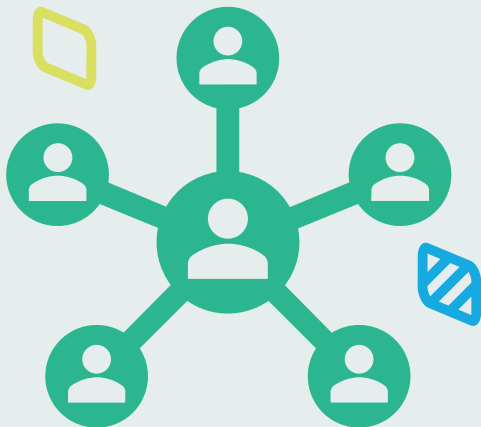


French BREAK-OUT Room



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Critical discussion about Agroecological Food System Transformation

Group

- 15+ participants
- From
 - Benin
 - Burkina
 - Canada (Mali, Burkina, Ghana)
 - Kenya
 - Morrocco
 - RDC



Q1: STRENGTHS

- Very comprehensive overview
- Holistic framing; we need a landscape + systems approach → It is great that the system context is the entry point, and that impacts are reflected at the system level
- It is important that consumer rights and their roles are clearly reflected → appreciation for the explicit inclusion of consumers is well received



Q2: GAPS

- Strengthen importance of governance aspect is very important; if decision-makers are not involved, it will fail → incentives/subsidies need to be aligned
- Strengthen importance of capacity building at the community level is very important, beyond individual implementation of AE practices; important to consider women and youth here as well
- Emphasize that this needs to be a participatory approach
- The importance of farming as such is no longer clearly stated – include language surrounding agriculture and farming
- Inclusion and equity is not sufficiently explicit – it is easy to focus on production and those who can produce much, but we need to consider the others as well
- Steps allude to there being a sequence, and perhaps even a prioritization – should perhaps be changed
- Importance to emphasize implementation and the implementation vehicles; especially also of policies (i.e. Benin has an AE policy but implementation is not felt)
- Address the inclusion of research centers, and the importance of research dissemination
- Strengthen mention of civic engagement – governance step is “far” from producers and others
- Mention financing of AE transitions more clearly
- No mention of the private sector – need PPPs to scale out AE



Q2: More gaps

- Rural women need to be mentioned more explicitly
- Pricing of AE production (should be increased) – to strengthen adoption
- There seems to be a simplification of the system transformation concept – there needs to be mention of equitable and inclusive networks of producers (perhaps in step 3)
- Could we drop the steps language, and adopt a bottom-up structuring around sustainable production + even more the sustainable consumption → those can be the real drivers, and we might be able to represent that
- Useful, but some of the details are “discutables”
- The question of where to start is not well addressed – but also juxtaposes with the fact that the sequencing is not desired either
- Economic rationales that underpin each of the steps (esp. the farming aspects) are not well explored (i.e. natural and financial resource access required for AE farming) → understand why the conventional model continues to flourish and learn about incentives required
- The model is opposed to the current model – we need to see how we can move from the current model rather than just seeing a vision of this alternative model



Q8: Next steps

- Model needs to be improved before being scaled

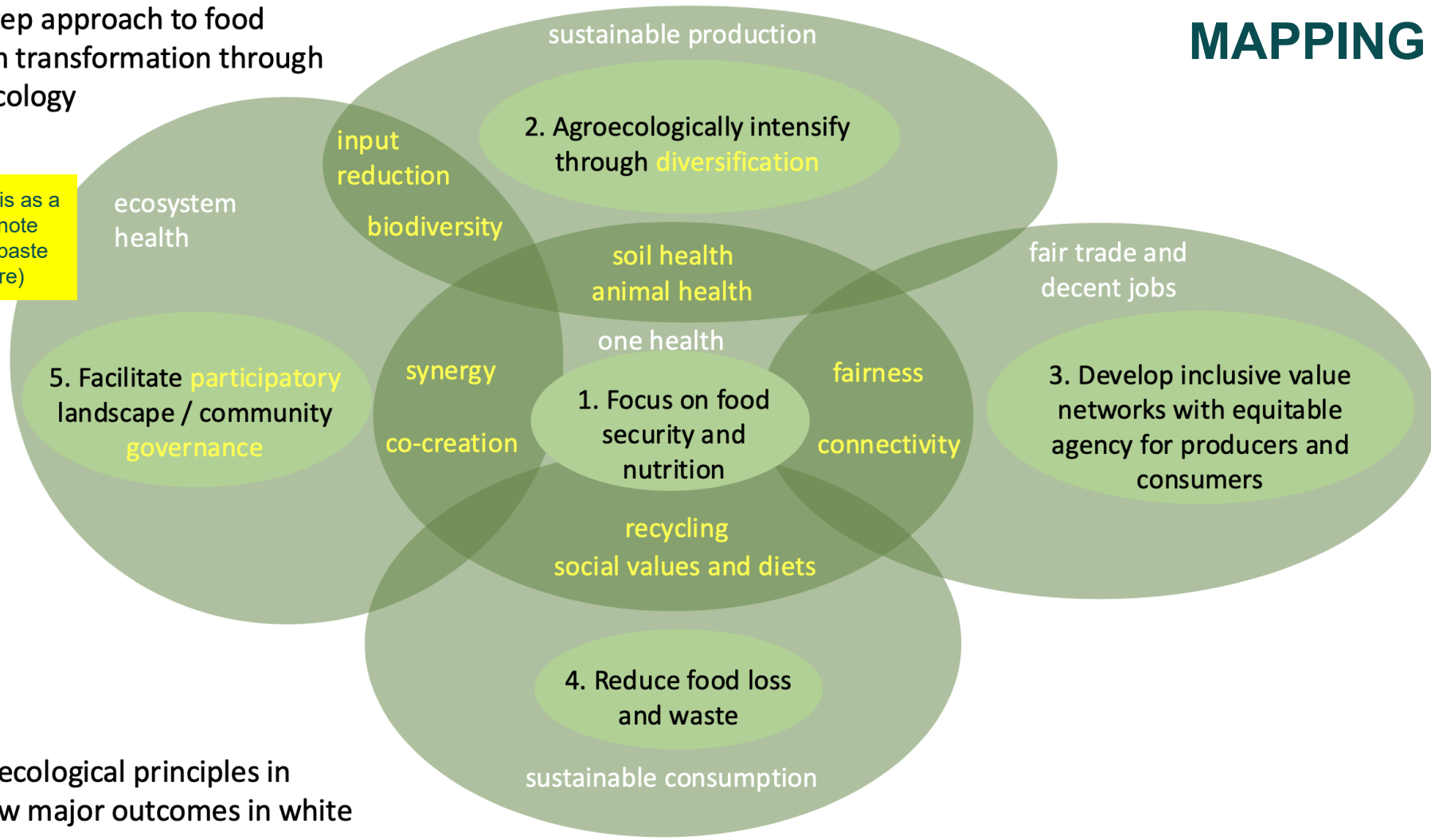




MAPPING IT ON THE 5-STEP APPROACH FRAMEWORK!

Five step approach to food system transformation through agroecology

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