

# Governance

*the structures and mechanisms a community develops to make decisions about its internal affairs and external relationships for the common good of its members* [1]

+ ensuring compliance with those decisions

## and Government

*the institutions and bodies that govern*

1. multiple sources

# Democracy - definition

Governance model for **collective decision taking** by those who are going to **live with the consequences**

NOT= elections; electoral oligarchy (Burnheim)

# Democracy - Principles

- **Political Equality** – equal opportunity to participate
- **Avoid Tyranny** (majority or minority) – Power with not over
- **Deliberation** – informed decision taking
- **Accountability** – decision takers answerable to constituents
- **Reflection, and** – monitors and
- **Adaptativeness** improves
- **Subsidiarity** - Decisions are taken closest to the level of implementation; implementation takes place at the level of optimum economies of scale and scope (capacity)

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# Democracy – Principles & Processes

- **Political equality / avoiding tyranny**
  - Representation (several selection methods)
  - Nested assemblies, polycentric
- **Deliberative / informed**
  - Expert information
  - Time to deliberate
- **Accountable**
  - Transparency of assumptions, inputs and processes
- **Reflective and adaptive**
  - Evaluation and revision
- **Subsidiarity**
  - Community based
  - Nested