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Issues at the Intersection of Engineering and Human Rights

Participation and Inclusion in Engineering Decision-Making



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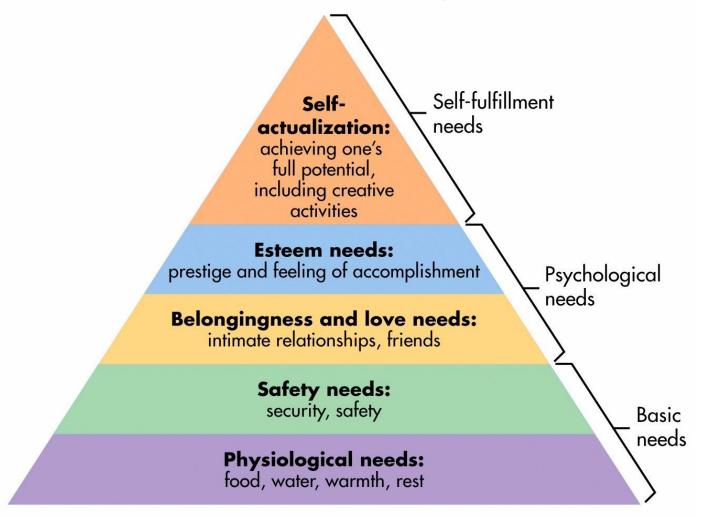




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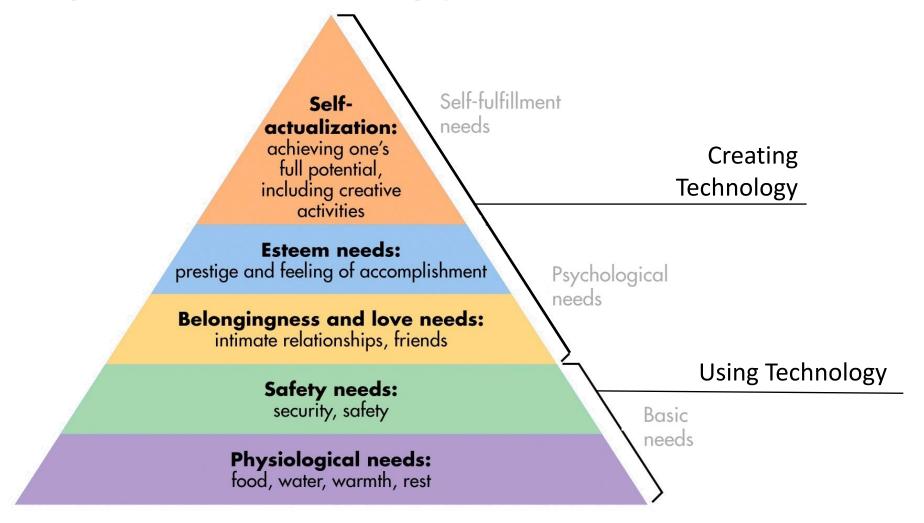
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# Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs





# **Using A Technology Lens**





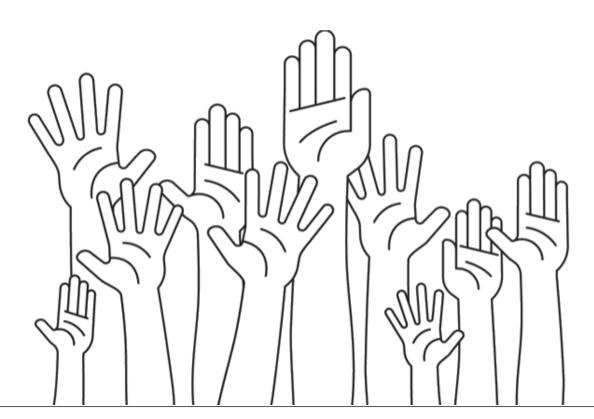
# The Importance of Participation & Inclusion in the Problem Solving Process

- Using tools
- Building skills
- Design thinking
- Problem solving
- Giving and receiving feedback
- Building relationships

- Creativity
- Confidence
- Transformation
- Agency
- Combating dependance
- Increased understanding and empathy



# A Framework for Understanding and Increasing Participation





# **Types of Participation**

- Categorizing roles of stakeholders
  - Consultation: providing information, sharing opinions, giving feedback
  - Partnership: making decisions
  - Leadership: directing



















### Consultation



### Input

- single event
- one-way flow of information
- no feedback or decision-making



### Interaction

- single event
- two-way flow of information
- no feedback or decision-making



### **Iteration**

- multiple events
- two-way flow of information
- opportunity for feedback on refinements
- no decision-making





## **Partnership**



### Collaboration

- stakeholder input is based on areas of expertise
- stakeholders are involved in decisionmaking, but without the ultimate authority



### **Co-Creation**

- stakeholder input is unrestricted
- stakeholders have equal decision-making authority



## Leadership



### Empowerment

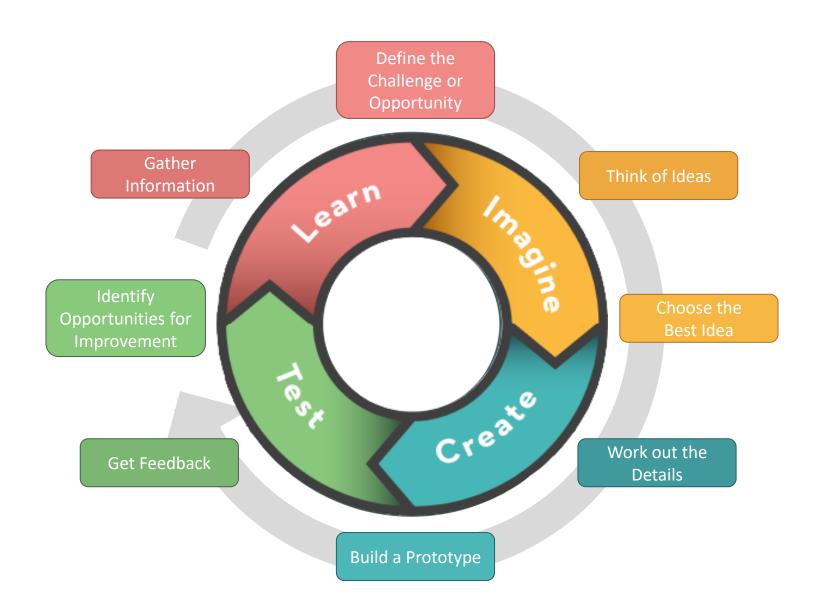
- designer/implementor provides input
- designer/implementor is involved in decisionmaking, but without the ultimate authority



### **Ownership**

- designer/implementor does not provide input
- designer/implementor is not involved in decisionmaking







# Building Resilience through Innovation, Design and Grassroots Empowerment





# **Design for Social Cohesion**







"I felt proud when I made the technology; since I made the technology I have not slept hungry for days now."



"I felt happy and proud of myself for having developed a wheel cart, some of my friends asked me where I got it from, I told them that my team and I developed it and they were shocked and proud of the great work."

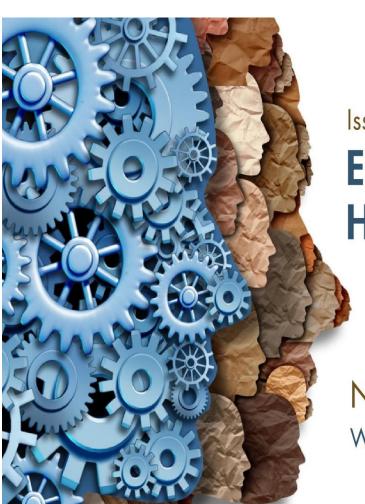


"In fact, I met a lot of friends from here where we have sat and eaten together. Some of them I used to see them as enemies, but now we are tight friends, and [it] is the CCB that did that."



"I was expecting the training to change me from being bad to good. Like I said before, that I was a raider, but now, I am a scientist with technologies that have not been there before."

## Participation and Inclusion in Engineering Decision-Making Panel



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# **ENGINEERING & HUMAN RIGHTS**

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## The Engaged Engineering research program

Social change

empowerment

Engaged Engineering

post-colonial critique

**Buen Vivir** 

agents of transformation

sociotechnical movements

**Exclusion forms** 

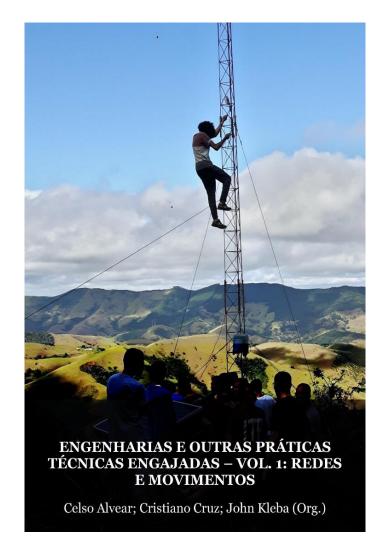
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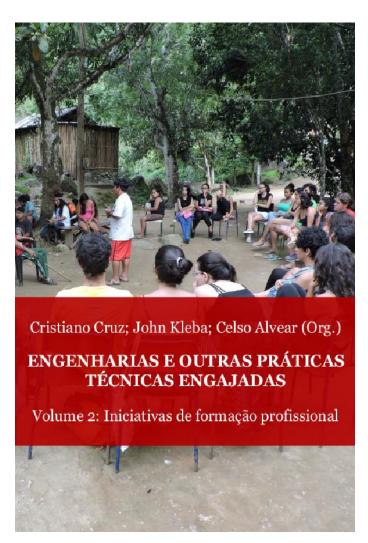
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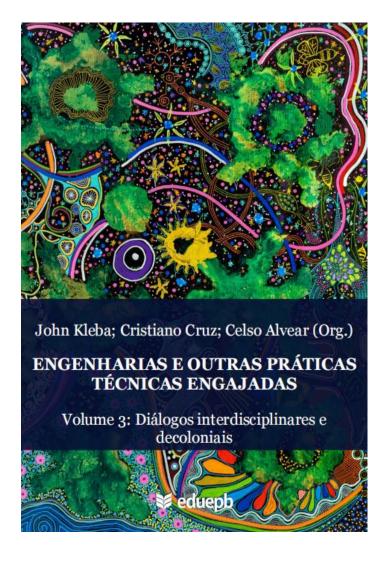
Global South

Science and Technology Studies

### Book trilogy - Engaged Engineering and other Technical Practices









# Can participatory interventions induce change in people trapped in exclusion patterns?

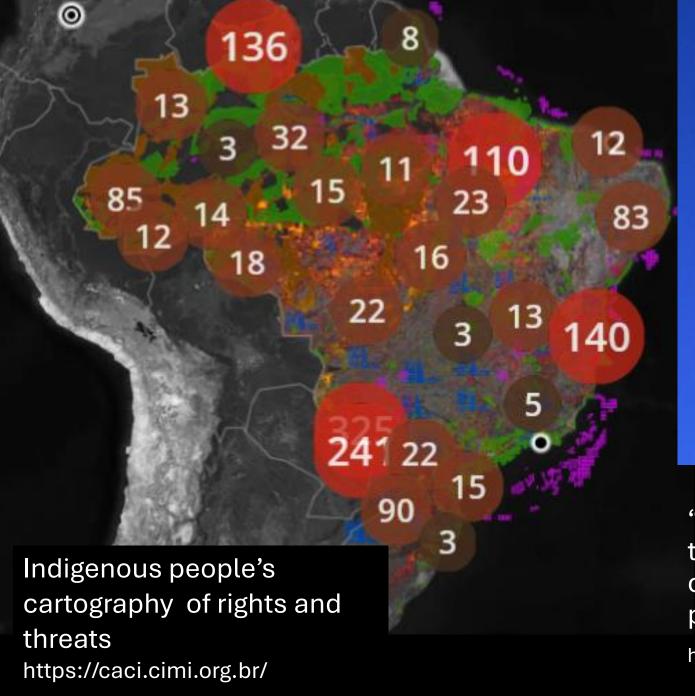
Prioritizing human interactions in participatory technical projects enhances socio-emotional and cognitive development in pupils with low self-esteem.

### Highlights:

- Story-telling and cultivating social ties.
- Integrating pupils' talents in creative activities.
- Inviting to completely new experiences.

# How can we incorporate more human rights dimensions into the technical project?

- Encouraging connections to public policies.
- Collaborating with social movements.
- Evaluating if more empowering dimensions can be integrated into the project.
- Exploring decolonial perspectives.



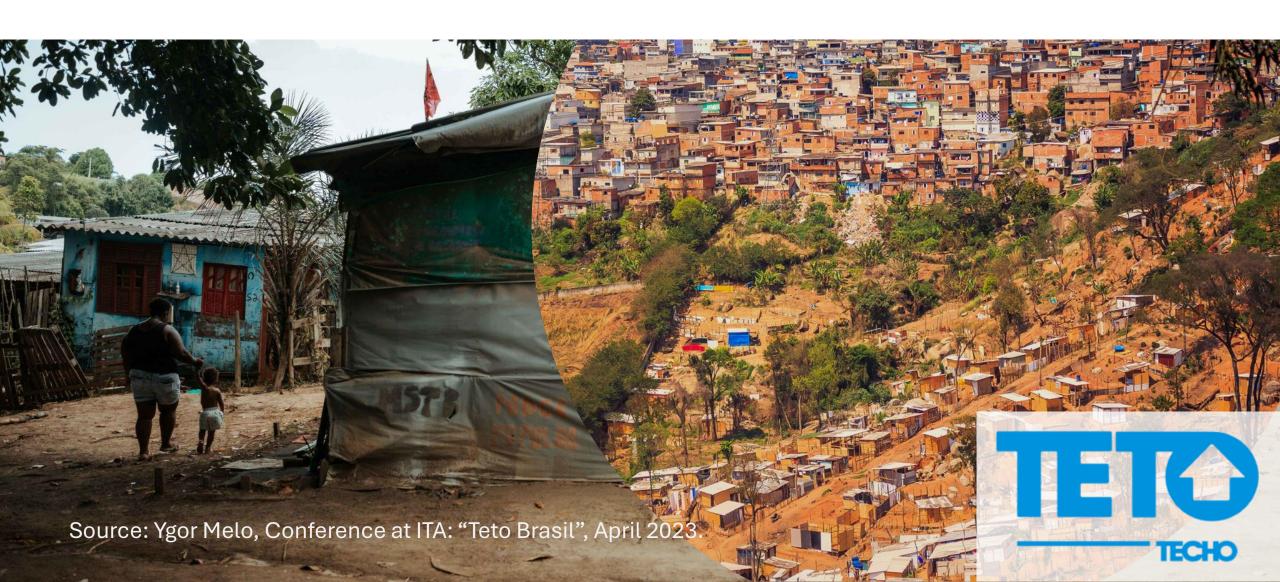


"While you are closing your eyes to reality, the forest guardian Ari Uru-Eu-Wau-Wau, my childhood friend, was murdered for protecting nature." Txai Surui, COP 26.

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### **Empowering communities**

to advance their political awareness, agendas, and capabilities



### Mapping the Rights of People Living in Favelas

#### MAPAS E **CARTOGRAFIAS**





Source: Panorama das Favelas & Comunidades Invisibilizadas do Estado de São Paulo. Teto/Insper/Arq. Futuro/Diagonal, 2024

## THANK YOU!

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