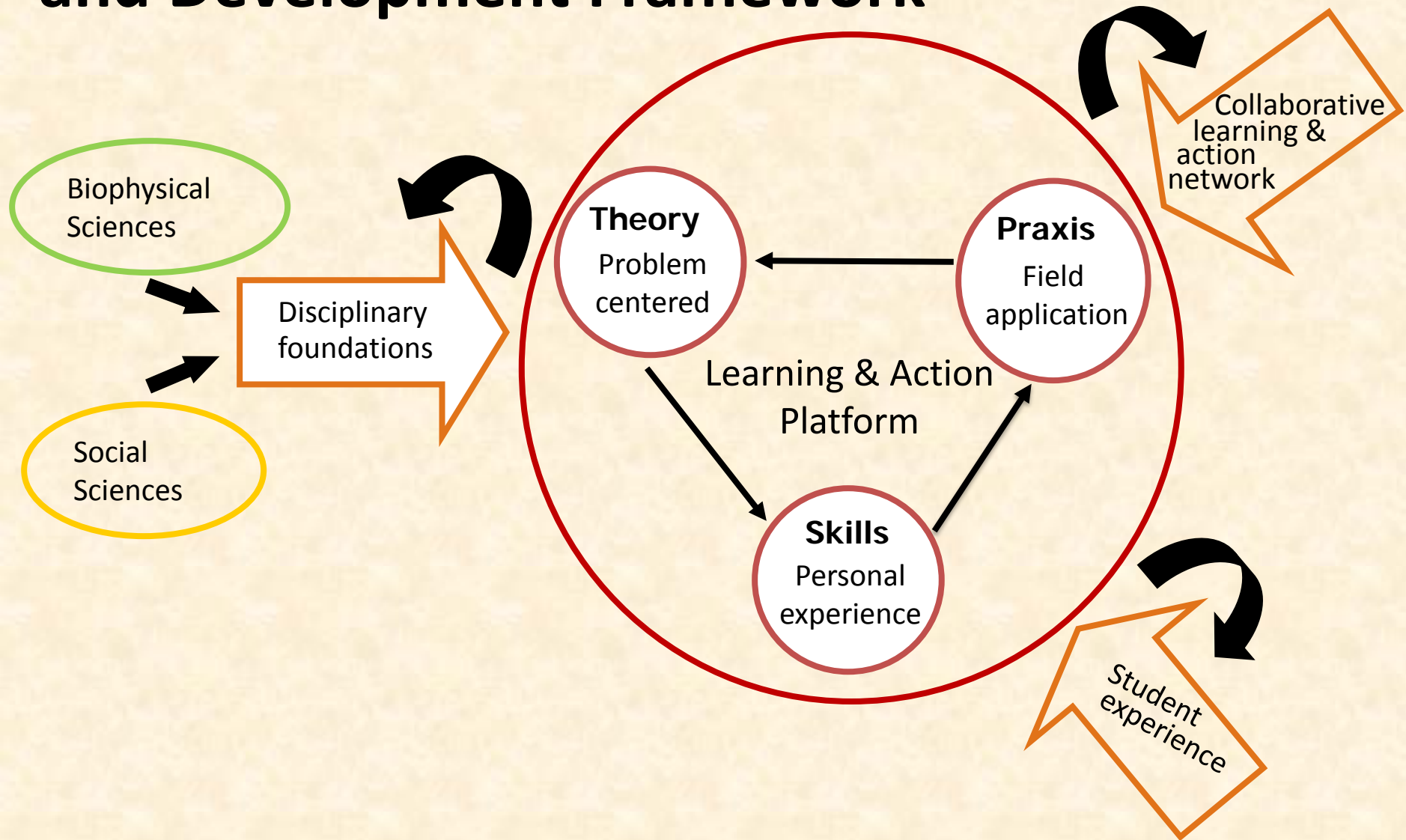


Partnership, Fundraising and Program Design
for a
Tropical Conservation Leadership Initiative

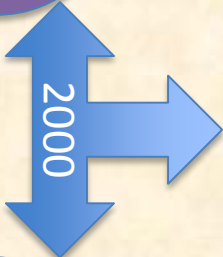
Robert Buschbacher, SFRC/TCD/UF

UF Tropical Conservation and Development Framework





\$3.5 million NSF IGERT
Working Forests in the Tropics – 24 PhDs



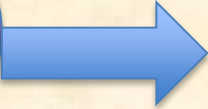
\$4.3 million Moore Foundation
Amazon Conservation Leadership Initiative:

18 PhD, 4 MS, 32 Visiting Professionals



Strengthening Amazon Universities
(post-docs and faculty exchange):
Mato Grosso, Acre, Peru

2009 Mato Grosso
field course



2010-2012 MT
Specialization Course

2013-2014 ICV/IOV
Specialization Course

CALS
Curriculum.
Innovation
Grant

Tropical Conservation Leadership Initiative

WHAT

Integrate UF with Conservation and Development practitioners

- NGOs
- TCD Alumni
- Government agencies
- Community and Social Movement Leaders

HOW

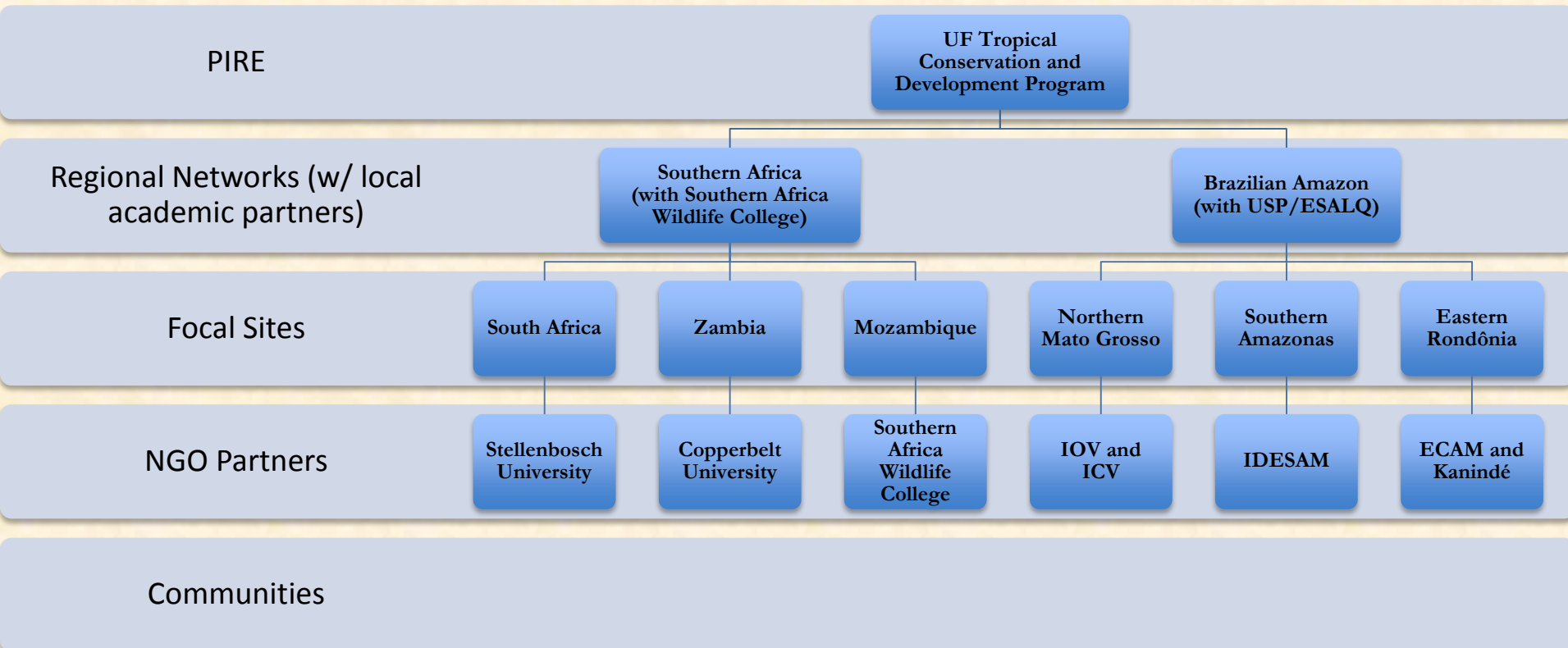
- **In-service Continuing Education**
- Participatory-Action Research
- Communities of Practice
- Receive Students and Exchange Visitors
- Place Students (research and practica)

Stakeholders: listening, dialogue

- Myself: “work less, think more”
- Team: recruit, clarify interests and roles
- UF/TCD faculty, students, alumni: meetings, seminars, focal groups
- UF institutional: explore interests, negotiate deliverables
- Brazilian NGO partners: workshop, online meetings, individual visits
- Brazilian donors: dialogue within RECAM network
- International donors: formal, written

Development of a 3-tiered program

- Focal site: northern Mato Grosso state, Brazilian Amazon
- Regional Network: RECAM Amazon NGO network
- UF/TCD wide: integrating other regions and groups



Northern Mato Grosso

Focal Site



- Base: 2 Specialization Courses
- Practitioner Partners: ICV and IOV
- Academic Partners: USP/ESALQ, Kew, Lancaster
- Theme: Family Agriculture
 - Agroforestry production systems
 - Family and community livelihood systems
 - Market and Policy interactions
 - NGOs as Organizers and Catalysts
- Product: Global Innovation Initiative (unsuccessful)

Brazilian Amazon Regional Network



- Network partners:
 - NGOs with local projects in 5 states
 - 3 Brazilian donors who support them
- Theme: Capacity-building for Municipal Socio-environmental Governance

ECAM's Municipal Governance Challenge



RECAM Network PROGRAM

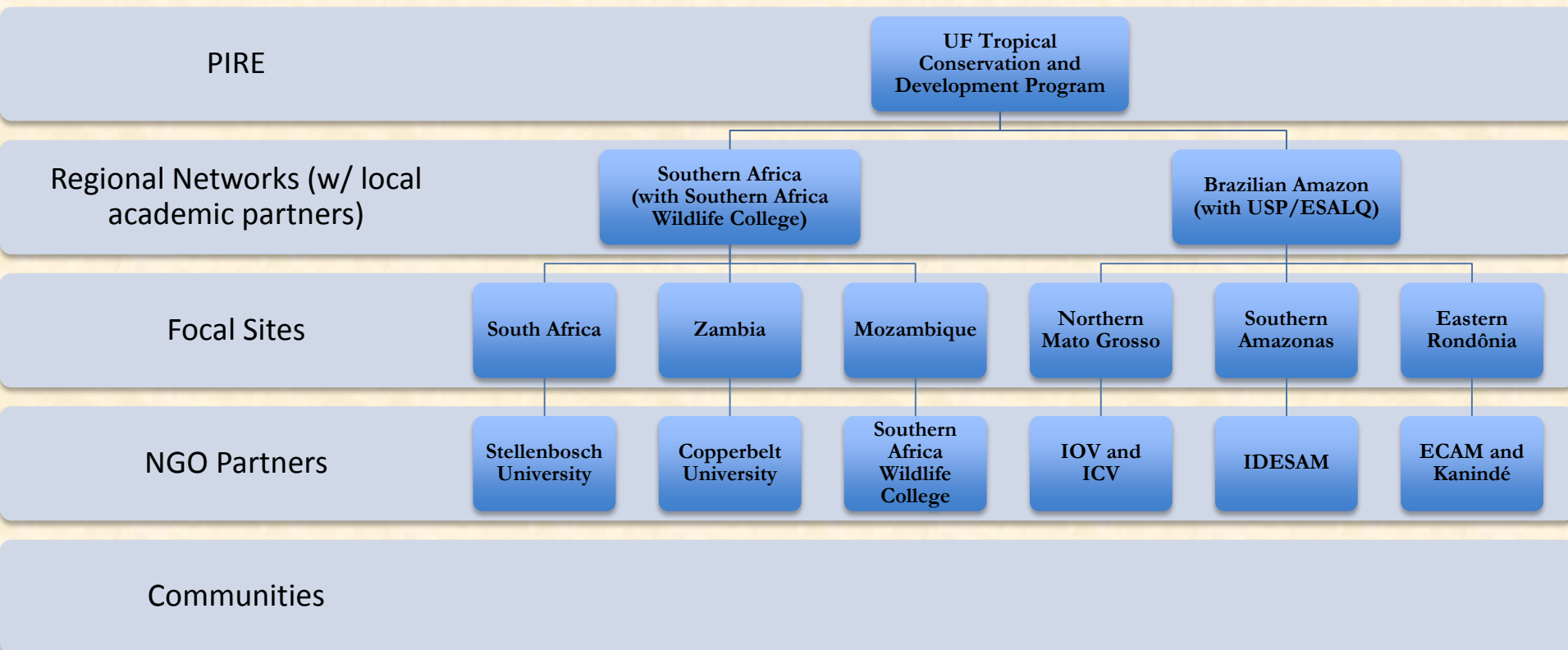
- NRLI-like UF course for project implementers
- Local projects to promote Municipal Governance
 - Strengthen local government
 - Build support among all local stakeholders
- Network-wide Community of Practice
 - Donors and NGO leaders

PIRE: NSF Intl Research and Ed.

Initial Design: Brazilian Amazon and Southern Africa

Focus: Participatory Governance, Effectiveness of NGO interventions

Theoretical Frameworks: Communities of Practice, Participatory-Action Research, Resilience and Systems Thinking, Political Ecology



Reflections

- Strong demand for in-service professional training
- Appreciation for UF/TCD/NRLI value-added
- Past partners and alumni key advocates
- Acceptance of UF as a partner (process worked)
- Tensions between academic and professional training models – the box
- Social capital among UF colleagues

Results: partnership, content ... funding

- UF Bridge Funding
- Global Innovation Initiative proposal
- RECAM network project
- TCD PIRE project concept