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Wicked Problems: A hello goodbye poem

Hello open ended, interdependent systems,
Hello dynamic multiconnected problems,
Hello mutually cooperative multi-stakeholder teams,
Hello non-linear, multidimensional thinkers,
Hello decentralised multidimensional solutions,
Hello synergistic and unknown, multi-stakeholder nexus,

Goodbye predictable problems
Goodbye static simple structures
Goodbye single silo thinkers
Goodbye linear predictable solutions
Goodbye centralised problems
Goodbye single solutions

Hello unbounded in space and time, cross boarders' cross departments — global
Hello, can't contain or structure, find problem, identify emergent properties
Hello climate change... unless...
Paradigm shift, reset and re scope, suspend existing assumptions
Systems thinking, holistic integration, connect globally — Find the heart of the wicked problem

Women united around tables

Agreed to continue and work on governance, contacting further women, outreach to different perspectives, harvesting, conceptual development, compiling what is out there/ research issues.

Women left with hope, some confused by the challenges. Gave the impression that they are coming back for more.