

FUTURE SCENARIO

# THE DELTA ACCORD

When Harmony Becomes Law



TheDeltaAccord

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## WORLD BUILDING

By 2070, rising sea levels and ecological collapse have redrawn the world's map. Entire coastlines have disappeared, and the movement of hundreds

of millions of displaced people has become a defining condition of life on Earth. In response, new governance systems rely on artificial intelligence

to manage migration and maintain ecological balance — replacing national borders with empathetic and living boarderlands between

ecosystems. In this system, AI determines where people are relocated, assigning them to ecological zones

## LEADING QUESTION

How can we design tools and interfaces that enable human-AI co-decision-making, while ensuring that ecological migration remains not only sustainable but also fair, empathetic, and shared?

### The Great Transition — Planetary Regions

After centuries of crisis, Earth reorganized into **adaptive regions** — each formed around a shared ecosystem and way of life. Borders became **living thresholds**: spaces to learn, exchange and regenerate.

#### THE TIDES

Water & Reflection

#### THE ROOTS

Growth & Food Systems

#### THE CORE

Tech & Synthesis

## PROCESS JOURNEY TO 2070

### Phase 1 — Signals of Separation (Fiji, 2025)

Climate displacement begins. Rising seas force migration, while AI border systems regulate movement and belonging.

### Phase 2 — Systems of Control (2040s)

Mass displacement is managed through automation. Biometric systems sort people by utility, while informal human networks persist outside surveillance.

### Phase 3 — Collapse and Coalescence (2050s–2060s)

Nation-states erode. Floating cities and ecological transition zones emerge. AI shifts from control to balancing human–environment systems.

### Phase 4 — The Delta Accord (2070)

Borders disappear. Belonging is defined by contribution and alignment with living systems. The Accord is a shared rhythm, not a treaty.

## PROJECT PROCESS

We used a speculative design process including horizon scanning. Then we identified and grouped signals and trends, followed by uncertainty–impact mapping and a signal heat map comparing AI, climate change, and non-AI political climate futures. From this analysis, we selected two key signals — AI border control and sea-level rise — and built multiple scenario iterations around them. We developed a future persona and mapped her journey to expose system tensions, which guided the ideation and refinement of our final intervention.