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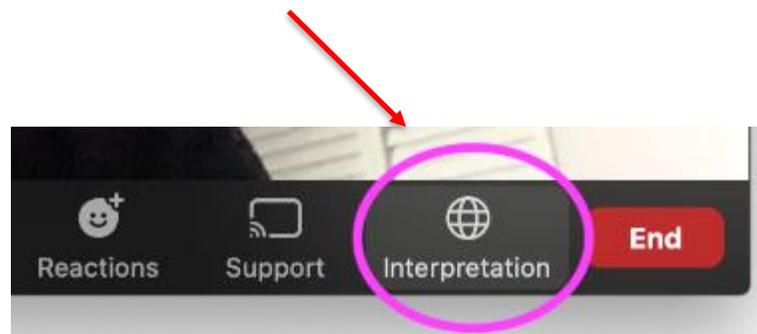
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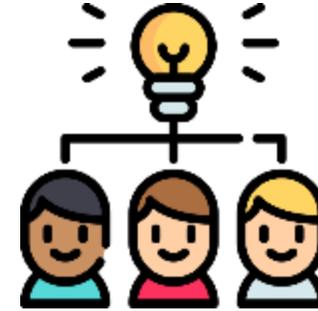
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First session:
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language group:
mapping needs,
strengths and
weaknesses

Speakers



Franck Kinninvo, Expert in decentralisation and communication, Executive Director of the "Le Municipal" foundation, member of the Africities strategic group of UCLG Africa (**Benin**)



Dr. Theresia Gunawan, Innovation expert and lecturer, Catholic University of Parahyangan, Bandung, (**Indonesia**)



Dr. Mahmoud Diop, Director of the Kaolack Regional Development Agency, Director of the Kaolack Territorial Accompaniment Centre and UCLGA/ALGA Certified Territorial Accompanist (**Senegal**)

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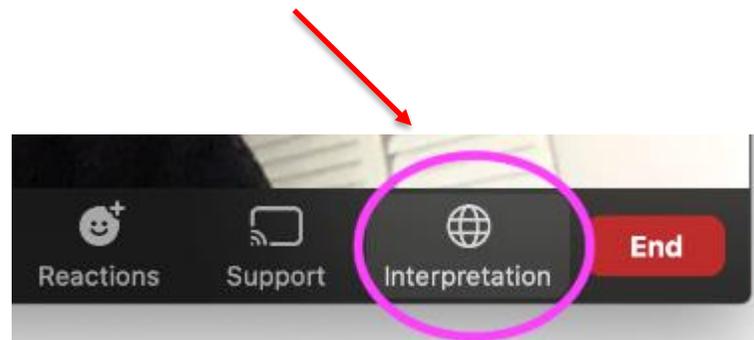
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BANDUNG FOOD SMART CITY

CO- CREATION IN FOOD SECURITY



BANDUNG HIGHLIGHT: 4
ISSUES



OUR
COLLABORATION

OUTLINE



CO CREATION



LESSON LEARNED

BANDUNG HIGHLIGHT ON FOOD SECURITY

Ninety-five percent of the food supply in Bandung city comes from surrounding areas near Bandung.



BANDUNG HIGHLIGHT ON FOOD SECURITY

FOOD WASTE

60% of waste in landfill is
food waste



**60%
SAMPAH
PADAT**

MERUPAKAN SAMPAH
SISA MAKANAN.

Ternyata dari total sampah sisa makanan yang kita hasilkan setiap hari menghasilkan gas metana yang dapat merusak lingkungan loh...

 @dlhk_kotabandung  DLHK Kota bandung  @dlhk_kotabdg



BANDUNG HIGHLIGHT ON FOOD SECURITY

POVERTY

In 2021, the poverty rate in Bandung was 112.5 thousand people (4.37 percent),

with the extreme poverty rate amounting to 1,920 people.



BANDUNG

HIGHLIGHT ON FOOD SECURITY



STUNTING

Number of Stunting in Indonesia

2021	2022
24.4%	21.6%

Food Security Stakeholders



THE AIMS OF COLLABORATION



COMMUNITY-BASED URBAN FARMING

BURUAN SAE





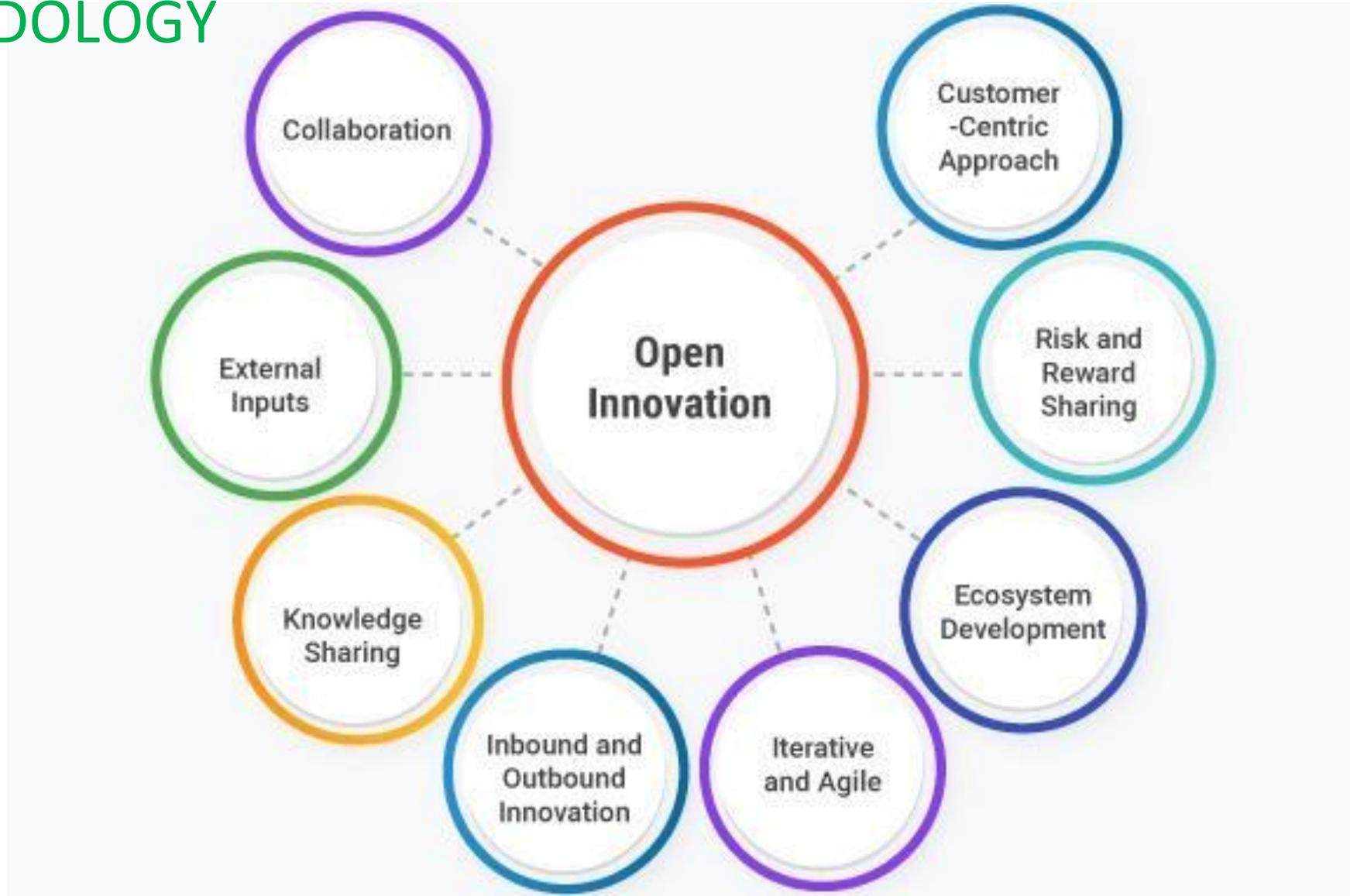
CO CREATION

WE DEFINE CO-
CREATION AS A WAY
OF COLLABORATING
AND DEVELOPING A
VALUE.

2023



METHODOLOGY

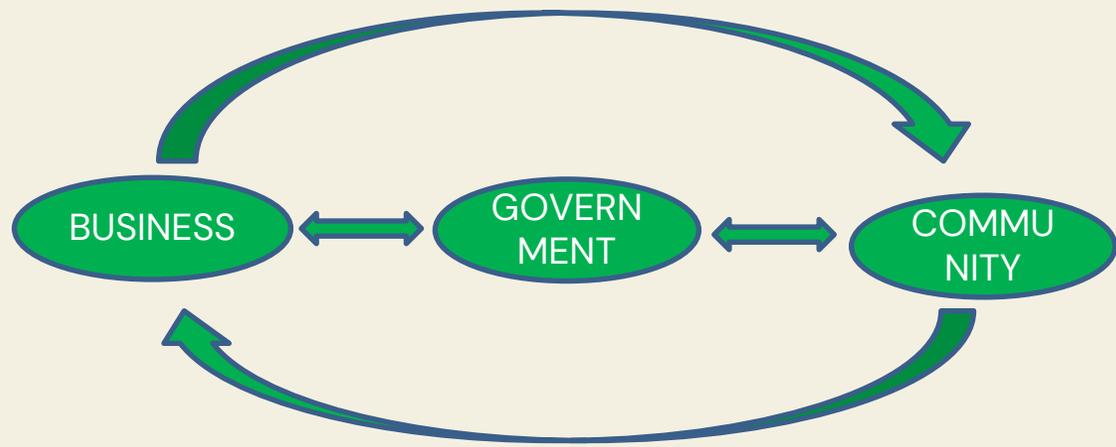


*Help others achieve their dreams
and you will achieve yours.*

Les Brown



We help government
We help MUFPP
We help NGO's
We help business
We help media
We help other
campuses
We help community



MANTAP (maunya tanam apa?)

PT PINDAD



BURUAN SAE



CO-CREATION

"WE GROW as You WISH"



Mercure Hotel Planet 21

CO- CREATION

"Can you supply our vegetables
need? "

GOVERNMENT- BUSINESS -
ACADEMIC- COMMUNITY- NGO (
RIKOLTO- GSSI)

URBAN FARMING IN CO-CREATION CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND CIRCULAR ORGANIC



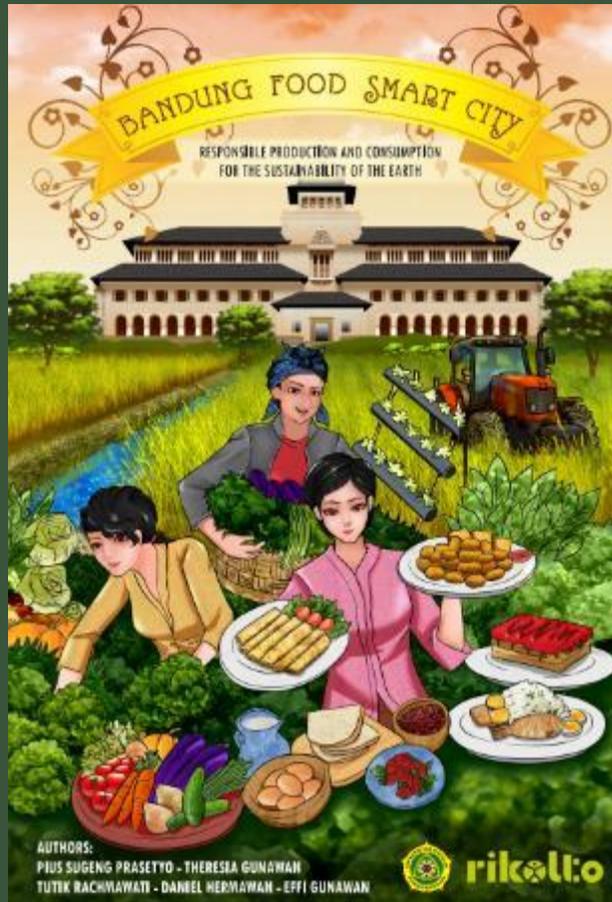


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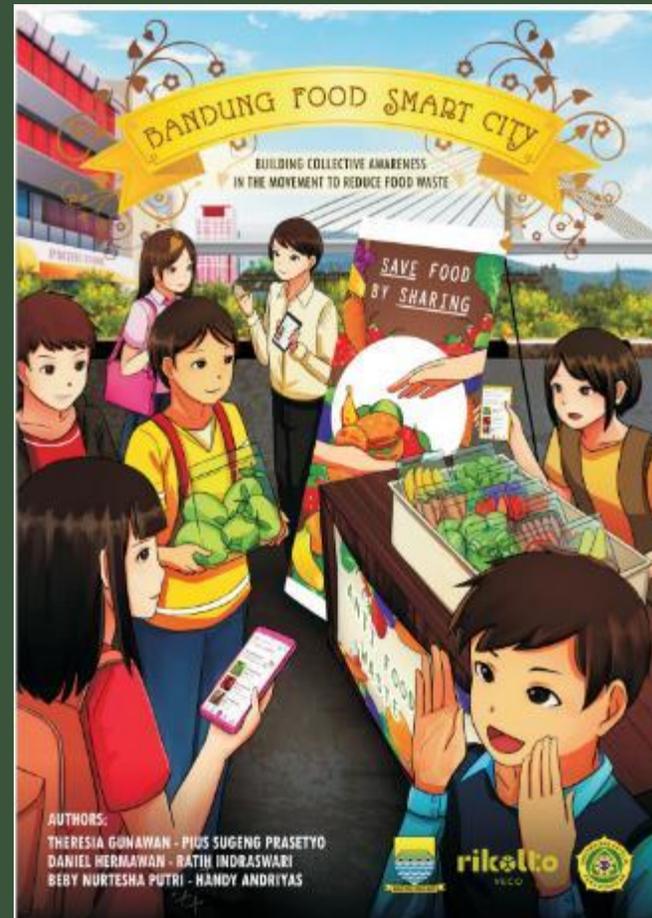
CO CREATION- GOVERNMENT X UNPAR X RIKOLTO X MUFPP X EU X BURUAN SAE



PUBLICATIONS



1 st Book - 2019



2 sd Book - 2021



3 rd Book - 2023

CO-CREATION FOOD REGULATION BY BANDUNG FOOD SECURITY STAKEHOLDERS



BENEFIT OF FOOD SECURITY CO- CREATION

**Developing
Community
interactions**

**(Gathering,
Sharing and
Growing)**



BENEFIT OF FOOD SECURITY CO- CREATION

**Reducing the
number of
stunts by
providing
nutritious foods**



BENEFIT OF FOOD SECURITY CO- CREATION

**Economical
value – reducing
cost of
accessing
healthy food**



**CHALLENGE OF
CO- CREATION**

Maintaining high levels of commitment and engagement



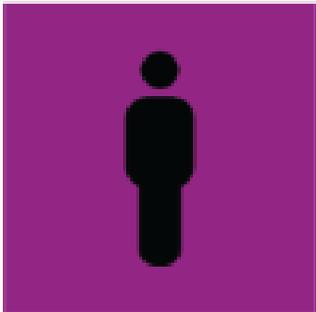
- Sharing benefits among all parties involved- includes financial profit and other benefits.

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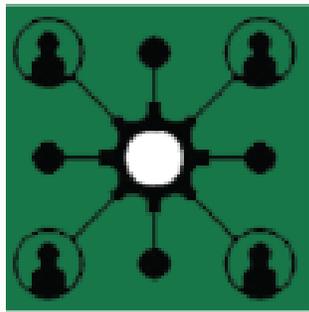


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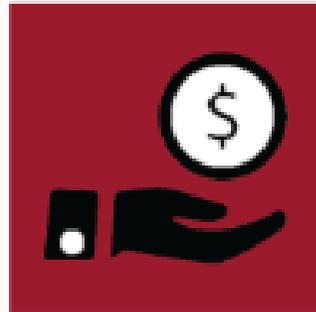
Parties involved in co-creation may have different interests ex: profit, better products, better services and better environment.



INDIVIDUAL



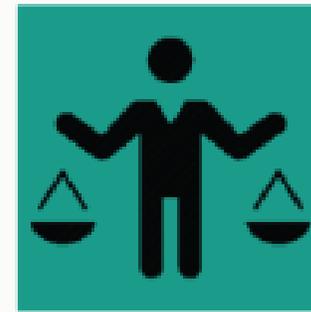
ORGANIZATION



**PERSONAL
BENEFIT**



**SIMULTANEOUS
ROLE**



DECISION



RESULTS

FOOD SECURITY CO-CREATION

- Growing Number of Urban farming communities
- (375 communities)
- and still counting.....



LESSON-LEARNED OF BANDUNG CO-CREATION

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- LEADERSHIP
- COMMUNICATION
- COLLABORATION
 - HOW

THANK YOU

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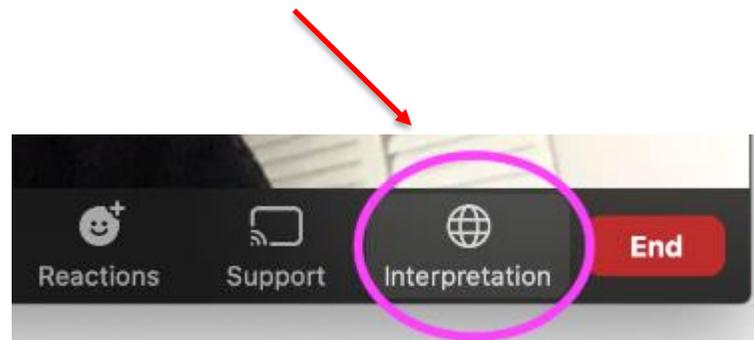
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ONE PEOPLE-ONE GOAL-ONE
FAITH



TERRITORIAL COACHING IN THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE SALT INDUSTRY IN THE KAOLACK REGION: THE ESSENTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE SOCIOGRAM AND THE "PRO ACTION CAFÉ" TOOL IN THE TERRITORIAL COORDINATION OF THE APPROACH

Webinar organised by the
Sustainable Cities Platform
28 September 2023

Dr Mahmoud DIOP
Director of the Kaolack
Territorial Coaching Centre and
Director of Kaolack PREDA

OUTLINE OF THE PRESENTATION

1. Context
2. Why have we chosen to address the structural transformation of the regional economy through territorial coaching: the case of the salt industry?
3. How? By what means? With what tools?
4. What are the results and effects?
5. What happens next?



CONTEXT

2016: the President of the Kaolack Departmental Council travelled to the Oriental region to see the Territorial Coaching programme in action, and then entered into a South-South decentralised cooperation agreement with the President of the Oriental Regional Council.

2017: the first reflections are taking shape in Kaolack, with the support of the coaching territorial Senegal focal point set up by Echos Communication and UCLGA.

2018: The Kaolack Territorial Coaching Centre was inaugurated on 4 February 2018 by Presidents Biioui and Ndiaye, in the presence of Mr Sow, Director of the Office of the Minister for Territorial Governance, the President of the Kaye Regional Council and the President of the Kaye Chamber of Commerce.

June 2018: launch of the Centre's operational activities



WHY WE HAVE CHOSEN TO ADDRESS THE STRUCTURAL TRANSFORMATION OF THE LOCAL AND REGIONAL ECONOMY THROUGH TERRITORIAL COACHING

The absolute need to put in place initiatives and solutions to enable the development of the economy, businesses, jobs, etc. to meet the aspirations of the people of the region.

The region, which is essentially agricultural, rural and marine, has a wealth of resources that are insufficiently exploited and hold great potential.

We felt that Territorial Coaching was an innovative, relevant and appropriate approach to driving this change:

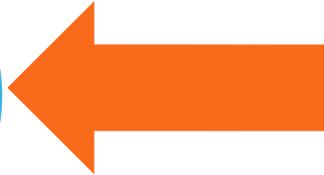
- Reveal the **potential of the** region's dynamic forces **to converge** and facilitate the adoption of behaviours, skills and visions that will enable real dialogue and change to take place.
- deliver **concrete results**: restore trust between stakeholders, develop proposals for appropriate and diversified solutions by stakeholders on the ground.



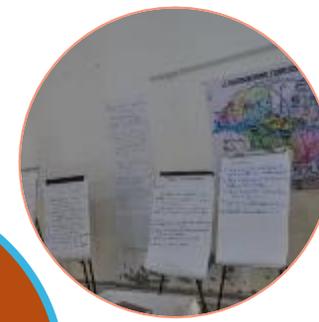
A WELL-ORGANISED APPROACH IN 6 SEQUENCES



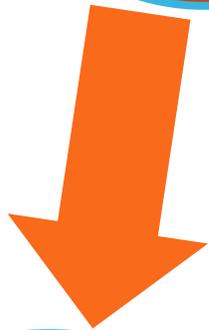
MULTI-STAKEHOLDER
MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING
5



STAKEHOLDER
ACTION PLAN
AND
STRUCTURED
DIALOGUE
WITH CT
4



DIAGNOSIS OF
HUMAN
DYNAMICS
1



MONITORING
AND
SUPPORT
FOR
IMPLEMENTATION
6



SYNERGY
WORKSHOPS
3



SOCIOGRAM
2



THE SOCIOGRAM: CHARACTERISTICS AND INTERPRETATION

The sociogram is a tool used to identify all the players in a sector of activity and their interaction within a given area. It was used to assess the human dynamics of the salt industry at the start of the territorial coaching process.

Benefits of the sociogram :

- a. Identifying the players
- b. Characterise the dynamics of the relationship between them
- c. Highlighting the "holes" in relationships
- d. Propose a common vocabulary around which we can debate
- e. To offer a tool that can be used to develop the best change strategy for moving towards an improved future.

PRO ACTION CAFÉ TOOL: CHARACTERISATION OF THE APPROACH

- A space for creative and inspiring **conversation**
- Based on a set of **integrated principles** that reveal a deeper, living way of working
- Generate ideas, share knowledge, stimulate **innovative thinking** and analyse options for action on known topics or issues, all in a relaxed atmosphere.

Course

- Inclusion circle to connect participants to each other and to the session to follow.
- The facilitator asks the participants to think of a question that they would like to put to the group, that they would like to clarify and to which they have a personal connection.
- Everyone meditates in silence for a short while (possibly a set time), then the leader suggests that those who have a question to ask briefly share it with the group.

Questioners stand up and move to a table where their questions will be dealt with. The other participants sit down until all the tables are full.

(1 questioner + 3 or 4 participants).

WHAT RESULTS AND EFFECTS FOR THE SALT INDUSTRY

After 3 months of regional coordination, players in the salt industry presented their **priority action plan**, organised into 5 areas and 21 actions, to local players, government departments and development partners. The plan was unanimously approved, enabling the signing of a **multi-stakeholder memorandum of understanding to implement the action plan**.

Coaching the players throughout the process has also made it possible to :

- A positive **change in the behaviour** of those involved in the salt industry;
- Communication and **dialogue** between local authorities and between stakeholders;
- Providing impetus, leadership and impetus to local areas
- Generate considerable **economic and financial spin-offs**, with the turnover of the Regional Salt Cooperative rising from 80 million in 2018 to 1.4 billion in 2020, thanks to the purchase of their quality produce by major national companies such as PATISSEN.



AND NOW?

- **Pursuing the structural transformation of the local and regional economy** to make the Sine Saloum cluster (Kaolack, Fatick and Kafrine regions) a driving force behind the country's development. Several sectors have already expressed a desire to be supported by territorial coaching: processing of agricultural products, market gardening, crafts, horticulture, etc.
- **The integration of the territorial coaching approach** within local authorities, local administrations and partners, as an essential practice for sustainable development and good territorial governance, in response to the many demands already expressed: migration, youth - employment - entrepreneurship, waste, environment, etc.
- **The continuation and perpetuation of the Territorial Coaching Centre** at the service of all, not only in the Kaolack region, but also at the service of the territory, the country and the sub-region.
- **Implementing and monitoring the results**, actions and solutions arising from the territorial coaching work
- **Strengthening the leadership of elected representatives** to implement this innovative approach



This involves formalising an ambitious territorial coaching programme for the period 2023 - 2025, jointly developed with partners, local authorities, government departments, funding agencies, etc.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION

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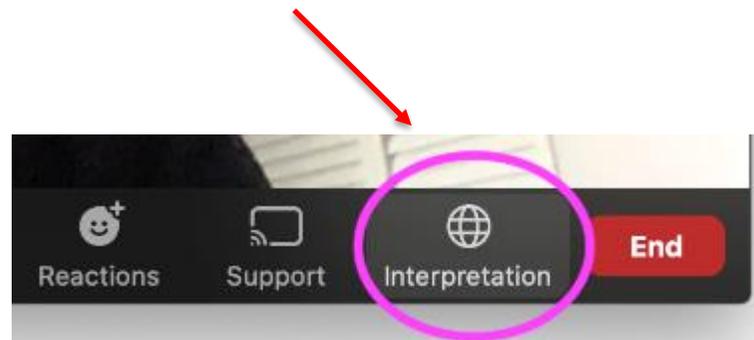
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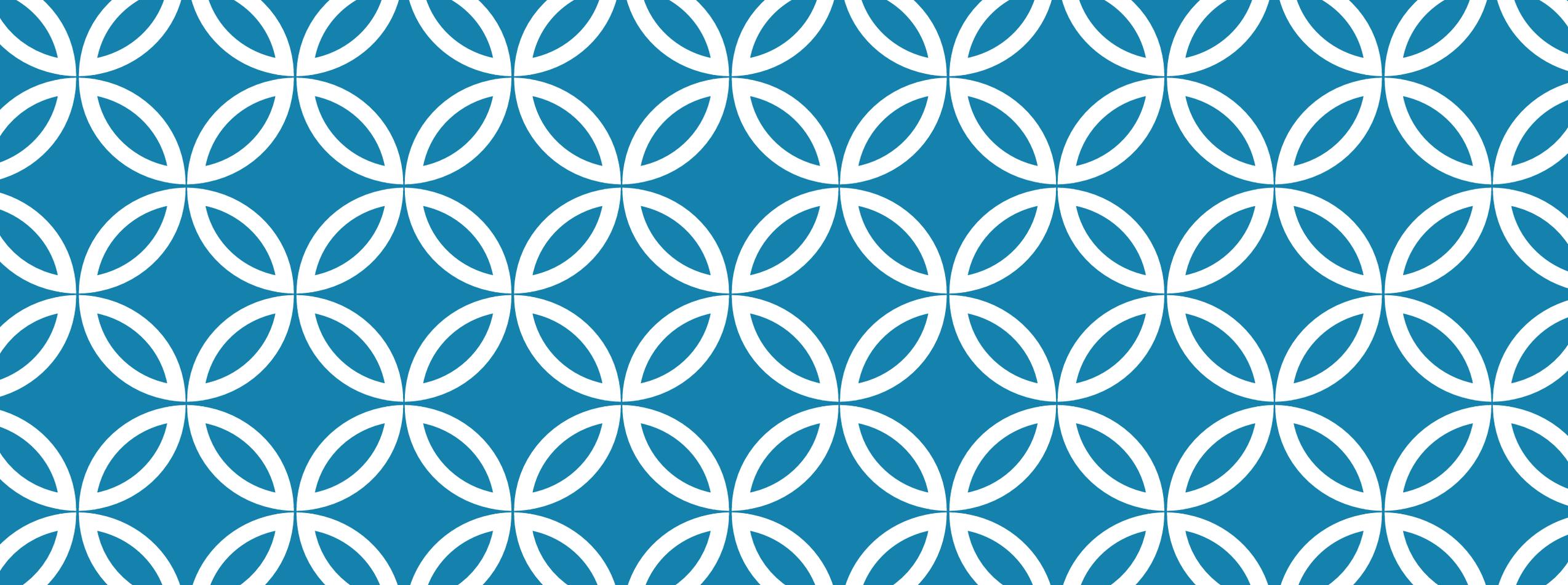
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CHALLENGES AND PROGRESS OF CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN BENIN - FOCUS ON THE TOWN OF COPARGO

ONLINE FROM COTONOU, 28 SEPTEMBER 2023

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PRESENTATION PLAN

INTRODUCTION

I- CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

A- Definition of terminology

B- Levels of citizen participation and some tools

II- THE EXEMPLARY CASE OF THE COPARGA MUNICIPALITY

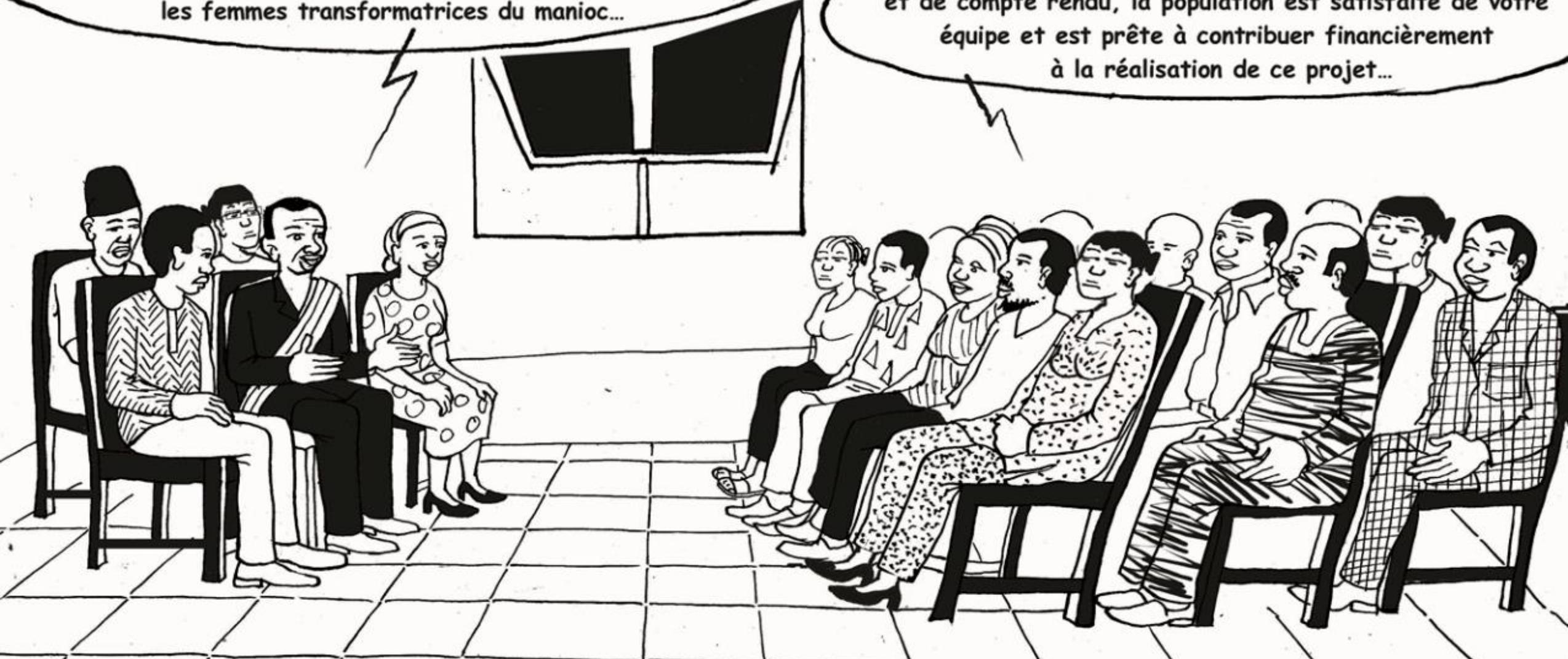
A- The existing system

B- Results and outlook

CONCLUSION

...En plus de la construction de ces modules de classe, nous avons, grâce à la coopération décentralisée construit le marché central et entamé la promotion de la filière halieutique. Seulement, il nous manque de ressources pour appuyer les femmes transformatrices du manioc...

« Monsieur le Maire, avec votre méthode de gestion et de compte rendu, la population est satisfaite de votre équipe et est prête à contribuer financièrement à la réalisation de ce projet...



INTRODUCTION

- **Structural reform of the decentralisation sector underway in Benin**
 - Territorial authorities = the institutional framework for the exercise of grassroots democracy and the privileged place for citizen participation in the management of local public affairs (art. 24 of the Code of Territorial Administration).
 - This provision lays the foundations for **local democracy**, synonymous with citizen participation, **good governance** and the development of the various players within local authorities.
- **Accountability** has been promoted as an essential tool for citizen participation. However, the people to whom it is addressed are not informed in advance about the public policies for which they are being held accountable.
- **Grassroots players share this view and agree on the need to...:**
 - Improve the content of the notion of citizen participation,
 - Assessing the opportunities offered by local autonomy to local players in this area
 - Inspire a renewal of grassroots democracy.

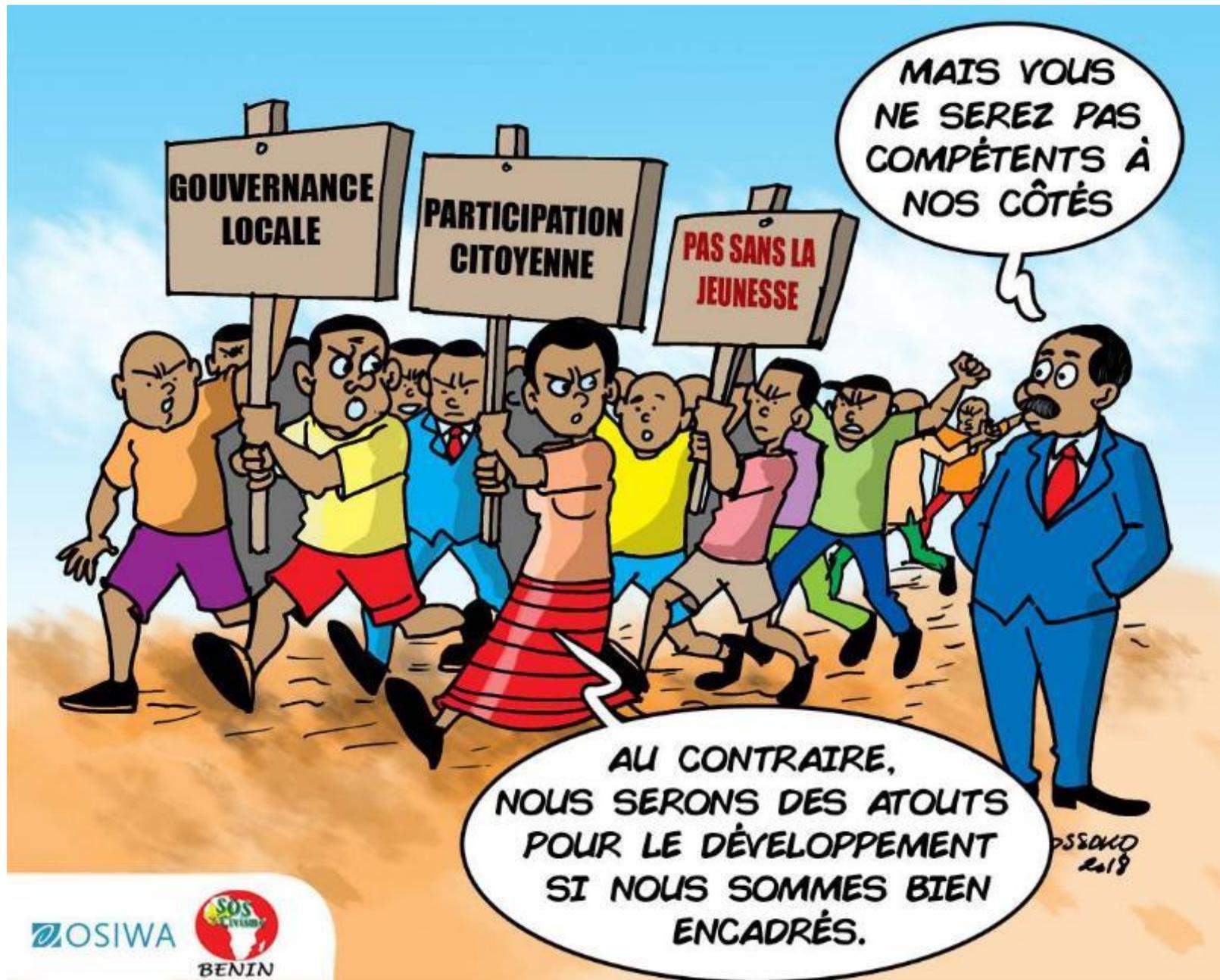
I- THE CONCEPT OF CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

A- Definition of terminology

- ❑ **Participation** refers to very diverse forms of intervention such as collaboration, competition, contribution, association, assistance, joint venture, profit-sharing or partnership... This definition already shows the importance of citizen participation. (source: [legal dictionary](#))
- ❑ According to Régis Debray - La République expliquée à ma fille, 1998, "A citizen is someone who participates voluntarily in the life of the city. He shares with his fellow citizens the power to elect and, if need be, to be elected. "

I- THE NOTION OF CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (CONTINUED)

- ❑ **Citizen participation at local level** is a direct local democracy mechanism that allows elected representatives and public administration (municipal) managers to involve citizens in the decision-making process of all kinds, outside voting periods.
- ❑ **Non-expert citizens may be invited to:**
 - ❑ give an opinion
 - ❑ formulate proposals on reform projects, public policies or controversial issues that require consensus-building.
 - ❑ formulate entire projects that the municipality takes into account without modification.
- ❑ **Citizen participation** is a way of taking into account the **diversity of opinions** and expectations of citizens in the definition of public policies.



I- THE NOTION OF CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (CONTINUED)

B- Levels of citizen participation and some tools

The work of Sherry Arnstein, 1969 on citizen participation.

□ An American author and sociologist, she emphasised that citizen participation is inseparable from citizen power. Her article "A Ladder of Citizen Participation", published in 1969, profoundly changed the way we think about citizen participation.

□ His work identifies **five relevant levels of** citizen participation in the management of public affairs.

La collectivité donne à la population les moyens de prendre des décisions en toute autonomie.



La collectivité et ses habitants collaborent sur un pied d'égalité pour co-construire la ville ou un quartier.



La collectivité fait participer activement ses habitants et tient compte de leurs avis, mais conserve le pouvoir de décision final.



La collectivité demande à ses habitants un avis non contraignant sur des décisions et des politiques spécifiques.



La collectivité fournit à ses habitants des informations transparentes, pertinentes et à jour.





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I- THE NOTION OF CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (CONTINUED)

B- Levels of citizen participation and some tools

Some tools for citizen participation

- Information tools:** consultation bodies set up as part of development communication (Communal Youth Council, Women's Council, etc.), posters, traditional media (radio, TV and newspapers) and social media, reporting sessions, press briefing or conference, etc.
- Tools for collecting opinions, consultation and consultation:** right of petition, consultation bodies set up as part of development communication (Communal Youth Council, Women's Council, etc.), budget, Annual Development Plan, Annual Investment Plan, suggestion boxes, online suggestion boxes, field surveys, neighbourhood meetings, public hearings or discussion groups, etc.
- Tools for co-decision:** consultation bodies set up as part of development communication (Communal Youth Council, Women's Council, etc.), budget, PAD or PAI, diagnostic workshop, working groups, strategic committees, neighbourhood committees, citizens' assemblies, etc.

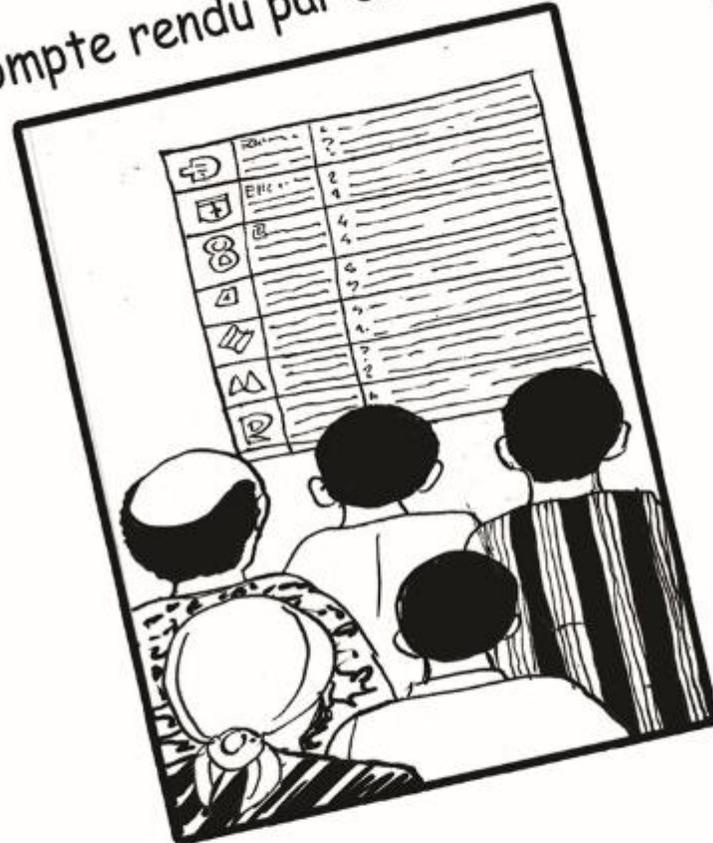
I- THE CONCEPT OF CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (END)

B- Levels of citizen participation and some tools

Some tools for citizen participation

- ❑ **Tools for co-decision:** consultation bodies set up as part of development communication (Communal Youth Council, Women's Council, etc.), budget, PAD or PAI, diagnostic workshop, working groups, strategic committees, neighbourhood committees, citizens' assemblies, etc.
- ❑ **Tools for autonomous decision-making by citizens:** consultation bodies set up as part of development communication (Communal Youth Council, Women's Council, etc.), budget, PAD or PAI, diagnostic workshop, working groups, strategic committees, neighbourhood committees, citizens' assemblies, etc.
- ❑ **An emblematic tool for citizen participation** is the Participatory Budget (choice of projects, project proposals). We'll be talking later about the Copargo model in Benin.
- ❑ **An emblematic tool for citizen participation:** development communication with its consultation and participation frameworks.

Compte rendu par affichage



Compte rendu par voie mediatique



Seance publique de compte rendu



La loi fait obligation aux élus locaux, notamment le maire de rendre compte aux populations. Ce compte rendu peut se faire par voie médiatique et d'affichage des décisions, des comptes de gestion et des rapports d'activités, soit par des séances de compte rendu... les citoyens eux-mêmes peuvent se déplacer à la mairie pour demander des informations leur permettant de suivre la gestion de leur cité. Un bon maire est celui qui rend compte et un bon citoyen, c'est celui qui demande des comptes.

II- THE EXAMPLE CASE OF THE COMMUNE DE COPARGO

A- The system in place for an "open municipality" in Copargo

Copargo is one of the municipalities in Benin to have understood that citizen participation goes beyond accountability. It has introduced a partial **participatory budget**:

- Issue of a **decree** instituting the Participatory Budget;
- Allocation of **financial resources** for the 2021 participatory budget;
- Organisation of **forums** at district level involving all sections of the community;
- Organisation of a **community forum** involving all sections of the community;
- Voting/approval of the municipal budget / **Popularisation**



DELIBERATION DU CONSEIL COMMUNAL DE COPARGO
N°2021—41/03-SO/CC/CC des 27 et 28 septembre 2021/2021 portant autorisation de
l'élaboration du budget participatif gestion 2022 de la commune de Copargo

Président de séance : M. Ignace OUIROU

Secrétaire de séance : M. ASSAN AOUDOU Mouta-Waldlou

Régulièrement constitué et réuni en séance publique en sa 3^{ème} session ordinaire des 27 et 28 septembre 2021,
Le quorum étant atteint ainsi que l'atteste la liste des présences jointe au compte rendu,

Vu la loi N° 90-52 du 11 décembre 1990 portant constitution de la République du Bénin, telle que modifiée par la loi n°2019-40 du 07 novembre 2019

Vu la décision portant proclamation par la Cour Constitutionnelle des résultats définitifs de l'élection présidentielle du 17 mai 2021;

Vu la loi 97-028 du 15 janvier 1999, portant Organisation de l'Administration Territoriale de la République du Bénin ;

Vu la loi 97-029 du 15 janvier 1999, portant organisation des communes en République du Bénin ;

Vu la loi 98-007 du 15 janvier 1999, portant régime financier des communes en République du Bénin ;

Vu l'Arrêté préfectoral année 2020 N°7/0063/P-SG-CM-STCCD-DCLC du 09 juin 2020 portant constatation du résultat de l'élection du Maire, des Adjoints au Maire de la Commune de Copargo

Après en avoir délibéré par :

- 14 voix pour ;
- 00 voix contre;
- 00 abstention.

DECIDE :

- 1- Est autorisée, l'élaboration du budget participatif gestion 2022 de la commune de Copargo
- 2- Le Maire est chargé de l'application de la présente délibération dès son approbation par l'Autorité de tutelle.

Fait à Copargo, le 27 septembre 2021
Le Maire,

Ignace OUIROU

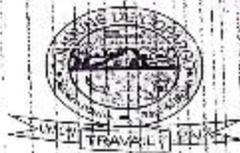
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Nombre de Conseillers présents.....14
Nombre de conseillers absents :.....00
Nombre de procurations : 00



II- THE EXAMPLE CASE OF THE COMMUNE DE COPARGO

B- The results achieved by Copargo thanks to the "open commune" (BP)

- ❑ **Requests from citizens for basic social services during village and neighbourhood forums (67 projects listed) in the following categories:** repair or construction of boreholes for human-powered pumps that have broken down, construction of classrooms or schools, construction of crossing structures, construction of market sheds, installation of solar panels, construction of youth centres, rehabilitation of AEVs, construction of storage warehouses, development of football pitches, construction of health centres, development of rural tracks, provision of qualified teachers, development of a water reservoir, establishment of an economic unit, opening of roads, installation of solar street lamps, construction of public latrine blocks, purchase of refuse collection trucks, construction of craftsmen's centres;
- ❑ **Prioritisation by district (12 projects selected):** Project to build a health centre in Katabam, Project to rehabilitate the Singré AEV, Project to build sheds on the new Singré market site, Project to build a crossing on the Anandana-Chabikouma road, Project to build the district youth centre; Project to set up a rice processing unit, Project to expand the Pabègou dispensary, Project to clean up the Pabègou market, Project to develop the football pitch, Project to build a crossing on the Gbamdi-Foutréka road, Project to build a maternity hospital in Gbamdi, Project to build a human-powered borehole in Bargo (Yaraou village).



DELIBERATION DU CONSEIL COMMUNAL DE COPARGO
N°2021-63/02-SE/CC/CC du 24 décembre 2021 portant adoption du/des projets dans le cadre
du processus d'élaboration du budget participatif de la commune de Copargo gestion
2022

Président de séance : **M. Ignace OUOROU**
Secrétaire de séance : **M. SANNIT. Bantehi**

Effectif total des conseillers : 17
Nombre de Conseillers présents : 15
Nombre de conseillers absents : 02
Nombre de procurations : 00

Régulièrement constitué et réuni en séance publique en sa 2^{ème} session extraordinaire du 24 décembre 2021,
Le quorum étant atteint ainsi que l'atteste la liste des présences jointe au compte rendu,

Vu la loi N° 90-32 du 11 décembre 1990 portant constitution de la République du Bénin, telle que modifiée par la loi n°2019-40 du 07 novembre 2019

Vu la décision portant proclamation par la Cour Constitutionnelle des résultats définitifs de l'élection présidentielle du 17 mai 2021;

Vu la loi 97-028 du 15 janvier 1999, portant Organisation de l'Administration Territoriale de la République du Bénin

Vu la loi 97-029 du 15 janvier 1999, portant organisation des communes en République du Bénin ;

Vu la loi 98-007 du 15 janvier 1999, portant régime financier des communes en République du Bénin ;

Vu l'Arrêté préfectoral année 2020 N°7/0063/P-SC-CM-STCCD-DCLC du 02 juin 2020 portant constitution au résultat de l'élection du Maire, des Adjoint au Maire de la Commune de Copargo

Après en avoir délibéré par :

- 15 voix pour ;

- 00 voix contre;

- 00 abstention.

DECIDE :

1- Sont adoptés, les projets ci-après pour être financés dans l'ordre dans le cadre du processus d'élaboration du budget participatif de la commune de Copargo gestion 2022:

Projet N°1 : Projet de construction d'un dispensaire à Pabégou

Projet N°2 : Projet de construction de bangars sur le nouveau site du marché de Singré

Projet N°3 : Projet de construction d'une mini-unité de transformation de riz à Apandana

Projet N°4 : Projet de construction d'un ouvrage de franchissement sur l'axe Gbandi-Foukriha à Copargo

2- Le Maire est chargé de l'application de la présente délibération dès son approbation par l'Autorité de tutelle.

Fait à Copargo, le 24 décembre 2021
Le Maire,

Ignace OUOROU

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- ❑ The projects provide a direct and effective response to the needs of the population (more **effective** local public action);
- ❑ citizens are bringing together the management of public affairs and local democracy. This enables the emergence of **more responsible citizenship**;
- ❑ people feel a stronger sense of belonging to their local authority and are more **fiscally aware**;
- ❑ **Local governance** is also improving;
- ❑ The number of **reporting** sessions is increasing (04 for 2023).

II- THE EXEMPLARY CASE OF THE COPARGA MUNICIPALITY

C- Outlook

- ❑ mobilising the public is not always easy;
- ❑ once mobilised, the conditions for a good session are not always in place;
- ❑ once the expectations and projects proposed by local people have been identified, they are prioritised at district level, then at municipal level. This prioritisation exercise means that the needs of the population are not met until later;
- ❑ After this whole process, the local council selected a project based on the resources available. At the outset, a directive from the Ministry of Health asked local authorities to defer any new health projects.
- ❑ Despite these difficulties, the municipality remains committed to citizen participation and the Participatory Budget.

CONCLUSION

- Citizen participation is a consequence of the **representative democracy that** Benin opted for at the National Conference in February 1990.
- Citizen participation requires a dose of **transparency** and rigorous, **participatory planning** of activities.
- Transparency is essential, as it makes it easier to **monitor** and critically examine the results achieved by the communes in line with the planned objectives.

To find out more...

In addition to organisations such as La Fondation Le Municipal, Social Watch and ALCRER, which have expertise and documentation on citizen participation, local players can join the ODP (**Observatoire International de la Démocratie Participative**) and benefit from its expertise. Its 2025 Annual Conference will be held in Cotonou, an opportunity not to be missed. The link: <https://oidp.net/fr/form.php>

Thank you for your attention.

Next seminar - focus on the platform's partners

ATTENTION SMALL GROUPS - Registration essential!

French: 17 October 2023

English: 20 October 2023

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If you want to take part, send us your email address in the chat!



Thank you for your attention!

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