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While the need for concrete solutions is clear, the current requirement for deep, systemic and lasting transformation is unlikely to be met without factoring intangible elements, including mindset and the inherent oneness of humanity, into planning for the future. The impulse to ignore intangible factors promotes superficial, disparate responses incapable of supporting the unified, systemic changes required at this critical inflection point because focus on concrete factors alone cannot accommodate the deeper drivers of change.

Mindset predetermines motivations, plans and actions as recognized by UNESCO's mission to "Create peace in the minds of men and women." Emergent science is congruent with all major religions and with indigenous wisdom in its demonstration of the fundamental unity of all beings with one another and with the earth itself. Yet, separation-based ideology is so endemic in our global mindset that it forms the basis for policies and practices that preclude both living in accordance with the reality of our oneness and the establishment of new norms that are suited to the purpose of underpinning a peaceful world

Consciousness is fundamentally causal. Therefore, ignoring the mindset that creates current problems and obfuscates transformational solutions puts the planet at risk of continuing to prioritize tangible, fragmented, project by project strategies that are incongruent with the necessity for deep, systemic transformation. Therefore, mindset must be established as a distinct domain of work and addressed on its own terms throughout all areas of global development.

Chapter I. Sustainable development and financing for development

"The world as we have created it is a process of our thinking. It cannot be changed without changing our thinking." Einstein. Switching from development work that is founded on competitive norms to work based in mutual welbeing requires recognizing mindset as a distinct field within development work.

Finance and development initiatives that ignore the deeper drivers of human behavior, like mindset and values, risk prioritization of superficial fixes

While addressing such intangibles as narrative and mindset is often misconstrued as inconsequential, establishing those factors as domains of work within the science/technology sector is key to shifting away from using science and technology as means of competition and domination and toward establishing a digital commons as a key to making the best of the extraordinary human capacity to innovate. Establishing a viable digital commons requires simultaneously developing commons consciousness.

The endemic algorithmic proliferation of militarism, competition and "othering" to the point of deadly divisiveness and planetary destruction must be addressed by more accurately accounting for the algorithmic perpetuation of norms that undermine not only digital cooperation, but also species survival. To that end, the impact of algorithms on mind