# ACTION RESEARCH AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF THE SYSTEMS THEORY

The training of Emerging Farmers in the Free State in partnership with the Department of Agriculture, the University of the Free State (Centre of Excellence in the Centre for Agricultural Management),

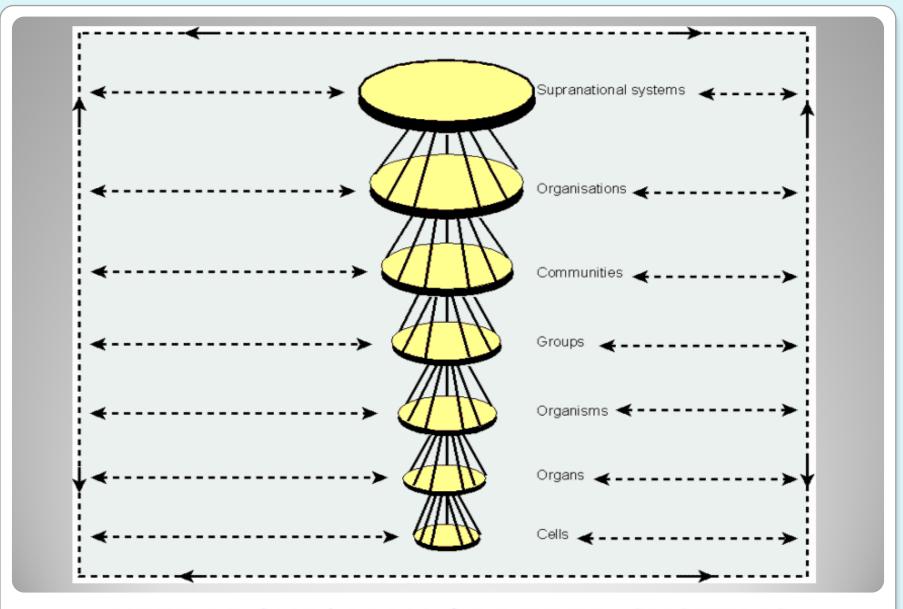
Twenty-one Emerging Farmers and the Private Sector



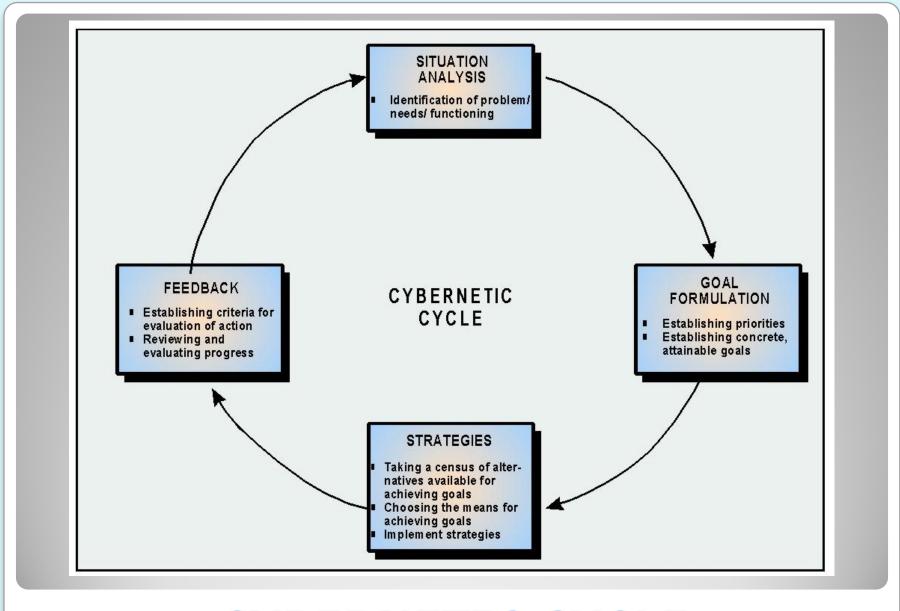
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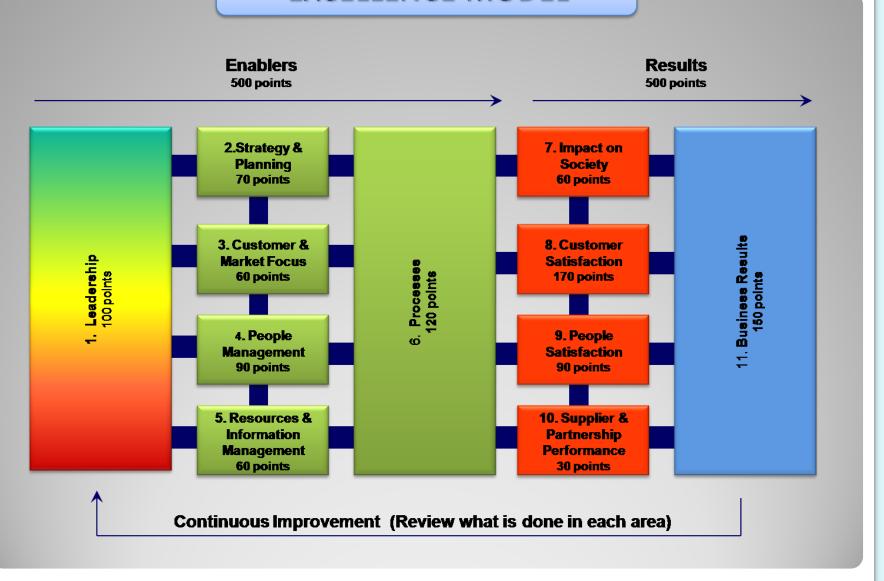


**HIERARCHICALLY ORDERED SYSTEMS** 



**CYBERNETIC CYCLE** 

#### **EXCELLENCE MODEL**

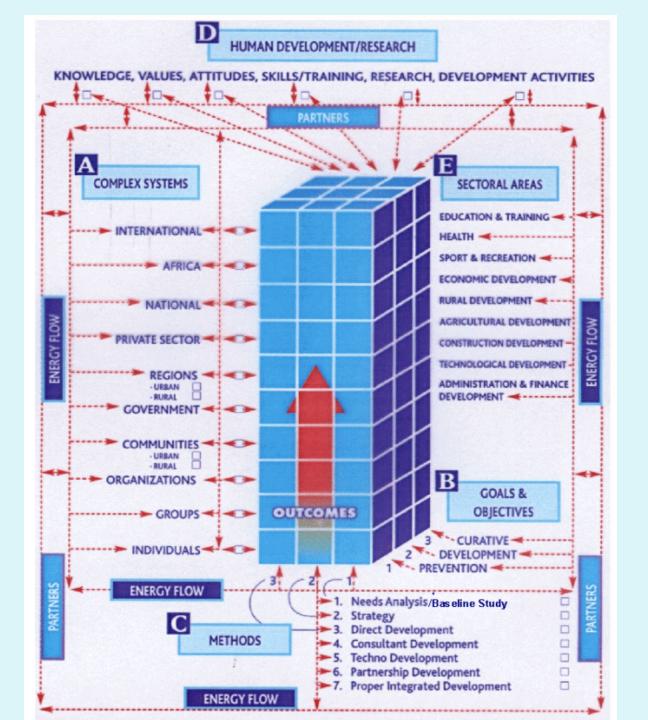


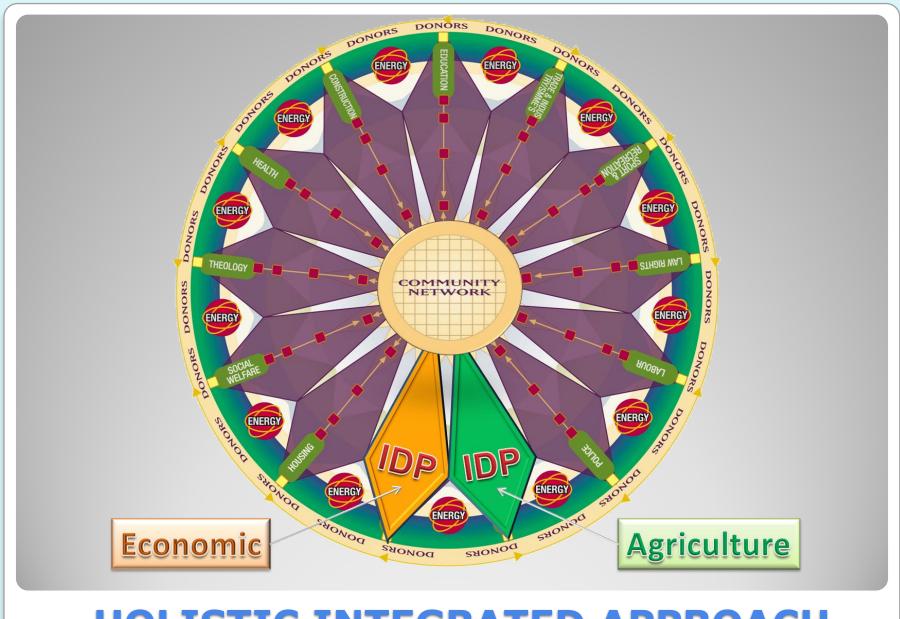
THE SOUTH AFRICAN EXCELLENCE MODEL

# CUBICAL HOLISTIC INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT MODEL

# Emphasis on the following:

- A. Complex System Functioning
- B. Goals and Objectives
- C. Methods/Strategies
- D. Human Development/Research
- E. Sectoral areas





**HOLISTIC INTEGRATED APPROACH** 

### MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

- To eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
- To achieve universal primary education
- To promote gender equality and empower women
- To reduce child mortality
- To improve maternal health
- To combat HIV/Aids, malaria and other diseases
- To ensure environmental sustainability
- To develop a global partnership for development

#### PRIORITIES OF THE ENTIRE CONTINENT

- Establishing conditions for sustainable development by ensuring:
  - Peace and security
  - Democracy and good, political, economic and corporate governance
  - Regional cooperation and integration
  - Capacity-building



- Policy reforms and increased investment in the following priority sectors:
  - Agriculture
  - Human development with a focus on health, education, science and technology and skills development
  - Building and improving infrastructure, including ICT, energy, transport, water and sanitation
  - Promoting diversification of production and exports, particularly with respect to agro-industries, manufacturing, mining, mineral beneficiation and tourism
  - Accelerating intra-African trade and improving access to markets of developed countries
  - The environment



- Mobilising resources by:
  - Increasing domestic savings and investments
  - Improving management of public revenue and expenditure
  - Improving Africa's share in global trade
  - Attracting foreign direct investment
  - Increasing capital flows through further debt reduction and increase ODA flows

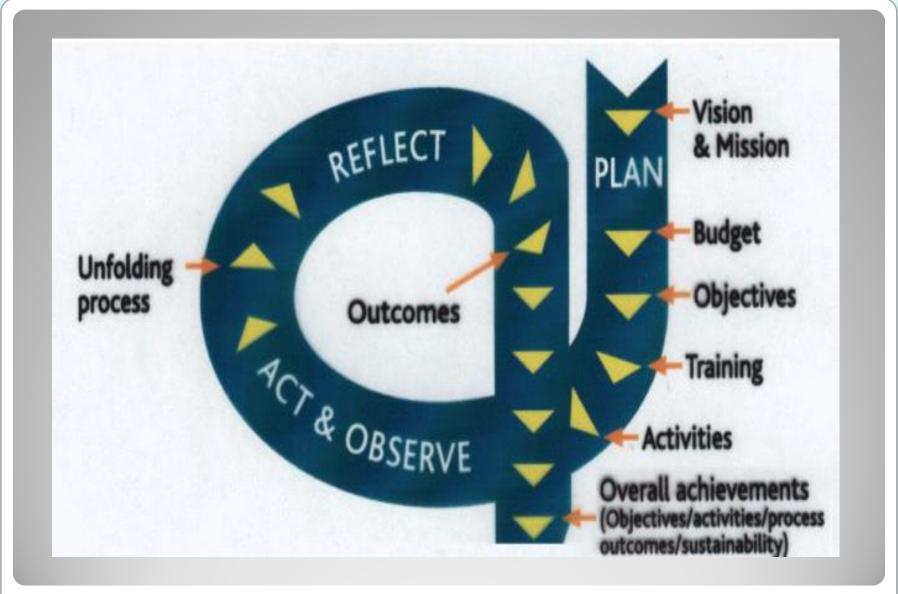
## **NATIONAL PRIORITIES**

- Combating HIV/Aids
- Crime prevention
- Job creation
- Rural development
- Human resources development
- Urban renewal and rural integration
- Access to and affordable human health (including HIV/Aids, malaria and TB)
- Food security
- Environmental sustainability

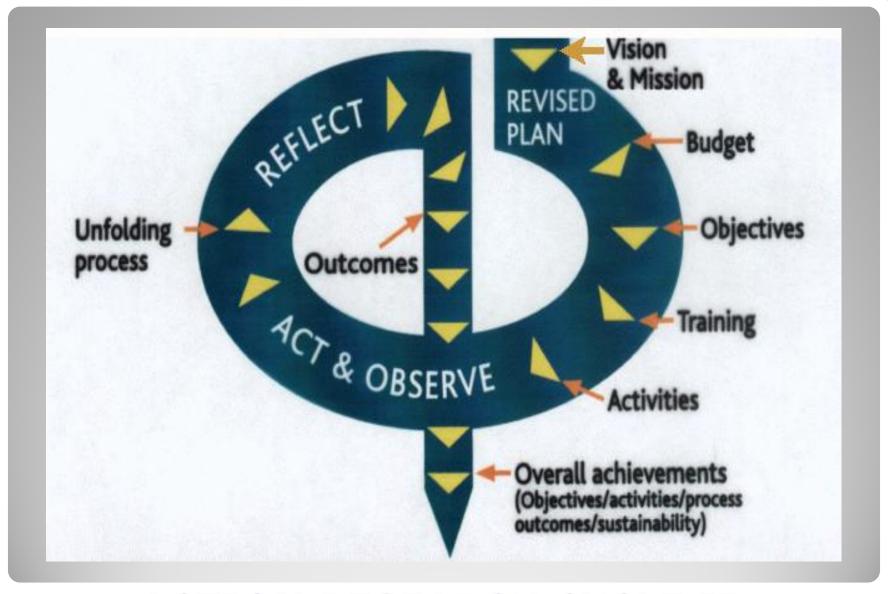
#### **VISION 2014 OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT**

- Contributing to reducing unemployment through sustainable community livelihoods
- Contributing to reducing poverty through comprehensive social security, and improved household and community assets
- Providing skills, building capacity and providing resources to encourage self-employment
- Ensuring that all South Africans, especially the poor and those at risk – children, women, the aged, and people with disabilities – are fully able to exercise their constitutional rights and enjoy the full dignity of freedom

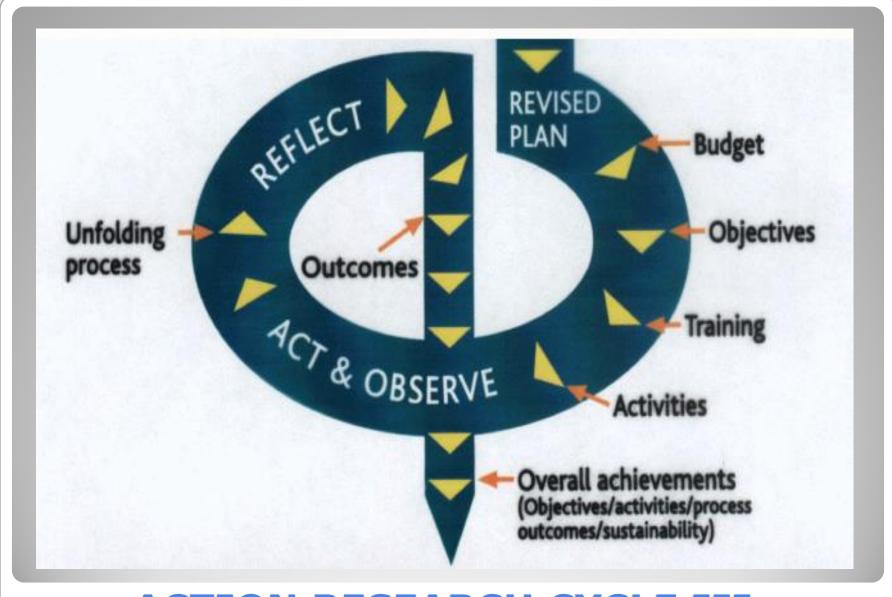
- Ensuring compassionate public service to the people; that local, national and provincial officials are accessible, and that citizens know their rights and insist on fair treatment and efficient services
- Contributing to reducing malnutrition and turning the tide against HIV/Aids
- Contributing to building a society that can actively challenge crime and corruption and that promotes programmes that addresses the social roots of criminality
- Contributing to building a South Africa that is growing, prospering and benefiting all Africans, especially the poor



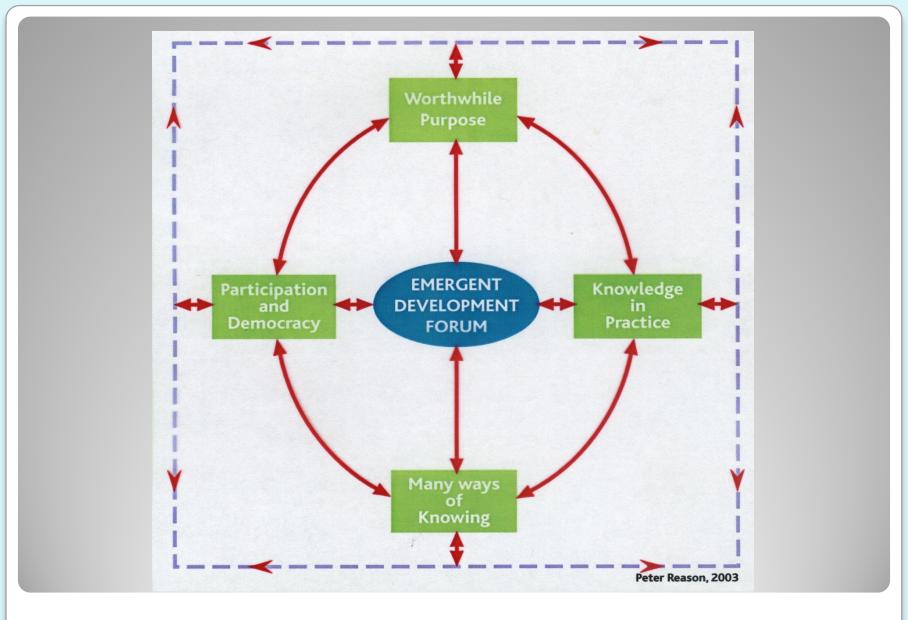
**ACTION RESEARCH CYCLE I** 



**ACTION RESEARCH CYCLE II** 



**ACTION RESEARCH CYCLE III** 



**BEGINNING OF THE EMERGENT DEVELOPMENT FORUM** 

