TOGFA Canvas

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TOGAF - Architecture Vision

The purpose of this canvas is to streamline the design of an architecture vision according to the TOGAF Standard. It is designed to be used as a tool to facilitate the communication and alignment of stakeholders around the architecture vision. The canvas cover the main information involved in the Phase A of the TOGAF ADM [pA].

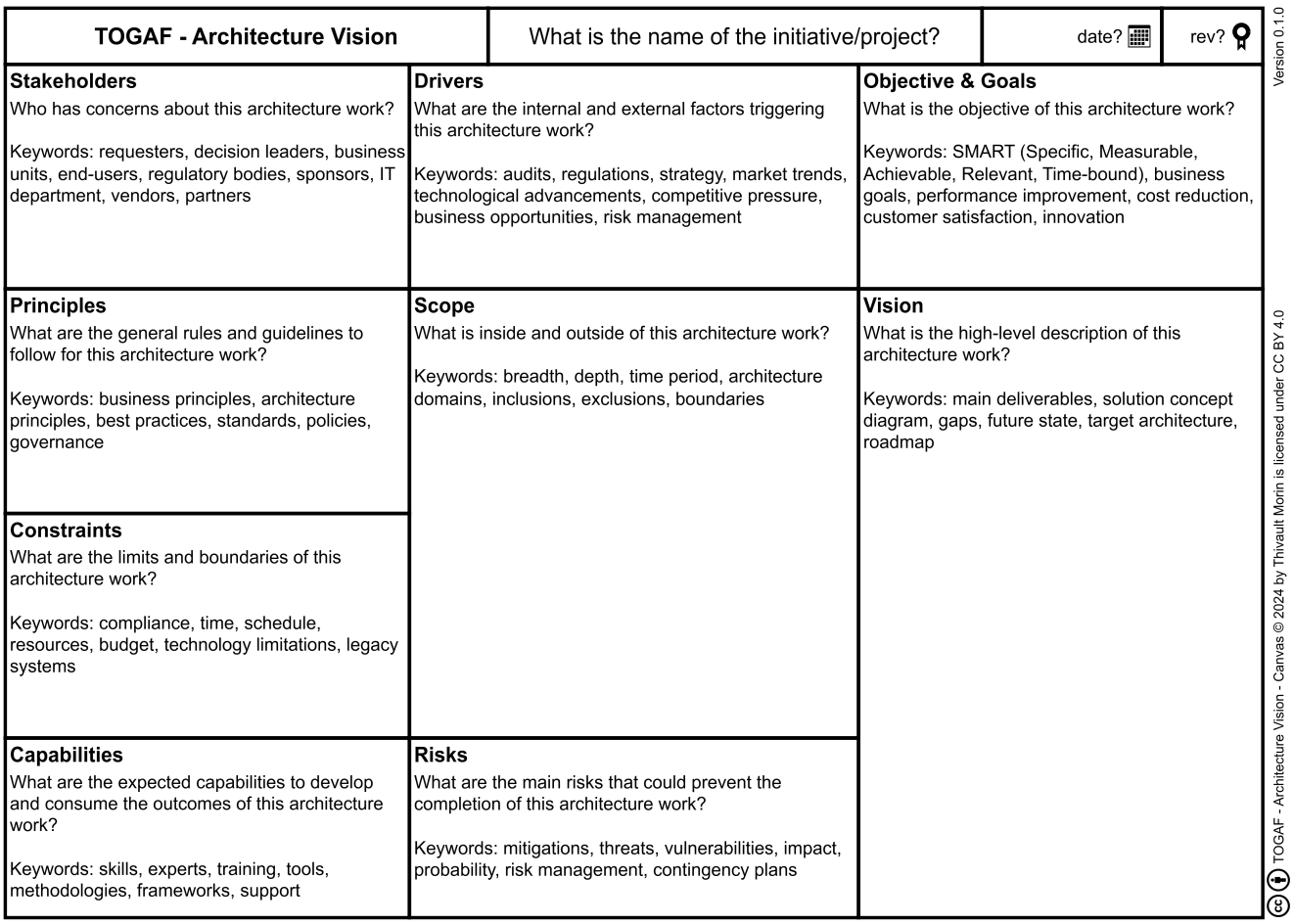

Figure 1. TOGAF - Architecture Vision - Annotated Canvas

To guide the design of the architecture vision, the canvas provides a set of questions, keywords, and explanations for each box.

Table 1. TOGAF - Architecture Vision - Stakeholders

Box	Stakeholders
Question	Who has concerns about this architecture work?
Keywords	requesters, decision leaders, business units, end-users, regulatory bodies, sponsors, IT department, vendors, partners
Explanation	Identify people and organizations impacted by the architecture work. It usually starts with the initiator of the architecture work. Then, other stakeholders are added when inspecting the scope of the architecture work iteratively. This includes anyone who has a vested interest in the project or whose work will be affected by it.

Table 2. TOGAF - Architecture Vision - Drivers

Box	Drivers
Question	What are the internal and external factors triggering this architecture work?
Keywords	audits, regulations, strategy, market trends, technological advancements, competitive pressure, business opportunities, risk management
Explanation	Identify the rationale which triggered the architecture work. Most of the time, it is about stakeholder concerns. Some concerns are external, e.g., compliance requirements. Others are internal, e.g., the establishment of a new enterprise strategy. These factors are both motivators and constraints for the architecture.

Table 3. TOGAF - Architecture Vision - Objective & Goals

Box	Objective & Goals
Question	What is the objective of this architecture work?
Keywords	SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound), business goals, performance improvement, cost reduction, customer satisfaction, innovation
Explanation	Define clear and achievable objective and/or goals for the architecture work. Objectives and goals should align with the overall business strategy and be measurable to track progress. This helps ensure the architecture delivers tangible benefits.

Table 4. TOGAF - Architecture Vision - Principles

Box	Principles
Question	What is the objective of this architecture work?
Keywords	business principles, architecture principles, best practices, standards, policies, governance
Explanation	Establish the foundational rules and guidelines that the architecture work must adhere to. These principles guide decision-making and ensure consistency across the architecture development process.

Table 5. TOGAF - Architecture Vision - Constraints

Box	Constraints
Question	What are the limits and boundaries of this architecture work?

Keywords	compliance, time, schedule, resources, budget, technology limitations, legacy systems
Explanation	Identify the limitations and boundaries within which the architecture work must be conducted. Constraints can include regulatory requirements, budget limitations, time constraints, multicultural environments, and other aspects that must be considered.

Table 6. TOGAF - Architecture Vision - Scope

Box	Scope
Question	What is inside and outside of this architecture work?
Keywords	breadth, depth, time period, architecture domains, inclusions, exclusions, boundaries
Explanation	Clearly define what the architecture work will and will not cover. This includes specifying the architecture domains (e.g., business, data, application, technology) and level of details which the architecture will be developed.

Table 7. TOGAF - Architecture Vision - Capabilities

Box	Capabilities
Question	What are the expected capabilities to develop and consume the outcomes of this architecture work?
Keywords	skills, experts, training, tools, methodologies, frameworks, support
Explanation	Identify the skills, knowledge, and tools required to develop and utilize the architecture. For instance, this includes ensuring that the team has the necessary expertise and that end-users are trained to effectively use the new systems and processes.

Table 8. TOGAF - Architecture Vision - Risks

Box	Risks
Question	What are the main risks that could prevent the completion of this architecture work?
Keywords	mitigations, threats, vulnerabilities, impact, probability, risk management, contingency plans
Explanation	Identify the main risks that could impact the completion of the architecture work and develop high-level mitigation strategies to address these risks.

Table 9. TOGAF - Architecture Vision - Vision

Box	Vision
Question	What is the high-level description of this architecture work?
Keywords	main deliverables, solution concept diagram, gaps, future state, target architecture, roadmap
Explanation	Provide a high-level overview of the architecture work, including the primary deliverables and the future state of the architecture. This may include a conceptual diagram of the solution, identifying any gaps between the current and target states, or outlining the roadmap to achieve the vision.

Bibliography

- [pA] TOGAF® Fundamental Content - Phase A: Architecture Vision

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Appendix A: Appendix

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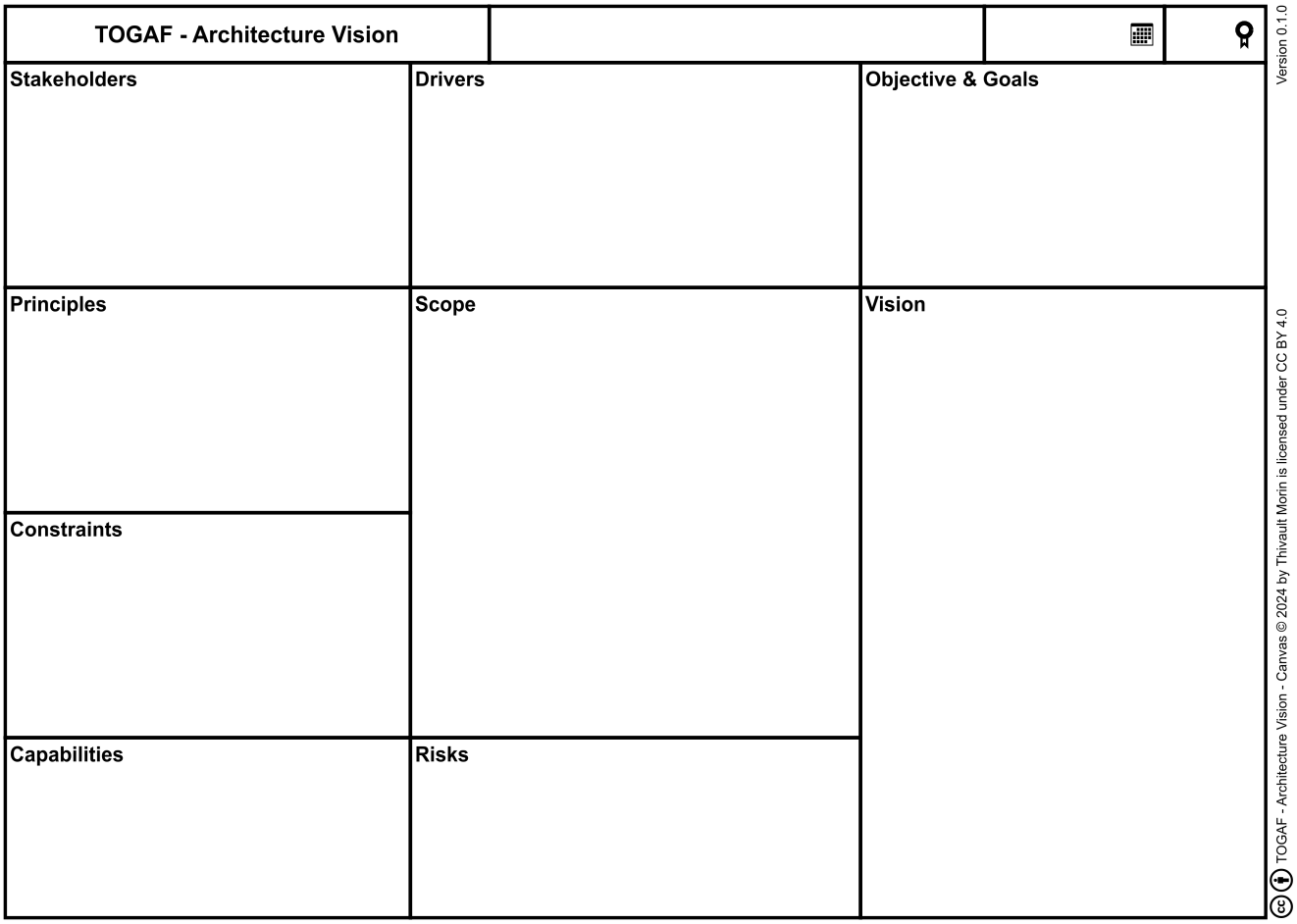

Figure 2. TOGAF - Architecture Vision - Canvas