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Welcome and introduction of the **MEL team**

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- Name and Organisation
- Project and Role

Guest speakers: **Rick** and **Barabara** – what do you do **in ME?**



MEL for Innovation: ParEvo and RMA

DESIRA LIFT online MEL session
26 February 2024

With Rick Davies and Barbara van Mierlo

- Why is special about M&E for AIS?
- Introduction to ParEvo
- Reflection on ParEvo for M&E for AIS
- Introduction to RMA
- Reflection on RMA for M&E for AIS
- Closure



Why are you joining this session?

Agricultural Innovation Systems

	Transfer of Technology (ToT)	Farming System Research	Agricultural Knowledge & Information Systems (AKIS)	Agricultural Innovation Systems (AIS)
Periods/Era	Central Since 1960s	Starting in 1970s & 1960s	From 1990s	Since 2000s
Purpose	Supply technologies through linear processes	Learn farmers' constraints through surveys	Collaborate in research (participatory research) & extension	Co-develop innovation involving multi-actor processes and partnerships
Scope	Productivity increase	Efficiency gains (input-output relationships)	Farm-base livelihoods	Value chains, institutional change
Innovators	Scientists	Scientists and extensionists	Farmers, scientists and extensionists together	Multiple actors
Role of Farmers	Adopters or laggards	Source of information	Experimenters	Partners, entrepreneurs, innovators exerting demands
Role of Scientists	Innovators	Experts	Collaborators	Partners, one of the actors responding to demands
Key Changes Sought	Farmers' behaviour change	Removing farmers' constraints	Empowering farmers	Institutional change, innovation capacity
Market Integration	Nil	Nil	Low	High

Figure 3: System results chain from the maize case.

Pathways

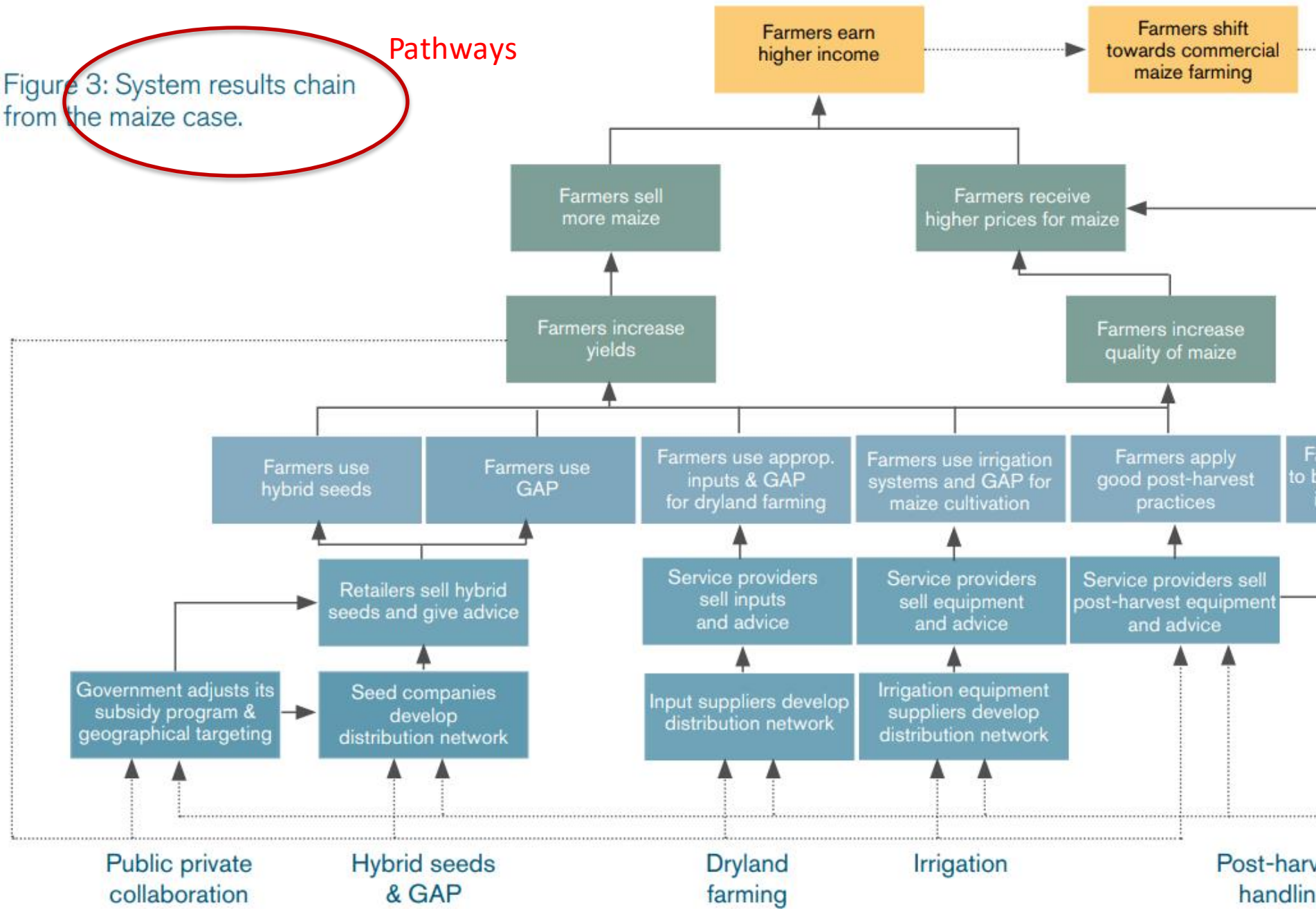
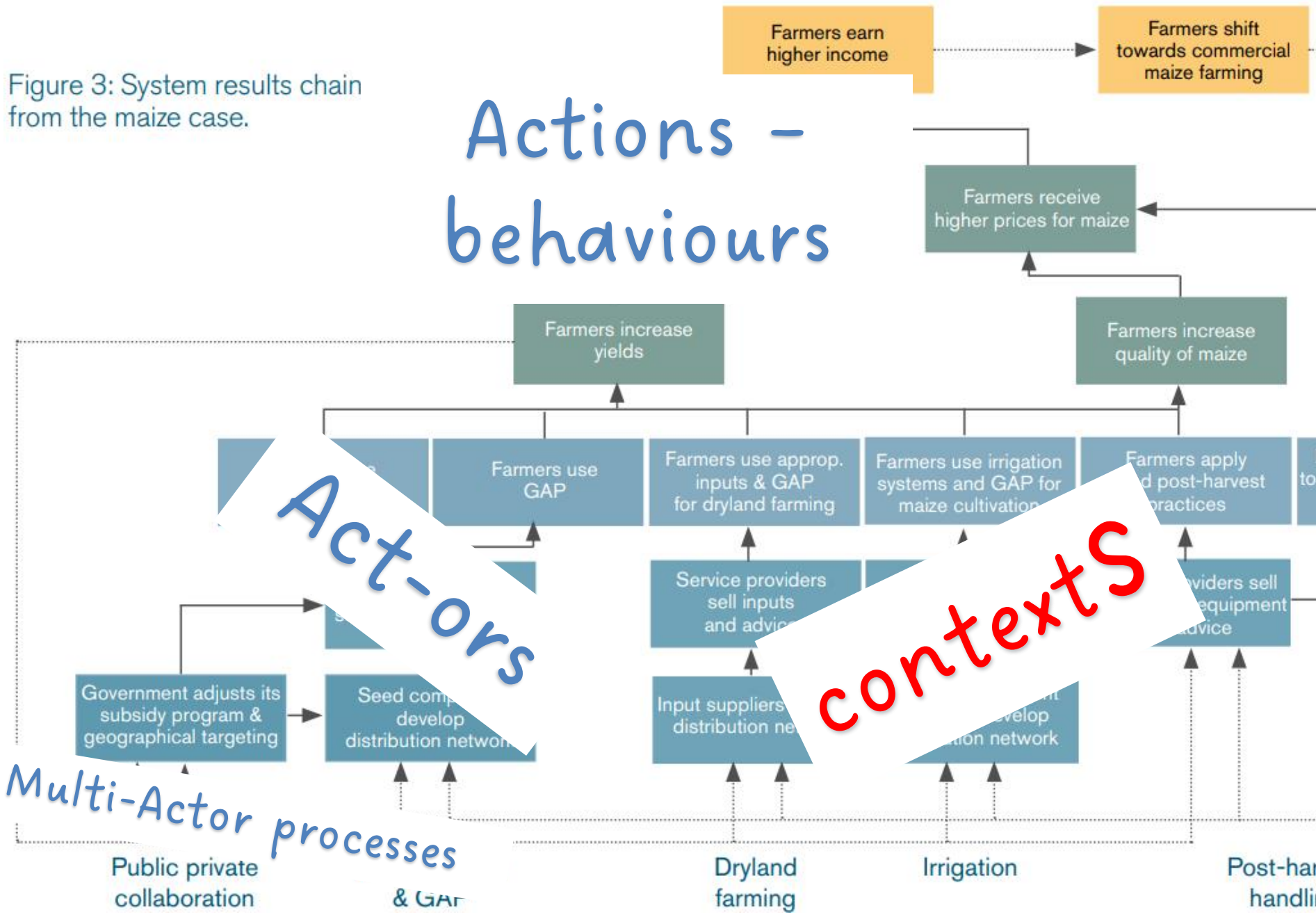


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Reflexive Monitoring in Action

A guide for monitoring system innovation projects

ParEvo

ParEvo

Review and Revise

Diagnose systems

Develop systems strategy

Develop Intervention plans

Implement interventions

Assess system changes with intervention lens

Assess system changes with helicopter lens

Analyse system changes and program contribution

Report

Review and Revise

<https://www.enterprise-development.org/wp-content/uploads/Pragmatic-Approach-to-Assessing-System-Change.pdf>



MEL for Innovation: ParEvo

Rick Davies

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- Evaluation Questions Checklists
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- ParEvo – participatory futures
- Network models and Social Frameworks
- Network visualisation of qualitative data

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Why could ParEvo be interesting to you?



Why ParEvo for MEL for AIS?

MEL for Innovation: RMA

Barbara van Mierlo

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Knowledge Technology and Innovation - Barbara van Mierlo



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Barbara van Mierlo is associate professor, working as a sociologist at the Knowledge, Technology and Innovation Group of Wageningen University. She studies processes of transformative, systemic change towards sustainability and their intersection with everyday social practices. Being actively engaged in these processes, special interests include the significance and features of interactive learning and discursive strategies, the value of change-oriented evaluation, emergence of reflexivity, responsible innovation, and transdisciplinary collaboration. She has developed the methodology of Reflexive Monitoring in Action (RMA), which has a wide international uptake in among others sustainable agriculture, natural resource management, renewable energy and health (<http://www.wageningenur.nl/rma>).

Reflexive Monitoring in Action (RMA) is an integrated methodology to encourage learning within multi-actor groups or networks as well as institutional change in order to deal with complex problems. Key is to trigger recurrent collective reflection on the results of actions undertaken in the light of systemic barriers as well as opportunities. These system change initiatives will thus be able to change their practices, relations and rules and contribute to the long term ambition of sustainability.



Over the past decade, the methodology has been applied in many initiatives for system change and programmes in a diversity of domains, such as sustainable agriculture, health, international development, the knowledge infrastructure, and learning for sustainability. It has developed into a coherent body of basic starting points, principles and intervention strategies. On this site, you find the basic guide, additional tools, practical results and the main scientific articles about RMA.

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Reflexive Monitoring in Action

A guide for monitoring system innovation projects





RMA



Links to RMA



Why could RMA be interesting to you?



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Feedback on session?



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The screenshot shows the DeSIRA LIFT Community website. The browser address bar displays 'desiraliftcommunity.org'. The website header includes the DeSIRA LIFT COMMUNITY logo and a navigation menu with links for Home, About, Training and Coaching, Community Events, Discussion Groups, Calendar, News, and Library. A world map is the central feature, with numerous colored pins indicating project locations across various continents. A grey tooltip box is overlaid on the map, listing services: Training and Coaching, Training of Innovation Facilitators, Self-paced Learning, and Group Coaching sessions on MEL. To the right of the map, there are two sections: 'Innovation Domains' with a 'Read More' button, and 'Innovation Systems' with another 'Read More' button. Below these is a section titled 'Managing for Impact - 5 Core Capacities - Training material' with a 'Read More' button. At the bottom of the page, there is a cookie consent banner and a Windows taskbar with the system clock showing 4:29 PM on 2/22/2024.



Thank you!

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