

ACUNS Annual Meeting

**Revitalizing nested governance approaches to ensure
equity in implementing socio-ecological policies**

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Supporting Coherent Decision-making at Local Levels of Implementation

- Nested nature of governance structures
- Lagging in many social and environmental goals
- Mobilize stakeholders across scales of implementation
- Incoherence across priorities, incentives, contexts
- Consider this incoherence in planning and implementation processes

***Solutions towards nested governance approaches for SES
resilience and innovation***

Social-Ecological Systems (SES) Theoretical Framework

- Systems approach to address connected **social and environmental challenges/goals**
- Participatory and **community-led** with partners across sectors vertically and horizontally
- Optimization of **synergies** and managing **trade-offs** across planning, policies, and implementation
- Generate **social-ecological resilience and innovation**



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Embed & Maintain Mobilization of Stakeholders

How can we maintain these processes over time?

- ***Things will change*** (partners, political environment, natural disasters, etc.)

Nested governance structures

- Foster **regenerative** territories led by diverse local actors
 - Align with **participatory policy, planning, and management** processes
 - Access **cross-sectoral opportunities vertically and horizontally**

Capacity-Strengthening for Equitable Nested Governance

Communities of practice that iterate learning and application (model integration)

Multiplicity of **knowledges**

Connect to **contextualized planning and policy** processes:

- **Shared understanding:** context analysis, participatory mapping, etc)
- **Landscape action planning:** connect to policy and finance levers
- **Monitoring, evaluation and learning:** for coherent outcomes and links to planning, policy and finance



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Cases across 1000 Landscapes for 1 Billion People

Varying **entry points** in relation to different policy goals:

- Agriculture and food systems
- Watershed management / water resource management
- Extractive land-uses (mining, oil & gas)
- Finance and mobilizing resources
- Risk management (wildfire)
- Forest management
- What else?

Maturity of LA efforts (e.g., iSEAL, LandScale)

- Partners recently coming together
- Partners working together for decades

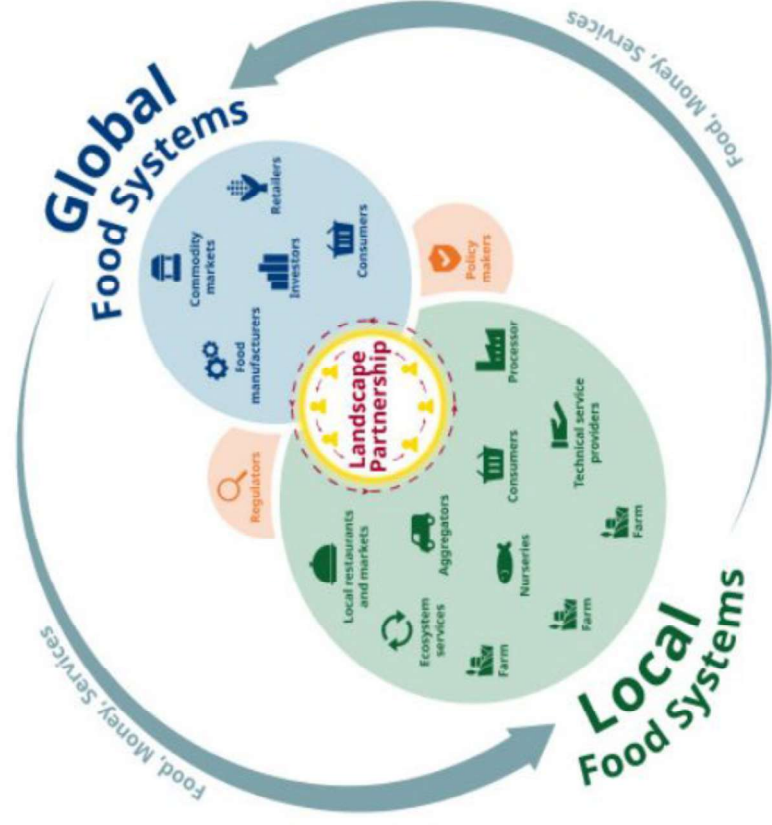
Some Efforts & Resources:

[Costing Landscape Approaches](#)

[Regen10 Strategy for Transforming Food Systems through Regenerative Landscapes](#)

[Finance Strategy for Priority Actions in the Alto Mayo Landscape](#)

Look forward to the discussion!



Example of nested local and global systems (Regen10, 2025)

Discussion questions:

- What are mechanisms to identify and leverage on critical institutions that can influence coherence across levels of governance?
- What would be two important challenges to overcome in adopting integrated and nested approaches from Top-Bottom and from Bottom-Top processes?
- What good practices can we already advocate for uptake?

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