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My Goal:

What I am trying:

Can I do that tomorrow?

To do that tomorrow, I would need:

That requires:

I need one or two things you can do tomorrow* for each thing:

(add more if you need to)

Steps that I can start on tomorrow:

(You don't have to do all of these tomorrow! The point is that they are all "doable" without prerequisites. Pick one or more to get started!)

*Note: if you discover an obstacle, that's okay! Ask, "How can I solve this?" and/or "How could I achieve my goal without it?"

If your project is really branchy (ie each subtask has multiple subtasks) then it might be helpful to use a free-based editor like [MindMeister](#)

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This is a real example of a first attempt at filling out this form from someone I worked with, shared with their permission and anonymized to protect their privacy.

My Goal:	Make the development of AGI go well for the world		
Why Last Step:	Either it was highly skilled and motivated technical AGI person who is able to have influence over the course of AGI (which becomes important during my career) (because it's to be an expert in AGI ontology, technical training, pathways, etc. so that I can communicate these to EA/philosophers/policy-makers/governments/other relevant actors and persons so they can make the best possible decisions in a technology that is becoming strategically important)		
Can I do that tomorrow?	Be able to make a good choice between these paths	Test personal fit	Have excellent AI credentials
To do that tomorrow, I would need:			Have a strong network with relevant technical experts and policy-makers and the ability to get other EA/AGI governance people
That requires:	Have a good media voice on the relevant conversations	Do several concrete projects similar to what I'd be doing in the long term. Both technical and strategy	Publish papers in prestigious journals
Input: what do you find "hard" that you can do tomorrow for each thing?	Think deeply about these issues over a considerable length of time	Do a concrete project similar to what I'd be doing in the long term	Do research targeted towards publishing in prestigious journals
(add rows if you need to)	Read a lot of relevant stuff	Get the expertise necessary to publish good papers	Do some kind of other public engagement beyond publishing papers ()
	Take to experts, skeptics, and anyone else with an opinion who is worth listening from. Some kind of "group opinion" / surveying of experts or smart	Work out what I'd be doing in the long term	Stay in touch with, and impress, the credibility-impacting connections who can help
	Explore my views to outside scrutiny (ideally early, and not just through Google Docs)	Find out how people with excellent credentials got their credentials	Make sure I (eventually) meet the right person
	Adapt/iterate Google docs with my thinking on a number of related issues over the long path	Do a concrete project	Stay in touch with, and impress, the credibility-impacting connections who can help
	Find out how people who got inside news on this got those inside news	Read some stuff as column B)	Find out how strongly relevant people got their network
Steps that I can start on tomorrow:	Read some stuff as column B)	Have a look for similar AI governance stuff	Find relevant people in the area who I don't already know, and have a chat
(You don't "have" to do all of these tomorrow! The point is that they are all "goals" without prerequisites. Pick one or more to get started!)	Read my reading list	Have a look for similar AI governance stuff	Stay in touch with, and impress, the credibility-impacting connections who can help
What if you discover on research, such as what you "have seen before that" article, "these should address my goal without it"?	Ask the few people who get inside news how they got those inside news	Speak to few people who might have thoughts on this	Talk to people who are great at getting things published, shared??
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