

Resolving Natural Resource Conflicts

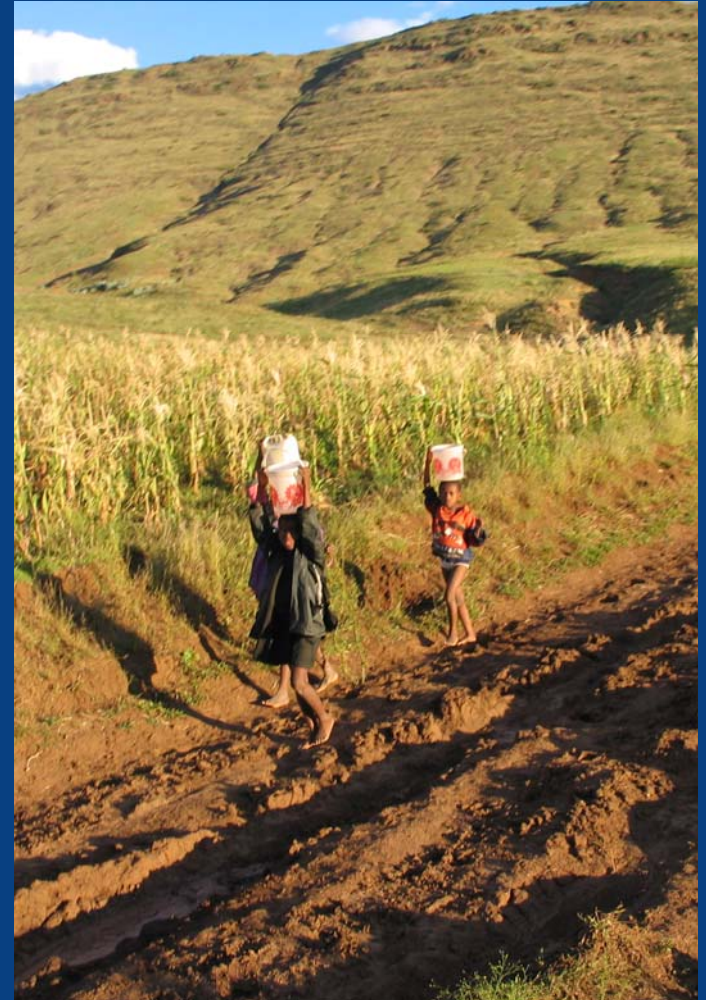
*Perspectives on Participatory Management of
Common Property Resources*

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Defining Resource Conflict

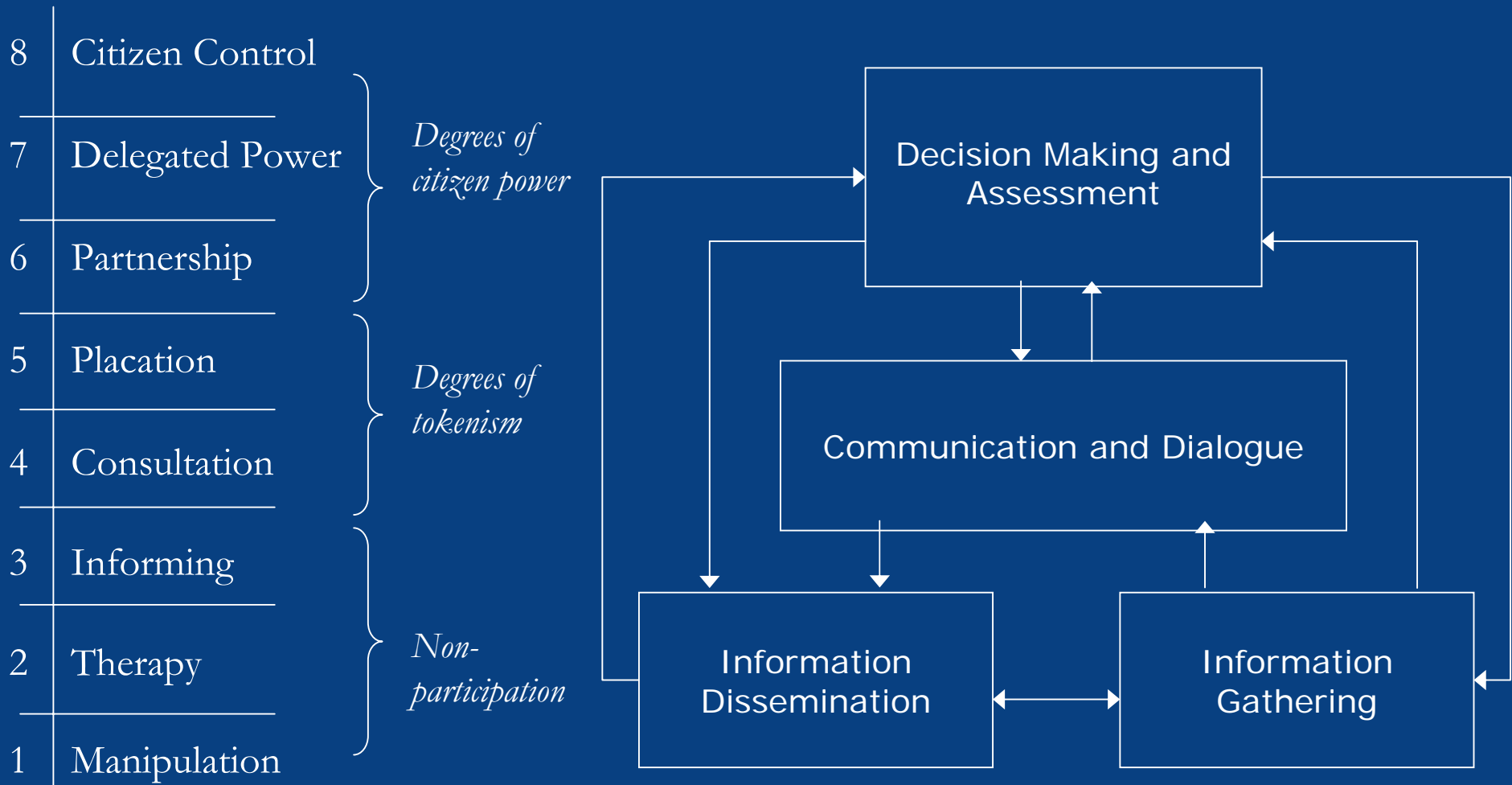
- Natural resources
(Forests, water, etc.)
- Global problem – conflict
over shared resources
- Need for effective mgmt.
and focus on participation
- Tools and methods for local
stakeholder engagement
- Challenges & Opportunities



Existing and Emerging Conflicts

- Resource degradation and scarcity
 - Population pressures and urbanization
 - Adaptation to climate change
 - Potential changes in locations, types, quantities of resources available to support livelihoods*
- Focus on local solutions to local problems
 - Collective action and sustained organization
 - Incentives and market mechanisms

Building Blocks of Participation



From Conflict to Management

- Three perspectives on natural resource conflicts
 - Donor Agency – Scott Bode (USAID)
 - Research – Ruth Meinzen-Dick (IFPRI)
 - Practitioner – Gail Bingham (Resolve)

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- Examples of resource conflicts
- Tools and methods for resolution
- Best practices, challenges, and opportunities