



# Agile by Design: Regulating at the Speed of Change

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# Key Caribbean Digital Challenges



## Digital Divide

Access, usage, and skills gaps remain, especially in underserved areas.



## Infrastructure & Affordability

Limited rural reach, poor quality, and high costs.



## Capacity & Implementation

Slow strategy execution, resource constraints, and data gaps.



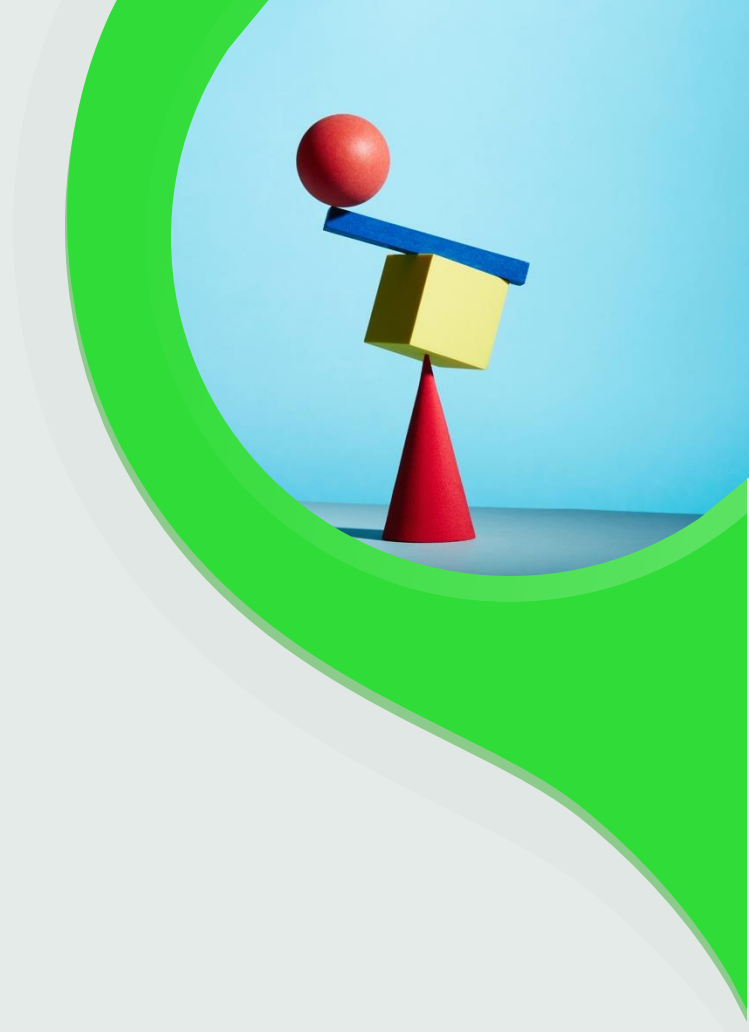
## Market Dynamics

Regulatory lag in adapting to OTTs, AI, and other tech disruptors.



## Tech Evolution vs Regulation

The Pacing Problem - Global tech shifts (AI, OTT, IoT, 5G/6G) are accelerating & Traditional frameworks struggle to keep pace.







# Understanding Agile Regulation

## Agile Regulation IS

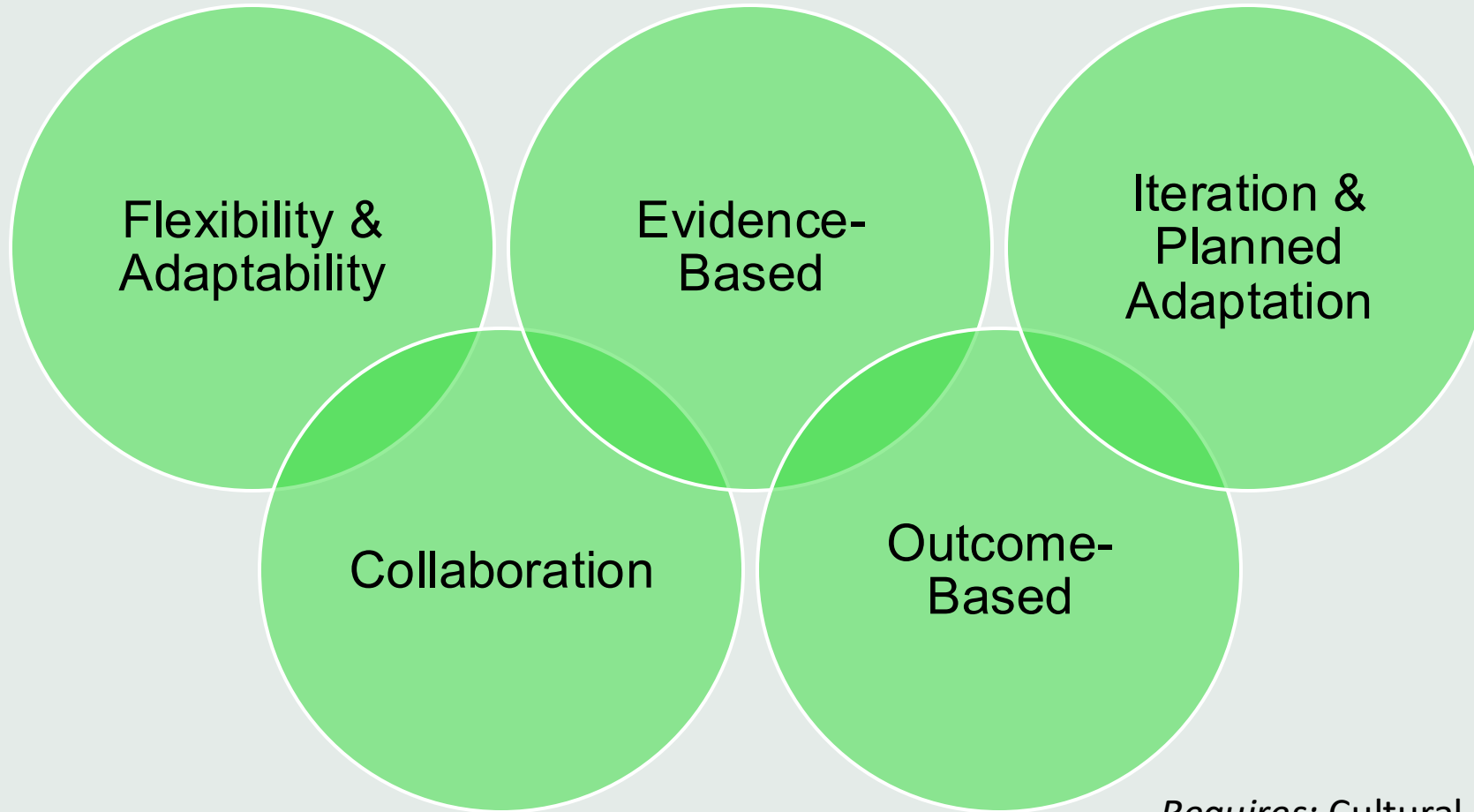
-  Co-evolving with tech and markets
-  Smart and targeted
-  Evidence-based and outcome-driven
-  Inclusive and innovation-friendly
-  Adaptive, collaborative, transparent

## Agile Regulation IS NOT

-  Deregulation
-  One-size-fits-all
-  Tech-specific or siloed
-  Static or inflexible



# Key Principles of Agile Regulation



*Requires:* Cultural shift towards proactivity & continuous learning



# Are We Agile Enough? – Gaps in Practice

✅ Progress acknowledged: Consultations, number portability, updated frameworks

⚠️ But some processes remain slow:

! Dominance reviews are infrequent, with no rolling assessment schedule.

⚖️ OTT and Big Tech still operate outside formal regulatory frameworks, despite their dominant traffic impact.

🔍 No clear service classification or transparency rules for OTT apps; traffic management often lacks oversight.

📈 Outdated regulation slows investment and weakens market responsiveness — especially for new technologies.

**Agility means continual improvement: faster timelines, iterative rollouts, risk-based tools**



# Agile Regulation Tools and Examples



## REGULATORY SANDBOXES

- Controlled environment for live testing of innovations
- Temporary, tailored regulatory flexibility

## FLEXIBLE LICENSING

- Enables tech-neutral, short-term licenses,
- Fosters innovation and adaptability in fast-changing environments.

## ITERATIVE RULEMAKING

- Time-bound policies with sunset clauses
- Allows for adjustments and prevents outdated regulations from stalling progress.

## COLLABORATIVE INNOVATION SPACES

- Joint labs with public-private partnerships.
- Drives foresight and regulatory innovation, essential for future readiness.

# The Path Ahead for Agile Regulation

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- ✓ **Build institutional capacity for adaptive regulation**
- ✓ **Foster regional collaboration and shared learning**
- ✓ **Experiment with flexible tools like sandboxes and iterative rulemaking**
- ✓ **Center regulation around people, access, and innovation**

Thank you for  
exploring agile  
regulation with  
us!

