



# LOCAL COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FOR SUSTAINABLE LAND USE MANAGEMENT

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## IUCN AT A GLANCE

- The World's oldest and largest global conservation network**
- A unique democratic union with more than 1,000 state and NGO member organizations in 160 countries**
- Almost 11,000 expert volunteers reviewing scientific research and developing standards for the conservation community**
- Over 1,000 staff in 60 offices worldwide**
- Hundreds of partners in Governments, NGOs, Scientists, Business and Local Communities**
- Thousands of field projects and activities around the world**



# WHAT IS REWARD?

## Regional Water and DryLand Program

### Goal of REWARD:

Develop Systemic approaches to planning and management of ecosystems on a watershed/river basin level



# WHAT IS REWARD?

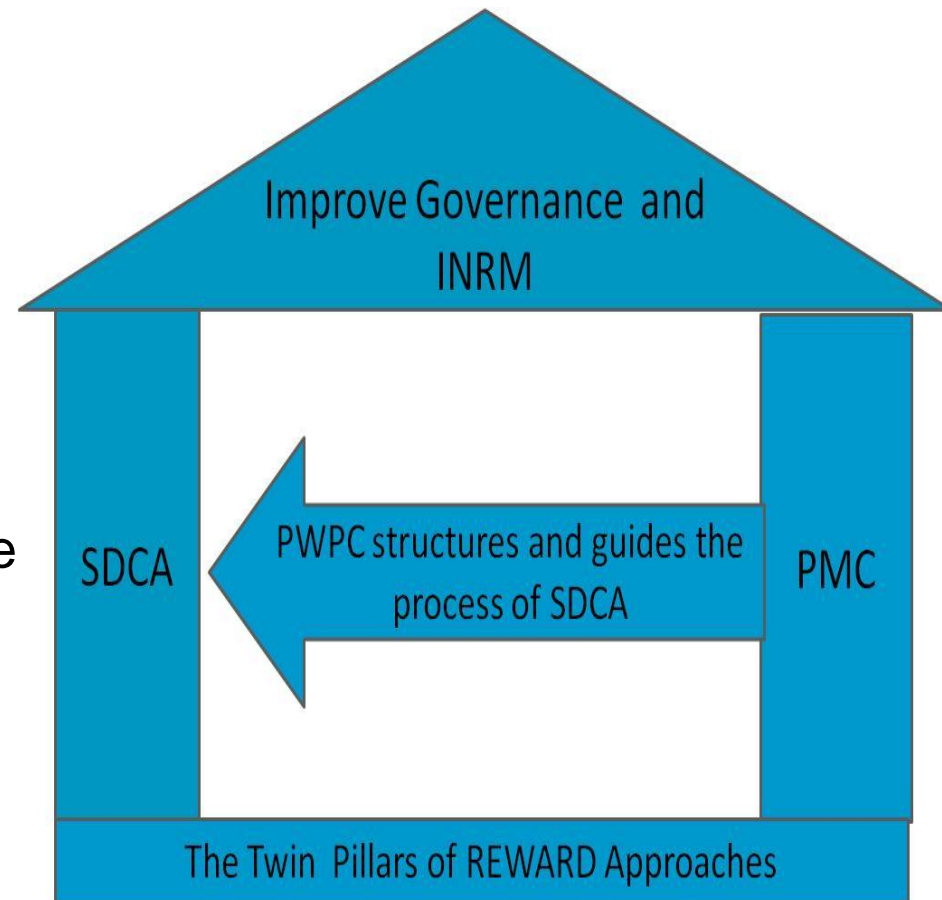
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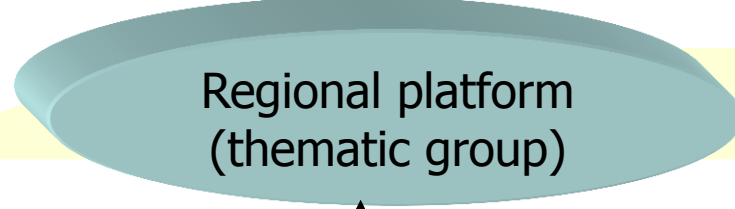
- Developing practical methodologies
- Involvement of local communities and relevant stakeholders
- Environmental concerns and watershed dynamics (down/up stream effects) and interaction with ground water management
- Socio-Economic analysis that takes into account ecosystem services
- Poverty alleviation and Gender mainstreaming

## The program builds on:

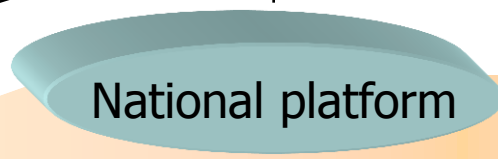
1. Stakeholder Dialogue and Concerted Action
2. Participatory Planning and Management Cycle

*All start from “we have to do things better”  
more integrated; more nature; more  
participation*





**Regional / Global**



**National**

Identify countries



Establish National platform

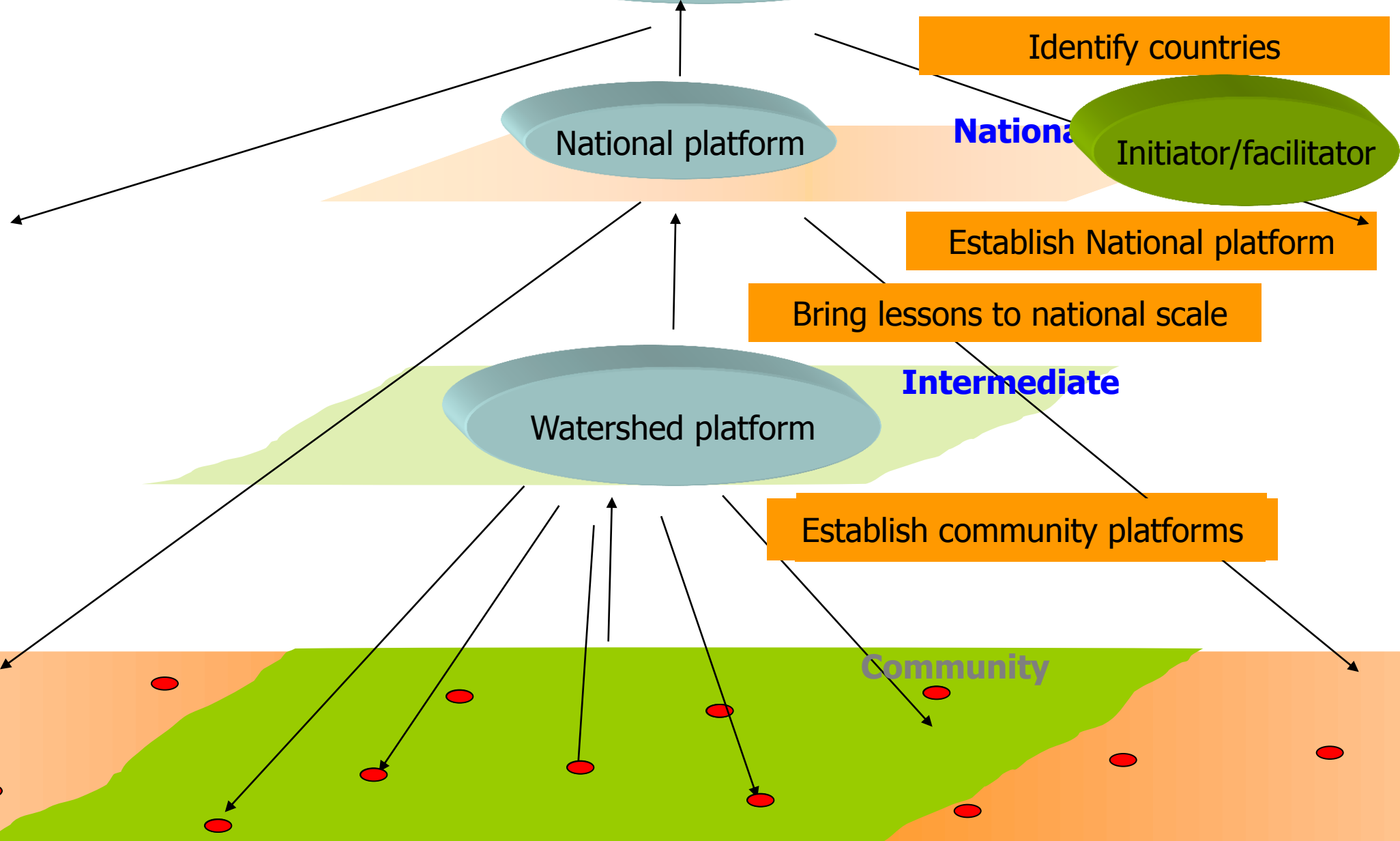
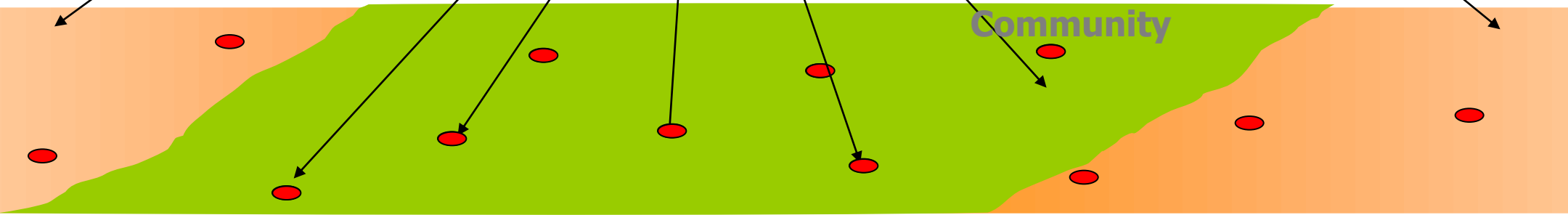
Bring lessons to national scale

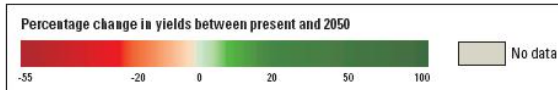
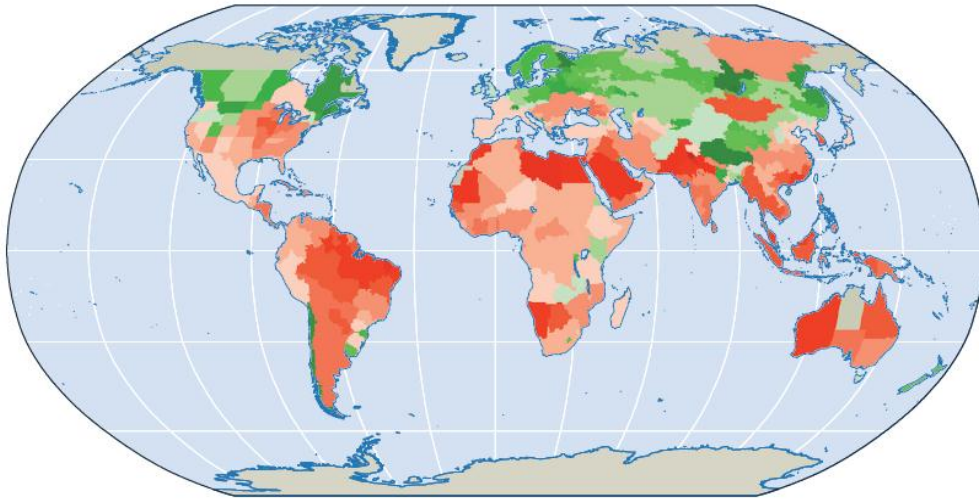
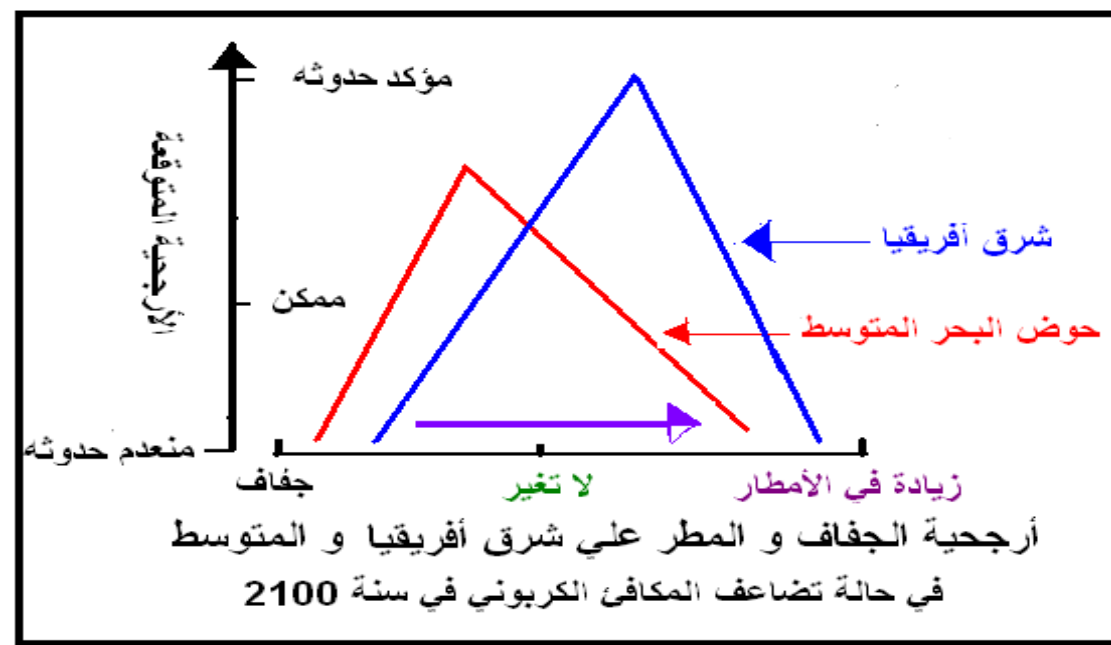


**Intermediate**

Establish community platforms

**Community**





**Climate change will lead to reduce agricultural yields in most countries by 2050 because of current farming practices and crop varieties**



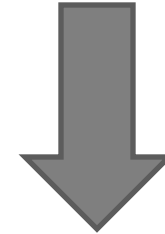




## Resulting Impacts:

### A. Food insecurity:

Food production would face an increased threat, arising from and increasing aridity and changes in the growing seasons and reduced agricultural yields.



- **Increased poverty,**
- **undermining economic development,**
- **& delay or prevent the realization of the MDGs.**



# TIME FOR!!!!!! INTEGRATED Natural RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

## Environmental Governance



# **Governance is more than government**



# Interaction

the State  
and  
its Citizens

# Interaction

- Rules – laws and other norms
  - Institutions
  - Processes
  - Principles



# Interaction

## Powers

and

## Responsibilities

# Interaction to do what?

- To make decisions
- To implement decisions



# Governance

is the

interaction of **rules, institutions, processes and principles**

through which a society exercises

**powers and responsibilities**

to **make and implement decisions**

affecting their lands and natural resources  
users.



Who has the **power** to **make a decision** that affects natural resources and natural resource users ?

**How** is the decision made?

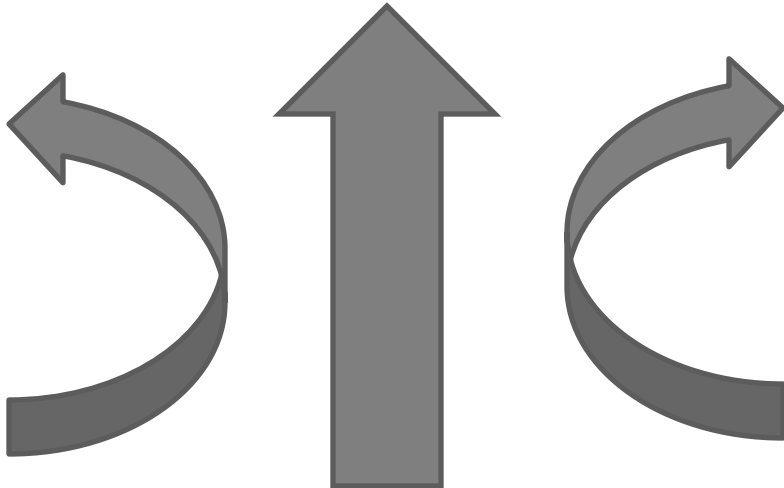
Who has the **responsibility** to **implement a decision** that affects natural resources and natural resource users?

**How** is the decision implemented?



**Sustainable Land Management**

**Economic  
Efficiency**

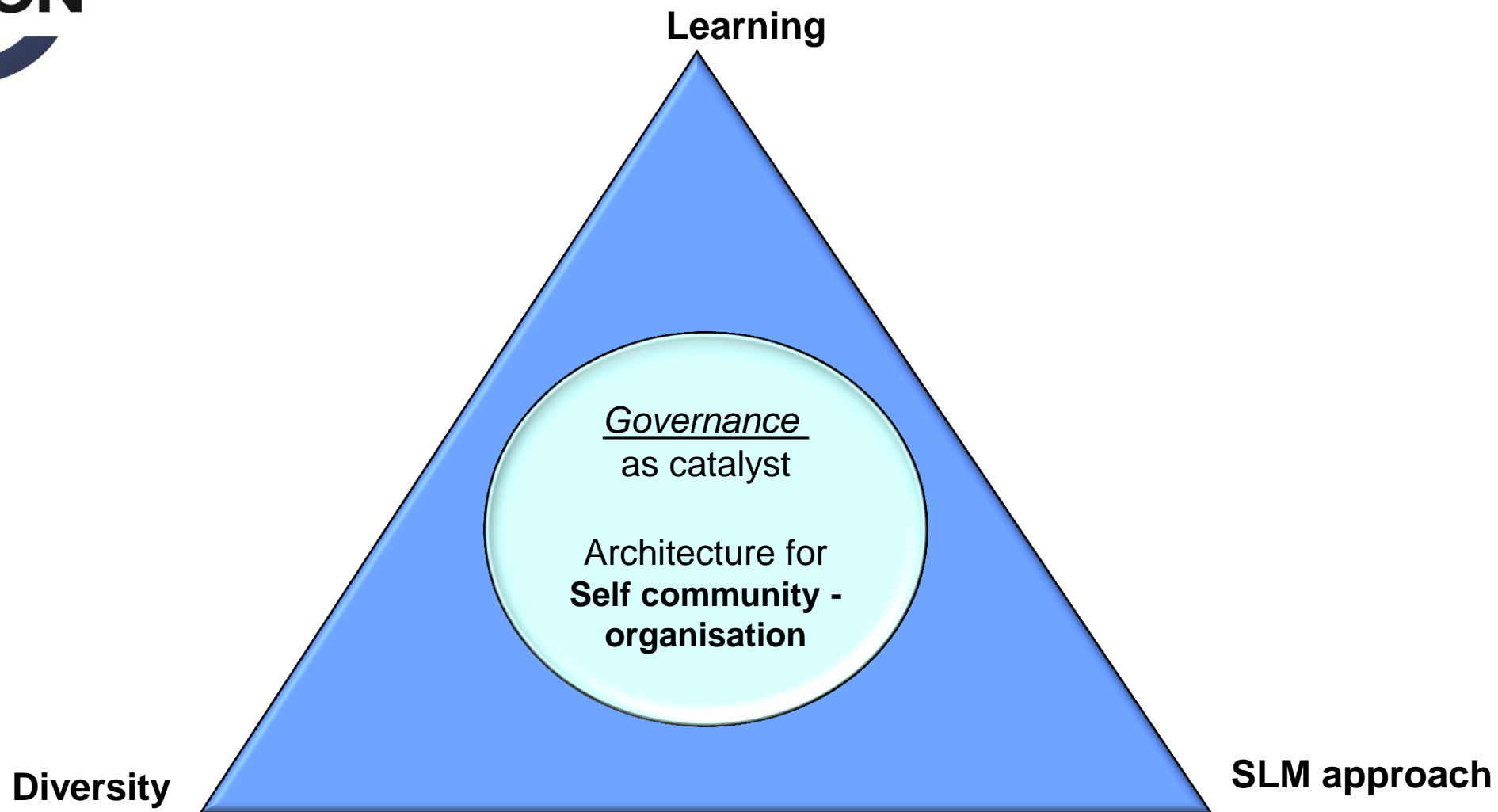


**Social Equity**

**Environmental Sustainability**



**BUT HOWWWWW?!!?!?**





## IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS:

- ❑ Defining Land Users groups (LUGs) and the Use of Natural resources is needed to assess if such conditions are in place (or not).
- ❑ To ensure that the poorest and most vulnerable have their rights share in NR and can exercise control and ownership over it.

### Its important to:

- Identify all sources of Land
- Identify all Users of Land
- Identify ALL uses of Land (*formal and informal economy*)
- Gender disaggregation of data
- Question gender stereotypes
- Identify access to Land (When, How much, How long, To what access of land benefit)
- Identify control over land (Decision making power (formal/informal), Rights (formal/informal; visible/invisible), Recognition and respect as user, Action to change is respected)



## Intervention for Sustainability

### ❖ Strengthening Local Government:

- To reach the stage of full decentralization the capacity building

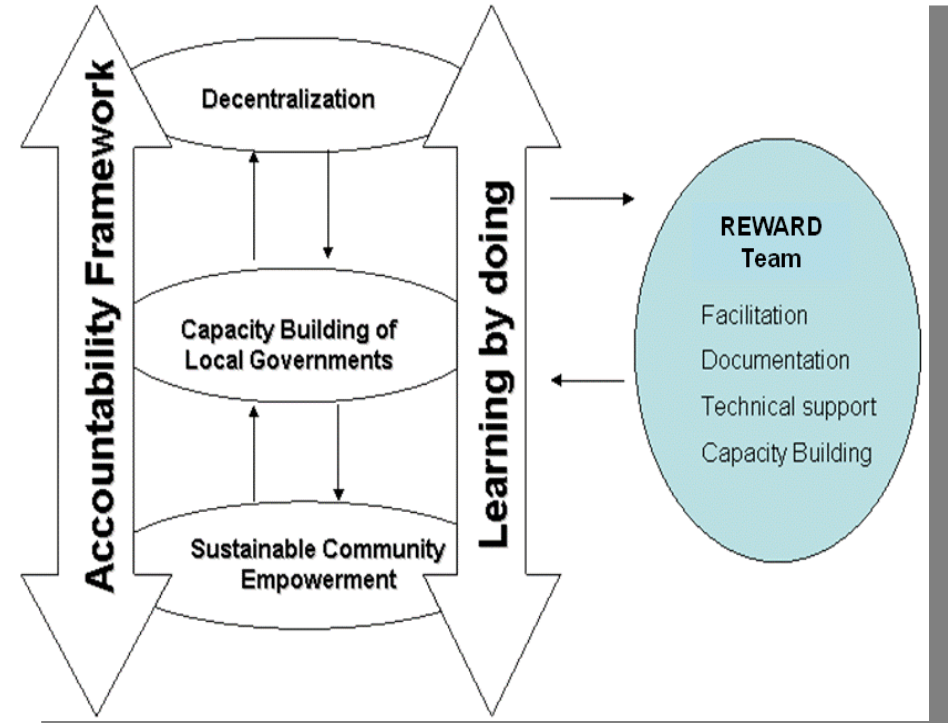
### ❖ Empowerment local level:

- Empowering the local community to be able to participate in the decision making process concerning their water resources.

Through building their accountability



**It will probably gives further insights in decision-making and concerted actions processes, while deepening understanding on attitudes and believes of related Stakeholders**





# Stakeholder Dialogue for Concerted Action

People are brought together from the village and local authority levels through ***local water committees*** supported by ***water stakeholder platforms at intermediate and national level.***

## Aims:

- Identify different opinions, perceptions, preoccupations, assumptions, and judgments
- Identify opportunities for mutual benefit
- Raise awareness of constraints and opportunities that affect everyone
- A greater emphasis on pro-poor and rights-based approaches







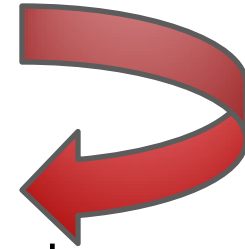
## Problem focused, Pro-poor and Right-based through

- ❑ Process facilitation at the community and governorate levels
- ❑ Enhancing active involvement of under-privileged groups in local water activities
- ❑ Strengthen capacities and “claim making power of community based organizations to deal with other players in the water sector.
- ❑ Facilitate coordination and planning between community based organizations and these other players



## Accountability Analysis

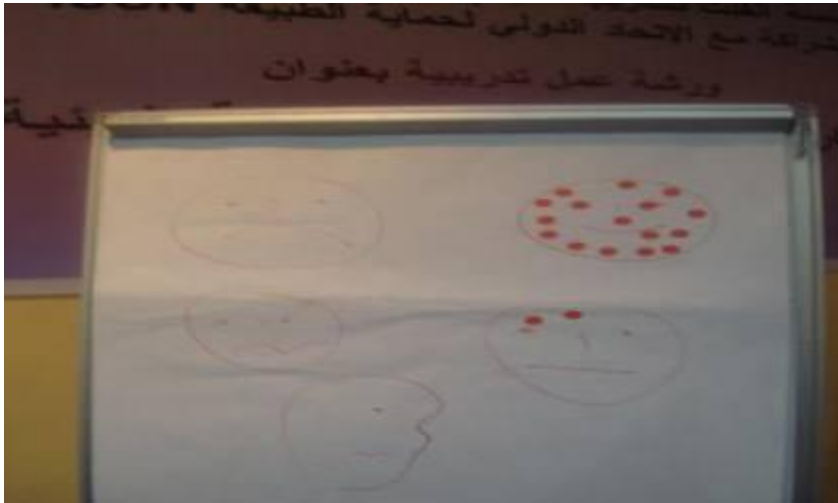
The **sustainability** of specific NRM measures is at risk when those directly concerned in local communities are not involved and feel no ownership over the resource and/or ownership for the way it is used and managed



- ❑ It will probably gives further insights in decision-making and concerted actions processes, while deepening understanding on attitudes and believes of different WUGs.
- ❑ Accountability is important when assessing the degree that local people in communities are willing and able to take ownership for the management of their local water resources. To avoid any confusion, such ownership is not necessarily the same as ownership over the water resource itself.

## Through

- ❑ A true participatory approach (self-mobilization versus extracting information)
- ❑ Help local people's to claim their rights and assume accountability for local water management



- ❑ Combining short-term benefits (pilot projects) with long-term visions and strategies
- ❑ Vertical institutional up-scaling of communication and coordination through SDCA



## Getting Knowledge about:

- ❑ How to work together in a stakeholder platform
- ❑ How to collect, analyze, store and share useful information
- ❑ How to plan and manage in a participatory way natural resources uses in communities, districts and governorates





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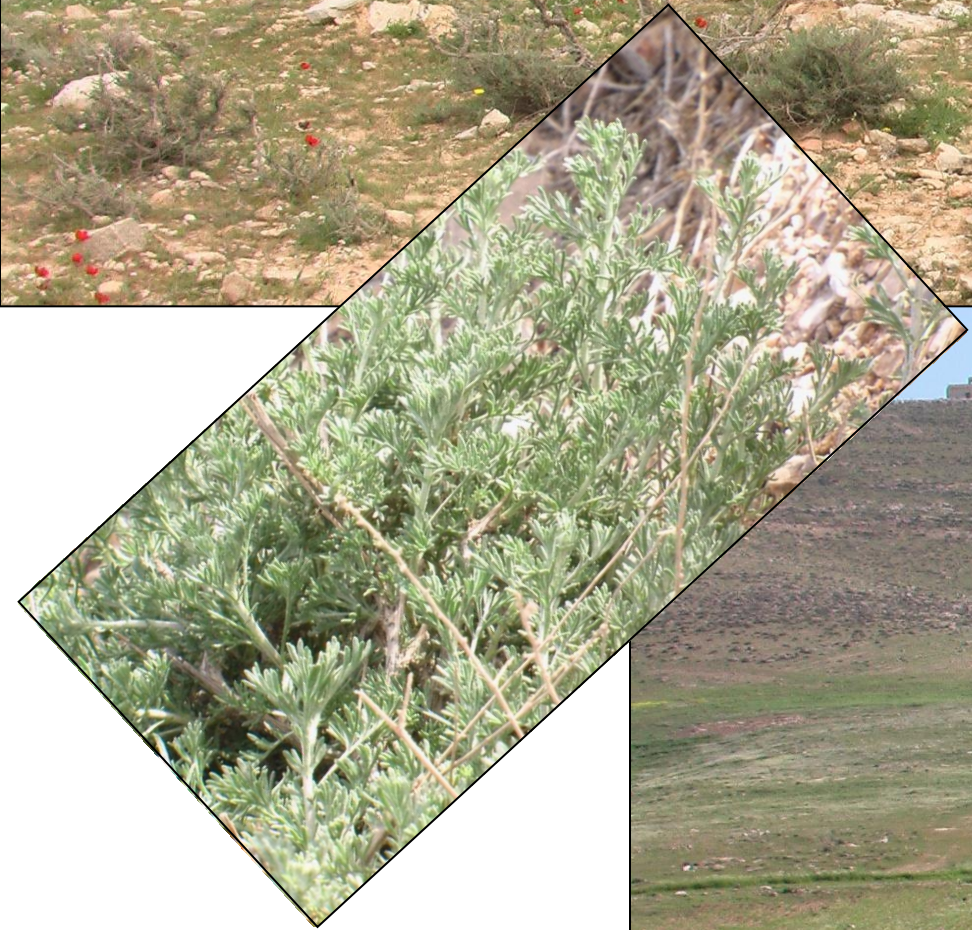


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## Lessons Learned

- ❑ The local capacity exists, but needs empowerment to be harnessed. This capacity has been cloaked by a lack of local empowerment to use it. Any definition of capacity that focuses only on technical capacity will miss the huge potential that exists.
- ❑ Local participation can also be a powerful tool for conflict resolution, where social and political conflicts, arising from competing demands on scarce water resources, have started to be resolved by engaging local stakeholders in a continuous dialogue.
- ❑ Participatory approach cannot be achieved unless suitable skills are acquired.







## Finally Towards Sustainable Development



**Sustainability is a central premise if capacity building is understood as being more than simply training, but rather a process of allowing people to have influence over decisions and resources that affect their livelihoods in the long term.**

We have to work together and share our efforts



Thank you

