

CLIMATE JUSTICE AND HEALTH EQUITY

THE ONGOING CHALLENGE FOR THE PLANETARY HEALTH WORKING
GROUP OF THE BE-CAUSE HEALTH NETWORK



“Don’t sit back and read and think and wait for to have achieved the perfect theory to develop the perfect strategy for action: Get out there. Interfere. Talk to people. Try like all heck to change bits and bobs of the systems that surround you. As you’ll try, you’ll learn, and as you’ll learn, your chances of success will expand extraordinarily”.

-Julia Steinberger

The 2021 Be-cause health conference, ‘Climate Justice and Health Equity’, looked into the interlinkages between climate change and disease trends and underlying causes, with a focus on public health impacts in LMICs, and explored possibilities to mitigate and adapt to the pending emergency.

During the conference, global health organisations and health workers discussed how to address the climate emergency in their health activities and programmes. Moreover, participants learned and exchanged information on how transformation could be enabled given that an urgent shift to a circular and socially just economic system, that respects the planetary boundaries, is required.

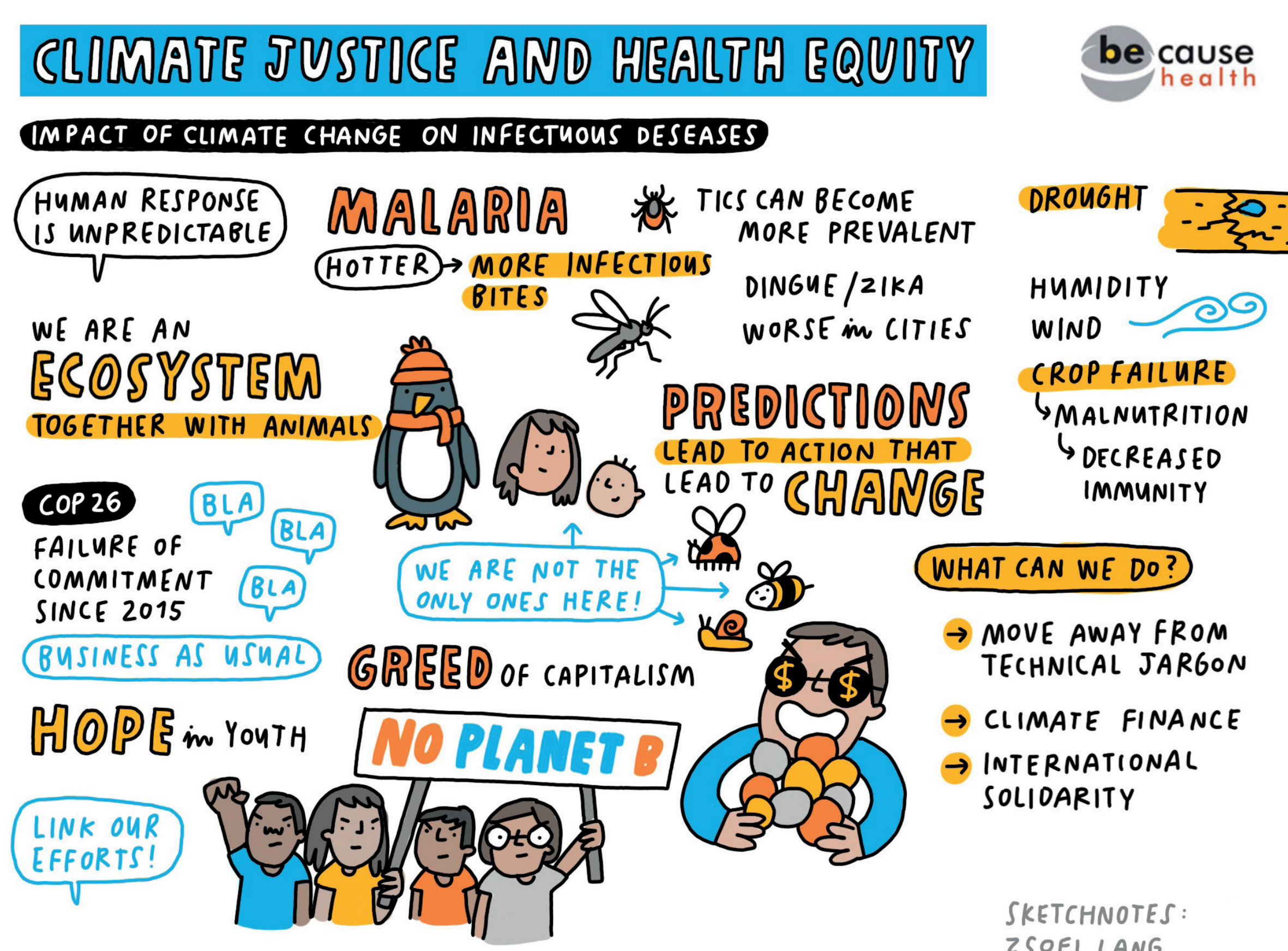
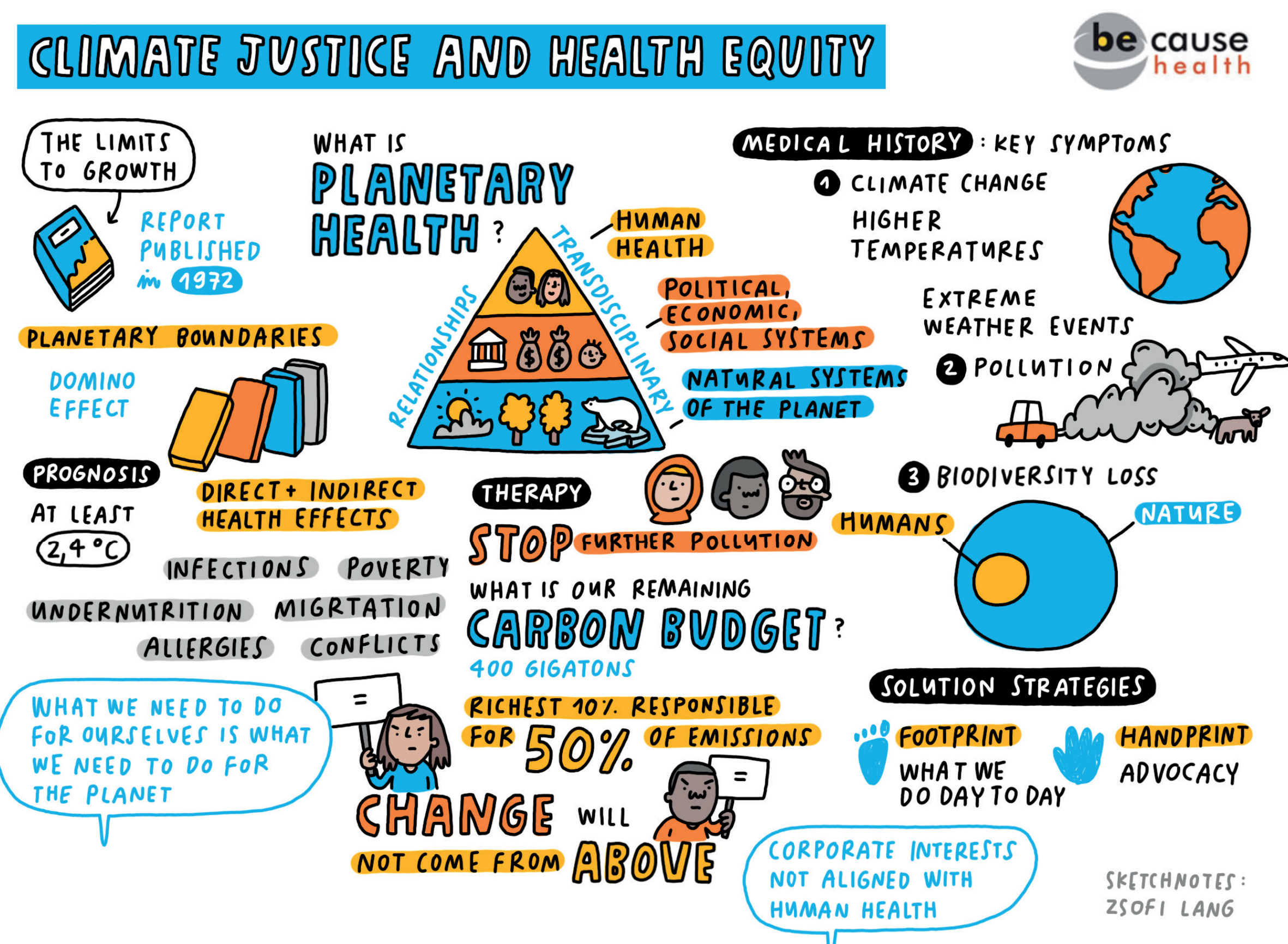
“The fate of the planet (...) lays with the collective and purposeful will of the people who shall not wait for another catastrophe.”

-Beverly Longid



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WHAT IS IT ABOUT ?



OBJECTIVES:

The ultimate goal of the working group is contributing to climate justice and health equity. In line with Be-cause health principles of social protection and equitable access to good quality responsive health services for all, and strong, resilient and sustainable health systems, this working group aims to create a space for technical exchange and to facilitate joint initiatives.

In terms of ambitions, the working group wish to be positioned as the central Belgian climate and health network, promoting meaningful participation of diverse range of actors from Low and Middle Income Countries and underrepresented and marginalized voices.

In addition to Human Rights and professionalism, the working group highlights or remind few key values that actively drive the working group. Considering that those values cannot be treated as a checklist, but they call for respect and implementation and they are processes, this working group is engaged in promoting: Inclusion - Transparency - Decoloniality

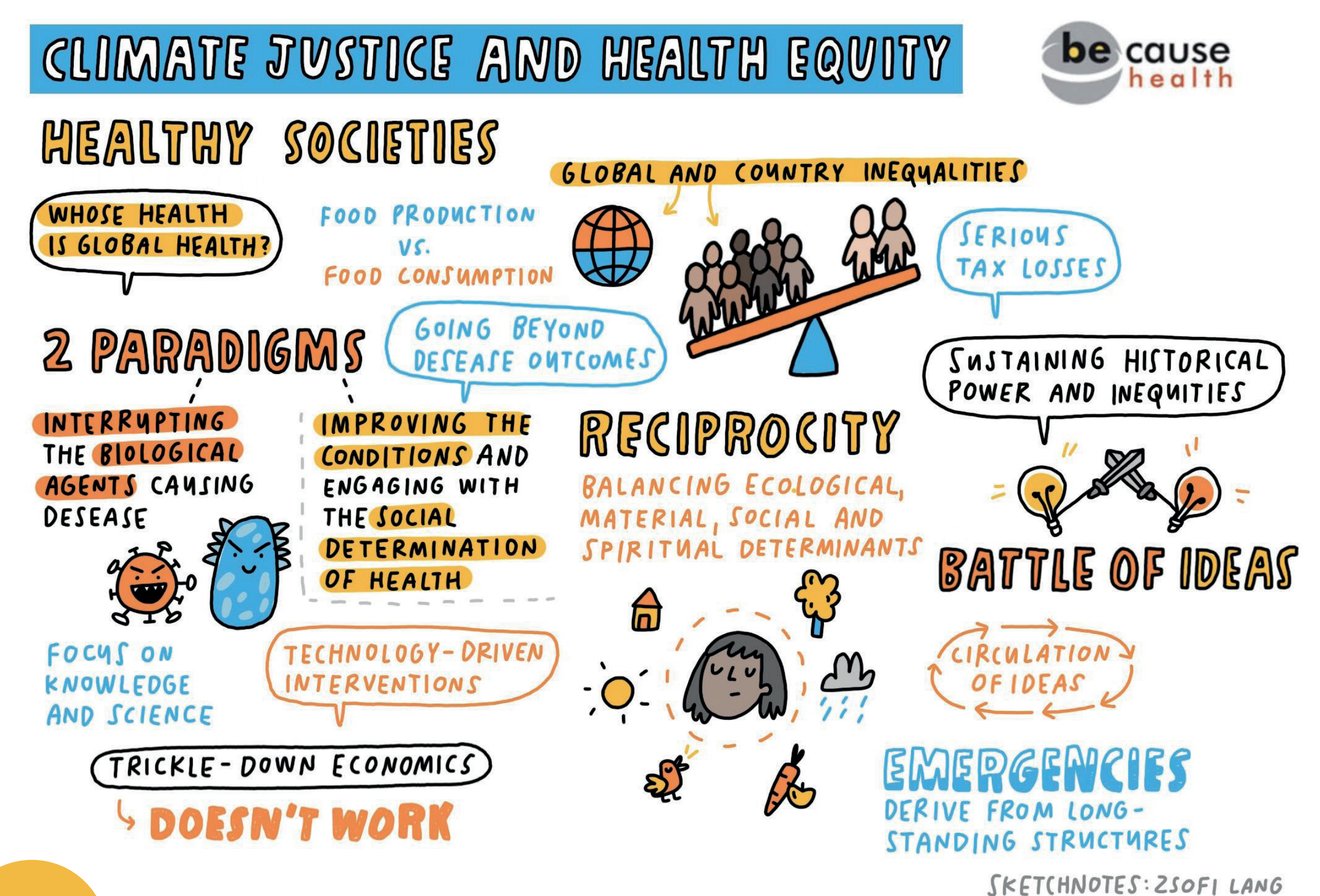
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Be-cause health is a pluralistic open platform that connects Belgian development actors engaged in global health, facilitates exchanges of latest research and field experiences, and provides policy advice on international health cooperation.

WHAT CAN BE DONE ?



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“For me, what matters the most is that the lands are healthy, the water is pure, the wind is free from viruses and the human beings are at peace with themselves.”

-Calixto Suarez



WHAT NEXT ?

Due to the complexity and relevance of the climate crisis and environmental degradation impact on health at global and local levels, transdisciplinary networks are a fruitful mechanism for understanding and tackling the multiple effects of such web of phenomena.

The environmental-health nexus emerged quite recently in the global health field, in the policy landscape, on media and among civil society organizations and movements.

Therefore, we acknowledge an urgent need for developing a common language, shared vision, and experimenting and scaling concrete solutions among academia, health actors, policy decision-makers, humanitarian and development NGOs, as well as individual engaged citizens without discrimination.