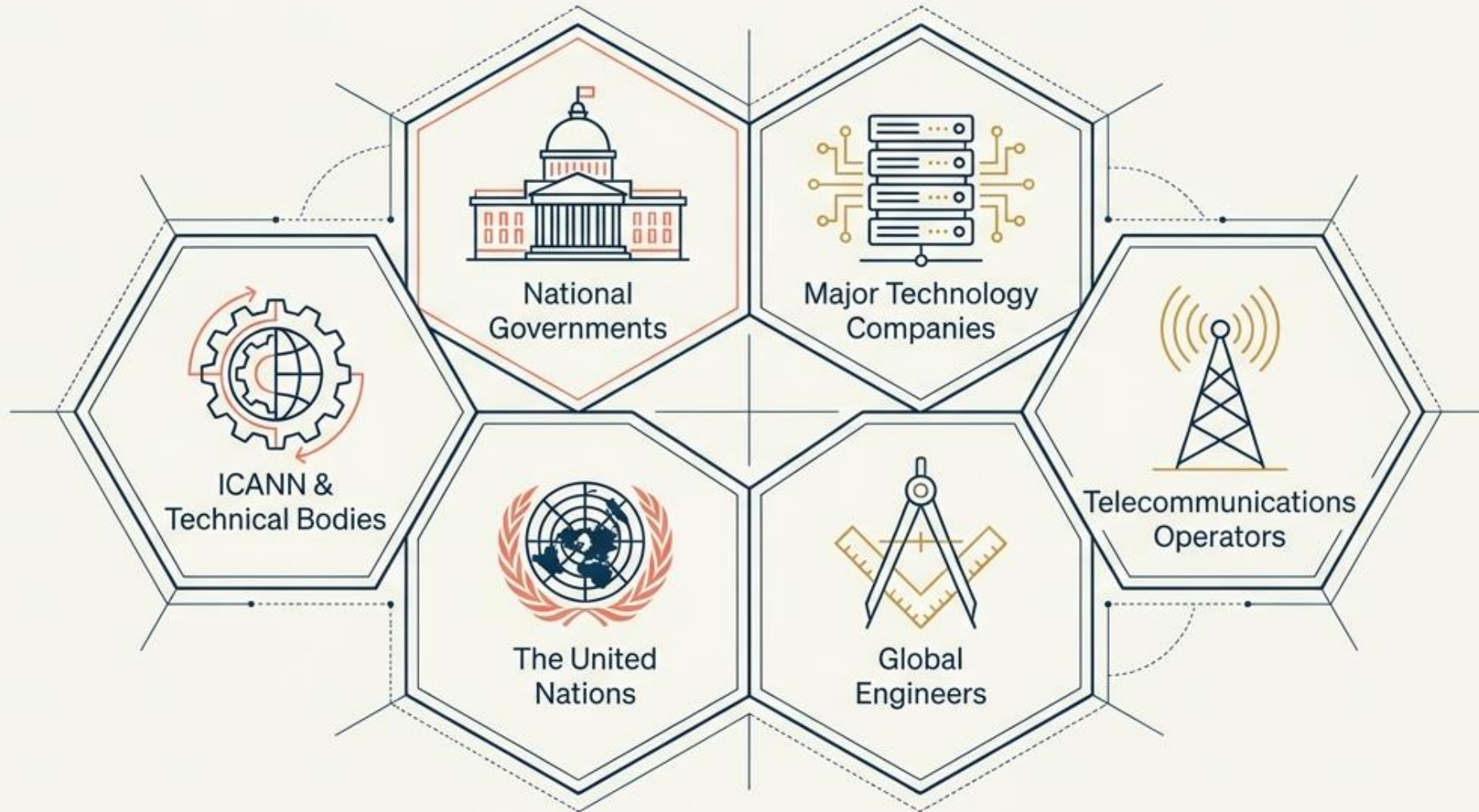


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Who runs the Global Internet?



The search for a single controller.

**Nobody runs it.
Yet it is highly governed.**



**Thousands of
independent actors** + **Millions of
daily decisions** = **A functional
global system**

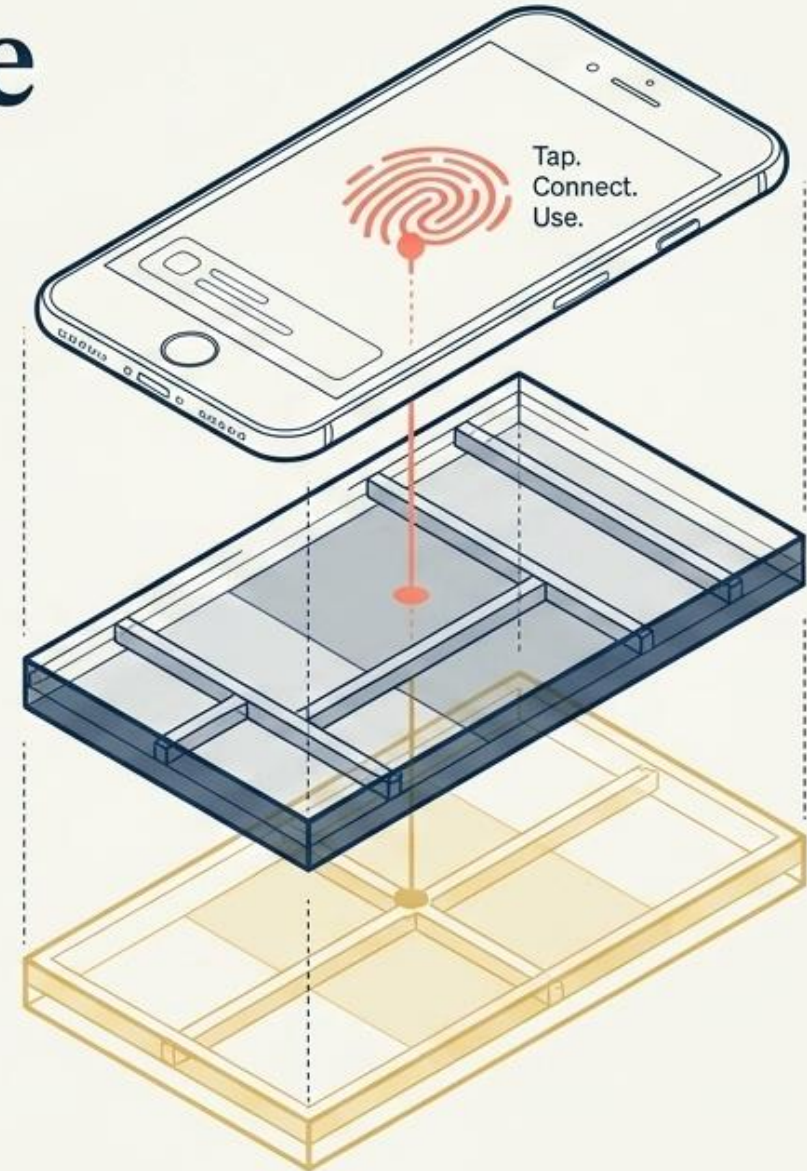
The hidden architecture behind a single tap.

IP addressing, routing, the Domain Name System (DNS), and technical interoperability standards.

**Layer 2:
Technical Protocols**

Broadband networks, mobile infrastructure, spectrum, submarine cables, data centres, and Internet exchange points.

**Layer 1:
Physical Connectivity**



Governance extends far beyond technical operations.

These are all
Internet
Governance
questions.

Privacy, data protection, platform responsibilities, consumer rights, competition, artificial intelligence, and social inclusion.

Cybersecurity, digital identity, authentication, encryption, and system resilience.

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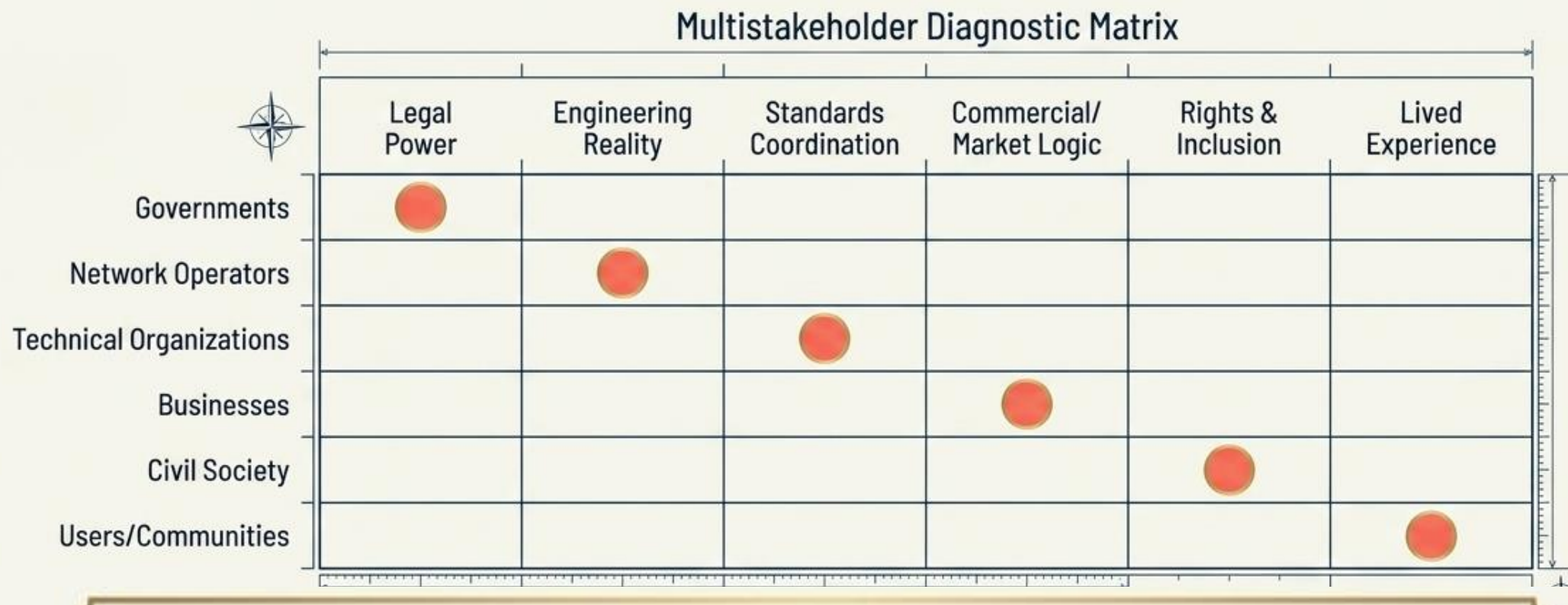
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Layer 4:
Rules &
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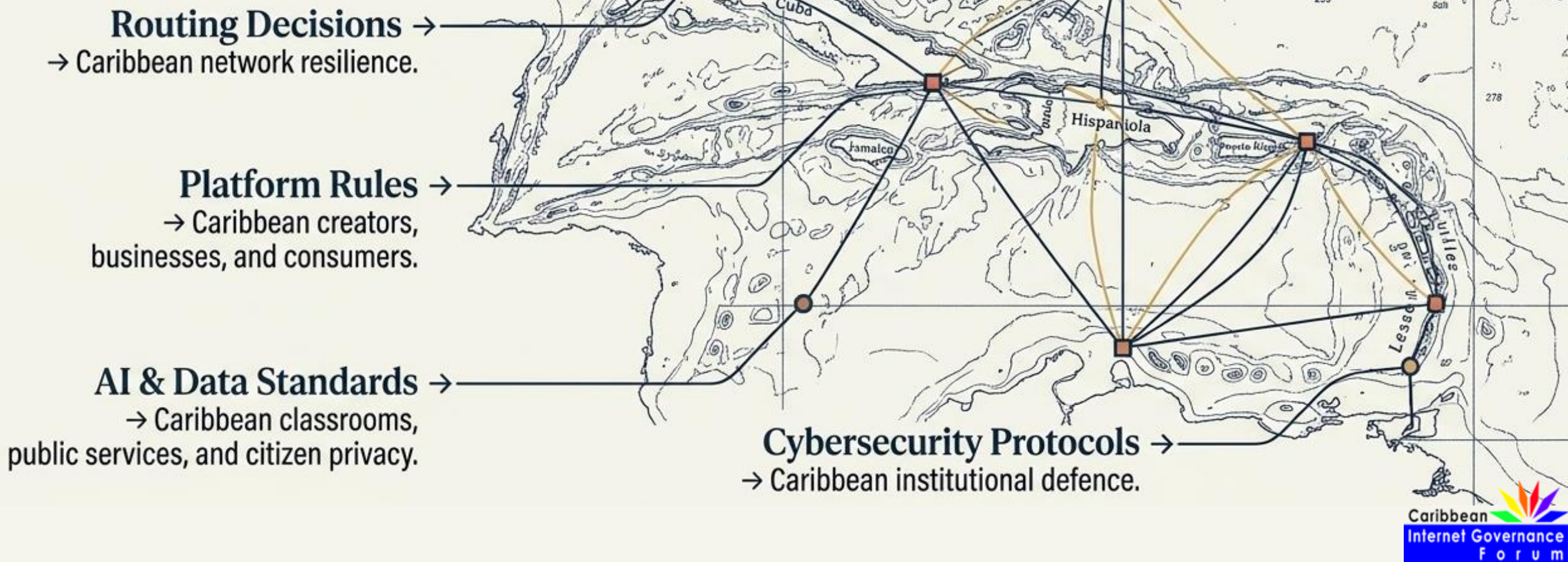
Layer 3:
Trust &
Security

A distributed system requires distributed authority.



**Multistakeholderism is not just about being in the same room.
It is about matching the right form of knowledge to the right problem.**

The Internet is global, but its consequences are intensely local.



We approach global governance from a position of contribution, not vulnerability.

The Global Assumption

The Caribbean as simply a recipient of technologies and policies developed elsewhere.

The Regional Reality

- Deep policy and engineering expertise.
- Experience operating across complex, interconnected jurisdictions.
- Proven models for digital inclusion in dispersed populations.
- Hard-won lessons in disaster hazard resilience and infrastructure recovery.

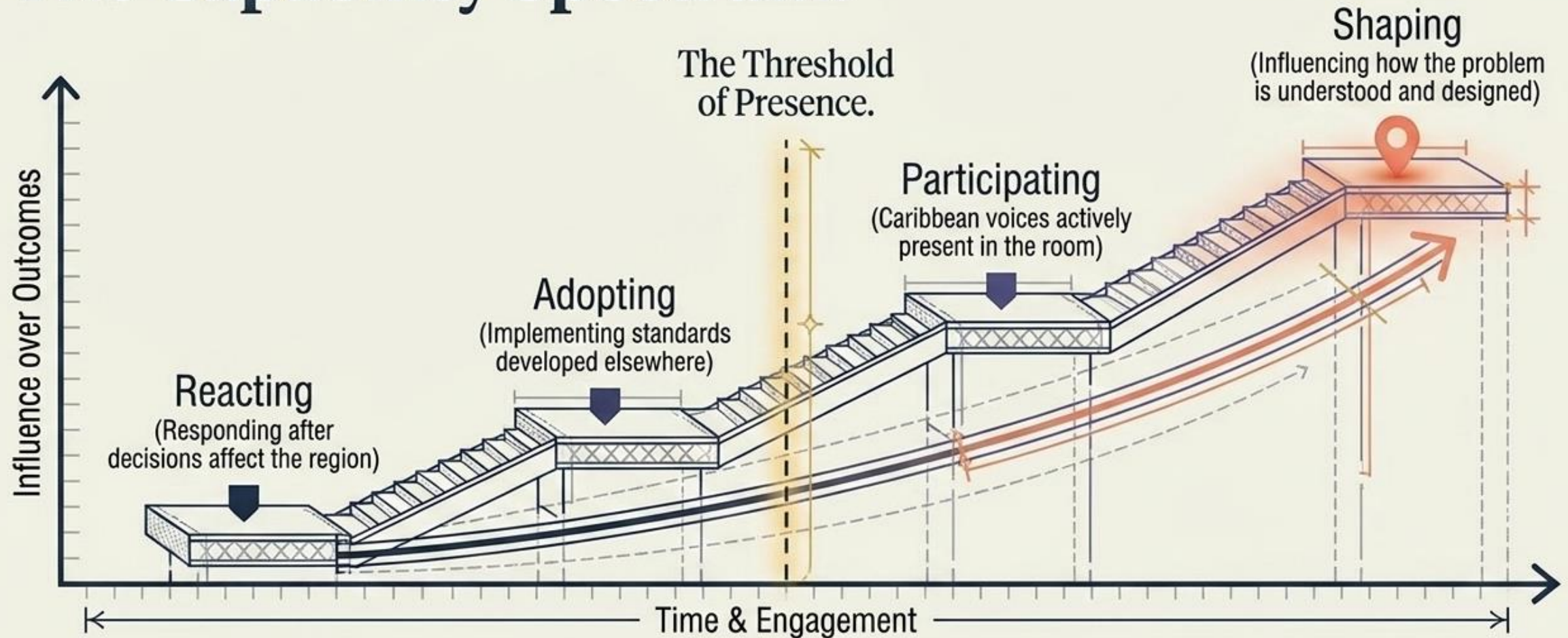
“The strategic question is whether these perspectives are present **early enough** to influence outcomes.”

The strategic choice for the digital Caribbean.



The Caribbean already lives inside the consequences of Internet Governance decisions. **We must decide how much influence we want to exercise over them.**

The Capability Spectrum.

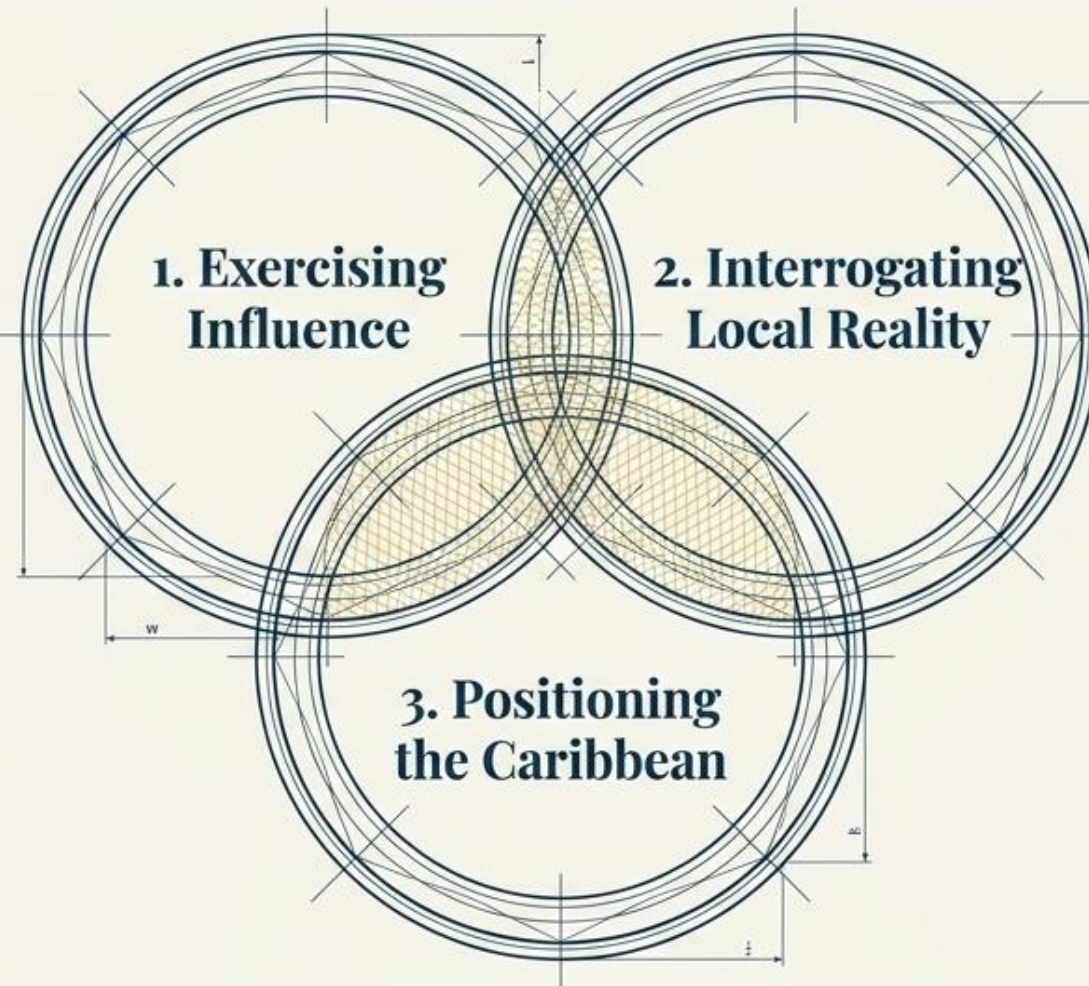


Representation alone is an incomplete measure of success.
We must move toward shaping.

From “What is it?” to “Where am I within it?”

How can I exercise influence?

Where can my perspective, expertise and experience best contribute?



What does this mean in my local context?

Who benefits, who carries risk, and whose interests may be missing?

How can I help position the Caribbean?

Are we responding, contributing, or helping to influence the outcome?

A framework for action-oriented participation in CIGF 2026

From Connectivity to Capability.

**Connectivity gives us access.
Capability gives us agency.**

Internet Governance is how we move from simply being connected to having true agency in the digital world.

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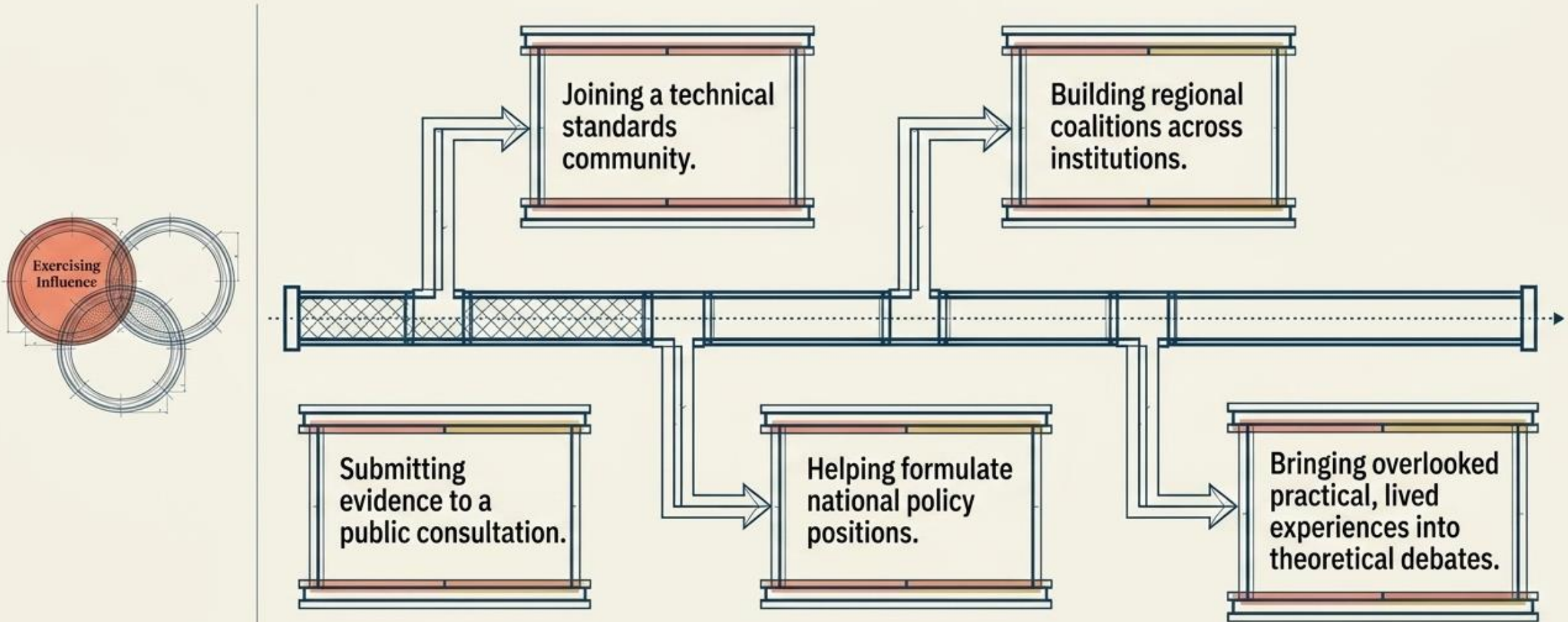


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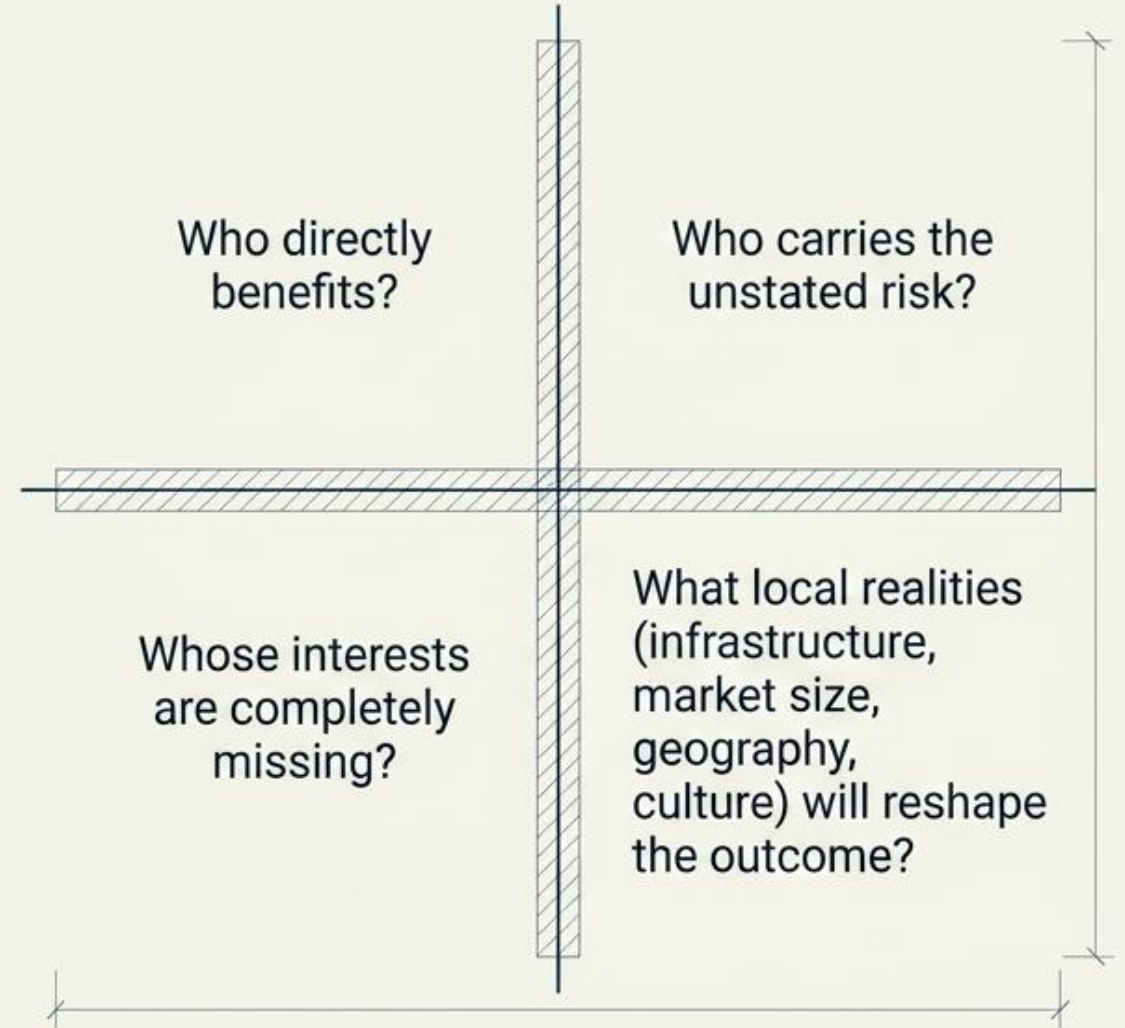
Lens 1: How can I exercise influence?

Where can my specific perspective be most effectively brought to bear?



Lens 2: What does this mean in my local context?

Core Question: Global policies look elegant on paper. How do they behave when they meet Caribbean reality?



Lens 3: How can I help position the Caribbean?

Core Question:
Are we reacting, adopting, participating, or shaping the outcome?

