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Paradigm Junction:

Blue Planet Governance

The era of global *tragedy of the commons* ends.
The new paradigm begins when Interdependent Regional Governments unite!
To form a chaordic organization called,
The ***United Regions***
Where coordinated expertise in Earth Science, Human-Nature and Economics
Provide Regional Guidance to Maximize *Real* Wealth:

*Real wealth is a measurement of a robust ecology
and of the general health and happiness of the people!*

Note: The Envisioning sections are written in backcast [R1] from the future, 50 years after official acceptance that a new era had begun. The year 20?? became known as 050APC, or *After Paradigm Change*, representing the first year of a new era. The voice of the backcast description could be considered to be that of a lecturer explaining to students about the basic technical operations of the *Dynamic Society* in which they lived. Passing grades in this course would be a prerequisite for students to be able to vote in Regional affairs. It also describes to students the exciting sociopolitical journey shortly before and after paradigm change. This chapter presumes the basic outline sketch (this manual) was made public in 2015. And sometime after that, *The BPG approach* was found to be not only a desirable envisioned goal but an essential goal for a sustainable society; and was embraced by individuals of many countries, cultures and creeds. Those grass roots citizens were bold enough to accept the essence of, *Gaia Principle 5: To be undaunted by the enormity of the task at hand and to work around problems that cannot be dealt with effectively and immediately.* And they began to build the architecture of the movement. Section "D" describes the chaotic initial years when the new model was being built as the old fiat$ economy collapsed around them and the Gaia$ emerged as the only desirable and meaningful currency.

The Dynamic Society
Listed below are the philosophical hopes for society in terms of goals and wishes for both individuals and the nature of their societies. These are an overview of the UN (United Nations) Declaration of Human Rights that existed BPC (Before Paradigm Change).   It is modified somewhat to reflect the needed Gaia-centric human responsibility requirements. In order to achieve this, a Regionally driven hierarchy of governance is loosely defined for *Regions*, for *BioRegions*, and for *Associations of BioRegions*, and for the UR:

For All of humanity: (Desired collective overview)
To live in harmony within the natural ever-renewing
environment of our Gaian planetary home;
To live in peace with our human neighbours;
To have no discrimination in gender, race, colour or creed.

For individuals: (Enlightened self-interest today and beyond)
To accept a share of responsibility for sustainable stewardship of our home;
And thereby earn the enjoyment of rights and the freedom
To pursue happiness and a meaningful life.

For Regions: (The roots of Government are Regional)
To accept the challenge of stewardship
of the land and waters of our region,
To foster cooperation with neighbouring regions,
To assess our regional wealth based on what we need and what we have,
To work toward long term sustainability through optimum population,
In order to achieve health and happiness within our regional means.
To use democratic processes to choose regional and bioregional leaders.

For BioRegions: (The second level of needed hierarchy of collective governance)
To guide Regions in matters of application of standards and regulations.
To be keeper of Region Wealth measurement statistical data,
To oversee Wealth factor issues and arbitrate inter-regional issues,
And to facilitate interregional monetary transactions.
To use democratic processes to choose leaders.

For Associations Of BioRegions(AOBioRegions): (Third level of hierarchy)
To coordinate the affairs of Regions and BioRegions,
To be keeper and auditor on Regional standards and laws,
To coordinate BioRegional trade and also AORegional trade,
To use democratic processes to choose United Regions representatives.

For United Regions): (Top level of overview and regulation)
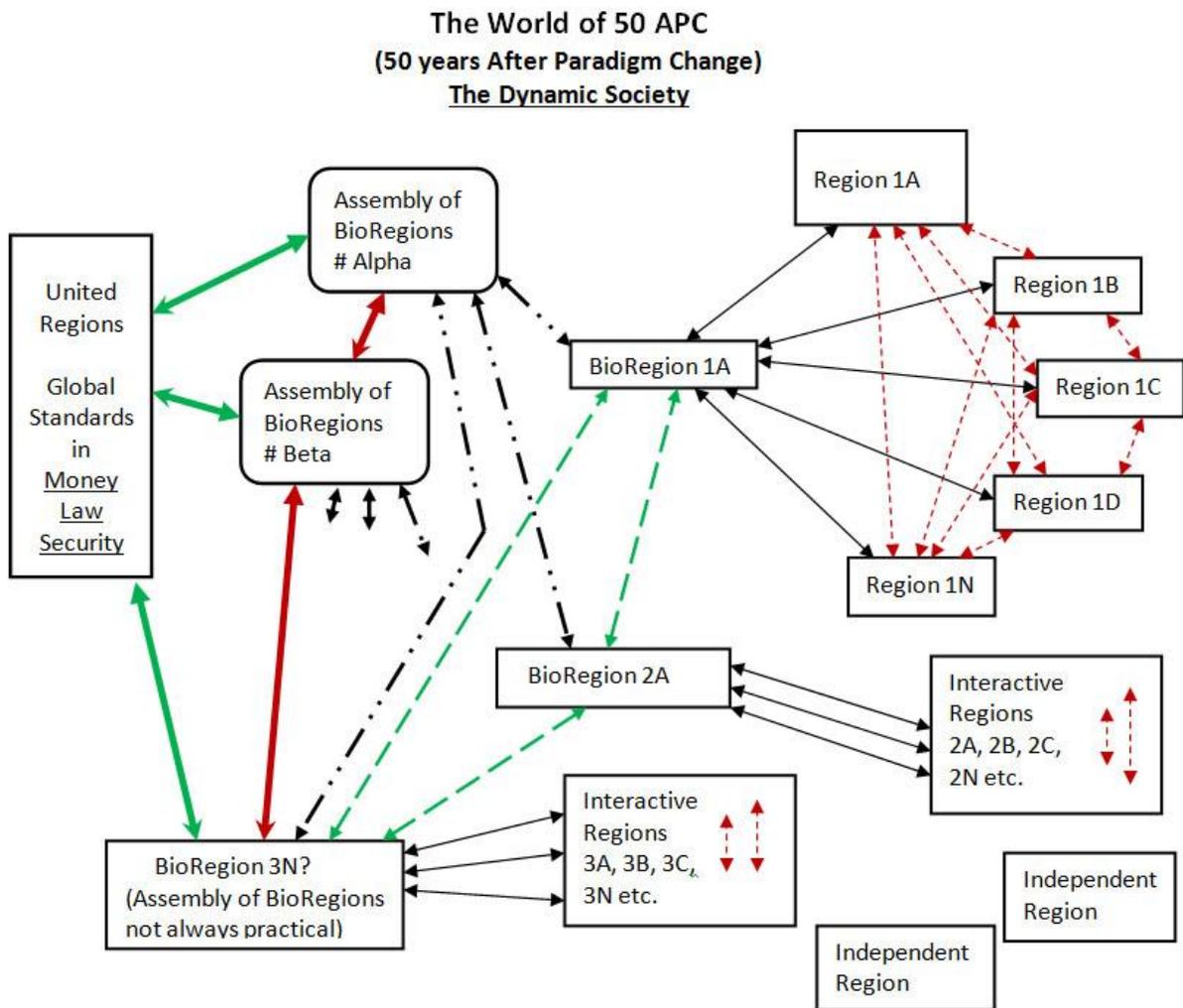*To be the meeting place on global issues,*
To be keeper and auditor of international standards and laws,
To arbitrate AOBioRegional disagreements,

To coordinate global trade and monetary exchanges,
To be the Global Peacekeeper of last resort.

After fifty years of transitional change toward a sustainable civilisation, the governance of *The Dynamic Society* has emerged consisting of a systemic structure with a hierarchy of four levels of governance: These governments operate significantly differently from earlier times. The principle difference in our new paradigm is that people of the smallest governing units – Regions - hold significantly more power and control over their territory and destiny than before. The purpose of BioRegions is to be a coordinating hub for Regional affairs. Similarly, the AORegions, coordinates BioRegional issues. The United Regions deals at a global level is the top level of holistic data gathering and regulation. Elected representatives of Regions are the executive officers of next higher levels of government, who in turn elect the next level who select the UR executive.

Figure 5 is a simple block diagram of the hierarchy:

The World of 50 APC
(50 years After Paradigm Change)
The Dynamic Society

Overview of The Dynamic Society
> TS Note (Troubleshooter's note): The names of existing Nations, States, or Provinces are not used in order to discourage lingering nationalism in view of the need to change many borders into a new configuration of territories. However, each Region, may select a proper name, although borders may change any time when Regional governments agree to do so.

By 50 years APC (After Paradigm Change + 50 years, or 050APC) the people of most parts of the world operate within the sphere of *The Dynamic Society*. The change began slowly working with a shadow UN committee with draft guidelines under constant review. When final change were made, final adoption took place at year one of the new era.

Figure 5 – Top right side: Regions
Regions 1A through 1N are illustrated. These are the smallest geographic components of the dynamic system. In BPC (Before Paradigm Change) times some of Regions started as small counties or provinces of largecountries.

Over time Regional borders changed for better compatibility with geographic or other reasons. There is a high degree of social and trade interactivity between neighbouring Regions. Interactivity between both regions and BioRegions is shown as dotted red lines.

Although each Region is a functioning system it is also a subsystem of its associated BioRegion. In animal analogy, this is something like the relationship of the heart, the lungs and the liver to the higher level system of the brain – combined they are a dynamic individual. All components are semi-autonomous and perform many independent functions, and yet remain relatively interdependent – the brain providing primary regulatory control via feedback. The brain also processes data from external sources.

BioRegionsA1 through BioRegionAN, and their associated Regions, operate basically the same. All of these BioRegions are coordinated by an *Assembly of BioRegions1A*. BioRegions may have started as provinces or states at BPC (Before Paradigm Change) times.

Center Left: Assembly of BioRegions (AOBioRegions). These Assemblies may have been countries in BPC times. Most island countries, like Australia or United Kingdom, had no border changes. In large continents, countries, provinces or counties had been formed by drawing a line on a map. Such borders did not function well in the new era, and eventually borders changed to conform with geographic or cultural divides. One example is North America; the land where Mexico, USA and Canada had existed are now seven BioRegions.

Left Side: United Nations (UN) had been formed in 1945. This institution remained as an essential tower of continuity transcending *the old* during tumultuous times, and remains a cornerstone of transition into the new era. But like most AbReality institutes, the UN and its key components are now operated quite differently. The next section refers to the UN and its divisions as the Wheelhouse of global civilization (Buckminster Fuller's *Spaceship Earth* concept). This is because it central hub of data gathering and regulatory control.

Bottom Right: Independent Regions. These represent the very few independent regions in the world, mostly aboriginal jungle inhabitancy or a remote religious order, who have virtually no contact with *The Dynamic Society*. Their regions are protected by UN charter.

Figure 5 deals with only with human interactions and we need to remember it does not reflect on our interactions with the millions of fellow species, most of which predated us on this unique planet. They have no borders. It was their interactivity with sun energy and Earth's minerals that evolved to create the film of life on Earth's surface into which we humans have emerged.   It must always be remembered that this life is humanity's greatest and only source of wealth and it is in our enlightened self-interest to preserve and protect Gaia. And that we are all part of the complex Gaian system.

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Backcast: The web link below is a useful, broad classification of scenario exercises: whether they are a *forecast* or a *backcast*. While both procedures have a similar end product - a future state and a path to reach it - the process for generating the product is very different.
=Forecast starts with the current situation and possible future paths, then deduces an end-state
=Backcast starts with the current situation and end-state, and then deduces possible future paths.
In a backcast, there is usually some judgement about the desirability of the future state. Because of this, backcasts are sometimes called *normative* scenarios, while forecasts are sometimes called *descriptive* or *exploratory* scenarios.
  http://www.scenariosforsustainability.org/scenarios_foreback.php

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