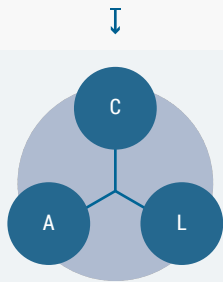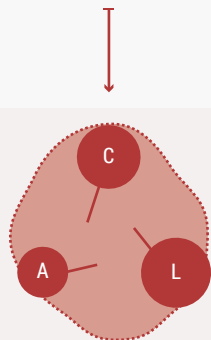# From fragility to resilience

Fragility is the inability (whether whole or partial) of a state to fulfil its responsibilities as a sovereign entity, including a lack of legitimacy, authority, and capacity.

Resilient states and societies are characterized by a stable social contract; functional, accountable, and inclusive institutions; and the provision of basic services. They can absorb shocks and handle challenges peacefully, while maintaining political stability and preventing violence.

Fragility   Transitional stages   **Resilience**

CAPACITY
lacking ability to carry out basic governance functions

LEGITIMACY
lacking ability to develop mutually constructive relations with society

AUTHORITY
lacking ability to provide basic security and failure to be seen as the overarching authority within the territory

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