

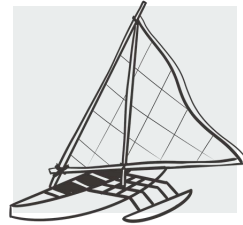


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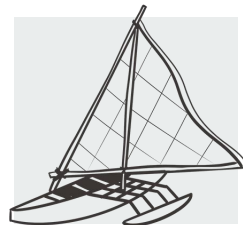
“And they just deport you back”

Lessons from the ad-hoc migration of Tuvaluans and I-Kiribati to Aotearoa New Zealand

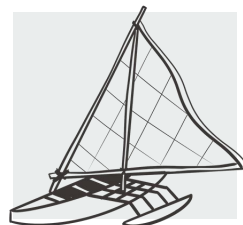
Overview



Background: stories of mobility



Research: te vaka or te wa
journeys



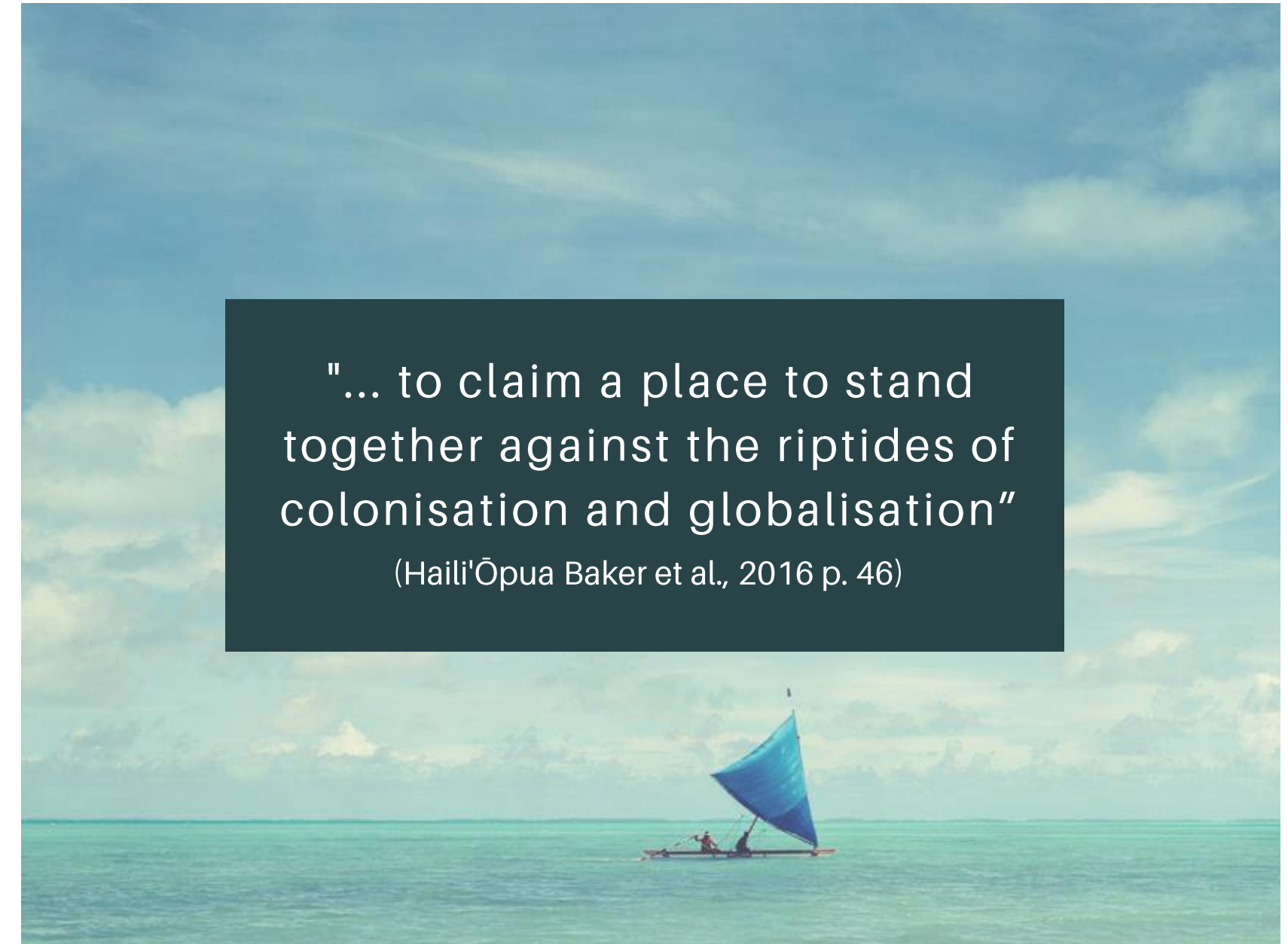
A new story? Lessons for
Relocation



Migration as navigation

The Pacific Ocean as an interconnected highway (Hau'Ofa, 1994)

Climate mobility as journey of te vaka or te wa



"... to claim a place to stand together against the riptides of colonisation and globalisation"

(Haili'Ōpua Baker et al., 2016 p. 46)

Migration with dignity?



NO 'CLIMATE REFUGEES'

(McAdam, 2020)

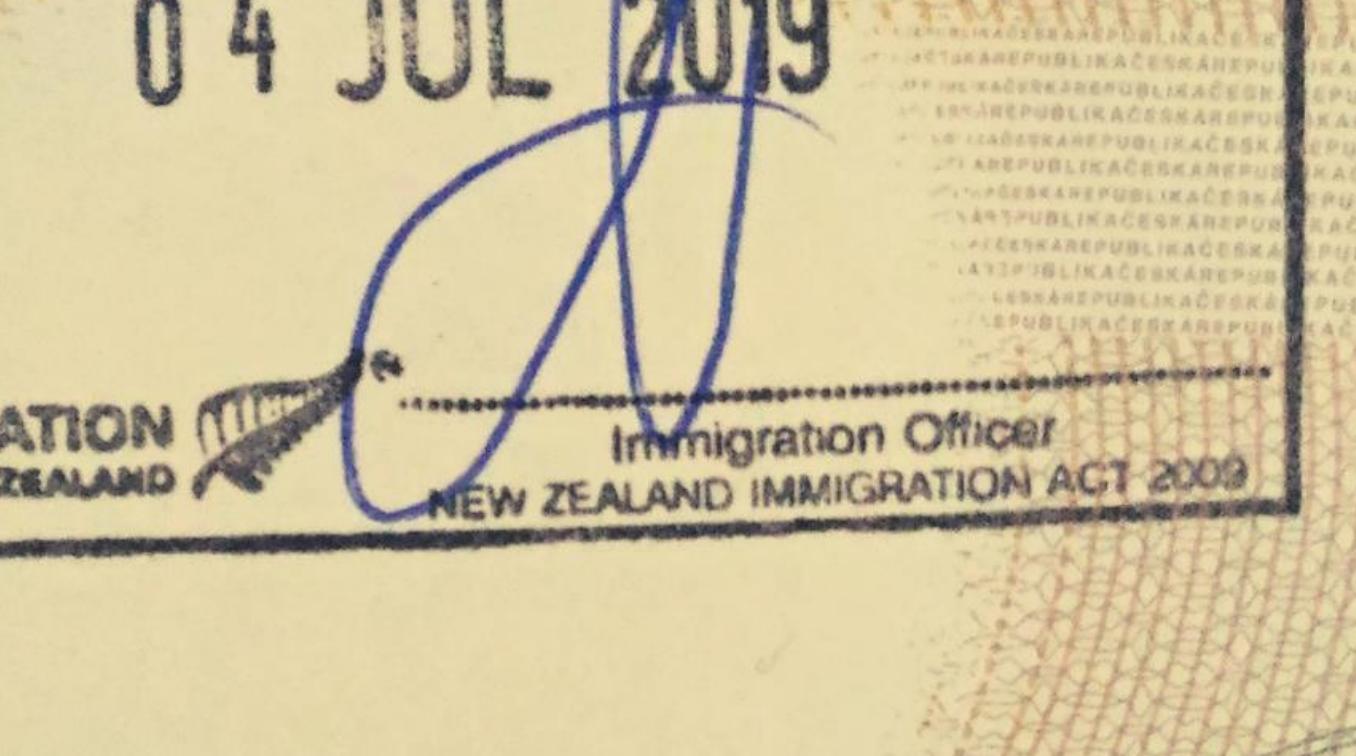


NO CLIMATE-RELATED VISA



MIGRATION WITH DIGNITY?

with skills, strengths and well-being intact (C. Enoka, personal communication, 20 Jun 2021; O'Brien, 2013)



Migration pathways



PACIFIC ACCESS CATEGORY (PAC)

Ballot-based residency visa, 75 people p.a.

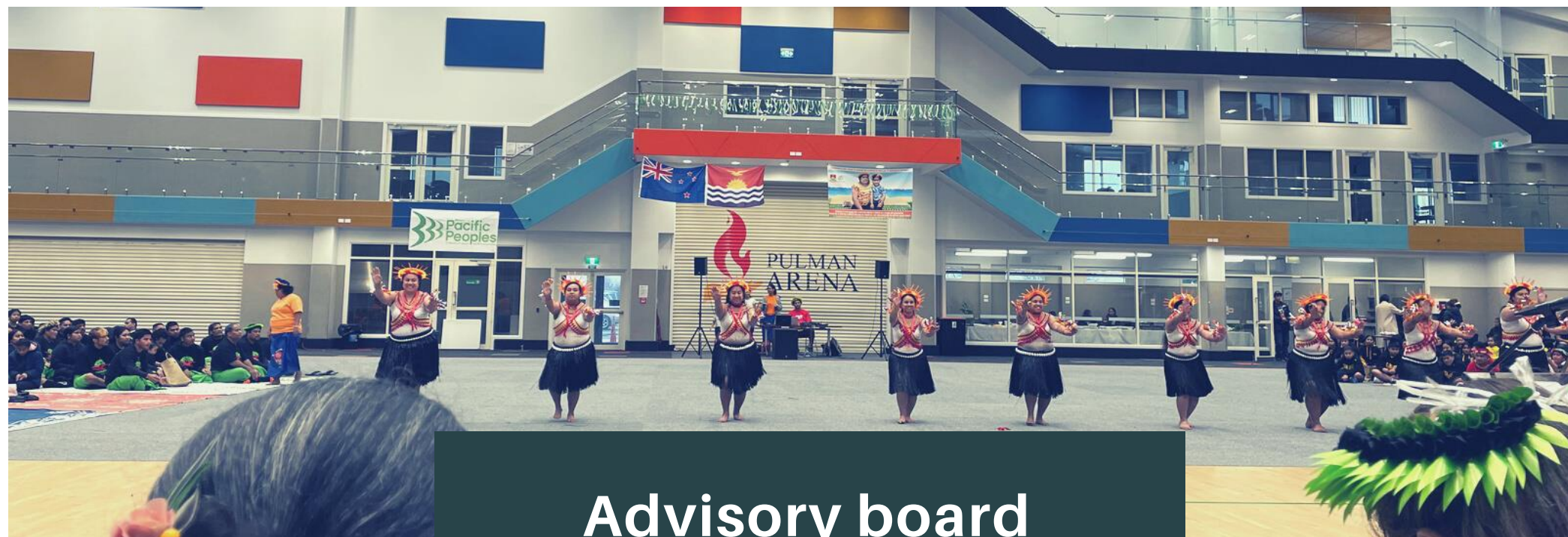
RECOGNISED SEASONAL EMPLOYER (RSE)

Up to nine month work visa, employer-sponsored

IRREGULAR MIGRATION

(Nguyen & Kenkel, 2021)

Research strategy

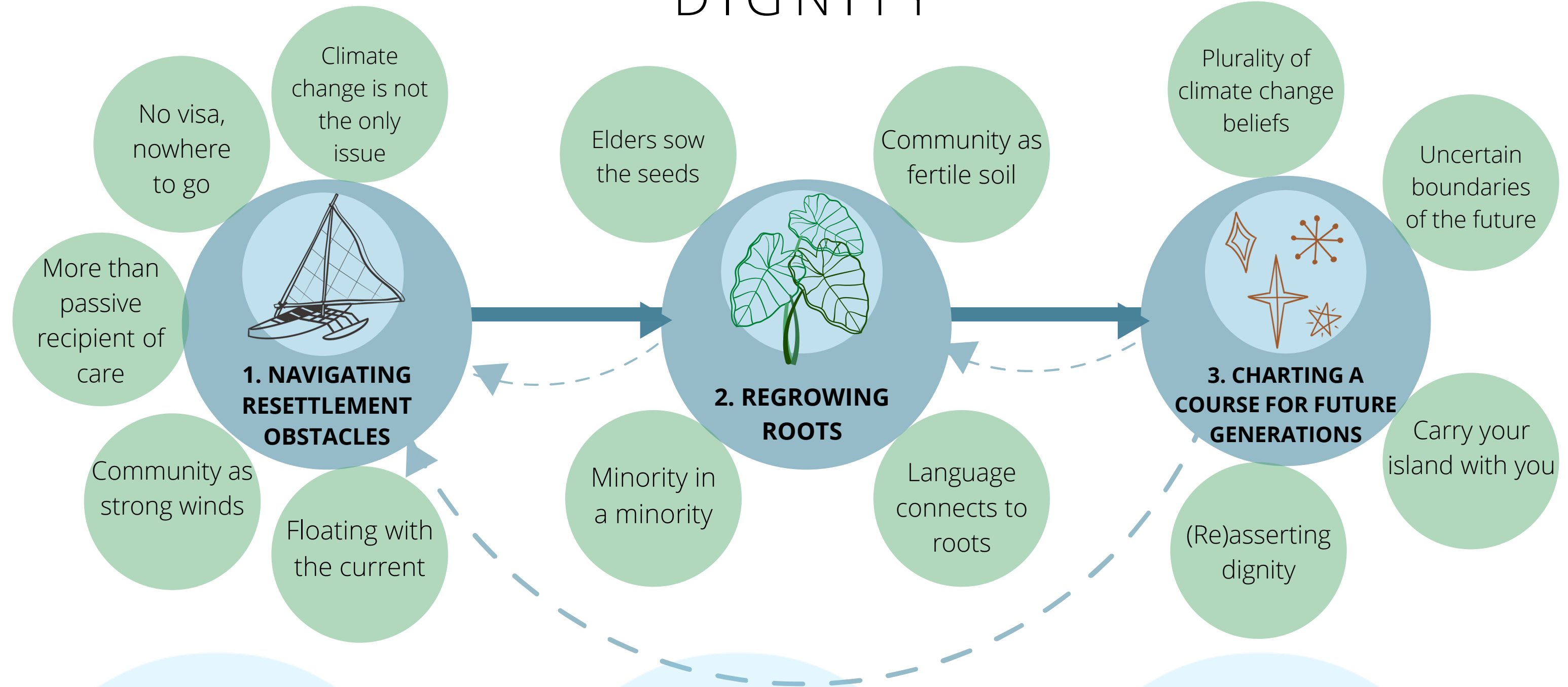


Advisory board
Talanoa
Sautalaga & maroro



Te wa and te vaka model of mobility

DIGNITY



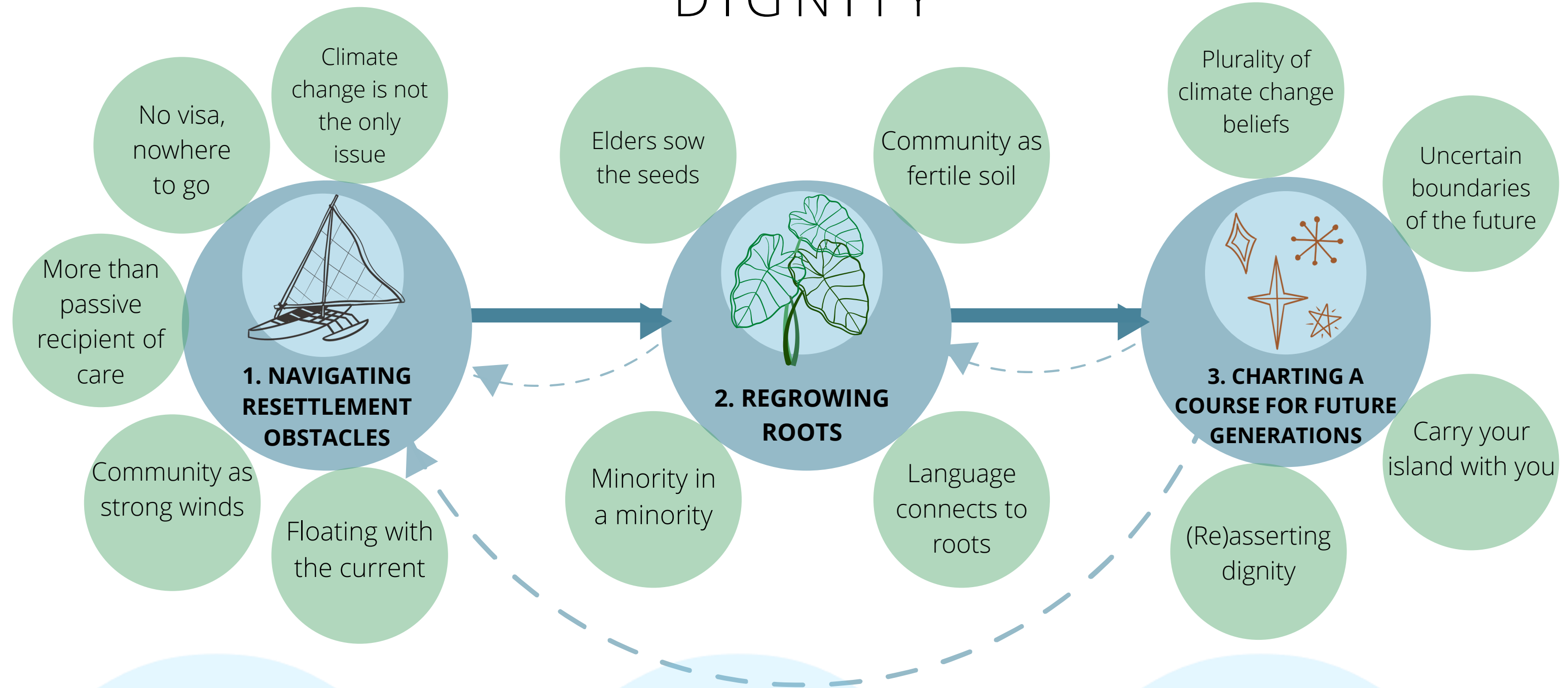
CLIMATE CHANGE



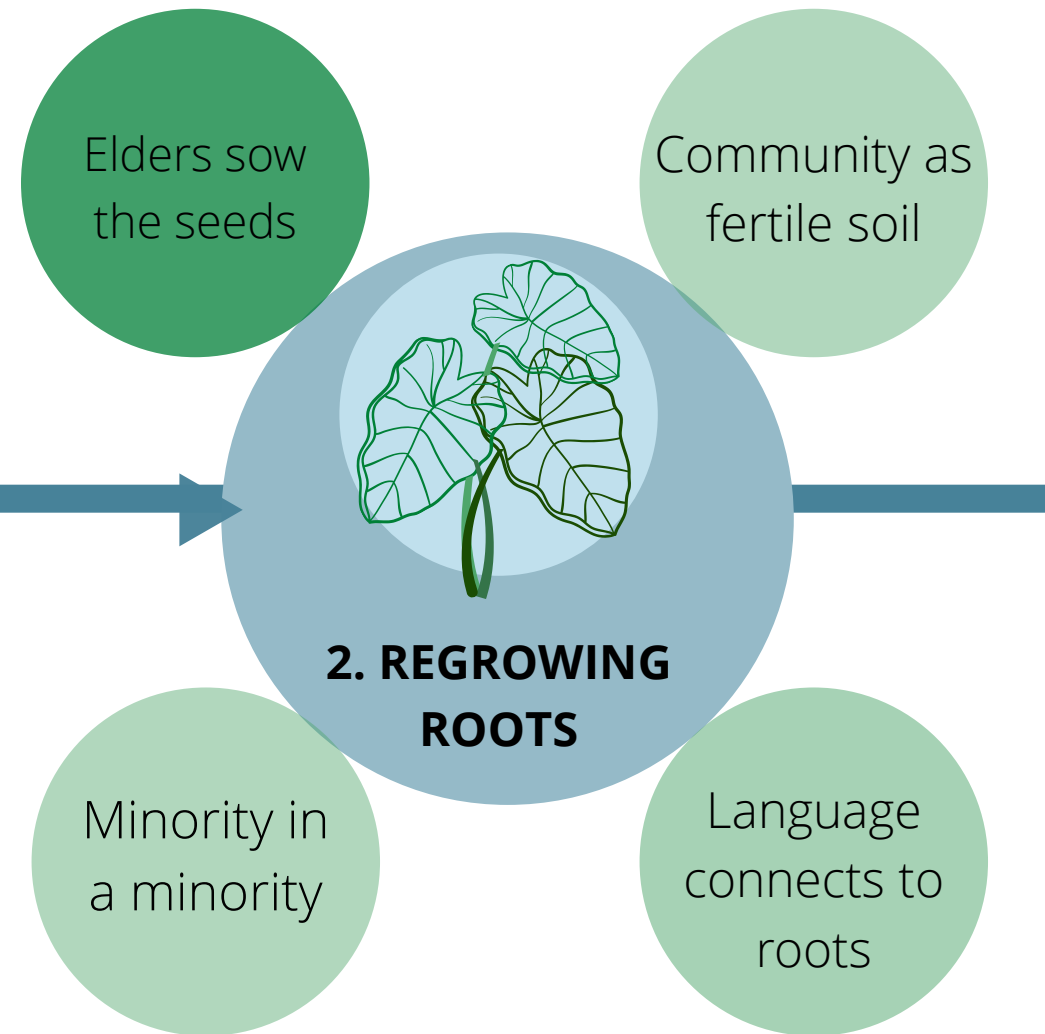
"Migrating here is a new environment and we have to stand up to the environment and make it through ... rather than migrating here and then do odd things. And definitely, you wouldn't be welcome here, eh, come in, and they just deport you back.... It's better to humble yourselves when you migrate, follow the routine of the others... You've got to go along with the current, kind of, whatever is practiced here, just accept it. It's a new normal."

Solofa (75, Tuvaluan)

DIGNITY



CLIMATE CHANGE

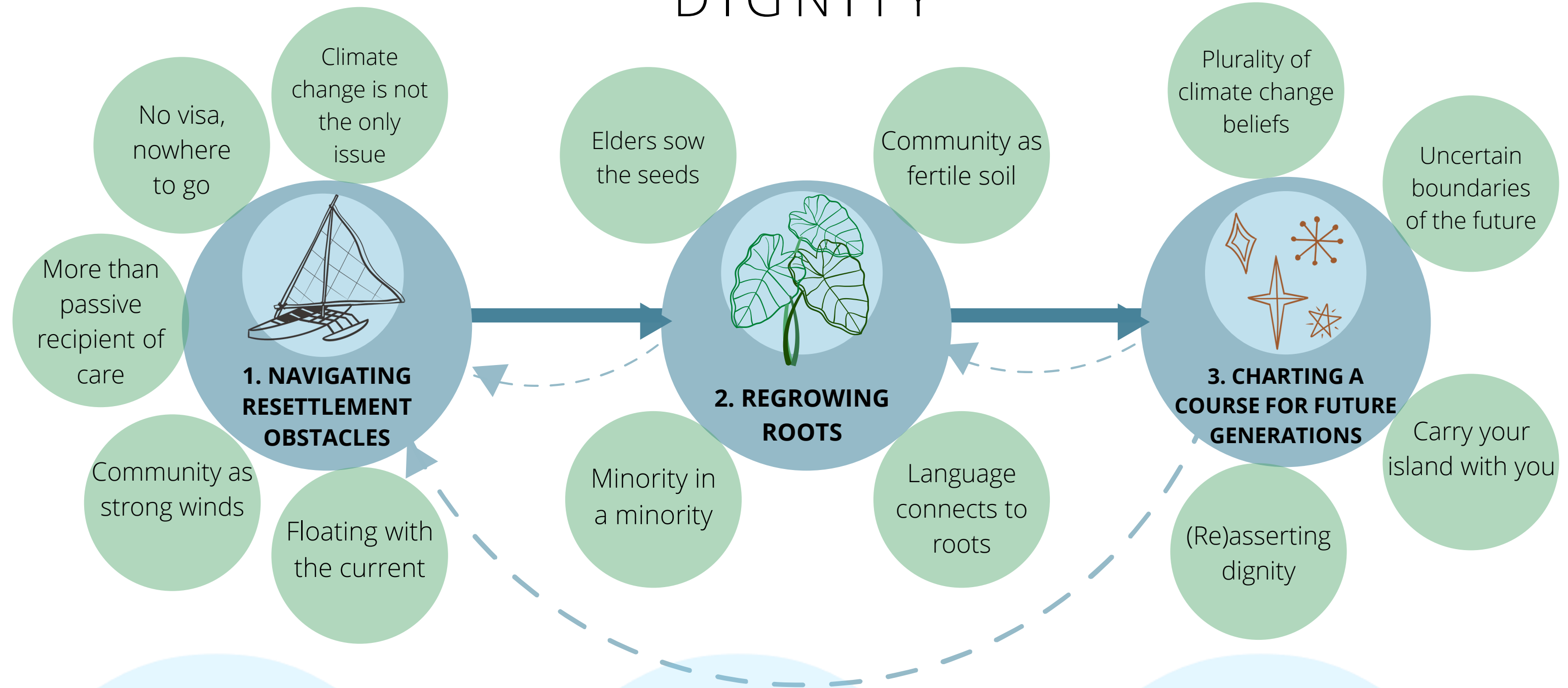


*Toma** "In our culture we call it like a big tree, like a puka, a puka is like a big tree in Tuvalu. And all the birds, they come and they live there in the different branches. Once the puka tree fell [sic] down, then they start flying away. So, in our words, if the old grandparent is not anymore in the house, then there's no more coming back because they're flying away. ... we call it, Uelese? Oh, 'ka siga te puka.'"

Uelese: "Ka siga te puka".

Men's sautalaga (Tuvalu)

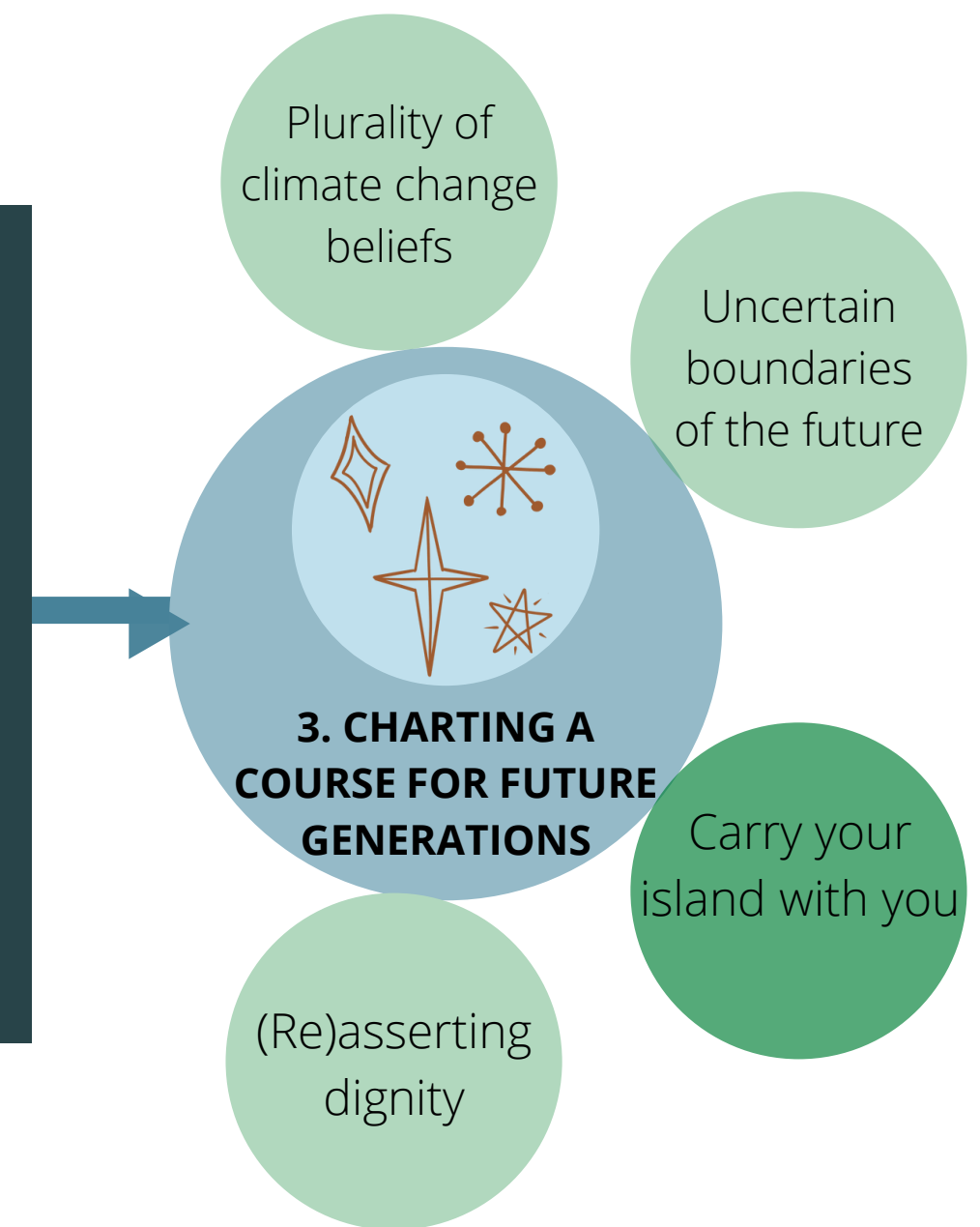
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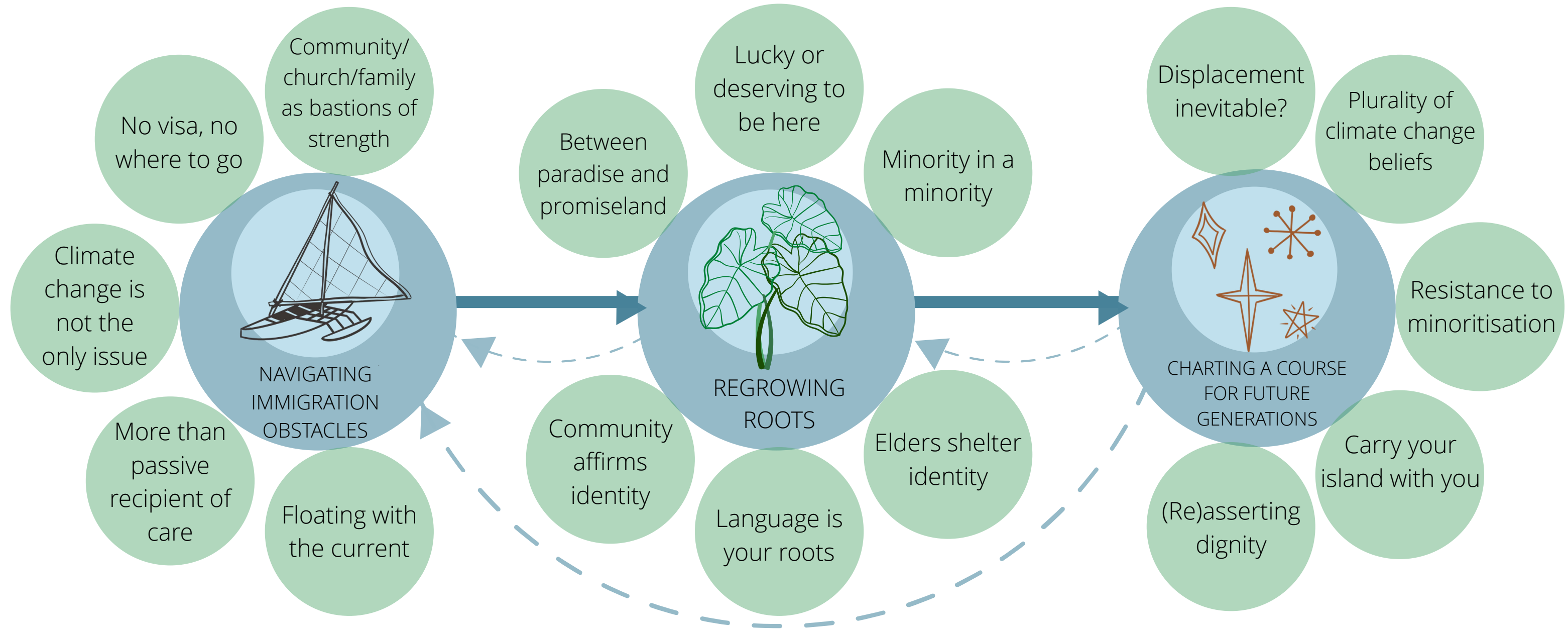
CLIMATE CHANGE

Some people feared that if they are relocated to another country, maybe our ways as I-Kiribati will be ... no, overturned, overcome [sic] by the country we, we transferred to, or relocated to aye. But, it is important for our language and culture to remain. And it's us to do that.

Emeri (55, I-Kiribati)*



DIGNITY



CLIMATE CHANGE

Relocating with dignity



FORMAL PATHWAYS



WRAPROUND RESETTLEMENT
SUPPORT



WHOLE-OF-FAMILY FOCUS



FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY-LED
INITIATIVES



Restorying Relocation

SOCIETAL > CLIMATE CRISIS

Mobility via existing systems as maladaptive

NAVIGATION WITH DIGNITY

Mobility as a journey of resistance

PROVIDING A PLACE TO LAND

Resources to paddle own canoe



"Because it's important to highlight that, yeah, we're the ones being impacted, but we're not the cause...And I would hope that if the time comes, like, our people are...being welcomed, and treated like they have their dignity."

Nui, youth sautalaga (Tuvalu)

Fakafetai & ko rabwa

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Community Trust

West Auckland Kiribati

Association

NZ National Kiribati

Council

Advisory Board

Supervisors



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