#### Libraries, Museums and Archives: Roots of Resilience and Social Cohesion

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#### Intentions:

- Share resilience and social cohesion research and apply it to the transformation process for these public institutions
- Highlight the unique functions of these institutions in aspects of nation building: social cohesion and sense of belonging
- Share some of the tipping points related to the resilience of these institutions due to the digitalization of societies

Resilience Pillars, Domains, & Indicators





The root of resilience lies in the belief system of change makers

About their people place knowledge leadership



# One of the greatest disruptors of resilience is the effects of technology on EVERYTHING.

#### Six Dimensions of Social Cohesion

Inclusion --- Exclusion

Equality --- Inequality

Legitimacy --- Illegitimacy

Participation --- Non-involvement

**Recognition --- Rejection** 

Belonging --- Isolation

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#### **Basic Human Needs**

#### Foundations of Well-being

**Opportunities** 

Trust and Making Good Public Policy

Link between Trust and Digital Transformation

Organization, Citizenship and the Social Contract

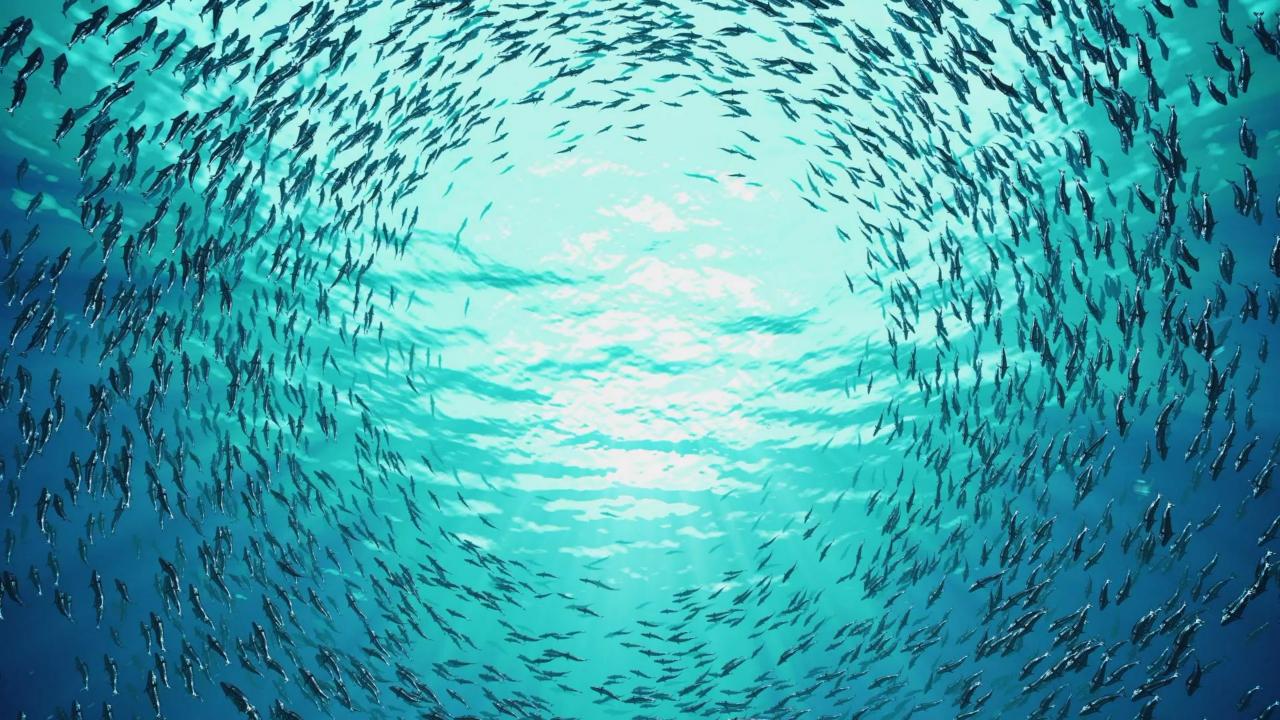
The GLUE for Social Cohesion

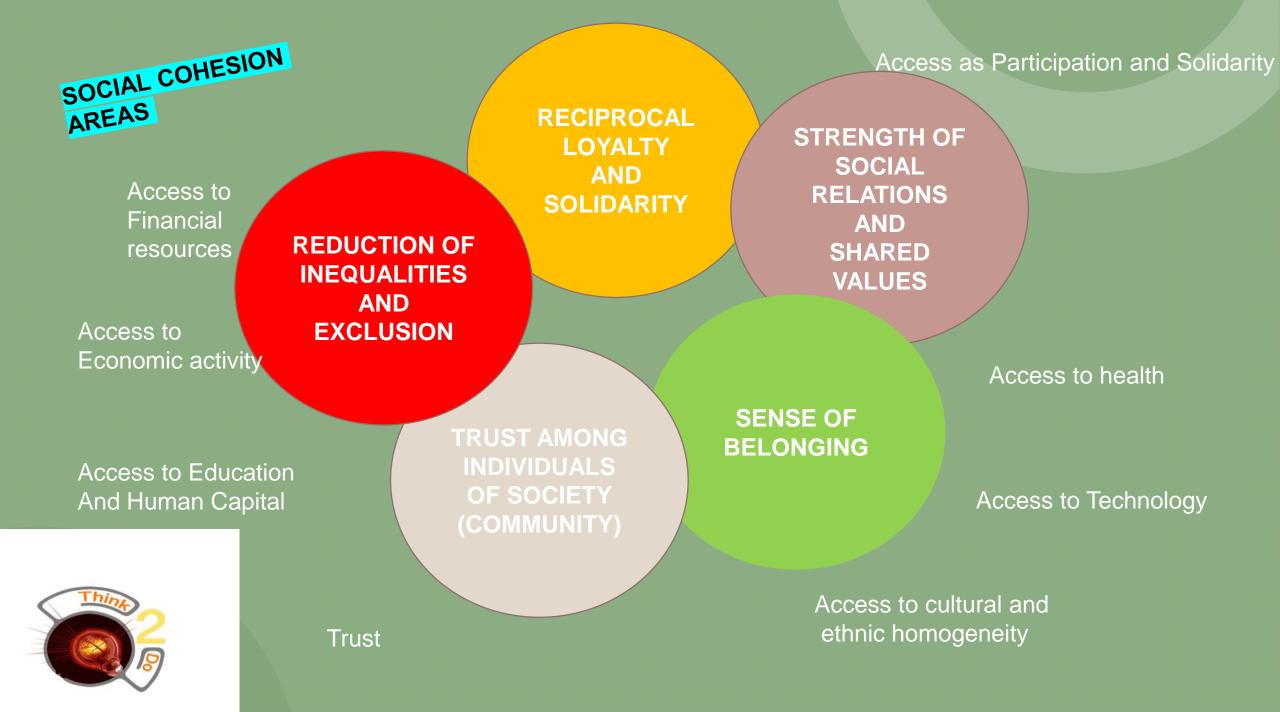
Trust and Information

to name a few topics

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Libraries have been the heart of the communities they serve because they are accessible and safe places

providing endless resources of information and knowledge

Libraries, Museums and Archives as the great equalizers **Reduce inequalities and exclusion** By

providing a common area (virtually and physically) that encourages exploration, creation and collaboration in society between various members of society.



transcending national and cultural boundaries

being essential part of the creating and maintaining of an educated and literate population



#### Libraries, Museums and Archives Create a Sense of Belonging

**Shared Values** 

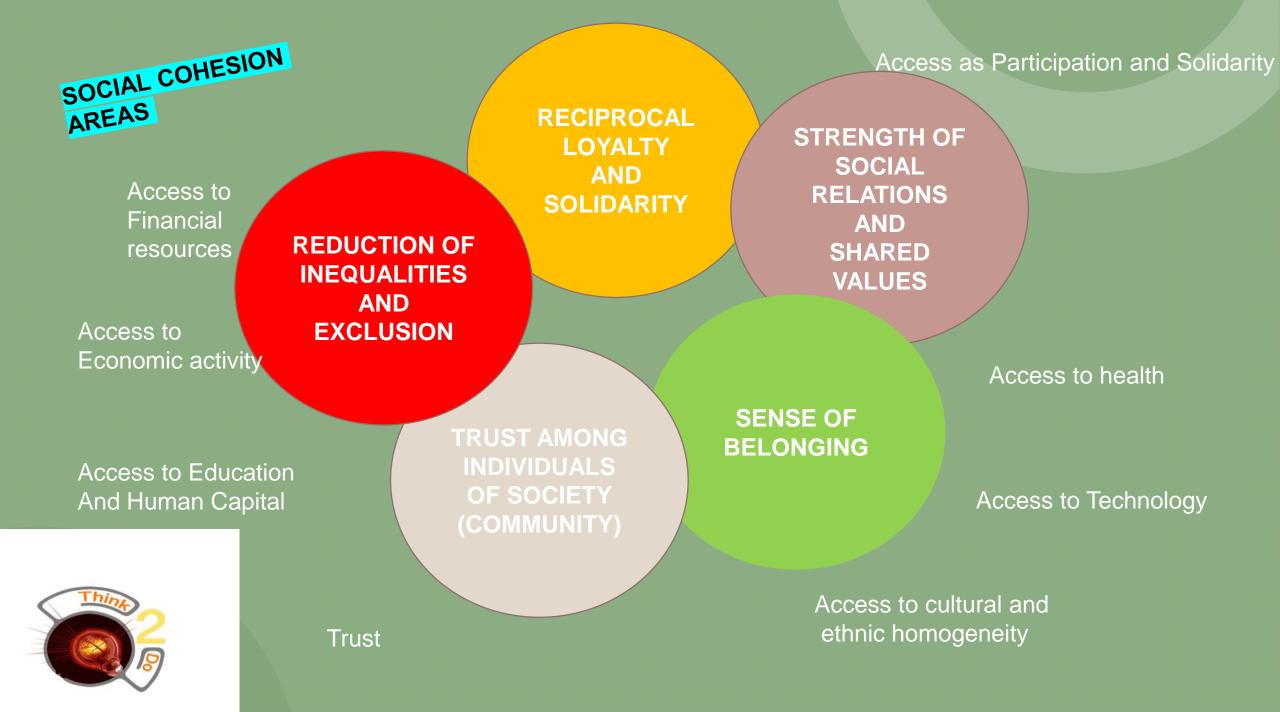
Identification with a place, a people

Attitude towards "others", "newcomers" and "self"

## The Tipping Point....

Balancing the digital and physical modes of the delivery of services while maintaining the role of centers of knowledge and access.





# How RESILIENT are we?

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#### **RESILIENT, Digital World Expectations....**

From	То
Information resource in one medium	Information resources in multi-media
Entity has its own collection	Library, Museum, Archive without walls
Entity has its own collection	Procurement of information resources through
	consortia
Service in good time	Service just in time
In-sourcing of all activities	Outsourcing of all activities
Local reach of resources	Global reach of resources through networks
Users want print resources	Users want print, non-print, online resources
Users goes to library, museum, archive	Entity come to users
Local users	Universal user

# How RESILIENT are we?

While keeping the needs of individuals at the center of your decision making

While keeping social cohesion at the center of your decision making

While ensuring that your entity is "the great equalizer" While ensuring that you are impacted every client and their sense of belonging



The root of resilience lies in the belief system of change makers About their people place knowledge leadership Change begins with Individual Change Makers

Do your community leaders know, belief in, and support the role that libraries, museums and archives play?

> nation building social cohesion sense of belonging......



## Thank you.

Q and A

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