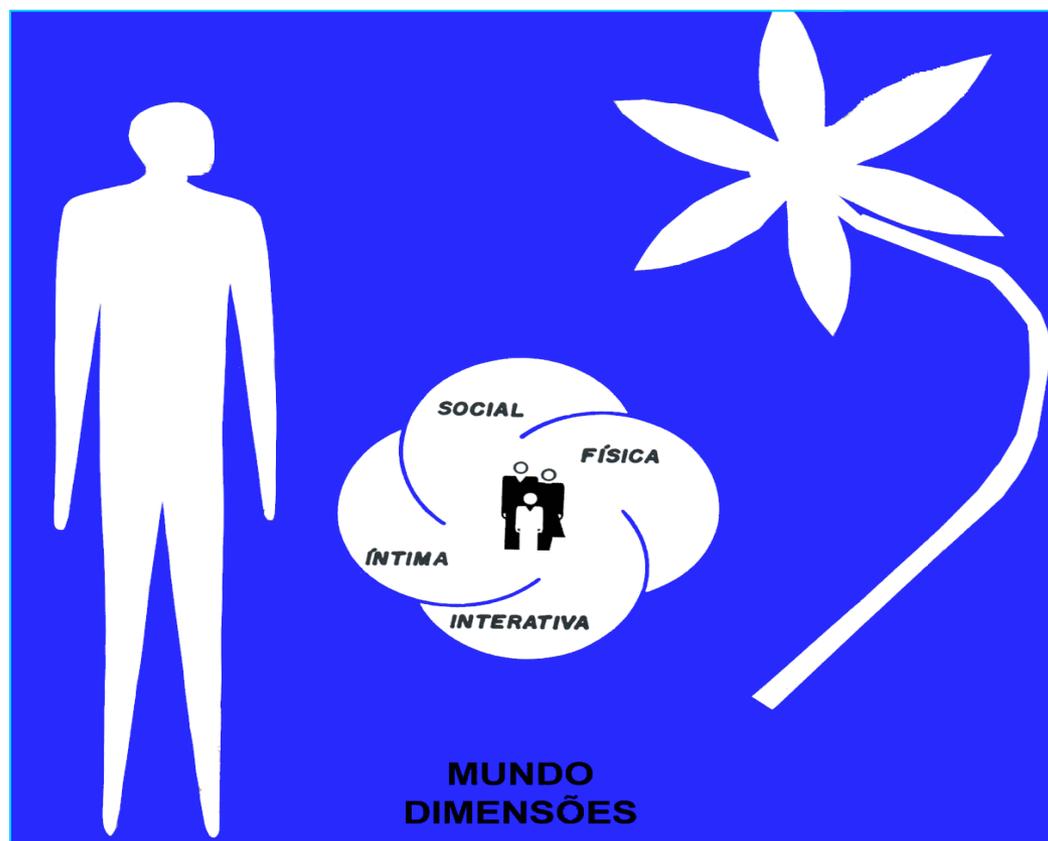


Governance and Policy for LDN: Retrieve the Land or Retrieve the People?



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Creating International Partnerships and a Collaborative Restoration Ecosystem

a) How people are *engaged* as social, political, economic and institutional *actors*?

b) How the different kinds of *biomes* and *land* are *assessed* and *explored*?

c) How *land* can be retrieved (transformed) by the retrieval (transformation) *of men*?

d) How *men* can be retrieved (transformed) by the retrieval (transformation) *of land*?

Combining the Four Dimensions of Being in the World for Man and Land Retrieval

- Intimate: motives, values, capabilities
 - Interactive: relationships, allegiances
 - Social: politic, economic, institutional
 - Biophysical: land, water, climate
- a) As these dimensions intertwine to *elicit* the events (deficits/assets);
 - b) As these dimensions intertwine to *cope* with the outcomes (desired/ undesired);
 - c) As these dimensions intertwine to *produce* the changes (outputs).

Factors that sustain *lock-ins* and *barriers to change*

- Paradigms of *growth, power, wealth, work and freedom* embedded into the political, technological, economic, social, cultural and educational institutions;
- Asymmetric power relations and resource distribution; entrenchment of economic and political vested interests into government policies by multinational corporations and wealthy elites.

- *Inequalities* cannot be solved by *market-based solutions*; it is mandatory to develop *institutional capacity, judicial neutrality, informational transparency and social spaces for civic engagement.*

- To *bridge the gap* between *economy and ecology*, it is important to engage a *network* of scholars, academicians, policy-makers, community groups, civil, non-profit organizations, students, youth movements, activists and practitioners.

- Challenges are more civic and political than technical: ecosystemic reports and frameworks should build relationships and contribute to enact policies worldwide.
- *International treaties* should hold *transnational corporations* to account for environmental violations.
- *States* should oblige *corporations* to comply with *environmental duties* in their operations worldwide.

Big Questions Debate

- How to advance transnational civil society in view of the engagement of political, economic and institutional actors in regulation and governance of natural resources?
- How societal needs can be provided, controlled and owned, and forests and soils act as 'loci of hope' for achieving an equitable future?

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