



Capitalization of Experiences

Water, Land and People in India



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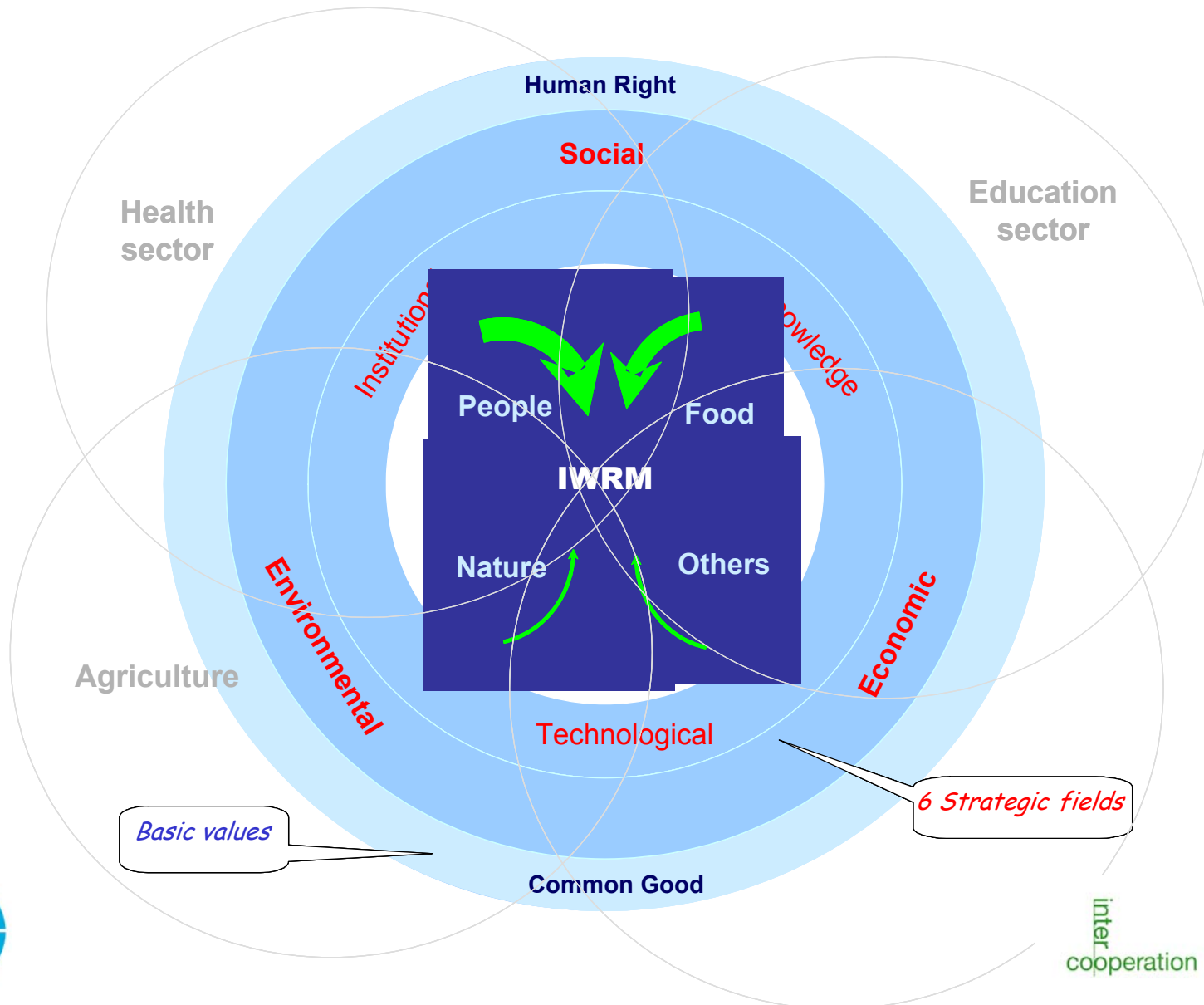
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The Context for Capitalization

- Swiss experiences in watershed development in India date back to 1980s
- Diverse experiences – from Livestock, Sustainable Land Use to NRM
- This knowledge management process to harvest lessons from a holistic perspective → IWRM
- Watersheds are a logical unit for planning both as a hydrological and social unit.



The IWRM framework and SDC Action Areas



Basic values

6 Strategic fields





Types of impact of Watershed Development

Productivity

Soil erosion

Biomass

Water retention

Direct→



Productive Investments

Cohesive Communities

Indirect→



Employment & wage rates Community empowerment Vibrant rural economy

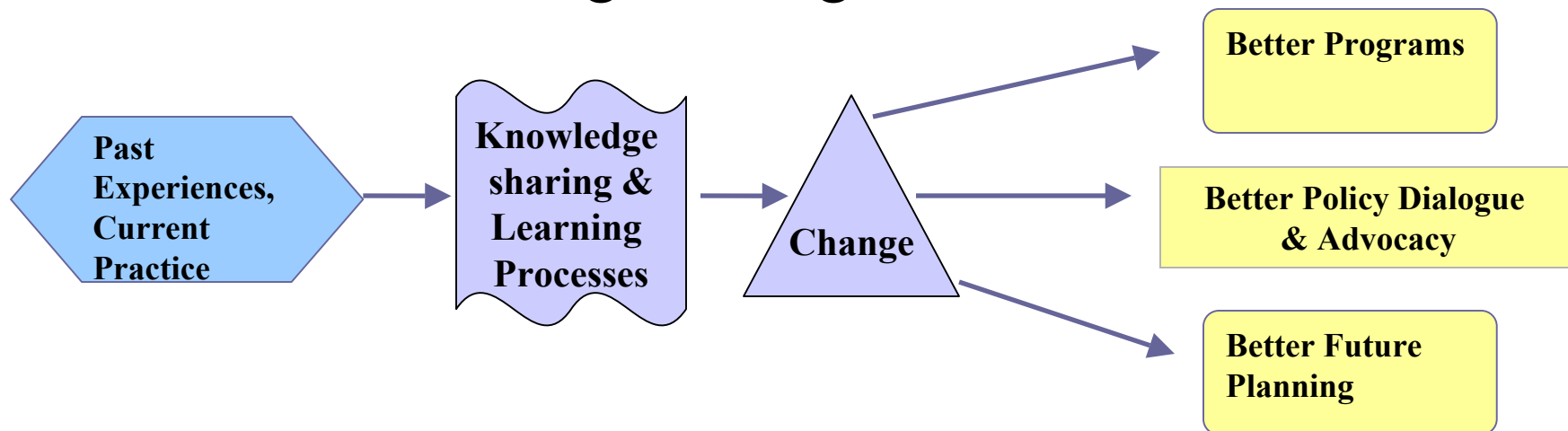
Lessons: understand the root causes, assess the full portfolio of impacts, blend disciplinary perspectives, the sustainable livelihood framework to see the full picture.





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- A Knowledge Management Initiative



CE → A Prospective process, not Retrospective

Good Practice → Good Policies

Intercontinental sharing of experiences: India, Bolivia & Mali





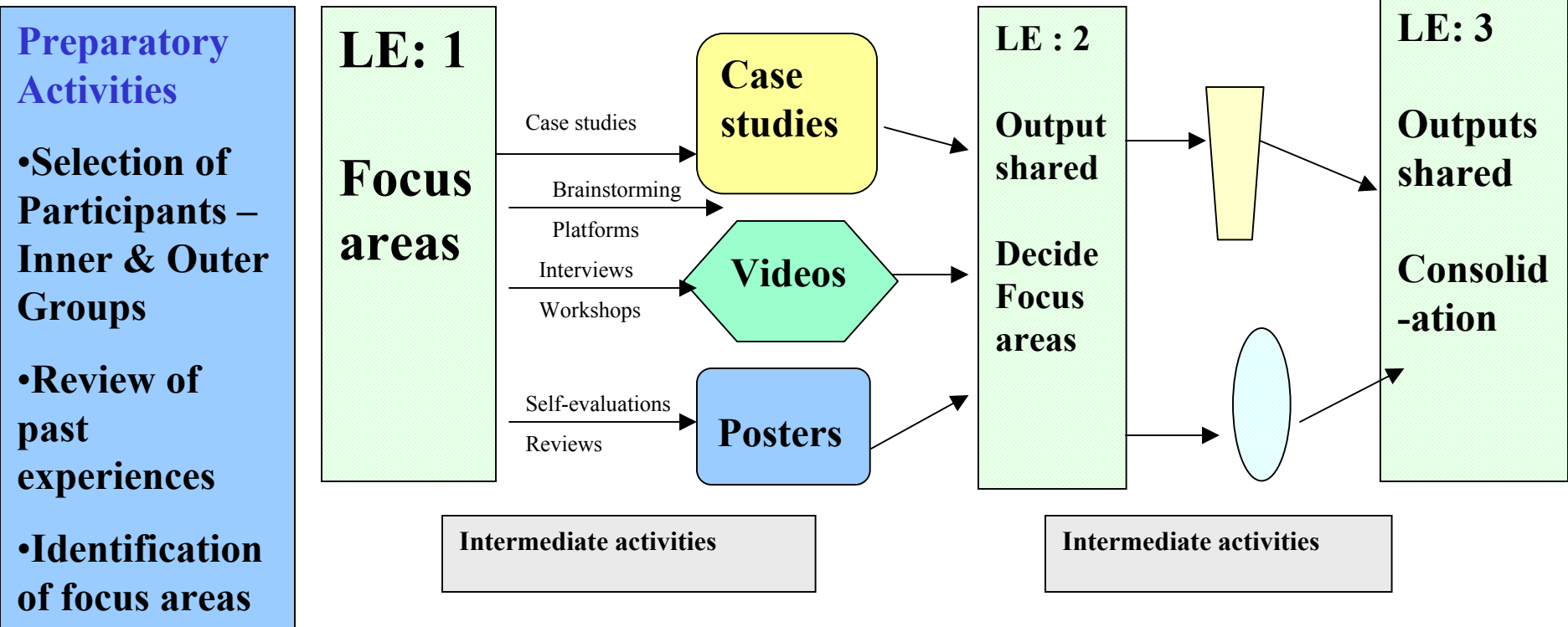
Objectives of CE – Water Land & People

- **Hypothesis:** Watershed like strategies and approaches are effective in poverty reduction, food security & environmental sustainability.
- **Objectives of SDC:** Deepen knowledge base of local, national & international actors for future programming & policy dialogue on rural poverty, food security & environmental sustainability
- **Objectives of Country Processes:**
 - Success/constraints as basis for future country-specific programming
 - Access to lessons across regions
 - Strategies to institutionalize & scale up success factors
 - Manage knowledge for national policy dialogue
 - In-country alliance building & networking for policy advocacy





CE Set-up in India



December
2005

April
2006

Sept
2006
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Focus Areas Identified

Institutional Dimensions of Water Resource Management

1. Rules, regulations and management systems (water resources)

2. Addressing information imbalances in the context of community organization

3. Convergence, linkages and collaborations among institutions

4. Watershed development and growth

Lenses:
Sustainability
Equity
Poverty

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Relevance for current and future work?

Scope for learning?

Do we have enough body of evidence?





Already some Tangible achievements

- Sharing lessons on tank management programs between two states
- Identification of areas for policy advocacy & preparedness where large investments in tank management is envisaged
- Application of lessons to a national program for employment guarantee
- A vibrant information exchange mechanism.

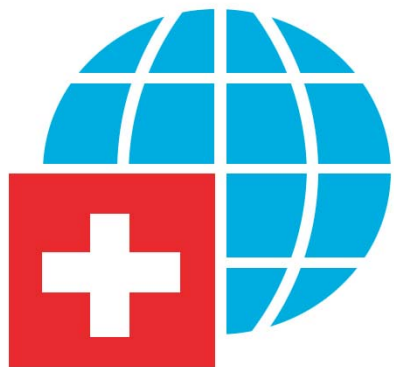




Issues and Challenges

- Implementation of consolidated experiences may not be immediate, takes time...
- Experience holders may not make their own decisions in an hierarchical set up
- Inability of organizations involved to **change**
- Lack of support of local partners and target groups towards the **changes**
- Many operational challenges of coordination in a large country!





Thank You!



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