

A NEW CONTEXT AND A NEW OPPORTUNITY

“The context today is significantly different from previous decades, and it makes this the right time to ensure that Systems Thinking sits at the heart of Operational Research (OR). In 2017, the United Nations (UN), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) all publically declared systems thinking to be a key leadership skill that is necessary to deal with the fundamental interconnectedness of complex, local-to-global economic, social and environmental issues. This recognition of our field by major international agencies represents an open door to new opportunities across the public, private and voluntary sectors to make a difference in both local communities and global governance.

The understanding of systems thinking in the UN, WHO and OECD provides a great foundation for us to build upon. However, there is not yet a widespread awareness in these and many other institutions of the diverse range of systems theories, methodologies and methods that can make a real difference to the translation of systems thinking into systems practice. For decades now, systems theories, methodologies and methods have been developed in a synergistic meeting place between OR (which is an analytical profession already embedded in many public, private and voluntary sector organizations) and systems thinking (which provides insights into how to deal with high levels of complexity and discord). “

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