

Shaping the transformation? The agency of individuals in international organisations

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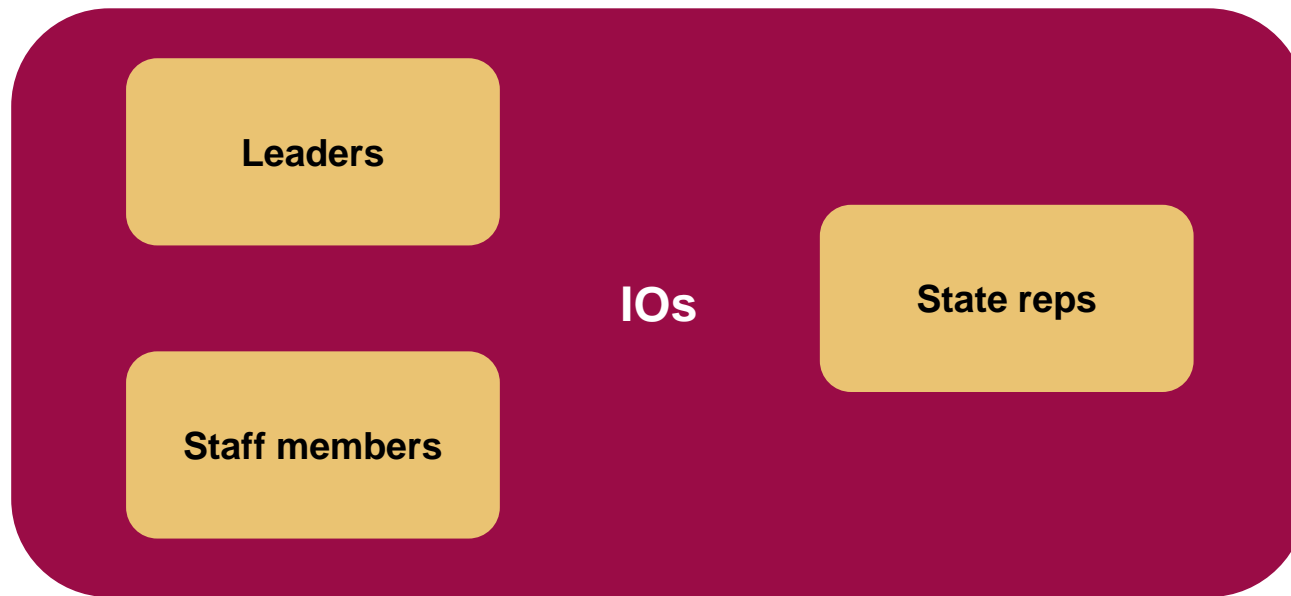
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IOs as sustainability actors: Do they stand out?

- No, not really overall, but **progressive role possible!**
- But often **greater aspiration** than among states (see IEA's call for 'net zero' by 2050 or IMF's work on fossil fuel subsidies)
- Relevant literatures: global environmental governance; Earth System Governance (ESG); global politics of sustainability, incl. Anthropocene debate

Individuals in IOs



Observation I

The IO literature focuses on the agency of groups, rather than individuals themselves.

Observation II

When this literature examines individuals, these individuals are typically leaders, not staff members.

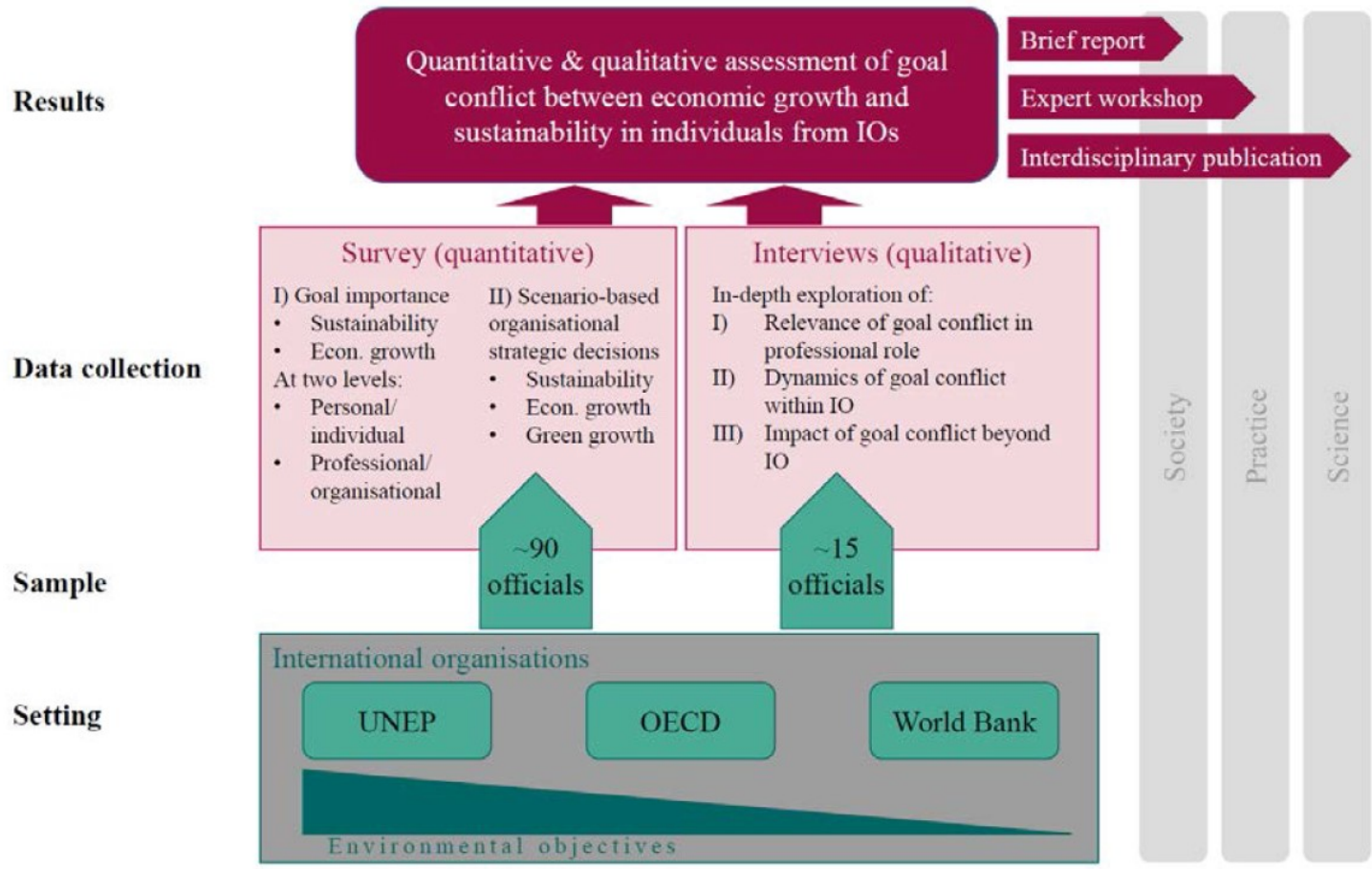
IO staff driving the sustainability transformation?

Growth

or

sustainability?

Enters GROVAINITY.



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Questions? Comments?