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Catalyzing the sustainable and inclusive transformation of food systems

June 10th, 2021

Context and timeline

2019 EU/FAO/CIRAD
“Food Systems at Risk”
(High level event Food and
Agriculture in times of crisis)

2021-27 EU programming cycle:
61 Delegations expressed interest
to trigger strategic reflection on
future of food systems

Apr-July 2021 : second
round of **42 countries**,
modified approach for a
2-month exercise

Complementarity to
national dialogue
process for 2021 UN
Food Systems Summit

Early 2020: development of
methodology for food
systems assessment and
stakeholders consultations

Sept 2020-June 2021 : first
round of **8 country** studies
*(led by country teams comprising EU
Delegations, FAO Representations and
Government + international and national
experts + FAO/CIRAD global team
support): Burkina Faso, Madagascar,
Senegal, Malawi, Nepal, Bhutan,
Colombia, Dominican Rep.*

EU/FAO/CIRAD
partnership with JRC,
EU/FAO First and Global
Network against Food
Crises, national institutions



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What are the objectives ?

- Develop shared **understanding and evidence** on key FS challenges and opportunities among public, private sector and civil society stakeholders
- Broadly identify **a vision, levers and next steps** to advance sustainable food system transformation
- Inform **EU programming** and **national food systems dialogues**



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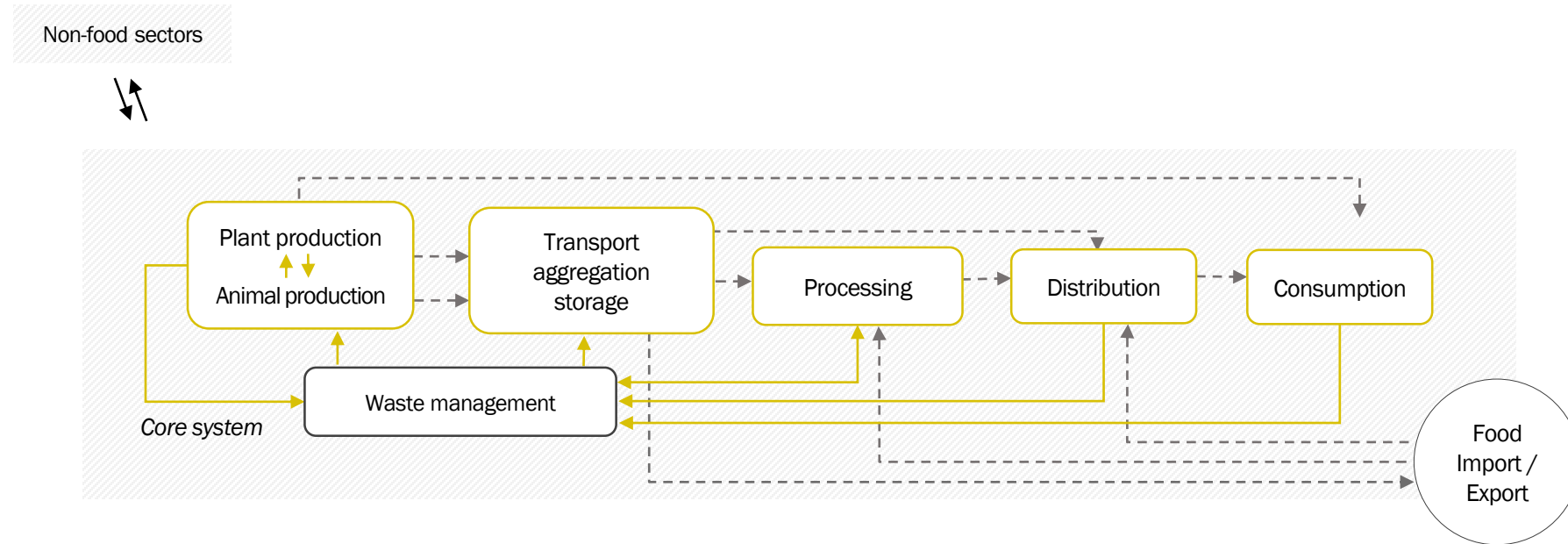


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Conceptual framework of a food system

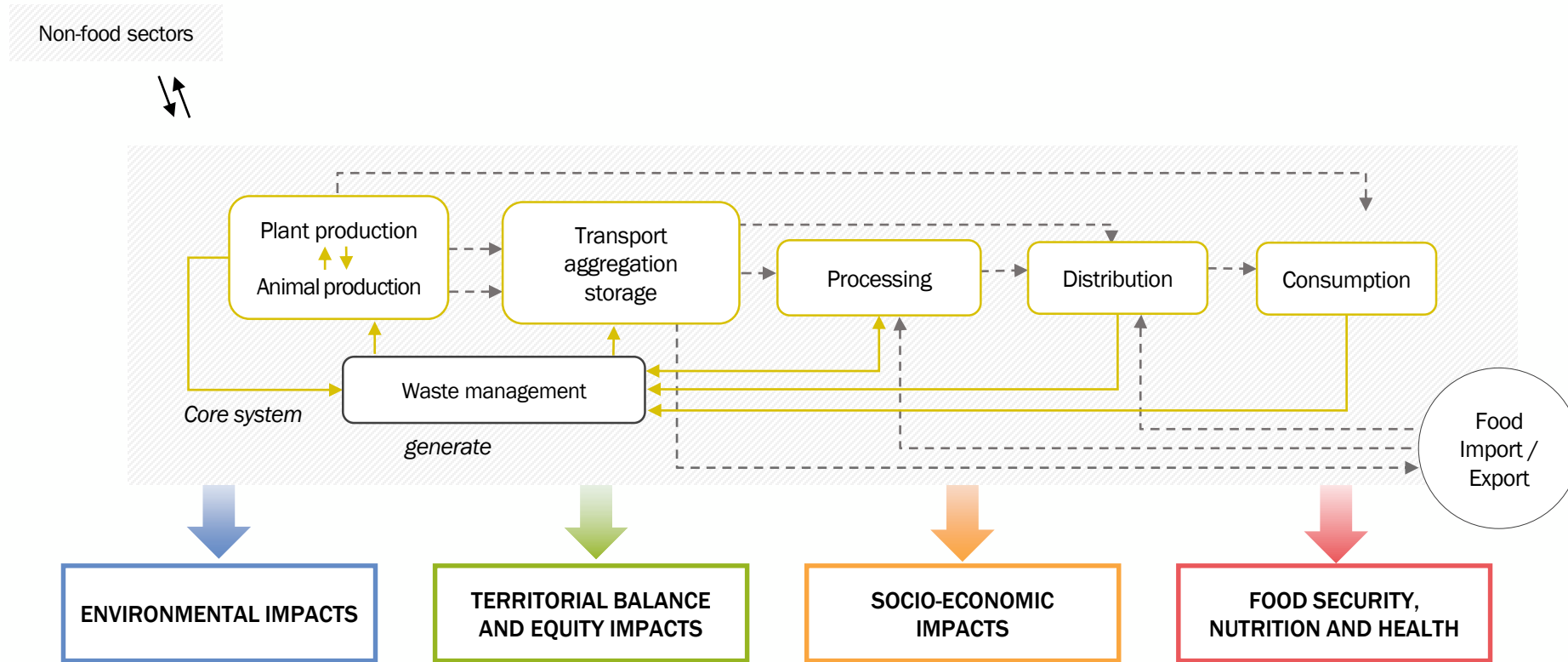
The core of the food system



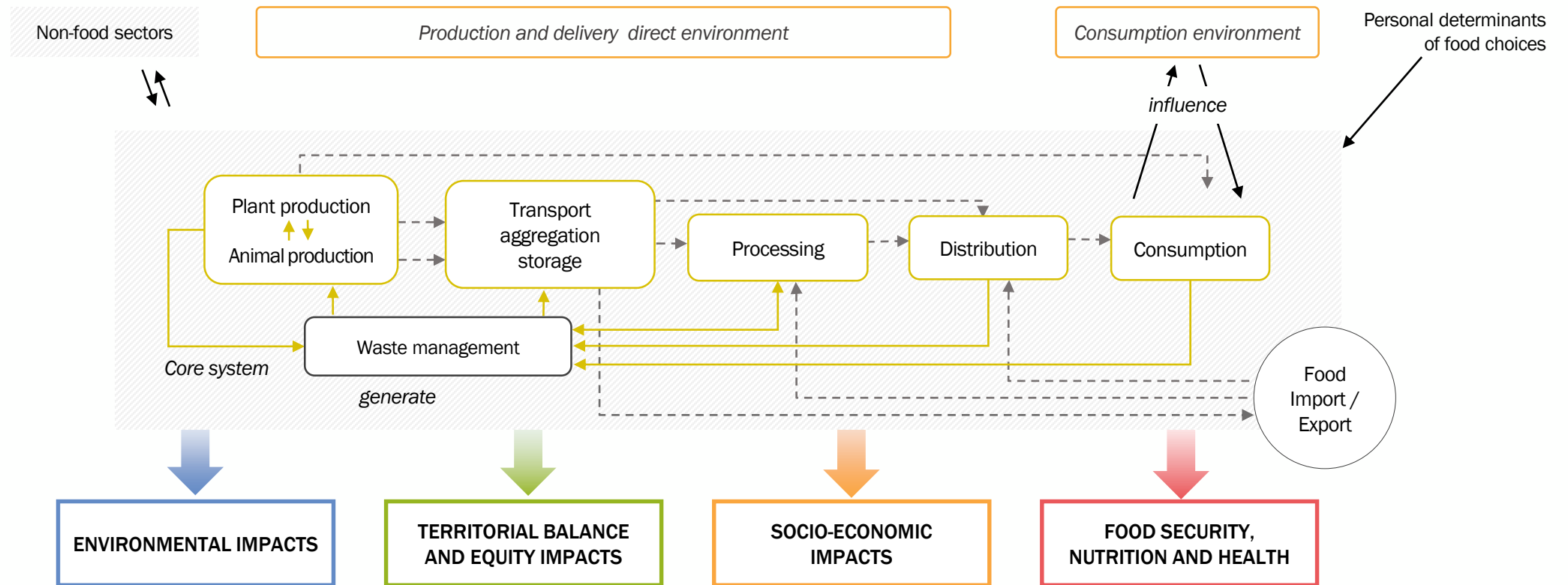
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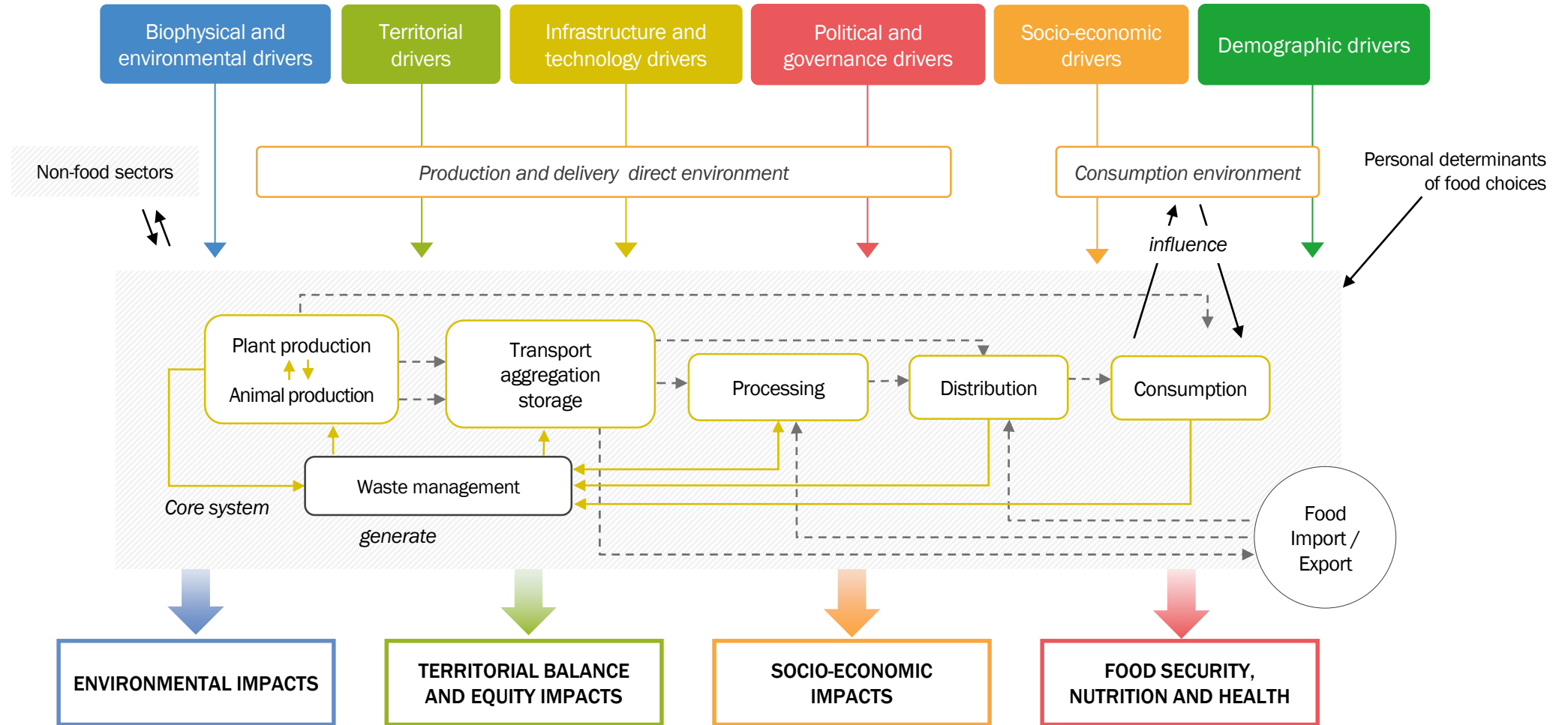
The impacts generated by the Food system (4 dimensions)



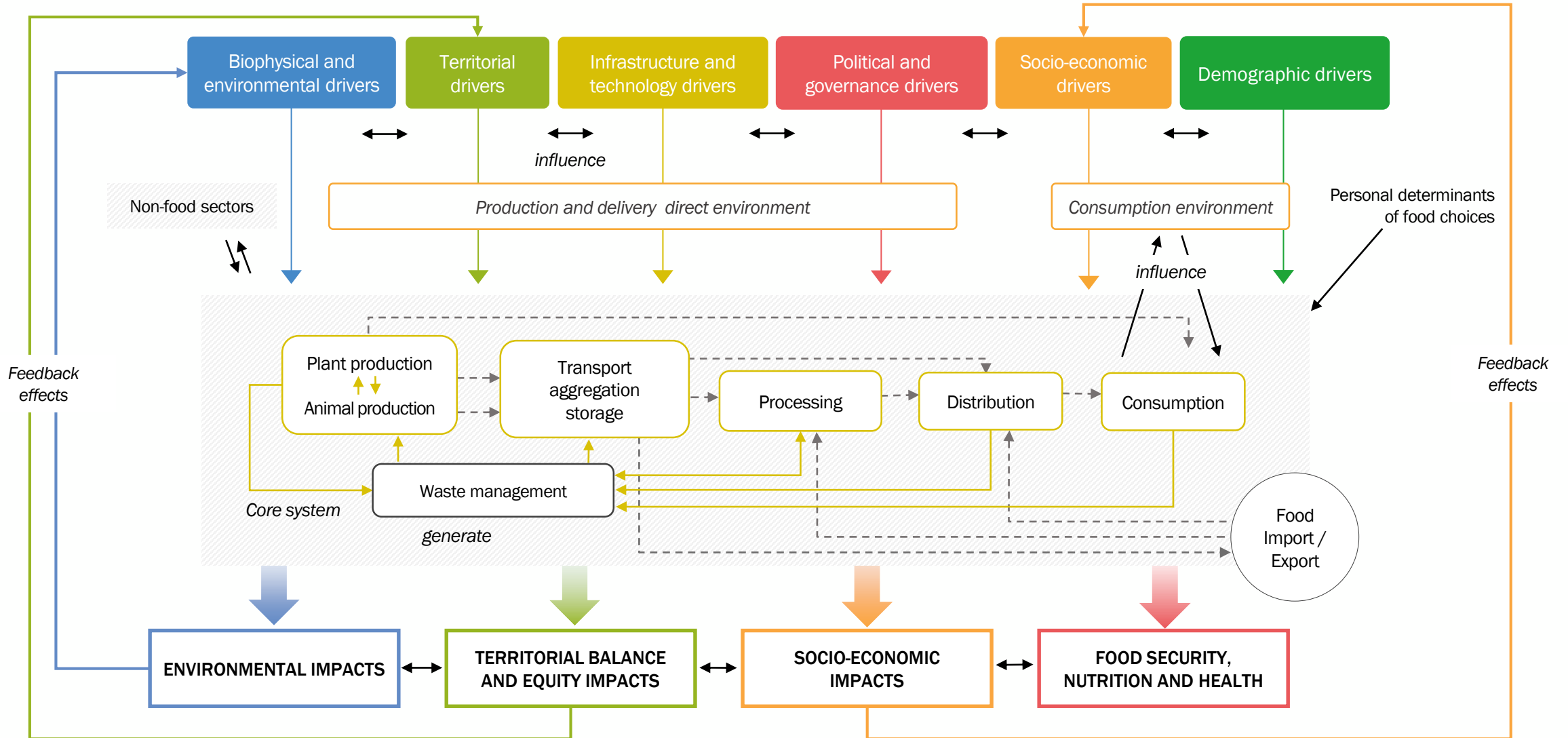
The direct environments influencing the functioning of the FS actors



The drivers



The interactions



Approach centered around four goals



The assessment process in 5 steps



1.

FRAMING THE ISSUES.

Initial workshop to problematize the assessment (30 to 40 public and private sector stakeholders) → major impacts and drivers of the FS



2.

ANALYSE AVAILABLE DATA & DOCUMENTS.

Each major impact and driver is documented (a set of selected indicators and their trends ; narratives on critical issues)



3.

CONSULTATION & SPATIALIZATION

Key informants' interviews → impact pathway between drivers, activities and impact. Mapping of actors / activities and challenges → territorial food systems



4.

DISCUSS & REACH COMMON UNDERSTANDING.

Synthesis workshop : discuss and refine intermediary results ; identify potential entry points for interventions



5.

SUMMARIZE & PREPARE POLICY BRIEF.

A policy brief + a working document



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Examples: emerging strategic food system issues

A world map in a light beige tone serves as the background. Four callout boxes, each with a white background and a thin grey border, are placed over different regions. Each box contains a country name in bold and a question. The boxes are located in South Asia (Bhutan), South Asia (Nepal), East Africa (Malawi), and South America (Colombia). The map also features several small circles: some are solid yellow with a dashed outline, and others are hollow white with a thin grey outline. These circles are scattered across the map, with a notable cluster in South America and another in East Africa.

Bhutan: How can Bhutan overcome a low-yielding/high cost production landscape to increase volume and productivity to feed a growing and wealthier population while respecting its organic and environmental aspirations?

Nepal: How can the federalization process in Nepal support a sustainable transformation of food systems strengthening land management, reinforcing the adoption of climatic resilient crop varieties and breeds, supporting rural employment and reducing territorial disparities (nutrition, market access)?

Malawi: How can Malawi transit from maize-centric production system to dynamic, inclusive and resilient food systems, catalysing food diversification and achieving nutrition goals?

Colombia: How can Colombia leverage family, peasant and community agriculture with proven capacity to supply local food chains in times of crisis (COVID-19) to diversify exports of quality foodstuffs?

What are the outputs?

- Food systems **brief in every country** (September 2021)
- **Intermediate synthesis brief** for the 2021 UN Food Systems **Pre-Summit** (July 2021)
- **Report and brief** for the 2021 UN Food systems **Summit** (September 2021)
- Other technical reports and briefs (TBD)



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