

Comparative analysis of the agroecological transition through the prism of the territory

— Two case studies in Senegal

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1. Context

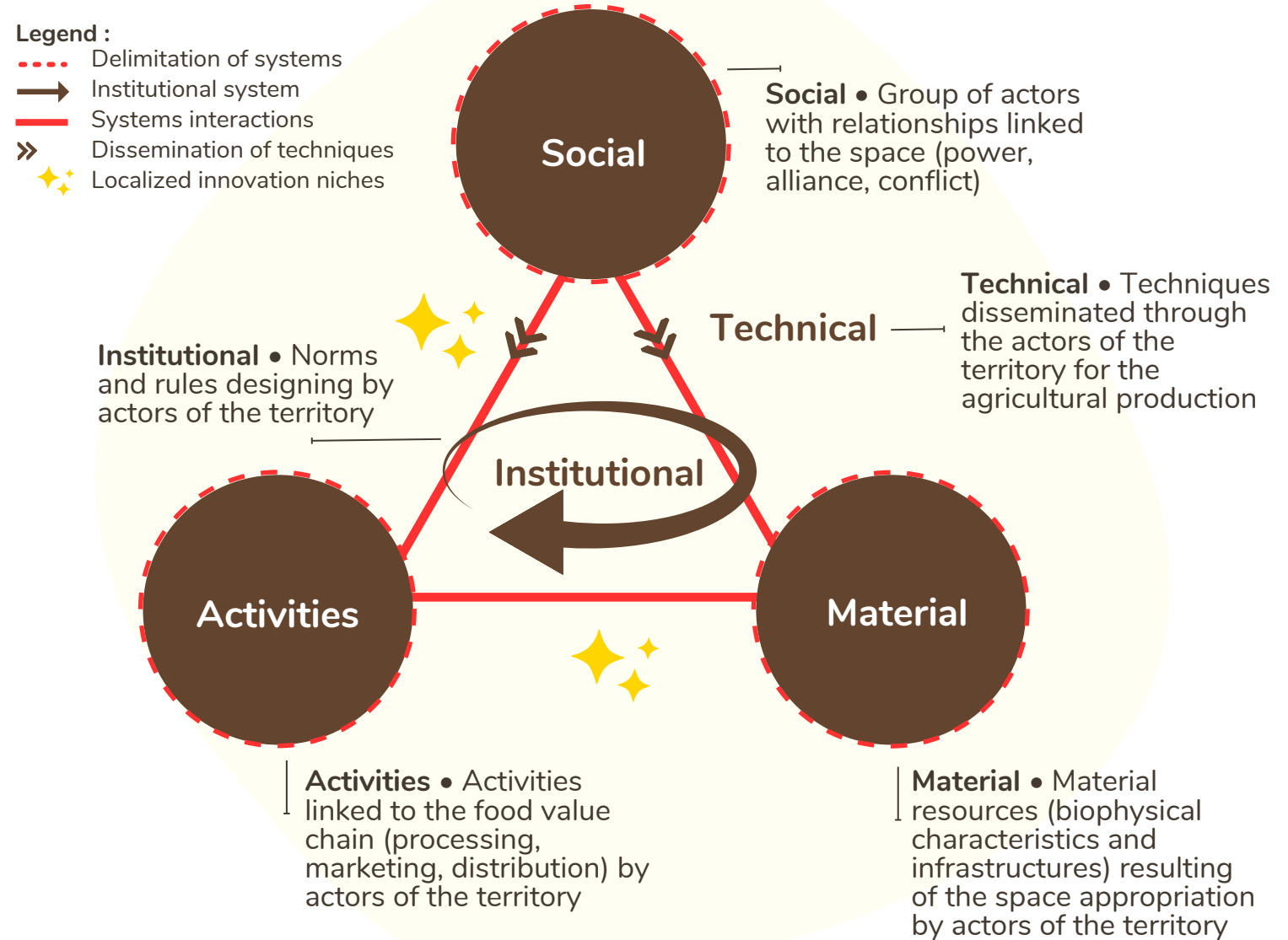
In Senegal, various actors (scientists, politicians, farmers, civil society) are currently behind initiatives in favour of **agroecology** (1;2) and are involved in several fields such as technique experimentation, product market and advocacy...

However, the agroecological transition struggles to reach all actors and to settle uniformly across the **territories**. Even when initiatives emerge, they remain isolated and dispersed in through time and space (1). According to the theoretical (3;4) and empirical literature (5;6), taking into account the territorial scale would be necessary to analyse and implement change in a sustainable way.

Thus, this thesis uses the french concept of 'territory', and questions the way in which it can be a **driving force** or an **obstacle** to an agroecological transition in Senegal.

2. Theory

In order to take into account the socio-spatial character of change, this study will use a **conceptual framework** of the territorialised agroecological transition based on the multi-dimensions of the 'territory'.



3. Research question

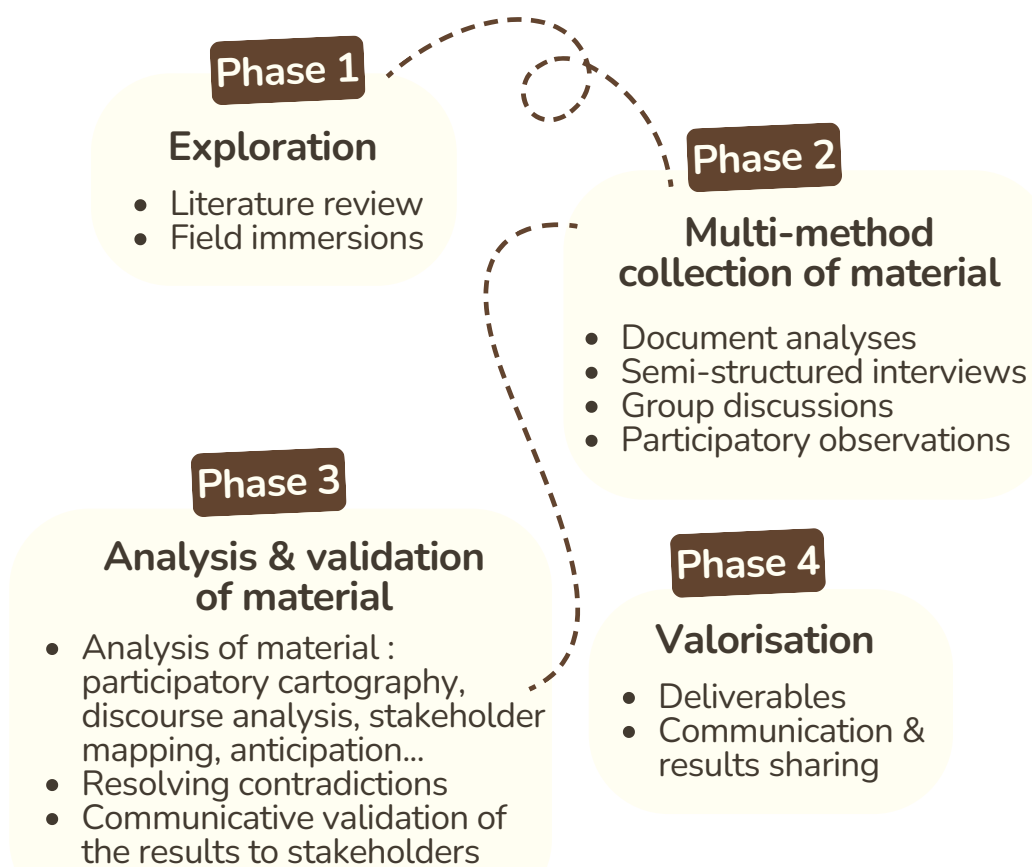
To what extent can the territory be a driving force in the agroecological transition ?

4. Methodology

To address the problem, two case studies were chosen to represent the diversity of territorial functioning and the trajectories that agroecology can take: the municipalities of **Ndiob** and **Darou Khoudoss/Mboro**.

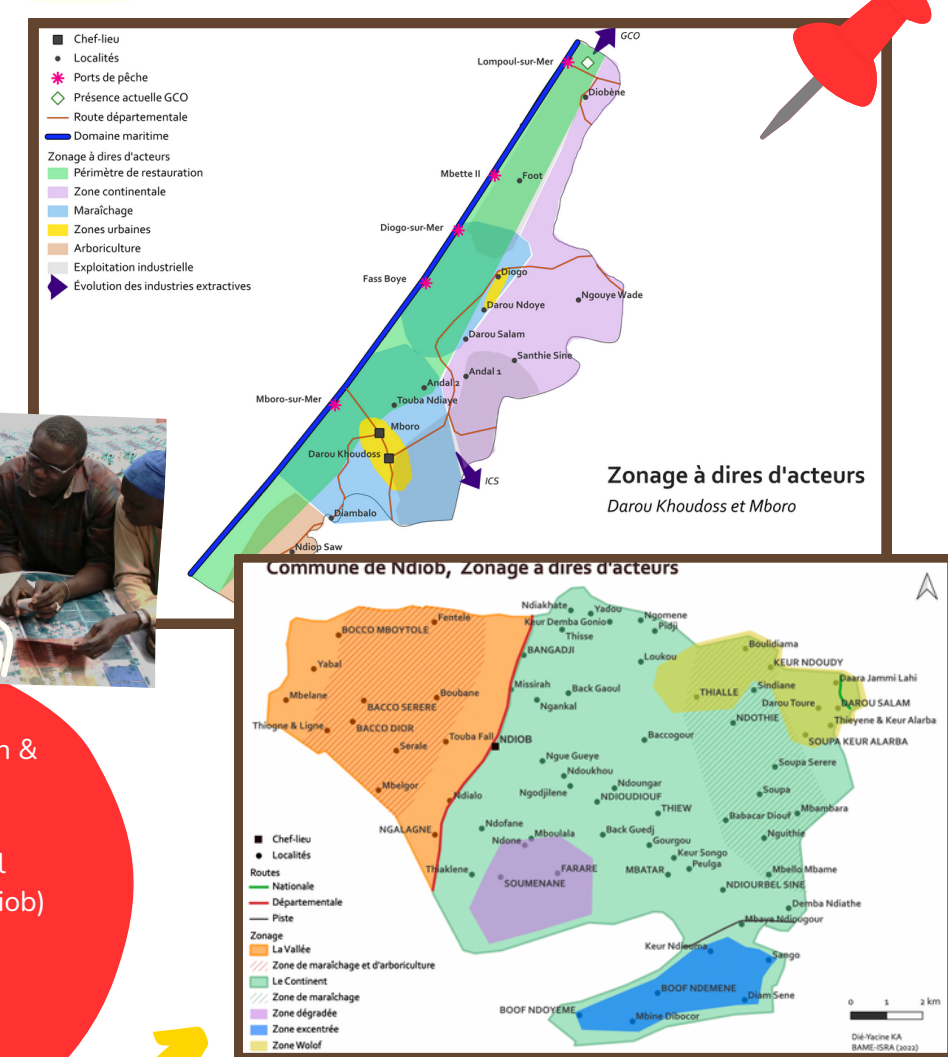
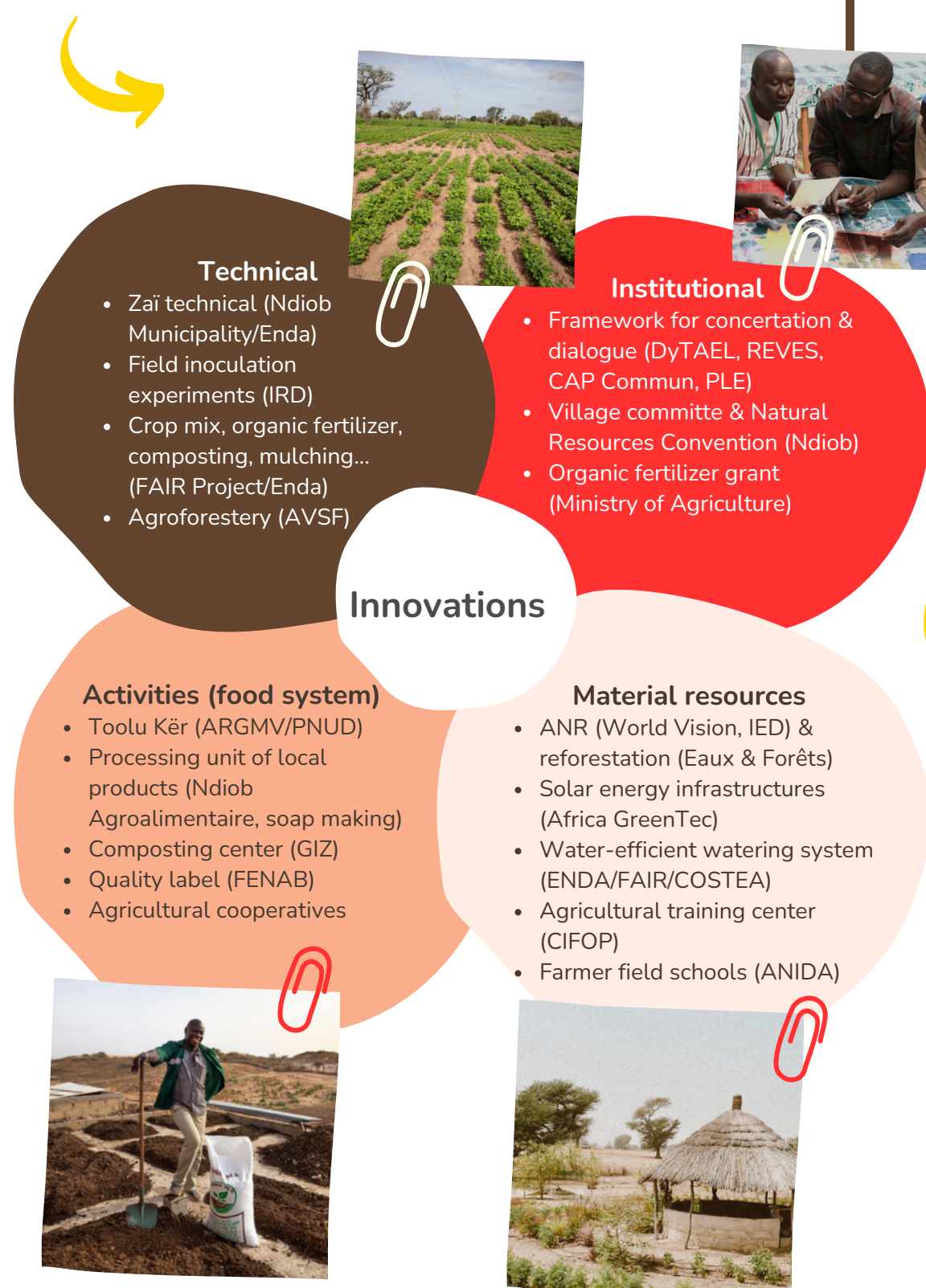
The methodology of **territorial diagnosis** was chosen in order to analyse agroecology in time and space :

- **Temporal trajectory** of agroecology and innovations ;
- **Current state** of agroecology and innovations ;
- **Anticipation perspectives** in a collective manner to enable local actors to organise the transition within their territory.



5. Some results...

Analysis of the **agroecological intervention** & state of the art of **innovations**.



Collective identification of **territorial challenges** using a zoning system based on the accounts of different actors.

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