

My Research Journey



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Where did it all start....



Life happened ...



Big decisions



From International Development to academia and the In-Between

Pursuing a PhD
Starting a family
Getting really busy!!
Settling down



Passion for research (important for both)

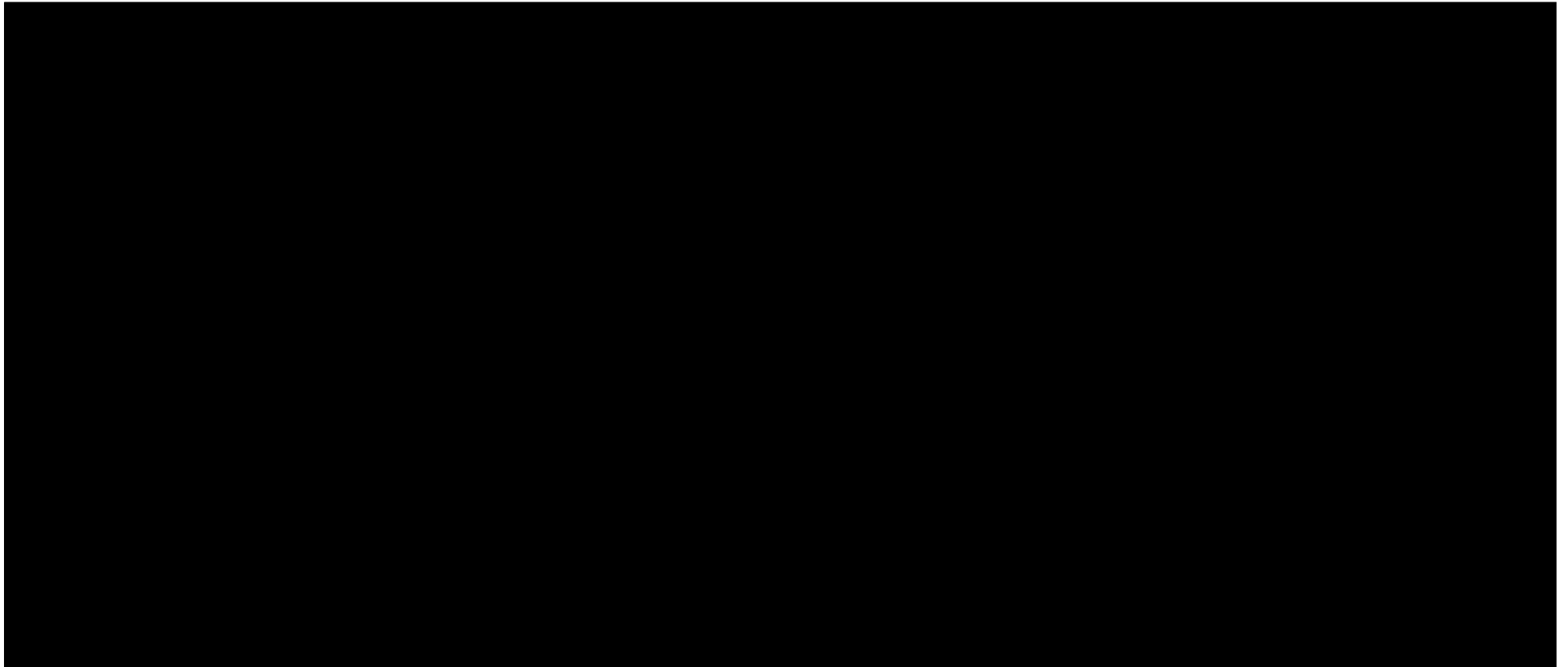
Different output focus

Publications became more important than policy development

Ability to adapt skills to different applications and research questions

New skills to harness: Grant writing; teaching etc.

Success factors: belief, support and trust



But there is a catch!!

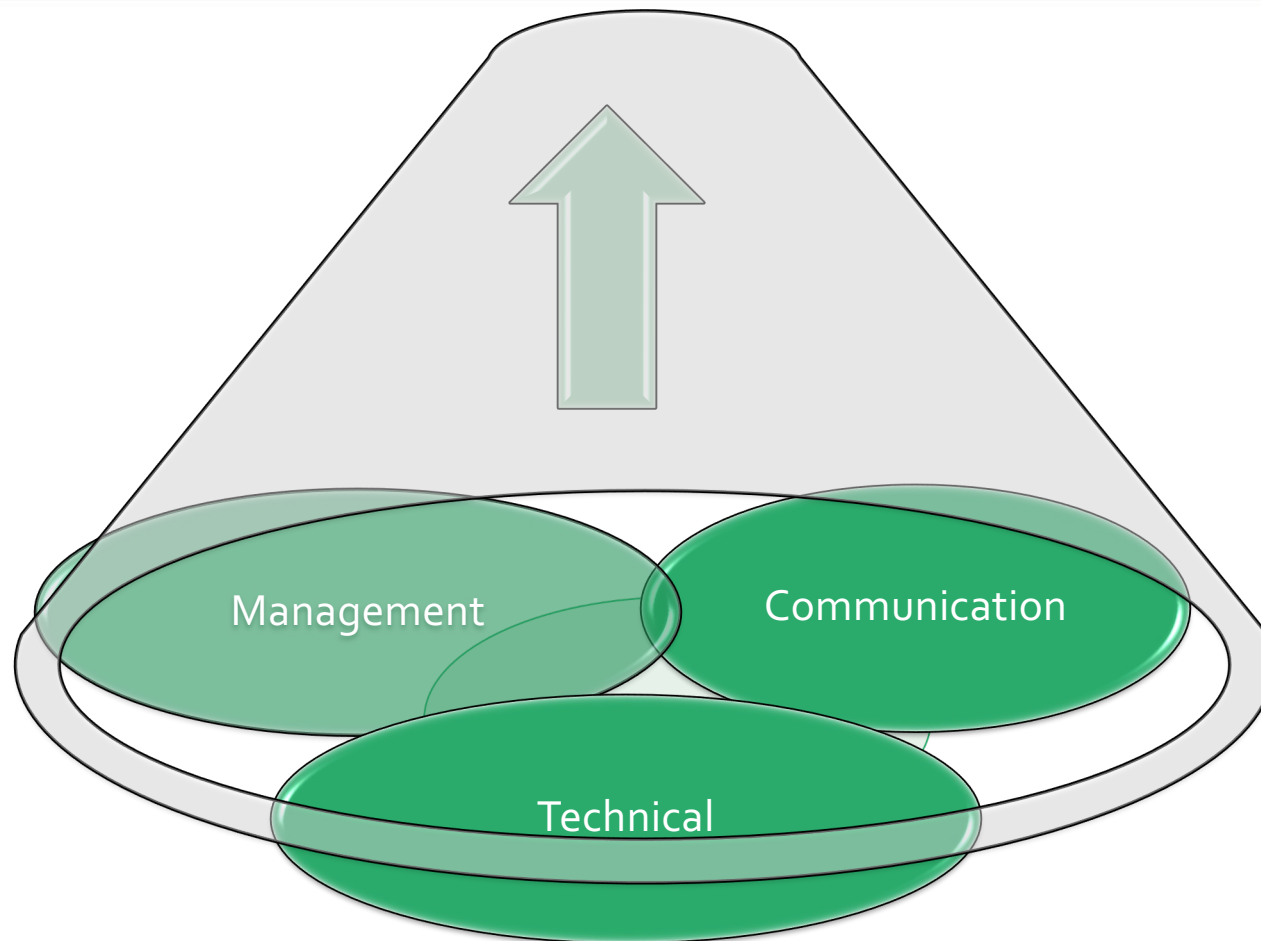
Workload, self management and priority setting



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IMPORTANT	<i>Quadrant I:</i> Urgent & Important	<i>Quadrant II:</i> Not Urgent & Important
NOT IMPORTANT	<i>Quadrant III:</i> Urgent & Not Important	<i>Quadrant IV:</i> Not Urgent & Not Important

source: Stephen Covey, *7 Habits of Highly Effective People*

Keep working on your skills

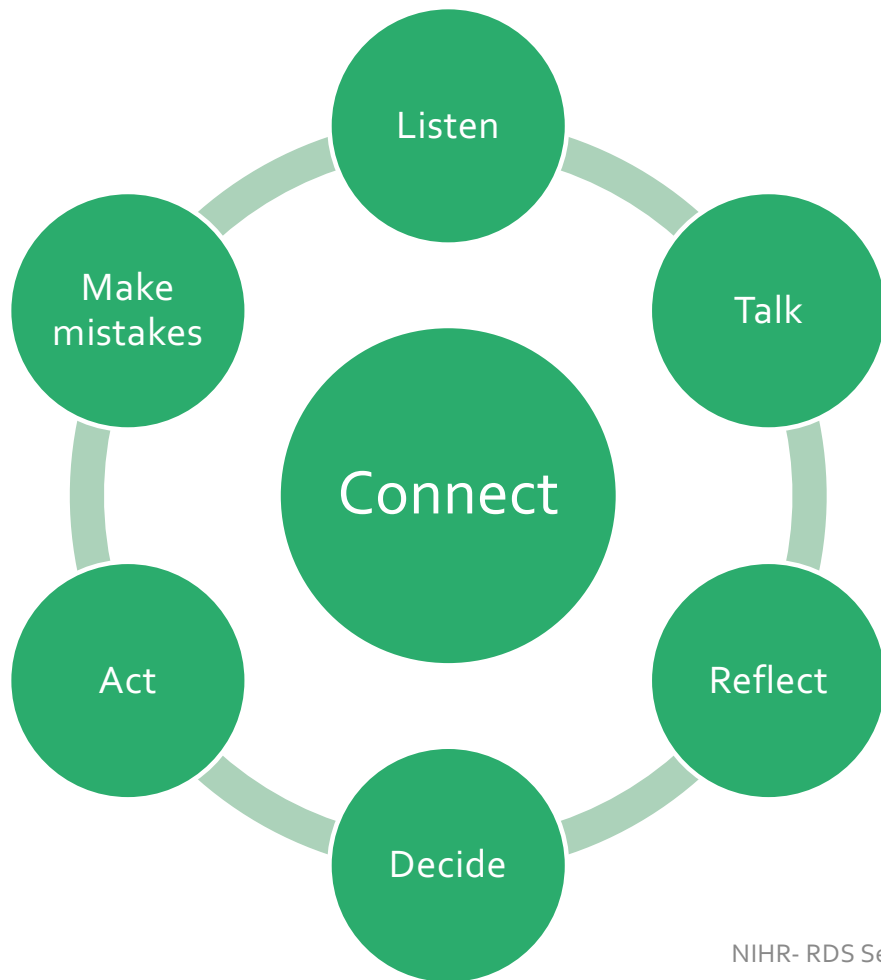


Catch # 2

There are BARRIERS ... lots of them !!



Networks and role models ... sounding boards



Remain focused on your research quality and impact



Effective team working and interdependency

We need to work together to succeed ...
especially in research

Give credit to others

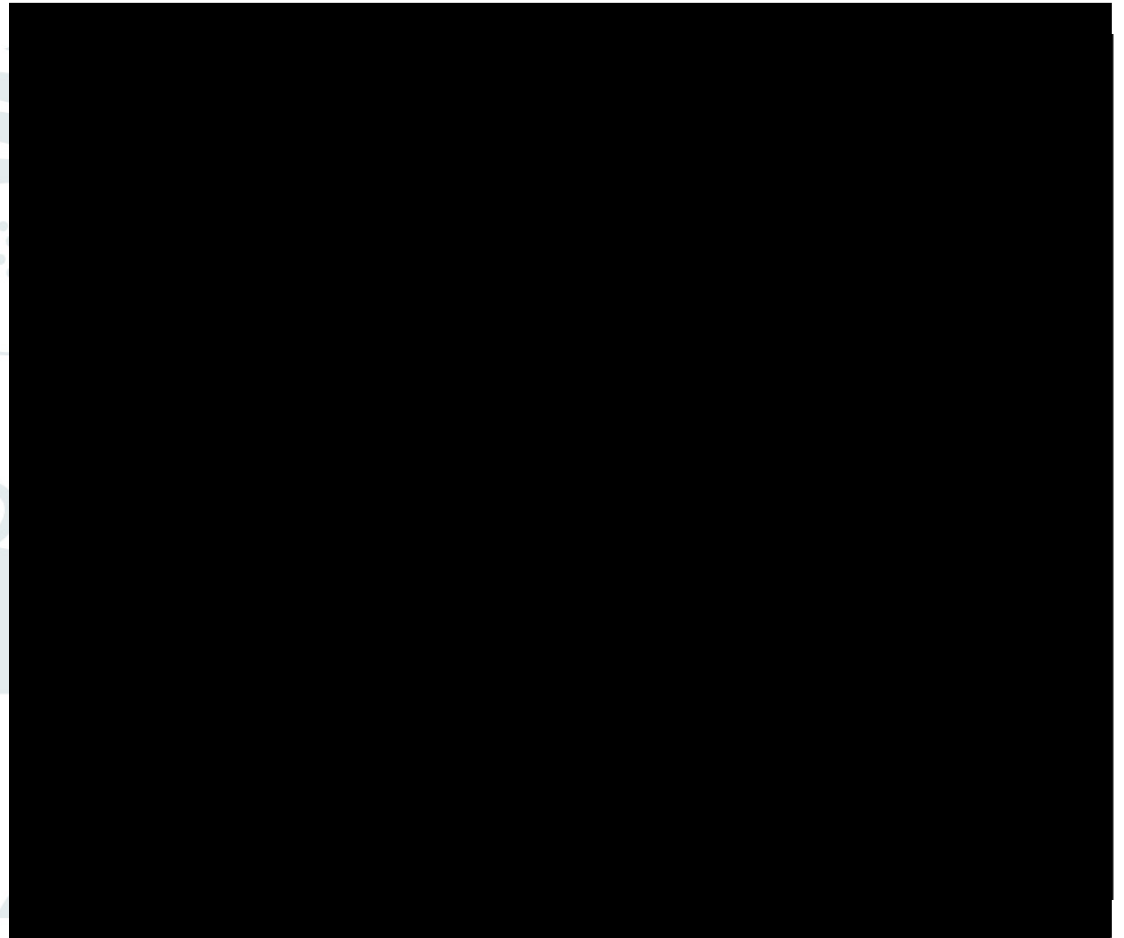
Encourage people to be the best of
themselves

Capitalise on everyone's skills and talents

Be innovative and explain



Thank you for
Listening



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