

# Human Development Report 2021/22



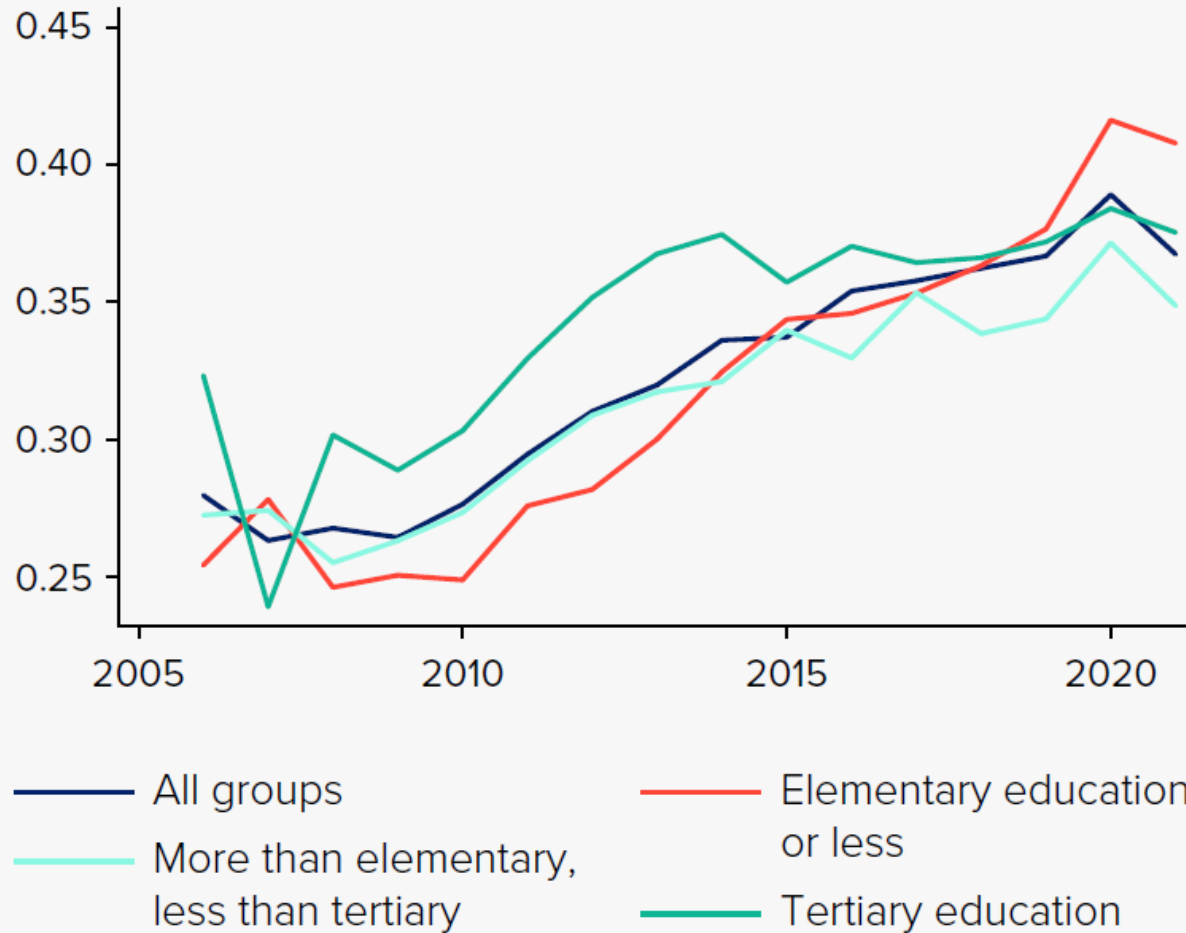
## Uncertain Times, Unsettled Lives

Shaping our Future  
in a  
Transforming World



# I. A World of Worry

## Percent of people experiencing stress (median)



**Stress has  
been  
rising**

More than **6 in 7** people worldwide perceived feeling moderately or very insecure just before the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic.

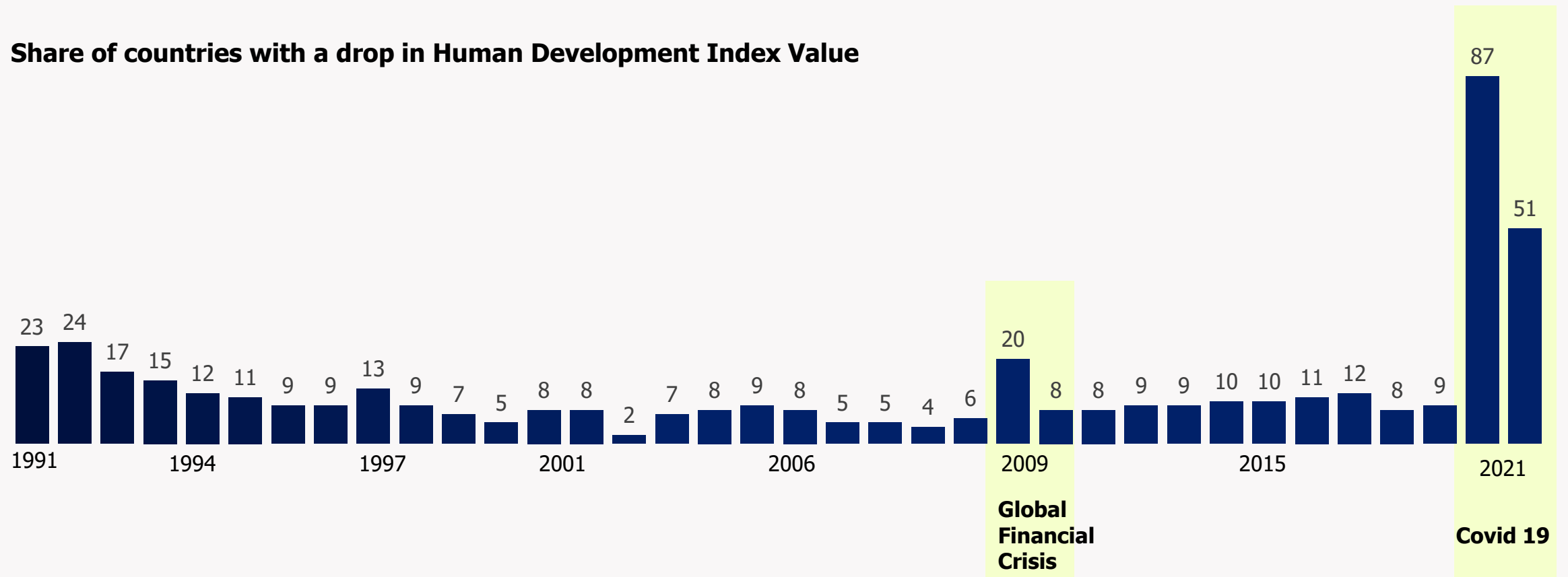


Source: Human Development Report Office based on data from the World Values Survey.

# Unprecedented share of countries suffering drops in human development index



Share of countries with a drop in Human Development Index Value

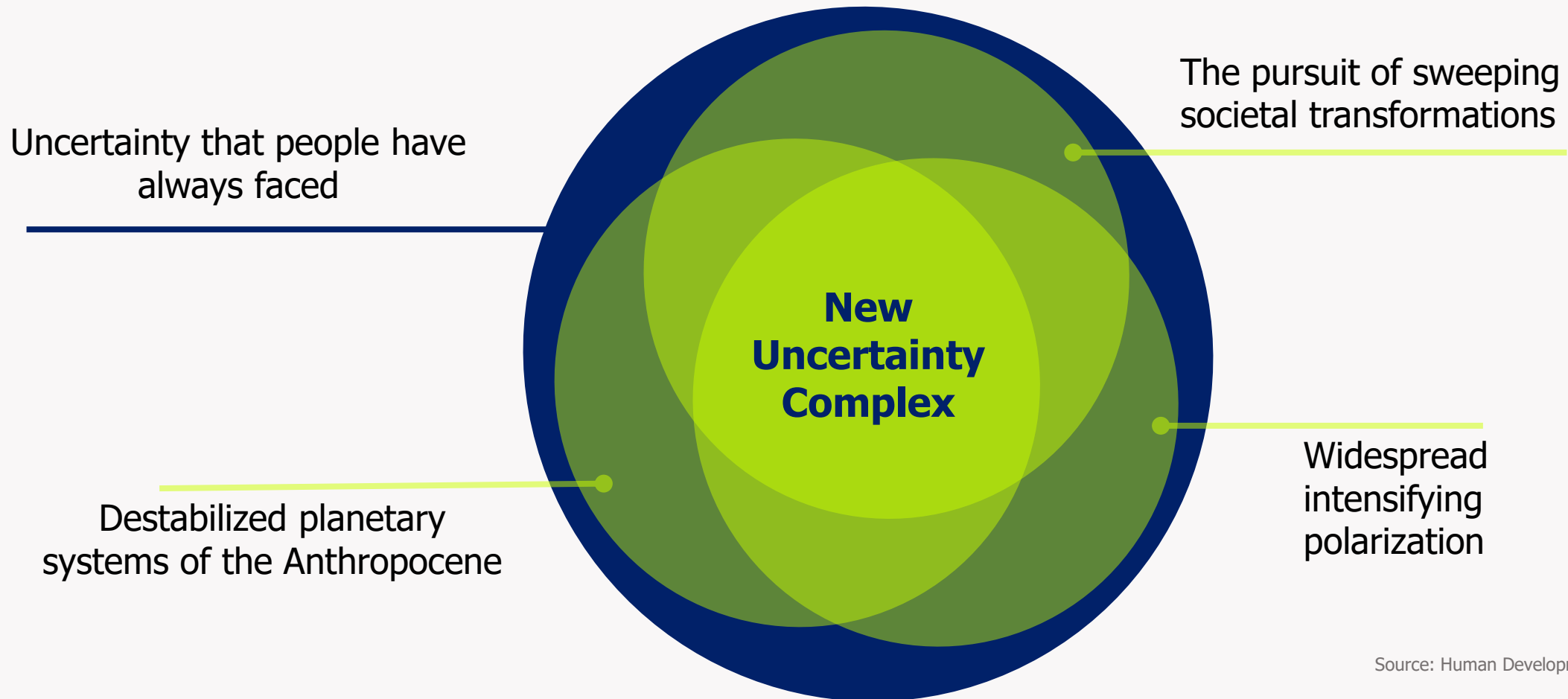


Source: Human Development Report Office calculations based on data from Barro and Lee (2018), IMF (2021, 2022), UNDESA (2022a, 2022b), UNESCO Institute for Statistics (2022), United Nations Statistics Division (2022) and World Bank (2022).



## **II. A New Uncertainty Complex**

# New and old layers of uncertainty





# A New Planetary Reality



Increased frequency & intensity of extreme storms, droughts, wildfires since the 1950s

Global wildlife decline by 70% since 1970

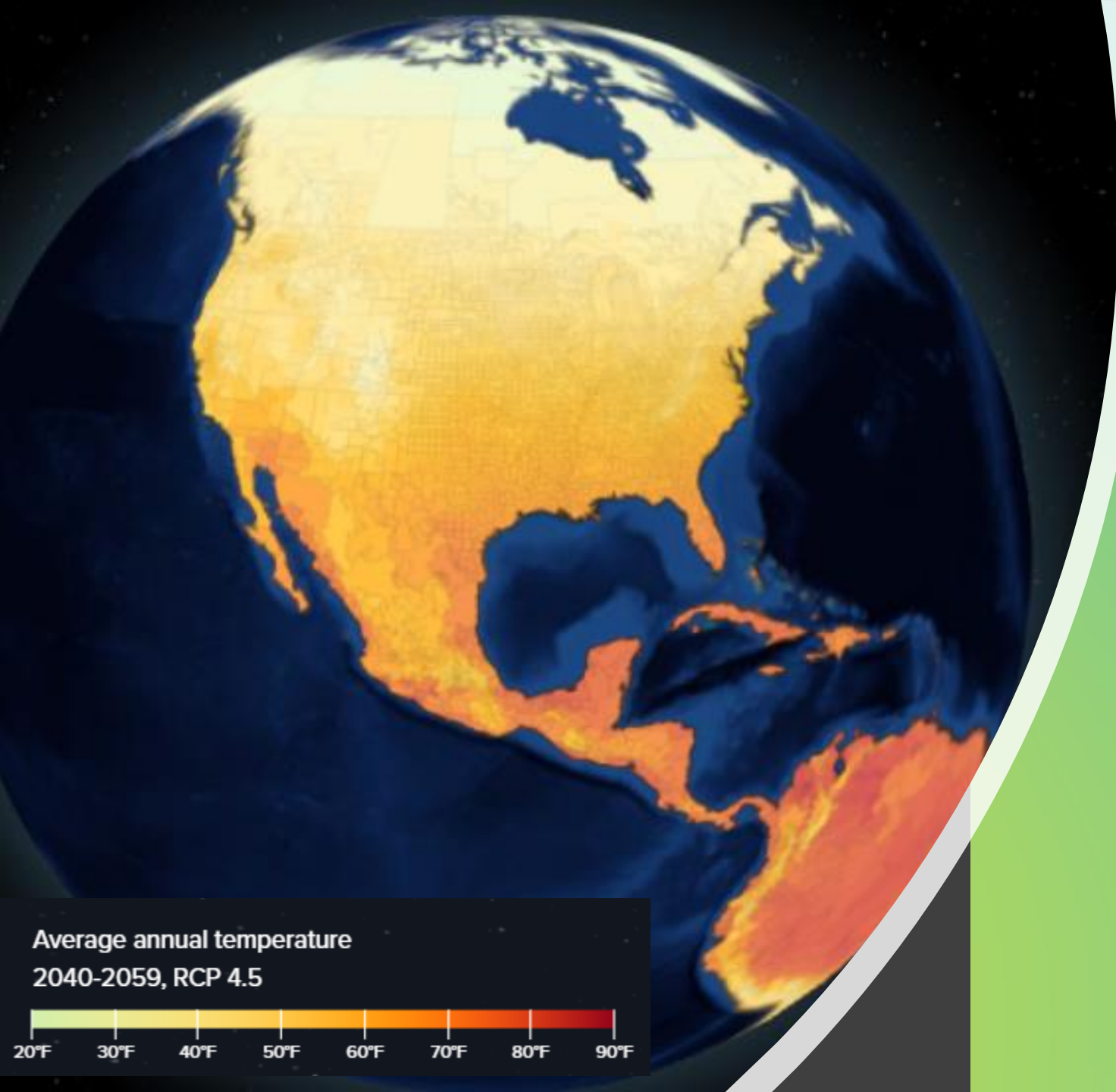
Pollution, pandemics





# Our Unequal Climate Future?

Human Climate Horizons –  
window to possible climate  
futures



Average annual temperature  
2040-2059, RCP 4.5

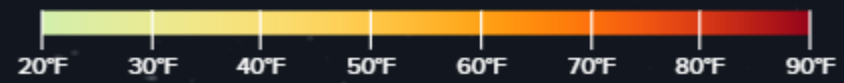


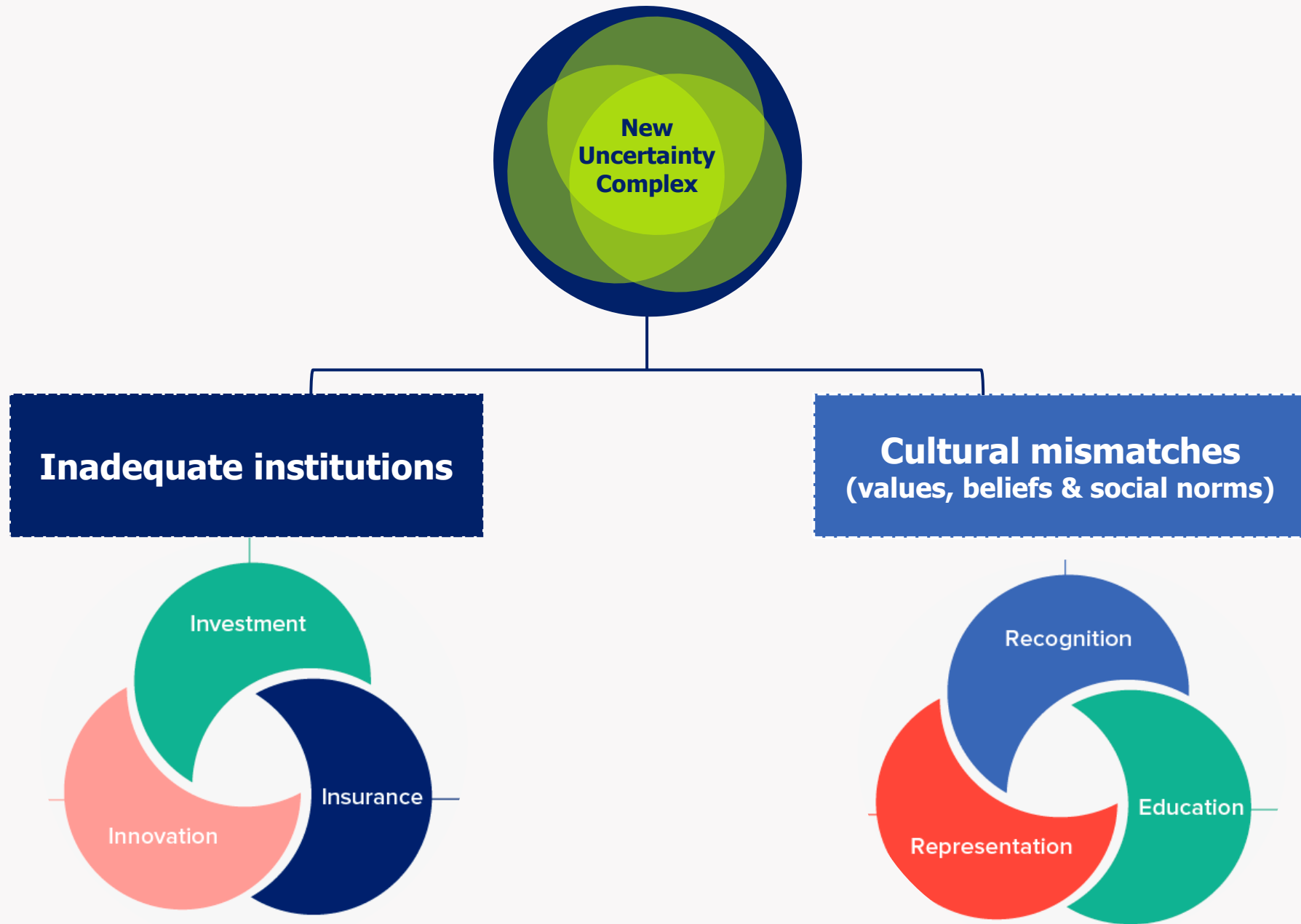
Photo UNDP  
Afghanistan  
2014.



**Our societies are increasingly divided**

Uncertainty and insecurity are driving **divisions**

Democratic practices under stress and **intensifying polarization** everywhere are stopping us from acting collectively.



A photograph of two young children walking away from the camera on a dirt path. They are wearing school uniforms and carrying backpacks. The child on the right has their arm around the child on the left. The background shows a dry, open landscape with tall grasses and trees under a clear sky.

# Where we go from here is up to us

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We can imagine and create futures in which both people and planet thrive



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