









Bridging Expertise Gaps in the WEF Nexus through Participatory Modeling: Insights from Oyo State, Southwest Nigeria

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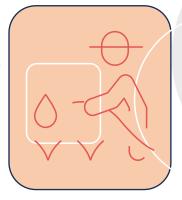
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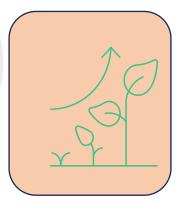
Background



Smallholder Farmer Challenges



Participatory Modeling



Finance, water, climate risks

SustainFood CLS 2025 provided platform

Scientific expertise meets local knowledge

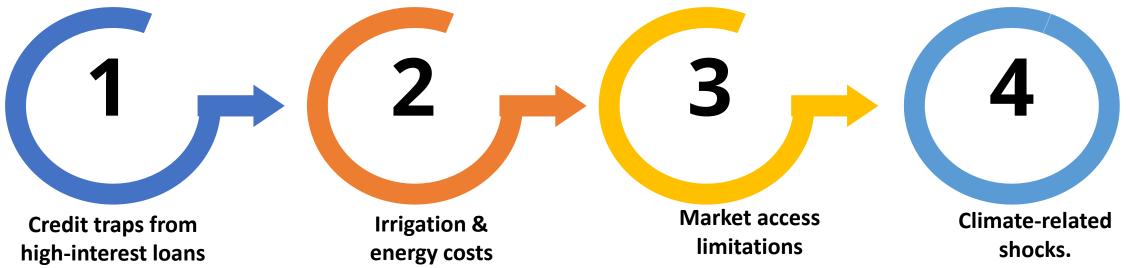
Sustainable Development Achieved

WEF Nexus is central



Problem Statement





- □ Participatory modelling with Political Economy Analysis
- □Interest-Free Cooperative
- ■Bilingual facilitation
- ■Visual Participatory tools

Objectives



Limited Capacity

Early-career researchers and farmers lack participatory modeling skills

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Systemic Exploration

Investigating challenges in the WEF Nexus

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Policy Translation

Integrating grassroots insights into policy

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Capacity Building

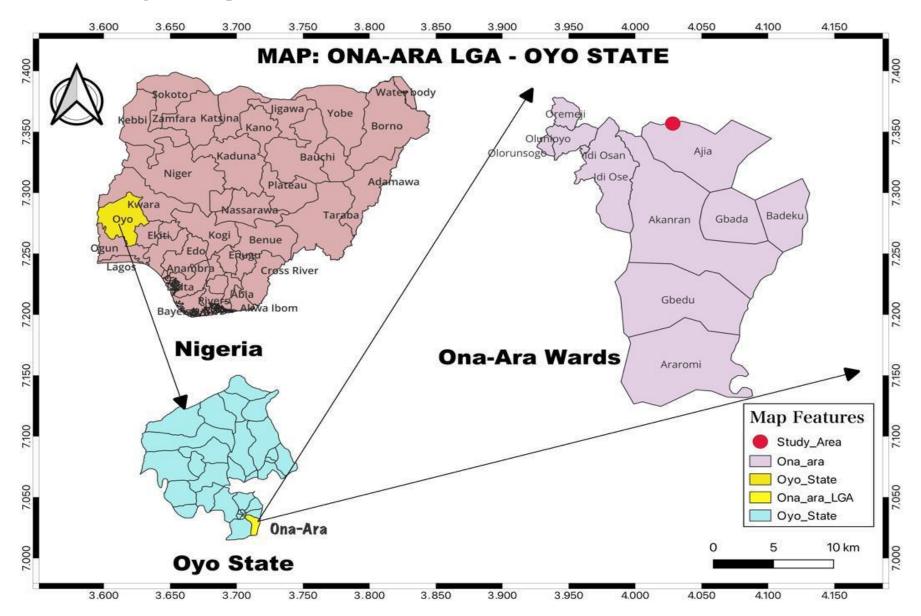
Training researchers and farmers in participatory modeling

Solution Co-development

Creating Innovative solutions for resilience

Case Study – Egbeda farms in Ona-Ara LGAs

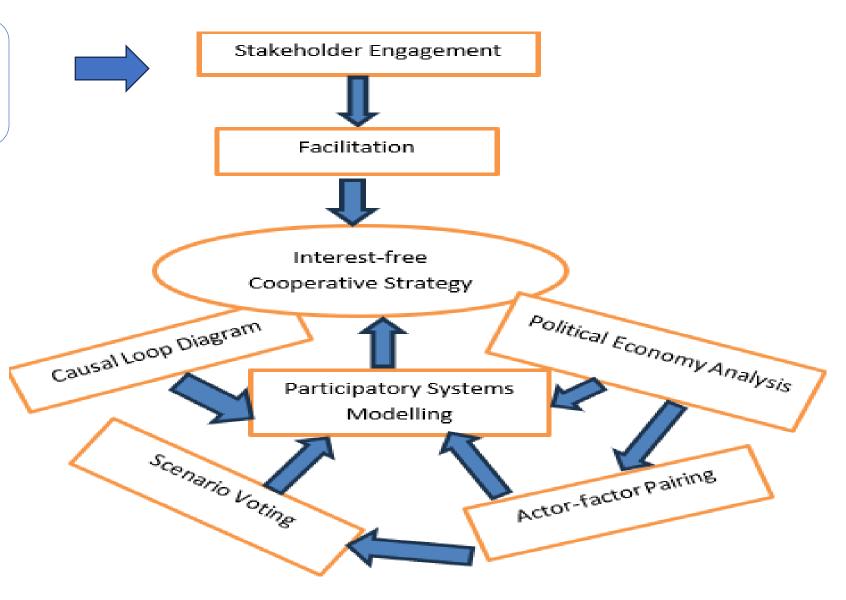




Methodology



Farmers, policymakers, researchers

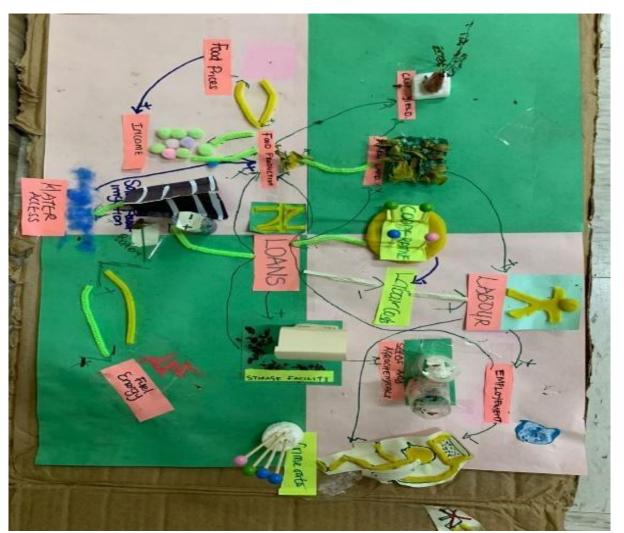


Key Findings



□CLDs showed feedback loops between credit, productivity, and resilience.

Participatory approach fostered shared ownership and trust.

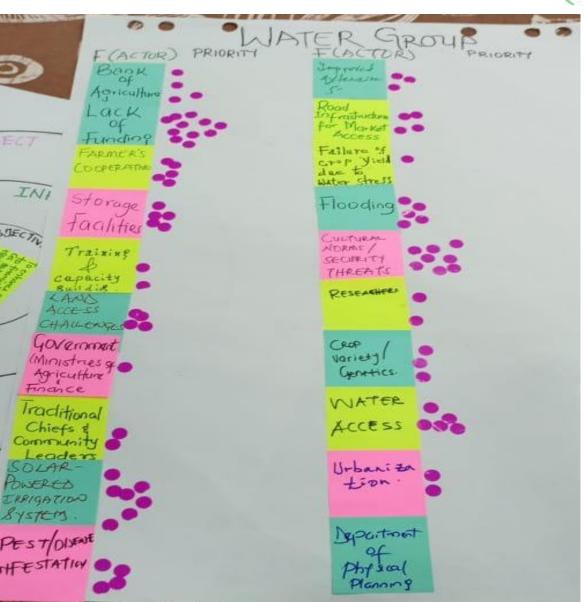


Key Findings

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☐ Interest-Free Cooperatives (IFCs) proposed as a scalable solution.

☐ Farmers valued inclusive dialogue with policymakers.



Key Findings



- Recognize and support IFCs in agricultural policy.
- Provide access to concessional finance for cooperatives.
- ☐ Build capacity in climate-smart agriculture & financial literacy.
- ☐ Foster youth and women leadership in cooperatives.
- ☐ Encourage farmer-policymaker dialogues for inclusive decision-making.

Conclusion





Participatory Modeling

Collaborative approach to bridge expertise and foster understanding.



IFCs

Financial institutions enhancing resilience and sustainability for smallholders.



Grassroots Insights

Local perspectives informing effective and inclusive policy-making.

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Thank you