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PROMOTING CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION INITIATIVES IN THE ARAB REGION

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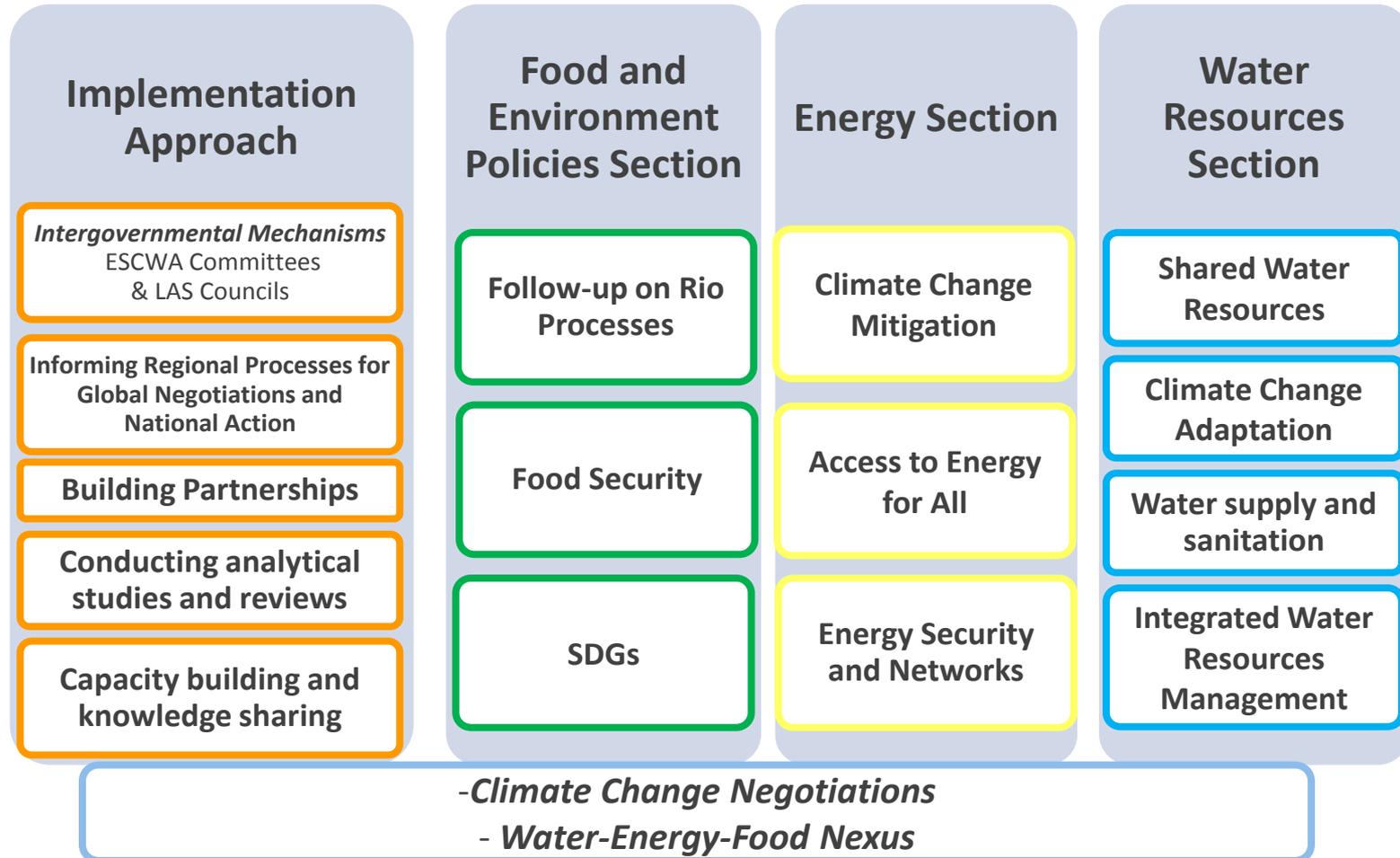


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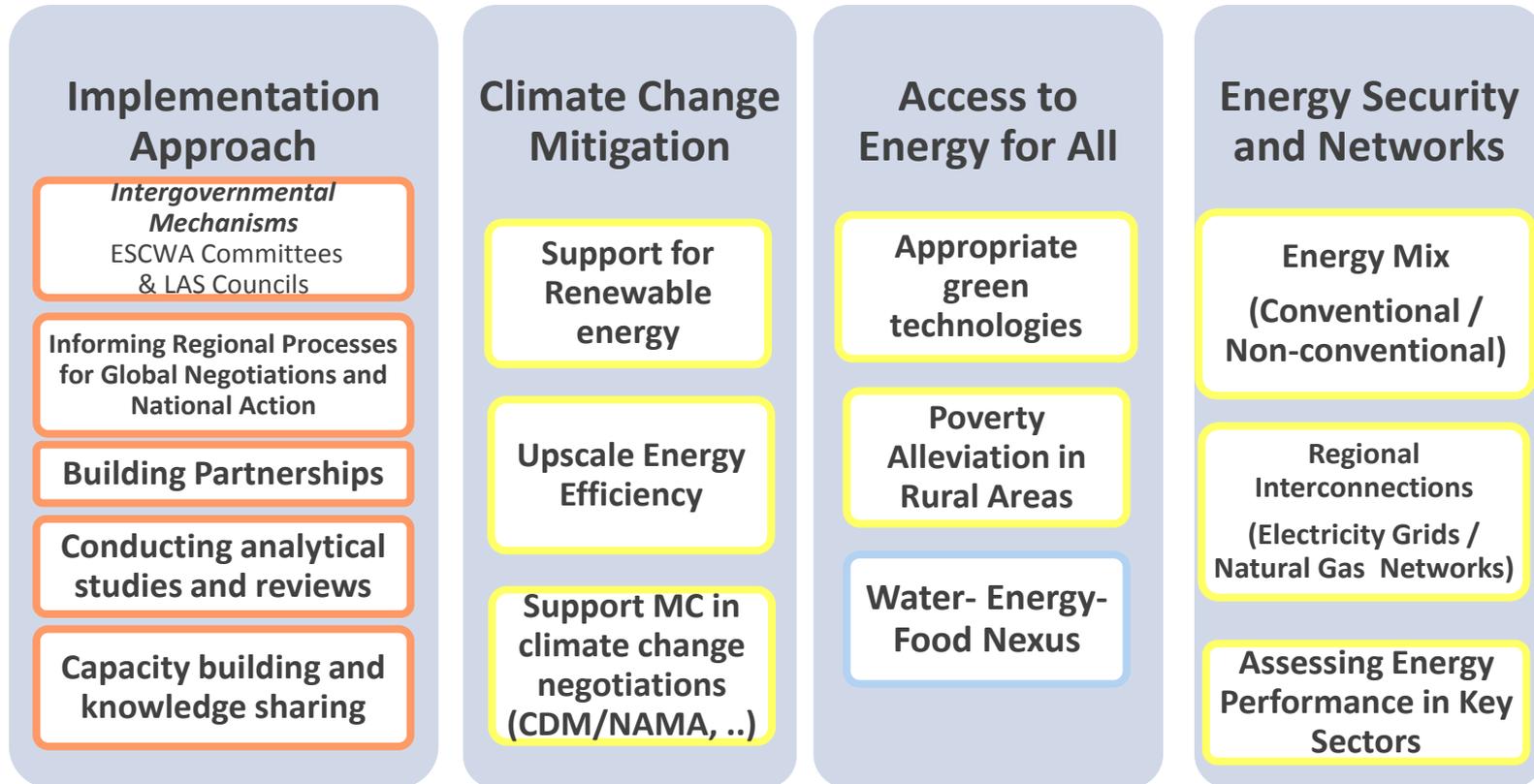
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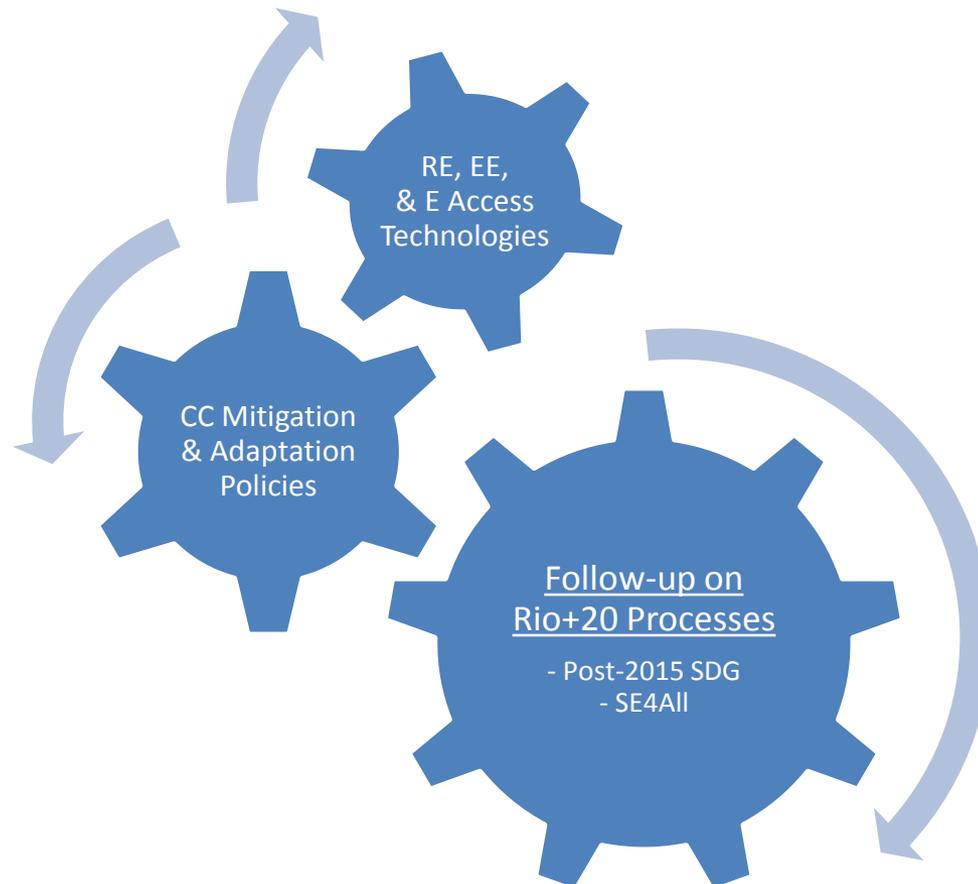
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CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

REGIONAL INITIATIVE FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON
WATER RESOURCES AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC VULNERABILITY IN THE ARAB REGION

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RICCAR OBJECTIVES

PROVIDE A **COMMON PLATFORM** FOR:

- **ASSESSING, ADDRESSING AND INFORMING RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS ON FRESHWATER RESOURCES IN THE ARAB REGION,**
- **SERVING AS THE BASIS FOR DIALOGUE, PRIORITY SETTING, AND POLICY FORMULATION ON CLIMATE CHANGE AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL**

Assessment

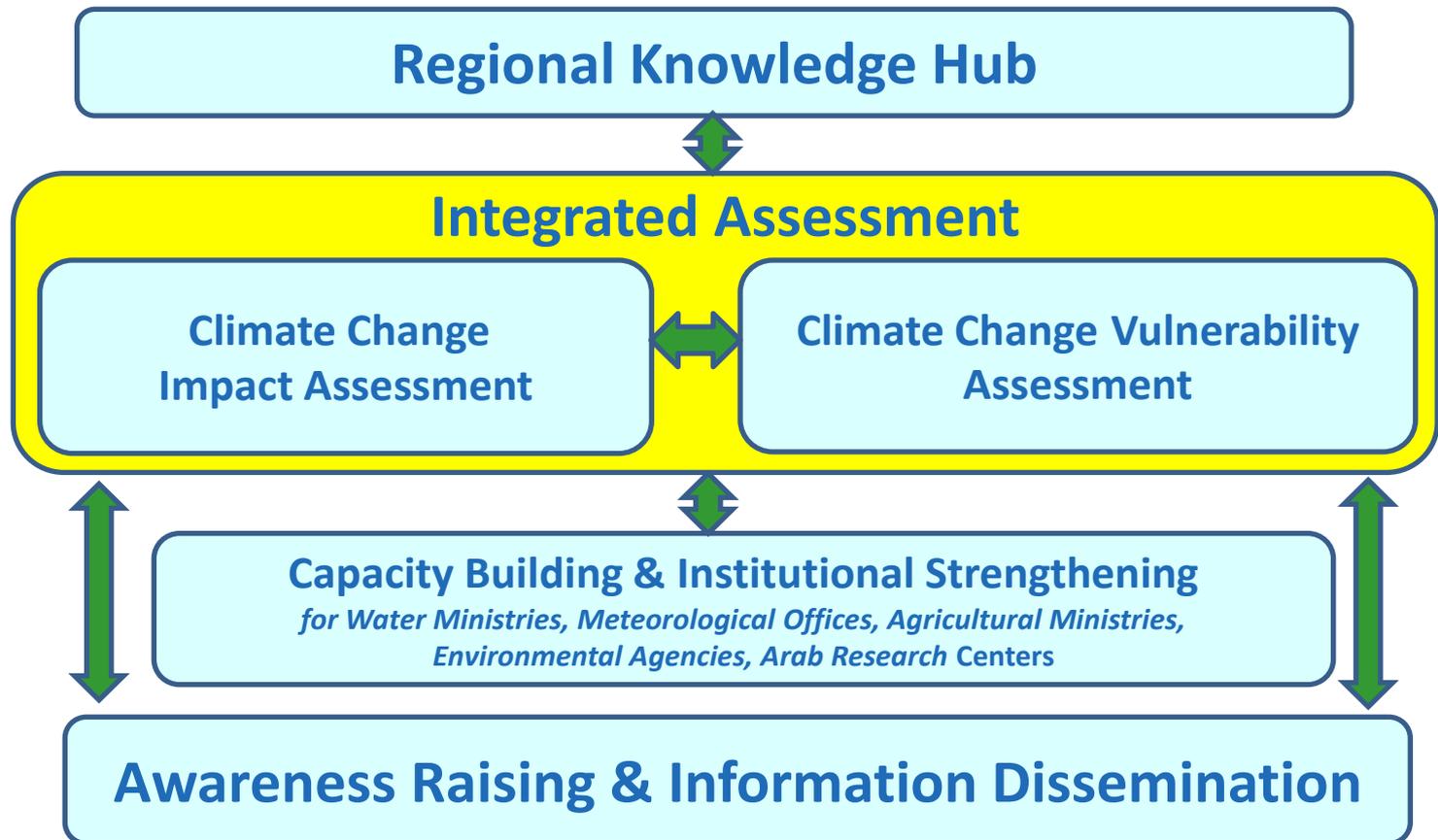
Adaptation

Mitigation

Negotiations

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

RICCAR FRAMEWORK



CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

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- Climate Services Center (CSC) - Germany

CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION

EE, RE, & E ACCESS

	RE	EE	E access	E security	Positive economic impacts	Reduced local pollution	Delivering power to rural & impoverished areas
Regional initiative to up-scale EE in existing building stock.		X	X	X	X	X	
Guidelines for EE in industry, electricity generation, transport, tourism, and agriculture.		X	X	X	X	X	
Guide for technology needs assessment for CC (Arabic)	X	X		X	X	X	
Promoting EE & RE investment.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Use of RE technologies to enhance productivity in impoverished rural areas	X		X		X	X	X
Capacity building on RE adoption in rural areas	X		X		X	X	X

OTHER TYPES OF SUPPORT TO REGIONAL CAPACITY ON CLIMATE CHANGE

- ENHANCING CAPACITY OF ARAB NEGOTIATING TEAMS TO ENGAGE IN THE GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE NEGOTIATIONS
ARAB NEGOTIATORS TO REACH BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF COMMON INTERESTS AND IMPROVE COMMON POSITIONS.
 - UNDERSTANDING RELEVANT FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS ON CC,
 - DEVELOPING AN IMPROVED UNDERSTANDING OF POTENTIALS FOR COMMON POSITIONS BETWEEN COUNTRIES IN THE REGION, AND PERCEIVING THE CHALLENGES AND LIMITS OF SUCH COMMON POSITIONS,
 - BUILDING LINKS BETWEEN THE FUTURE GENERATION OF CLIMATE CHANGE NEGOTIATORS FROM ARAB COUNTRIES TO FACILITATE IMPROVED COORDINATION AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMON POSITIONS
 - FOSTERING ON-GOING DIALOGUE AS PART OF A CONTINUOUS PROCESS BETWEEN ARAB COUNTRIES.

OTHER TYPES OF SUPPORT TO REGIONAL CAPACITY ON CLIMATE CHANGE

- WATER-ENERGY-FOOD NEXUS

Cross Sectoral Approach: Water-Energy-Food

Better Resource
Management

Better
Environmental
Sustainability

Conservation of
Limited
Resources

Adapting to
Impacts of
Climate Change



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