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## **Global Challenges/Issues**

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# Linking Canada to Global Challenges

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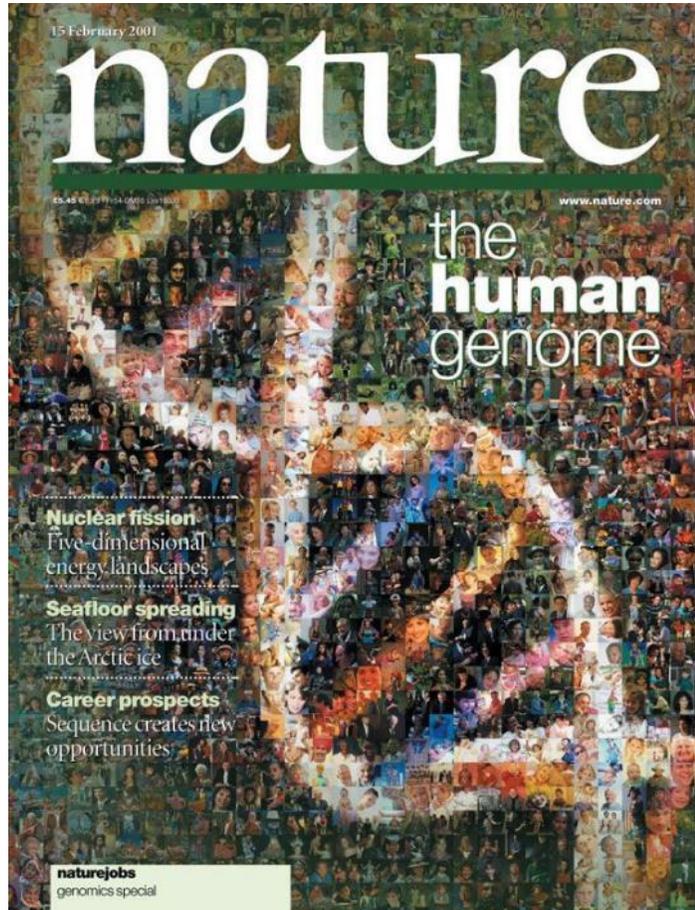


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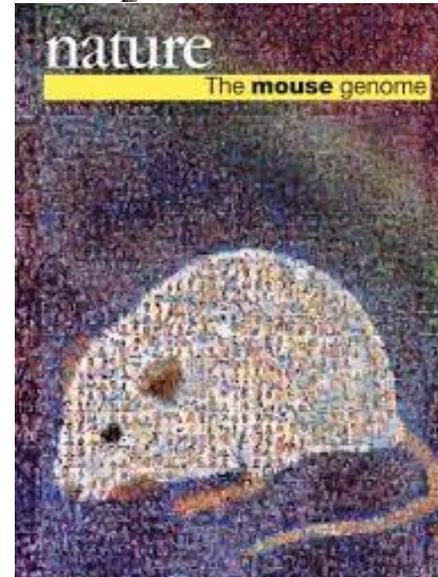


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# Genomics is international



- 20 sequencing centres
- 6 countries
- 13 years
- >3 billion base pairs
- \$3 billion to complete



- Created in 2000
- Partnership with provinces via six Genome Centres
- \$3.6B invested in Canadian genomics research
- 12 major international genomics initiatives underway
- >50 international funding partners
- ~400 research projects supported
- ~250 Canadian and international industry partners



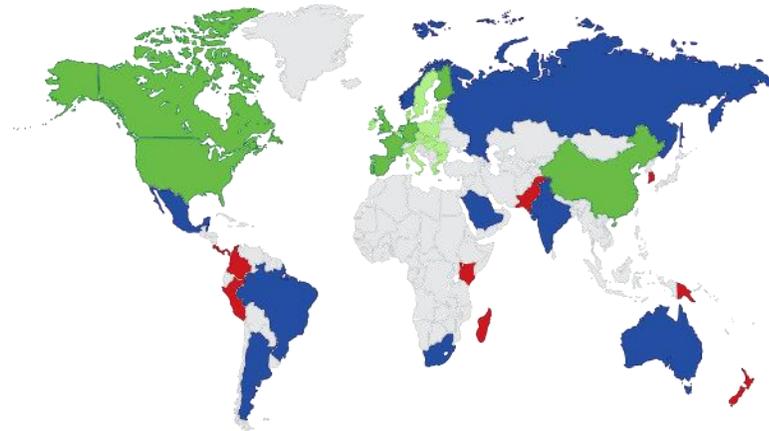
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# international BARCODE OF LIFE



- Paul Hebert and other researchers at University of Guelph published the concept in a paper in 2003
- Sequencing conserved genes to identify species – like a supermarket scanner
- Catalogue and monitor species
- iBOL launched in 2010
- Hosted in Canada, with nodes in 26 countries





# Global Alliance for Genomics & Health

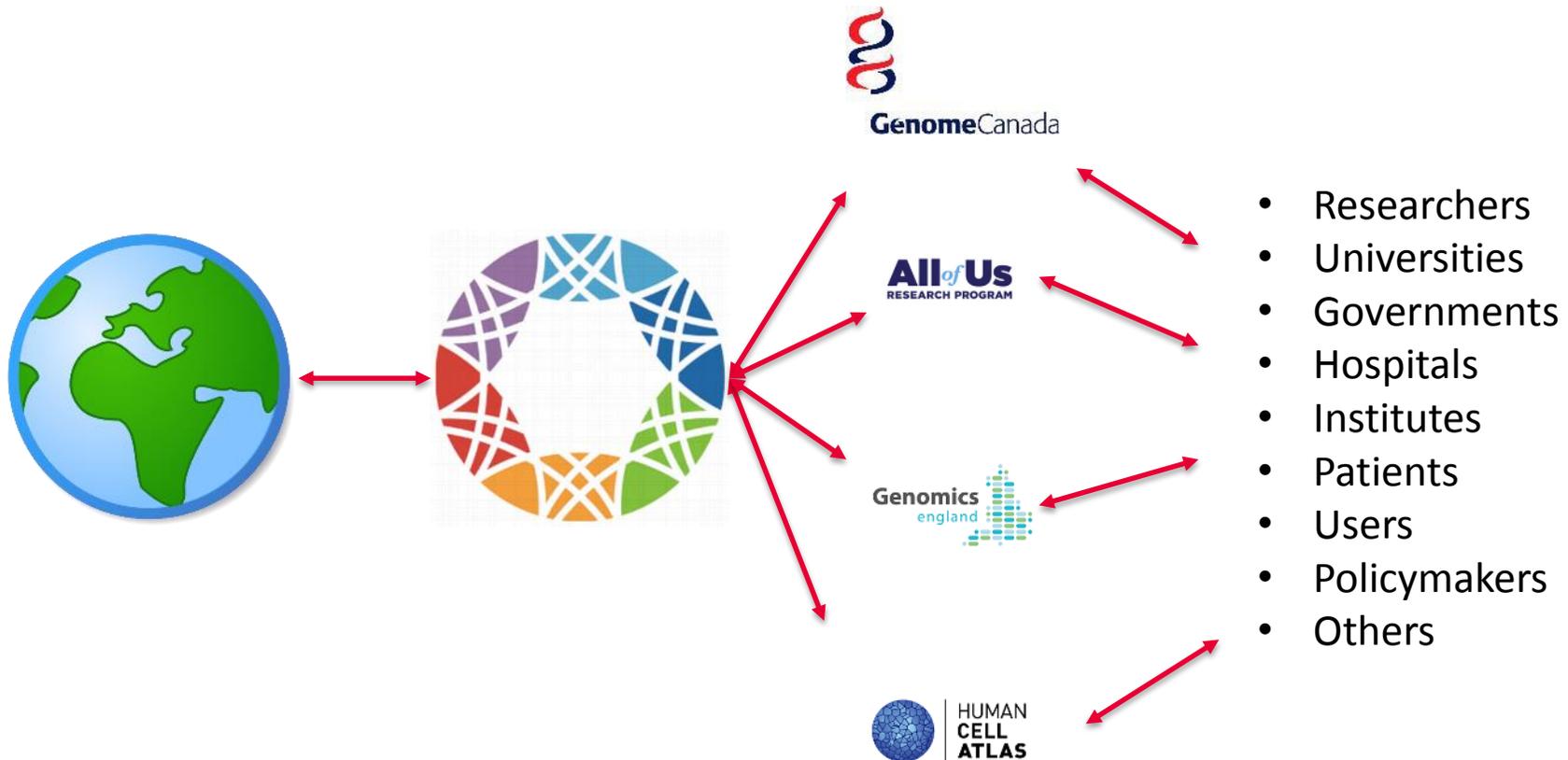
- GA4GH creates frameworks and standards for the responsible, voluntary, and secure sharing of genomic and health-related data
- 500 institutional partners in 71 countries with secretariat hosted in Toronto
- Seeks to activate the right to share in scientific advancement and its benefits as outlined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- Accomplishes this through ‘Driver Projects’ – real-world data initiatives that integrate and shape GA4GH frameworks and standards
- This includes Canadian Distributed Infrastructure for Genomics (CanDIG) - a fully distributed platform that allows national-scale, privacy-maintaining analyses of locally-controlled data sets.





- International initiative to generate, integrate and share data and information about plant genetic information
- Community-driven, headquartered in Canada
- Catalogue and describe genetic diversity of the world's crops
- 68 partners in 31 countries
- Coordinating projects that are sequencing specimens in national seed banks around the world
- Identify traits to help mitigate and adapt to climate change

# A coordinated, two-way approach





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# Global Challenges/Issues

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# Growing Canada's institutional capacity for global collaboration

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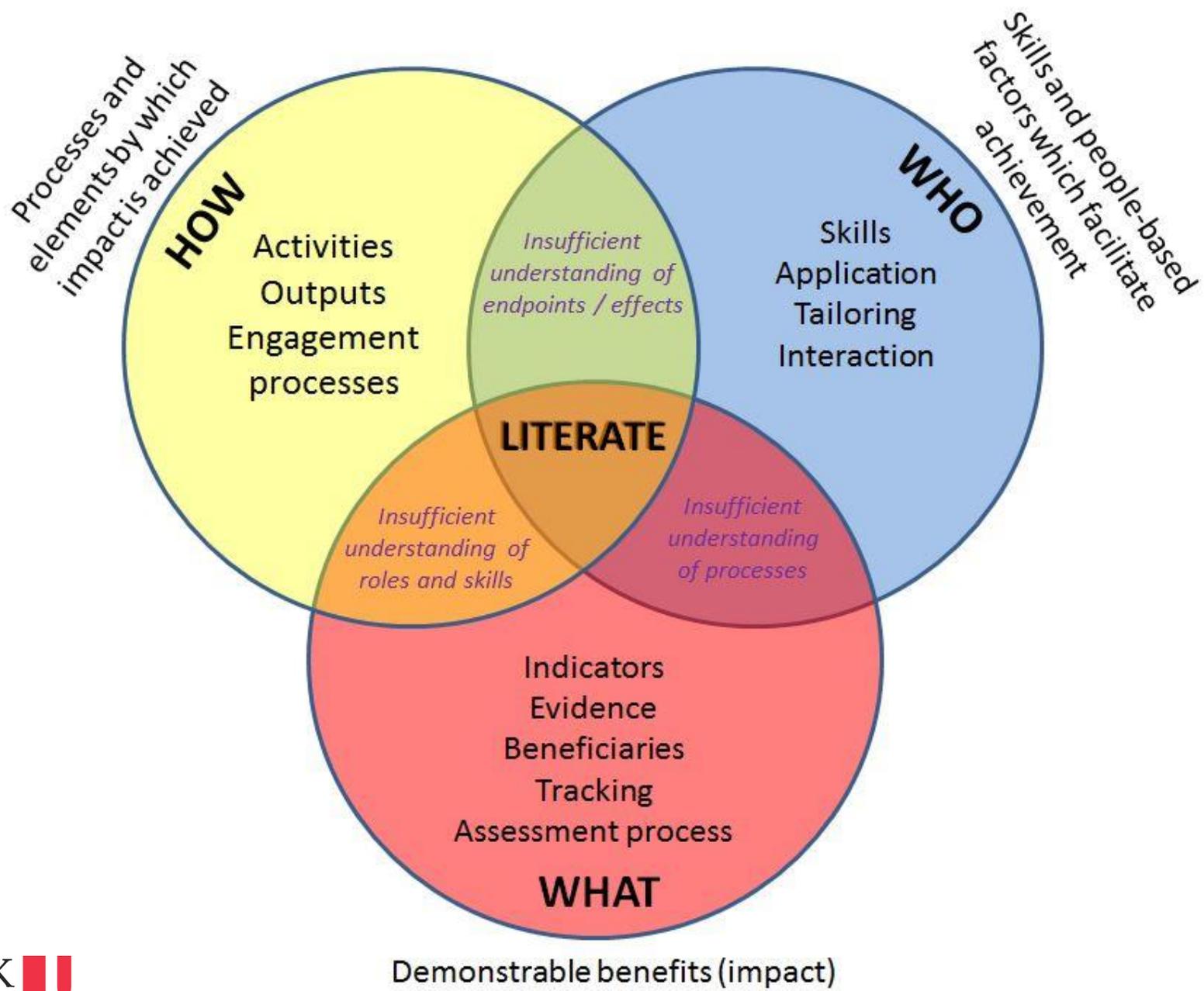


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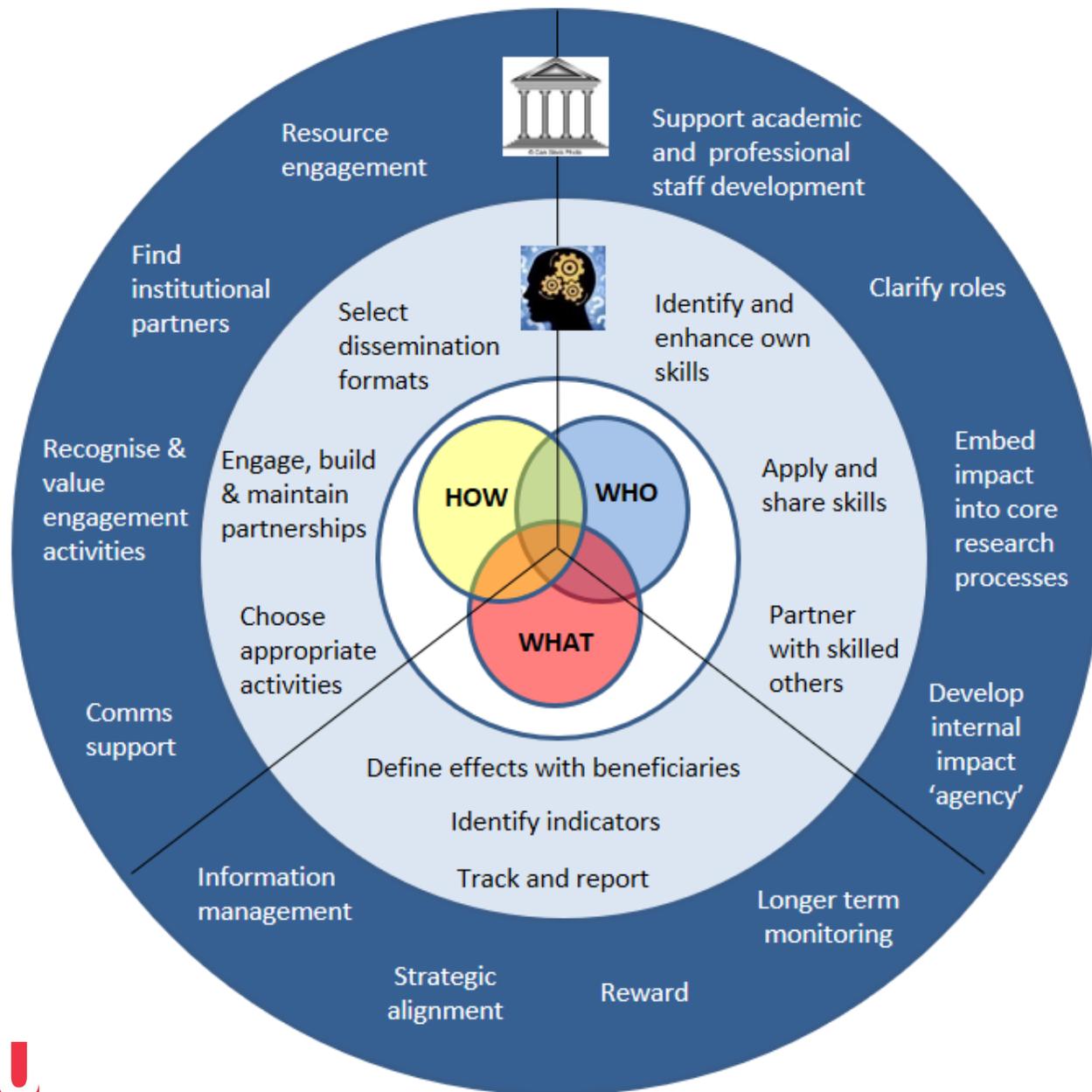
- Public policies
- Global connections
- Funding: research, operations

- Institutional policies/plans
- Services
- Infrastructure
- Student funding

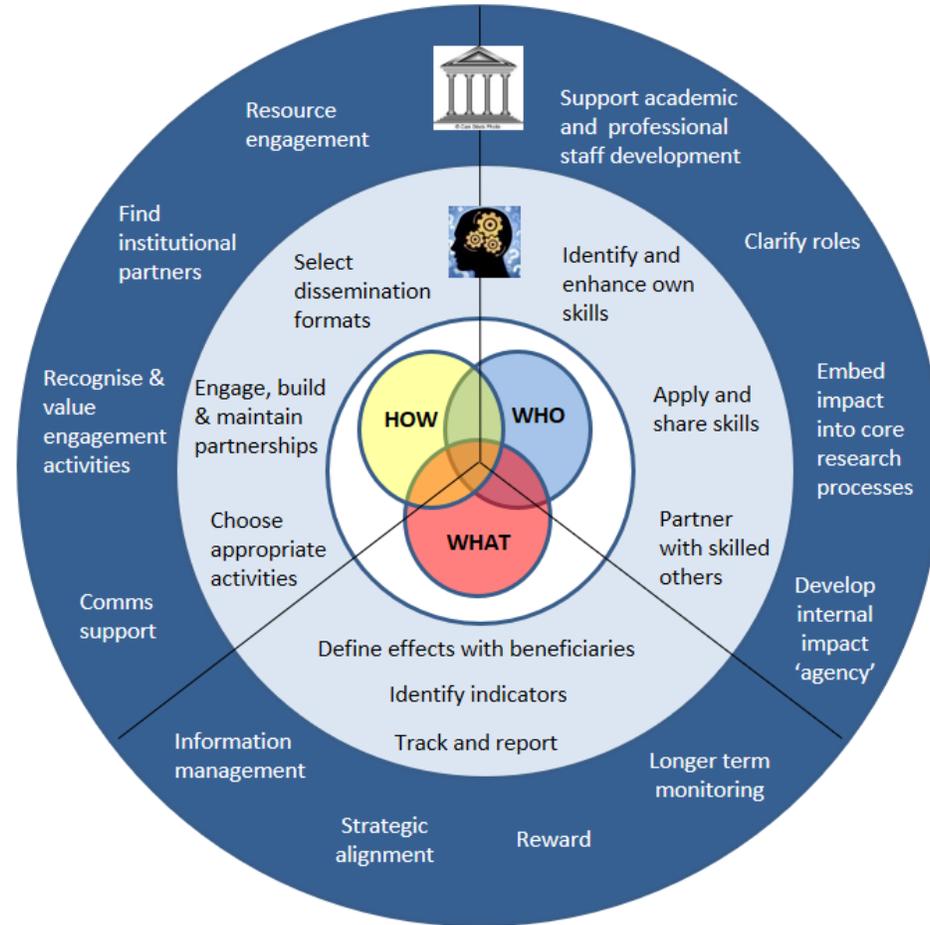
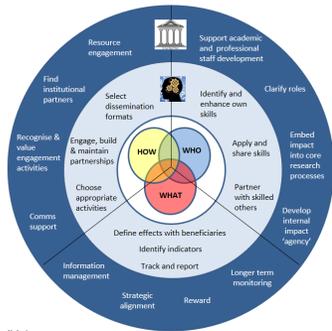
- Collaborations (local to global)
- Students
- Dissemination
- End user/partner perspective



# Research Impact Literacy



# Institutional Research Impact Literacy





## For partnered research, institutions need to help researchers:

- Build trust
- Develop capacity
- Understand the social, economic, political contexts of partners
- Co-construct knowledge
- Build culture



Focus on institutional practices

Respond to unique contexts

Common: engagement (students, teaching/learning, research), dissemination, events, grant support (research office)

Qualities: reciprocity, meaningful partner, trust, sharing, multiplier effect, central coordination (central and local delivery)

**It's Your Turn!**

