

# TOGAF® Poster Series #96

## Using TOGAF: How to Present an EA vision

There is a saying that if you don't know where you want to go, then you're not likely to get there... which is one reason to have an EA Vision. Our poster looks at what TOGAF has to say about creating an EA Vision. It also offers practical tips on how to make this work for your enterprise.

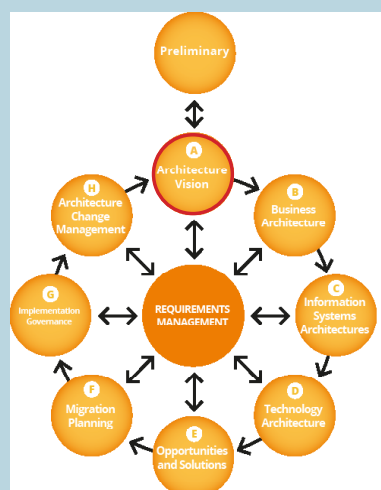
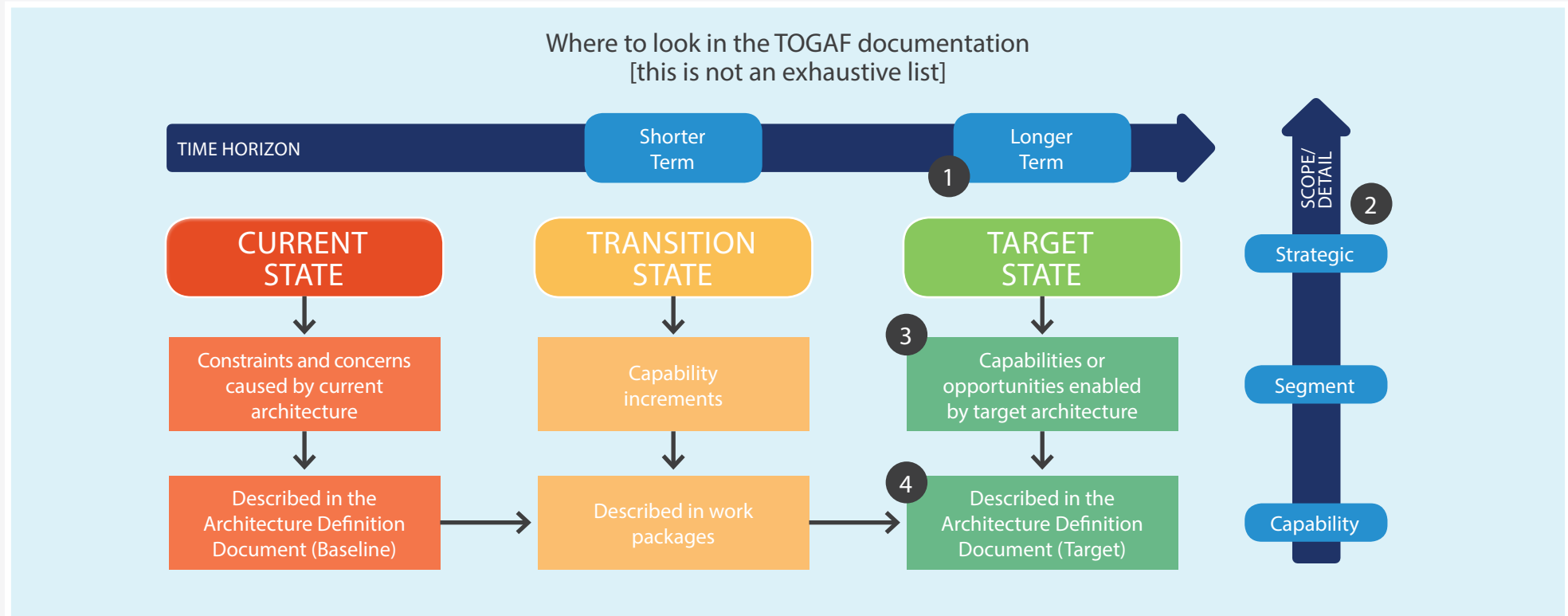


Figure 6-1: Phase A: Architecture Vision

### The ADM – Chapter 6. Phase A: Architecture Vision

Phase A gives a step-by-step process to “develop a high-level aspirational vision of the capabilities and business value to be delivered as a result of the proposed Enterprise Architecture”.

Two key outputs are the Architecture Vision itself (described in section 32.2.8) and the Statement of Architecture Work (in section 32.2.20).

TOGAF states that the Architecture Vision “provides a summary of the changes to the enterprise that will accrue from successful deployment of the Target Architecture”. The Statement of Architecture Work “defines the scope and approach that will be used to complete an architecture development cycle”.

#### Note

TOGAF lists the typical contents of a Vision, but doesn't explain in detail. So it's important for you to think about what you need to include, and how you are going to present this to key decision makers.

Also, on its own the Vision is likely to be fairly high level, so you also need to balance this high-level with more detailed descriptions that might be included, for example, in the Architecture Definition Document.

### Levels in the Architecture Landscape (section 19.2)

TOGAF talks about “the” architecture vision, but in practice you may need to think about the future of the enterprise architecture at several different levels, each with a different scope or amount of detail.

Consider describing the vision at each of the three levels of the Architecture Landscape – strategic, segment, and capability. Realising the vision might need several iterations of the ADM (see section 19.4).

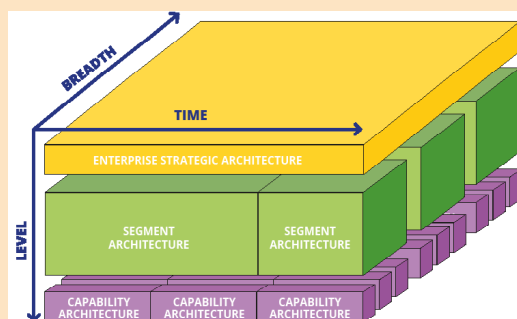


Figure 19-1  
Summary Classification Model for Architecture Landscapes

### Capability Based Planning (Chapter 28)

TOGAF recommends Capability Based Planning to focus “on the planning, engineering, and delivery of strategic business capabilities to the enterprise”.

It is really useful to read section 28.4 Capabilities in an Enterprise Architecture Context – as this explains how the architecture vision relates to capabilities and projects in TOGAF.

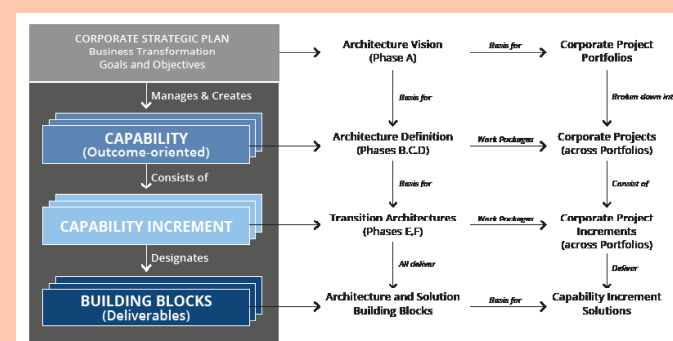


Figure 28-4  
Relationship Between Capabilities Enterprise Architecture and Projects

### Describing the Future Architecture

The information in the Architecture Vision will vary depending on who you need to present it to. As a general rule, in any discussion you always need to be prepared to go into the next level of detail. So when you develop your architecture vision be aware that the detail is going to be in the Architecture Definition Document, and the various artifacts that are included in that document!

