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Why is the definition of a community museum important?

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“They (Ecomuseums or community museums) are a project and a process of local development combining human and heritage resources of a given area. (..) The Ecomuseum accompanies the world as it is and prepares the world to come, using the common living heritage of the place, which it manages and enriches through material and intangible components. (..) The Ecomuseum is a network of local actors and collaborates with other public and private institutions, which work for the social, cultural and economic development, and for the wellbeing of the community.”

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Community Museum Network of America

The community is the decisive force, the protagonist and the creative motor of the museum.



Directed and
managed by
community
representatives



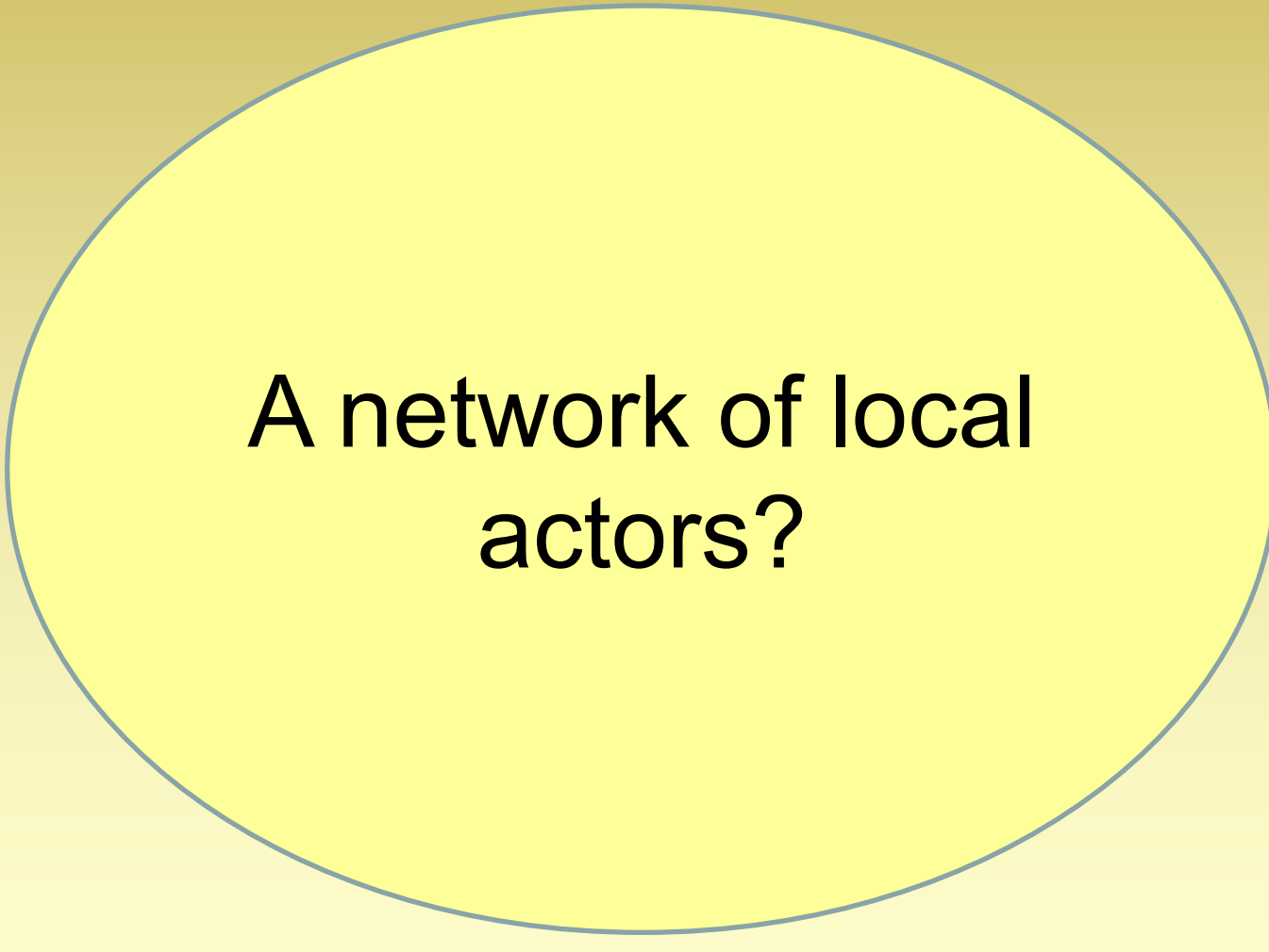


A collective
process of self-
interpretation.



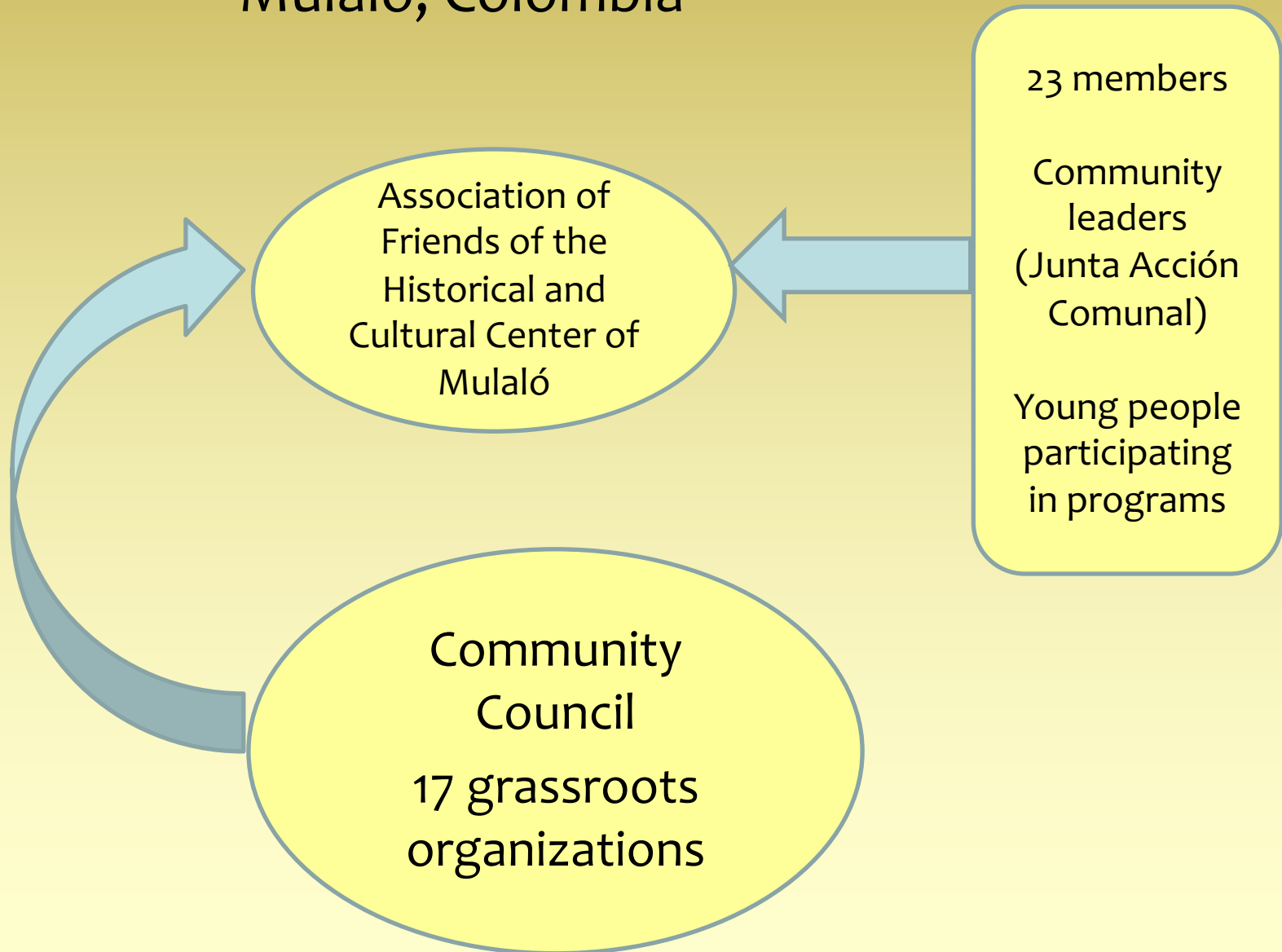


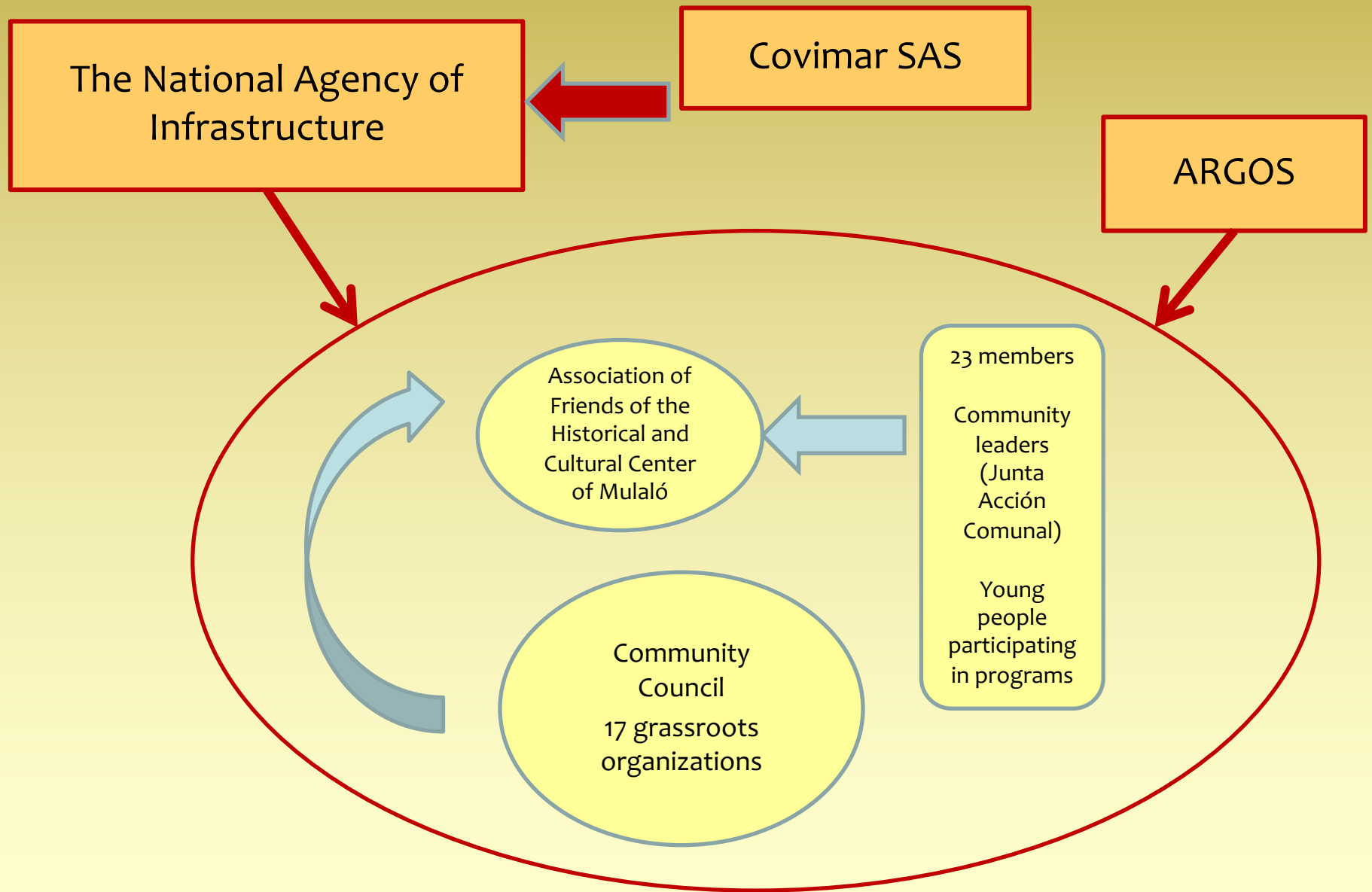




**A network of local
actors?**

Community Museum of Mulaló, Colombia







Participation or Decision?

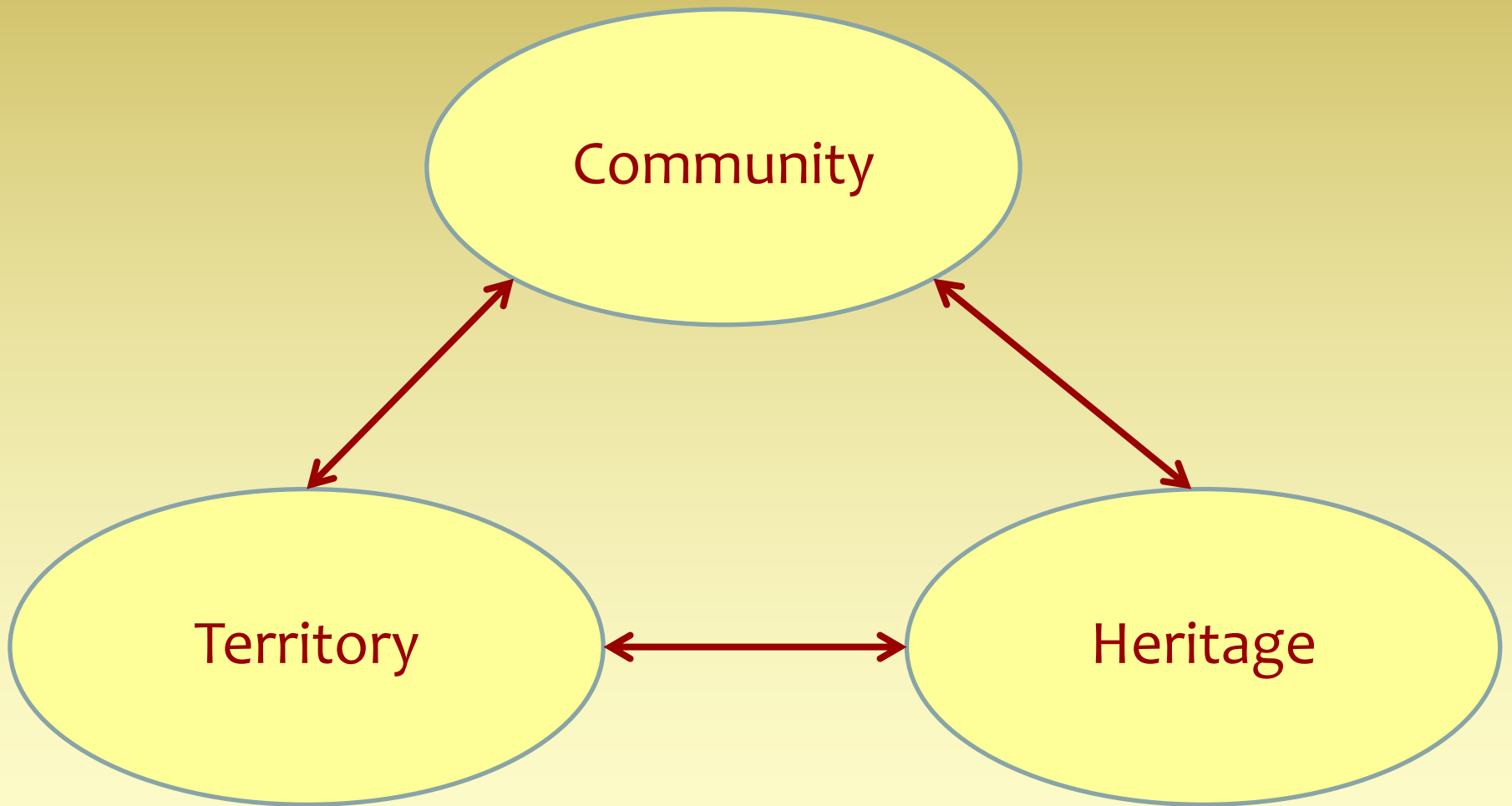


A community
acting together to
recognize
its collective
experience?



A community
receiving someone
else's version
of its history?





Community

Territory

Heritage



Community







