

BUILDING THE VISION:

Community and Collaboration

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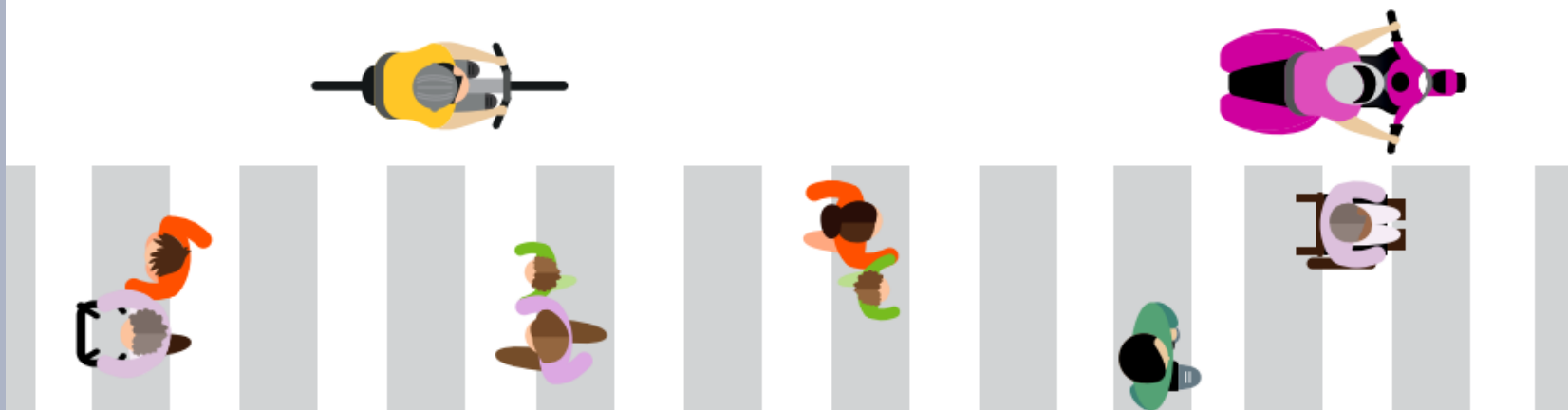
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The Centre for Active Transportation

TCAT advances knowledge and evidence to build support for safe and inclusive streets for walking and cycling.





2017-2021 | TORONTO'S ROAD SAFETY PLAN

VISIONZERO



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SAFE AND ACTIVE STREETS FOR ALL

Coalition Partners



Move At Human Speed



Lower Speed Limits

30 km/h on residential streets, 40 km/h on arterial roads

Calm the School Zones

Implement traffic calming in all elementary school zones by 2022

Streamline Traffic Calming

Remove red tape to building safer streets

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SIDEWALKS FOR EVERYONE

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BUILD SIDEWALKS ON EVERY STREET BEING RECONSTRUCTED

Sidewalks are an essential piece of the City's transportation infrastructure, providing accessibility and safety for all, including children, seniors, and people with disabilities. But [nearly 25% of all local streets in Toronto don't have a sidewalk and many more only have a sidewalk on one side of the street.](#) Where sidewalks are missing, people have no alternative but to walk on the roadway or on unimproved road shoulders. The City's [road classification criteria](#) recommends a sidewalk on at least one side of all local roads. Road reconstruction presents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to add a missing sidewalk and is the most cost-effective and efficient approach to doing so. The City's Disability, Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee [endorsed this approach for accessibility, safety and walkability reasons.](#) But local councillors [frequently oppose adding sidewalks](#) and this results in decisions that deviate from City policy. Every street in Toronto needs a sidewalk.



*Children walking on a street without sidewalks
Photo Credit: City of Toronto*

Launch and Media Coverage

Toronto

Road safety advocates want next city council to 'step up,' boost cycling network and traffic calming measures



New #BuildTheVisionTO report also recommends banning right turns on red lights



[Lauren Pelley](#) · CBC News · Posted: Jun 19, 2018 2:13 PM ET | Last Updated: June 19, 2018



A group of road safety organizations is pushing city hall to beef up its Vision Zero efforts. Left to right: Amanda O'Rourke, executive director for 8 80 Cities, Daniella Levy-Pinto, spokesperson for Walk Toronto, and Liz

Social Media

Build the Grid

Build Protected Bike Lanes

On main streets like Bloor, Danforth & Yonge

Connect Bike Routes in Every Ward

Help people cycle to schools, shopping and parks

Accelerate the 10-Year Cycling Network Plan

to be completed in the next 4 years, instead of by 2026



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Cross with Confidence

More Traffic Cameras

Accelerate the installation of automated traffic enforcement safety cameras

Controlled Crossings at TTC Stops

Every transit stop needs a safe and convenient way for people to cross the street

No Right Turns on Red

Prioritize safety of vulnerable road users

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Sidewalks For Everyone

Sidewalks Everywhere

Build sidewalks on every street being reconstructed

Clear the Way

Ensure sidewalks have a 2.1 metre pedestrian clearway

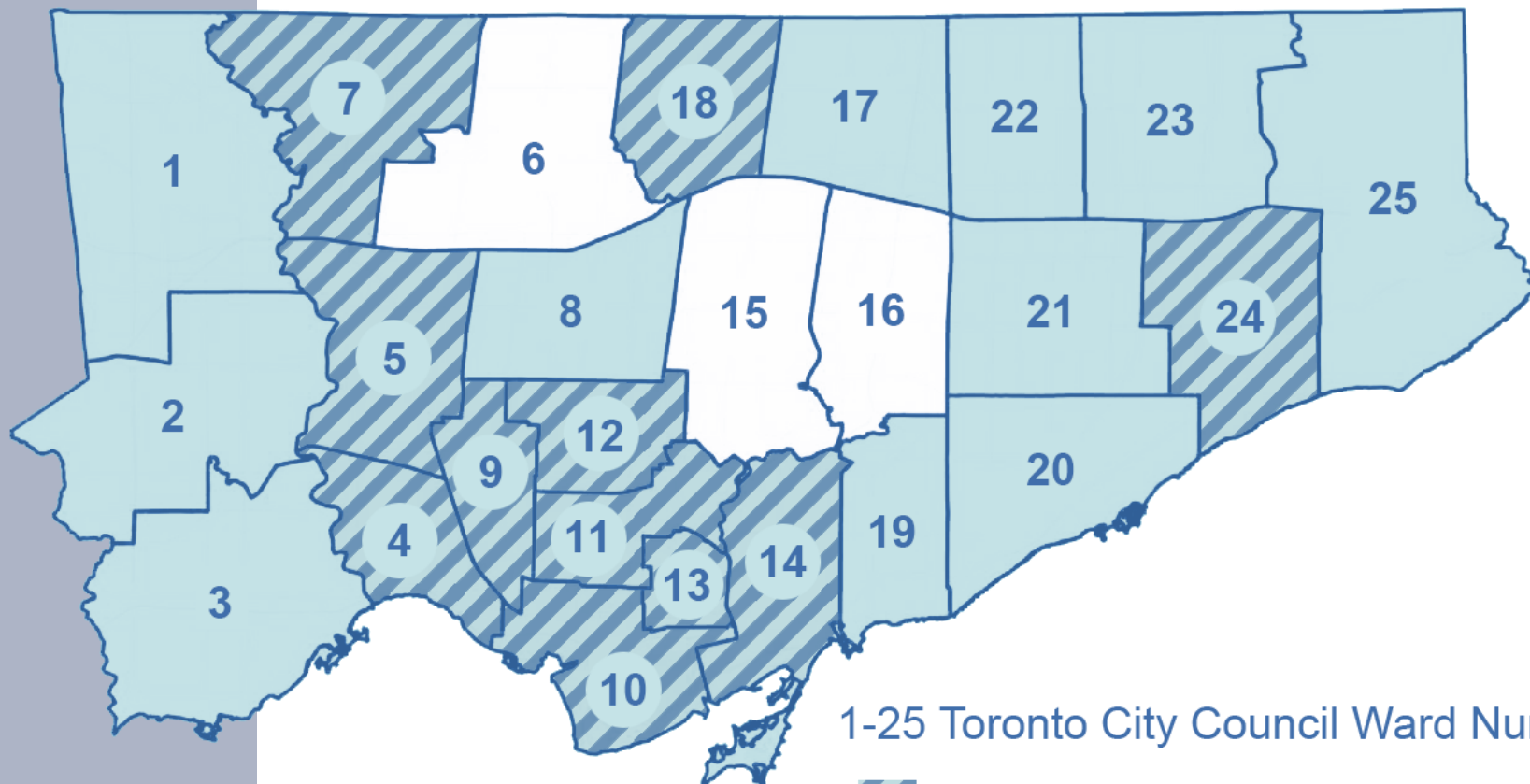


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Survey Results

Candidate Responses by Ward



1-25 Toronto City Council Ward Number



Incumbent and non-incumbent responses



Non-incumbent responses only



No response

Supporting Groups

Access Alliance Multicultural Health and Community Services

Alliance for Equality of Blind Canadians Toronto Chapter

Balance for Blind Adults

Bike Law Canada

Birchmount Bluffs Neighbourhood Centre

CNIB

David Suzuki Foundation

Doctors for Safe Cycling

Ryerson City Building Institute

Share the Road Cycling Coalition

TTC Riders

Dr. Beth Savan, Principal Investigator, Toronto Cycling

Think & Do Tank, University of Toronto

Dr. Paul Hess, Associate Professor, Department of Geography and Planning, University of Toronto

Active Neighbourhoods Canada



Montréal Urban
Ecology Centre



Sustainable
Calgary



Six Steps to Participatory Planning



1 LAUNCH

Establish a partnership with local stakeholders and lay out an action plan.



2 UNDERSTAND

Create a diagnostic portrait of the use of public space.



3 EXPLORE

Identify design scenarios that will meet needs and resolve issues.



4 DECIDE

With the various stakeholders, validate and improve upon the developed solutions.



5 ACT

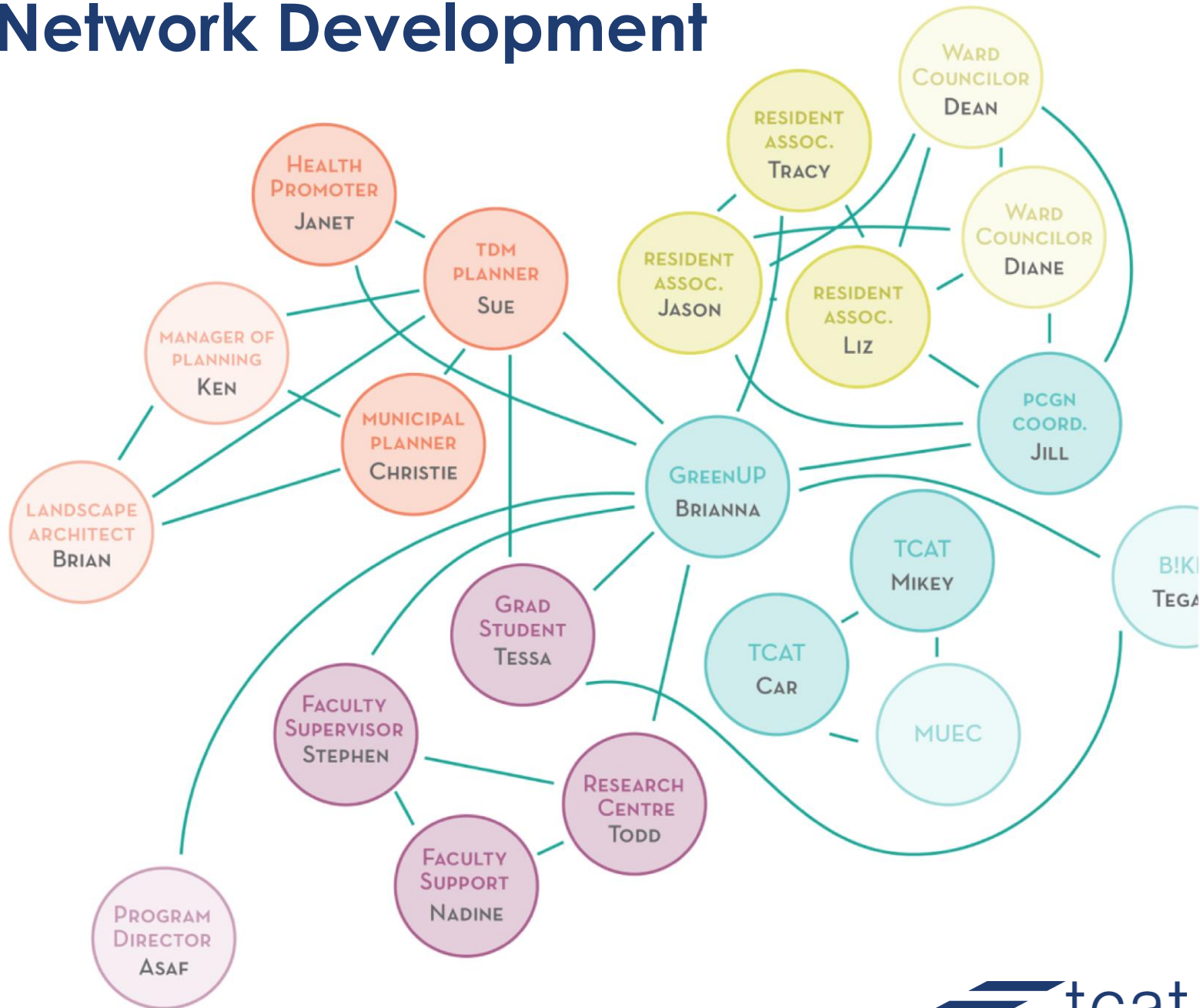
Implement the design solutions and advocate for citizen visions.



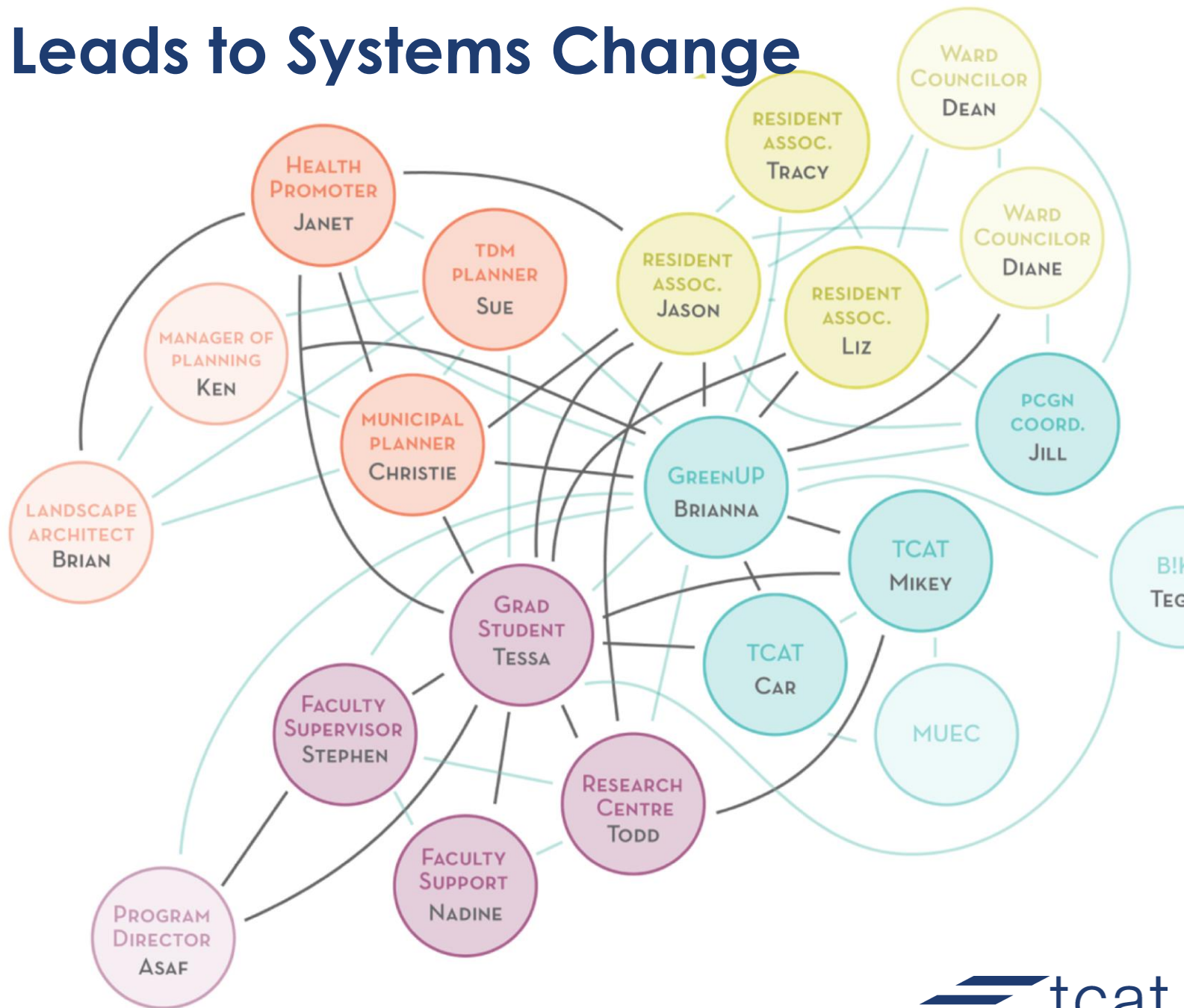
6 INAUGURATE

Celebrate the project's accomplishments!

Network Development



Leads to Systems Change



Moving Forward



Vision Zero and Collaboration



What We Learned

1. The Power of the Coalition
2. Broaden Your Reach
3. A Unified Voice is Effective
4. Involve the Local Experts

Thank you

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