

# RISA: South Africa Theory of Change June 2022

# RISA ToC - at the country level

- This country-level ToC reflects the overall RISA overall programme ToC and sets out the intended changes by stakeholders and institutions tailored to the country focus areas, informed by national strategies.
- The RISA Research/MEL unit reviewed various RISA research outputs including the political and economic analysis, GESI assessment, country implementation protocol and strategy notes as well as consulted with RISA team members and country team leaders, as part of its development.
- The country TOC is a living document and will require reviews and updates on a bi-annual basis in consultation with stakeholders and RISA grantees.

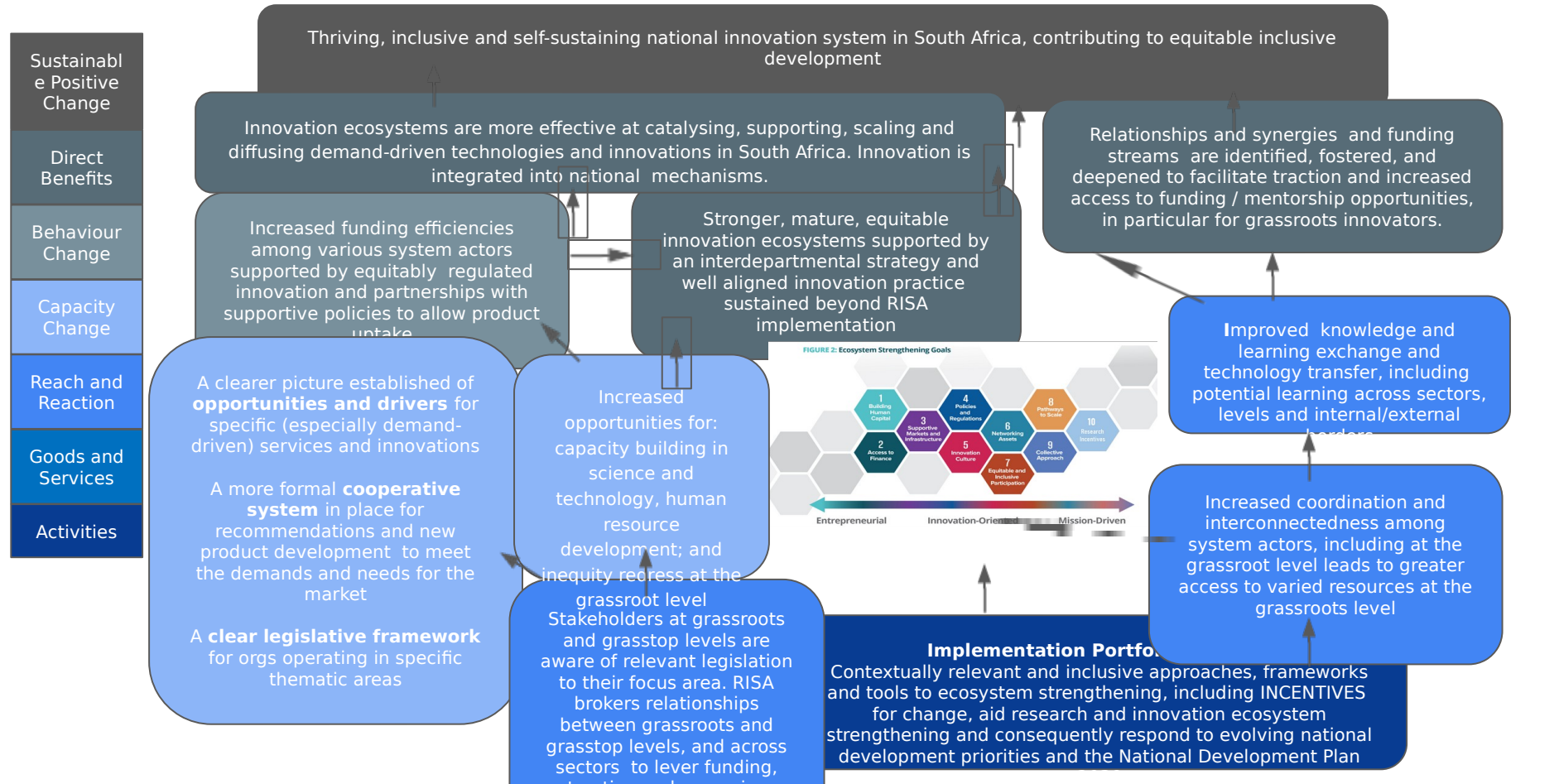
# Ecosystem Strengthening Goals: The heart of the RISA ToC

FIGURE 2: Ecosystem Strengthening Goals



- We will observe how inception projects interact with these goals, in terms of changes at institutional and stakeholder levels, and ensuring GESI considerations are cross-cutting
- These goals are partly adapted from the recently published IDIA framework on '[Strengthening Innovation Ecosystems](#)'.

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## Assumption

Through RISA and other engagements, stakeholders are able to agree on pathways and supportive frameworks to collaboration around partnerships, infrastructure, investment, capacity building, access to markets and regulations.	Cooperation includes all the right stakeholders (both traditional and emerging leaders)
Innovation stakeholders brought together by RISA have incentives to create synergy amongst themselves in South Africa and with research projects in other RISA countries, and are willing to partner with each other to strengthen enablers to scale	Stakeholders and institutions respond to incentives to change behaviour as intended by individual project designs
Government, policy and industry buy in around measures created to tackle key barriers to innovation and partnerships in South Africa: which are?	Government stakeholders are easy to access and willing to engage (will help to fast track government inputs and responses to queries)