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“STRATEGIC STATE REFORMS TO MOVE TOWARDS AN AUTHENTIC FEDERALISM IN MEXICO”

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STATE REFORM TO MOVE TOWARDS AN AUTHENTIC FEDERALISM MEANS:

TO SHIFT FROM

- A PRESENT SCENE OF ***PARALLEL GOVERNMENTS***
COMPETING UNEQUALLY IN THE SAME GEOGRAPHICAL
TERRITORY AND BEFORE THE SAME POPULATION

TO

- A SCENE OF A ***COHERENT ARCHITECTURE OF GOVERNMENTS***
CENTERED ON THE CITIZENS.

THIS IS THE HEART OF THE STATE REFORM IN MEXICO.

VISION OF THE AUTHENTIC FEDERALISM

- Autonomous and strong municipal governments rightly supported by the states and the federal governments;
- Sovereign and prosperous states,
- Federal powers able to guarantee both unity and equity among the Mexican people.
- Governmental authorities committed to the legitimate aspirations of their citizenship.
- A mexican State ruled by the law, democratic socially oriented and federalist.

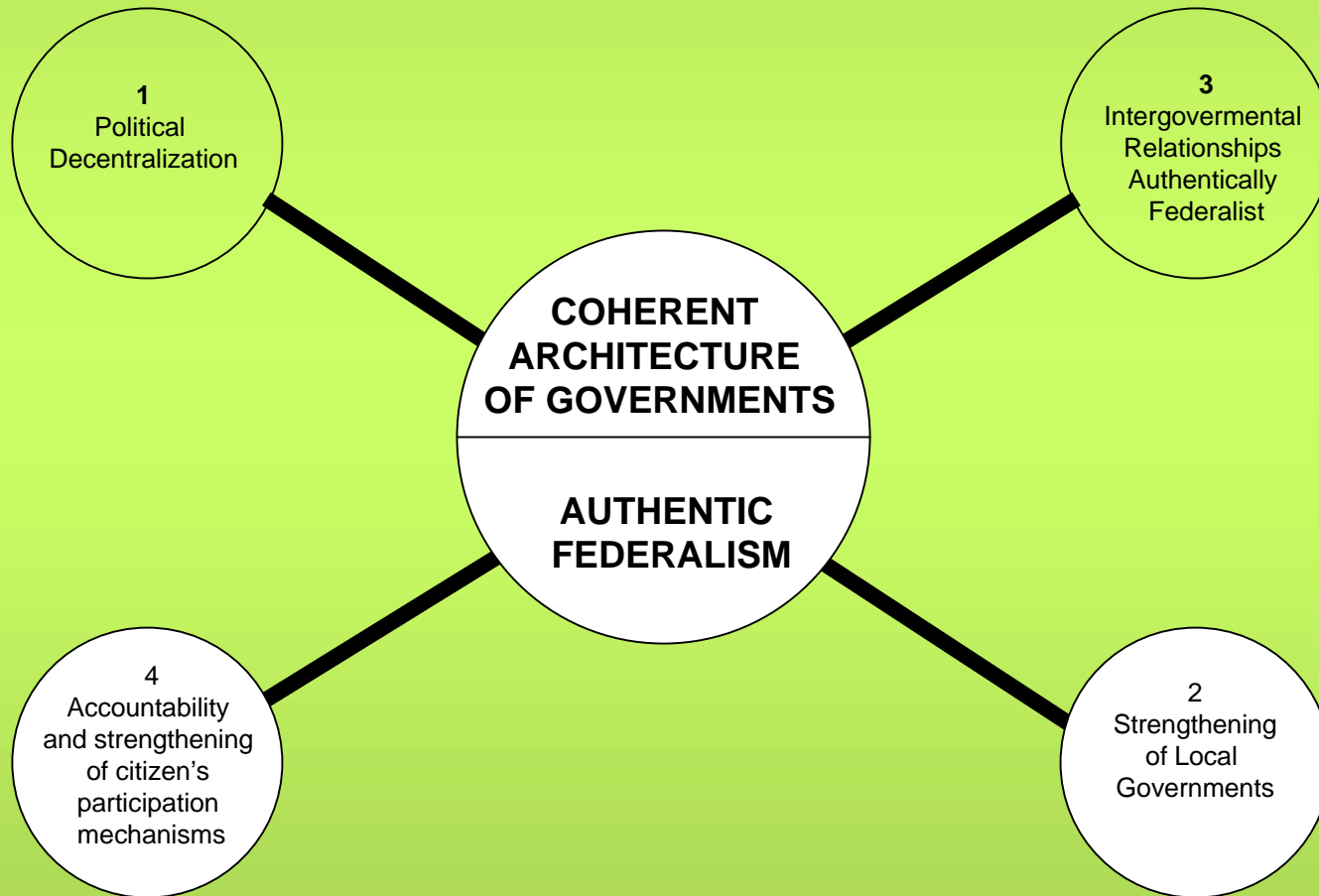
“ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES OF FISCAL DECENTRALIZATION.LESSONS FROM MEXICO” THE WORLD BANK (2001)

“Decentralization often has major effects on concerns ranging from macroeconomic stability to poverty alleviation, the provision social and the quality of governance. Decentralization is worldwide and its meaning, implementation, and effects vary from county to country.

The experience point to **three lessons** applicable everywhere.

- 1) A country decentralizing its public sector needs to develop a **coherent decentralization strategy**.
- 2) A successful strategy requires **adequate institutional infrastructure** to develop, monitor and implement the decentralization policy.
- 3) Latin American experience with decentralization shows that abrupt, across-the-board efforts have generally failed. Countries have had to go back to **incremental decentralization, with differentiated rules according to different management capacity of territorial units.**”

STRATEGIC MODEL



1. POLITICAL DECENTRALIZATION

- **Fiscal Federalism**
- **Federal Functions liable to be decentralized to the Local Governments**
- **Decentralization and Reduction in the Federal States**

2. STRENGTHENING OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

- **Professionalization and Training of public administrators**
- **Constitutional Reformation of article 115 allowing reflections of local authorities**

3. INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONSHIPS AUTHENTICALLY FEDERALIST

- **Federalism Office for intergovernmental relationships**
- **Redistribution of functions among the three governmental levels
(Constitutional Reformation of several articles)**
- **Mechanisms of Intergovernmental Communication**

4. ACCOUNTABILITY AND STRENGTHENING OF CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION MECHANISMS

- **Internet everywhere (E-México)**
- **Communication and cultural change**
- **International Conference on Federalism with the Forum of Federations at Veracruz, November 2001**
- **Participation of citizenship, states and municipal authorities in the Board of the National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Information**