest the development of a strategic vision allowing the mainstreaming of care into all public policies based on the 4 steps advanced by The Purple Economy (Care Economy +) policy brief developed by the United Nations Economist Network

1

Creating an enabling macroeconomic framework ensuring investment in the care economy

2

Adopting and strengthening policies that recognize, reduce, and redistribute unpaid care work

3

Diversifying care employment towards the economic empowerment of women

4

Ensuring robust participation, accountability and monitoring mechanisms





THANK YOU

Questions for Experts

Additional interlinkages to be mindful of?

Additional suggestions for the strategic vision?

Other recommendations?