

Drop Diversification: Community Inclusive-Climate Smart Agriculture

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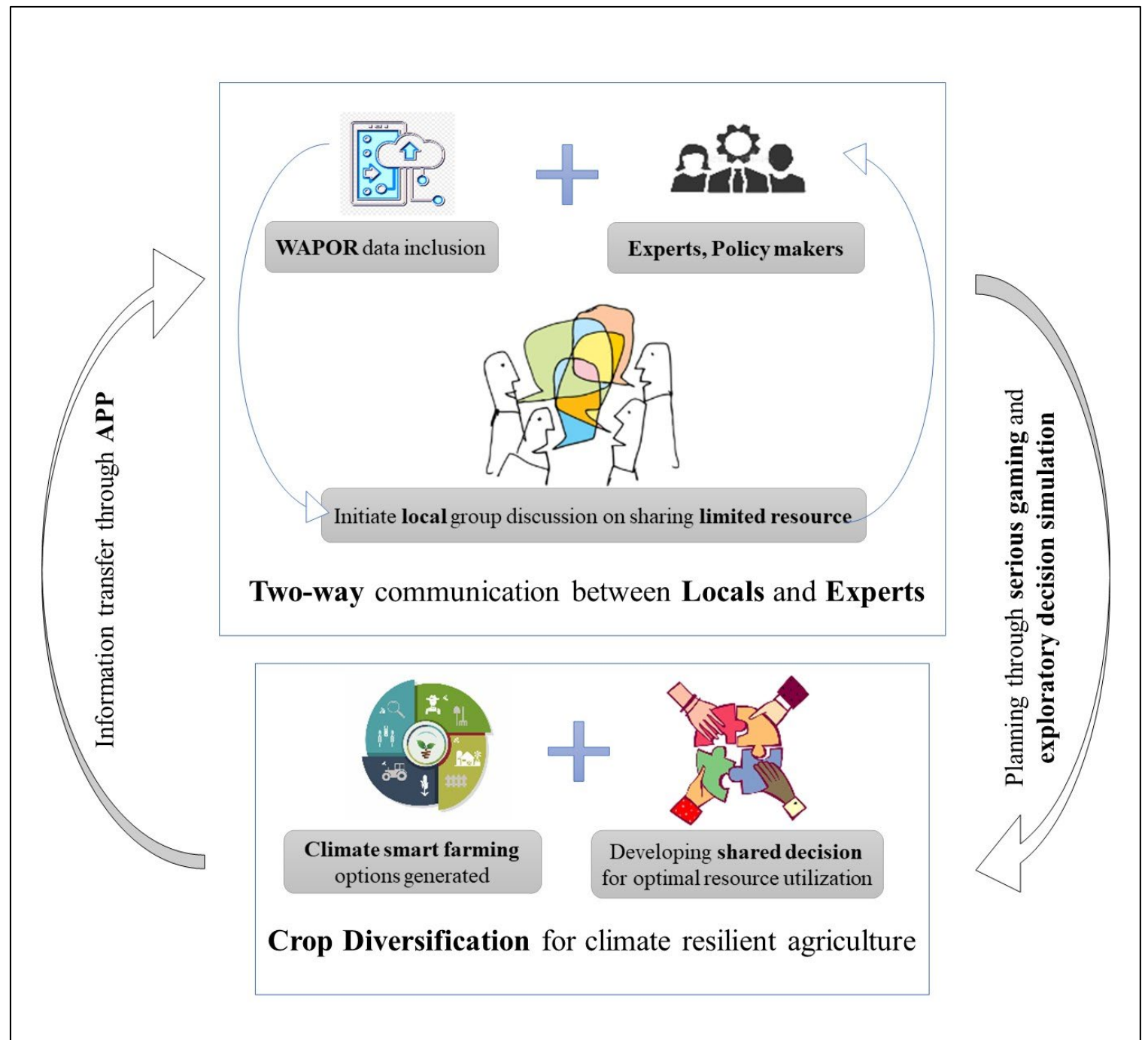
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The Participatory Loop

- **Target:** Inclusion of **local experts** and **communities**
- **Focus:** Communication over technology
- **Goal:**
 - Smart regional cropping plan
 - Practical implementation of WAPOR database
- **Pilot:** Al Ghouta (Syria)



Challenges

- *THE FOCUS:* Stepping out of silo thinking and technical bias, towards the world of **social integration** and **practical usability**.
- *OUTREACH:* The lack of reciprocity and interest from connections whom we reached out to.
- *SUPPORT:* We do aim for more support (guidance towards the practicality, risk assessments, conflicts of interests) from all the involved parties as we encountered a lack in this point

Next steps

- Based on the suggestions from the experts, we **redesigned** the original scope and started developing a new scope based on **drought risk assessment** and **Climate Water Food nexus** using the potentials of **serious games**.
- **IWMI MENA** team were supportive and encouraged our team to further develop the idea according to their needs. We reached out to experts from IWMI for further guidance on our concepts
- We are actively looking for new partners, budgets and financial supports so we can replicate our concept (contact:rasha.ibh@gmail.com)