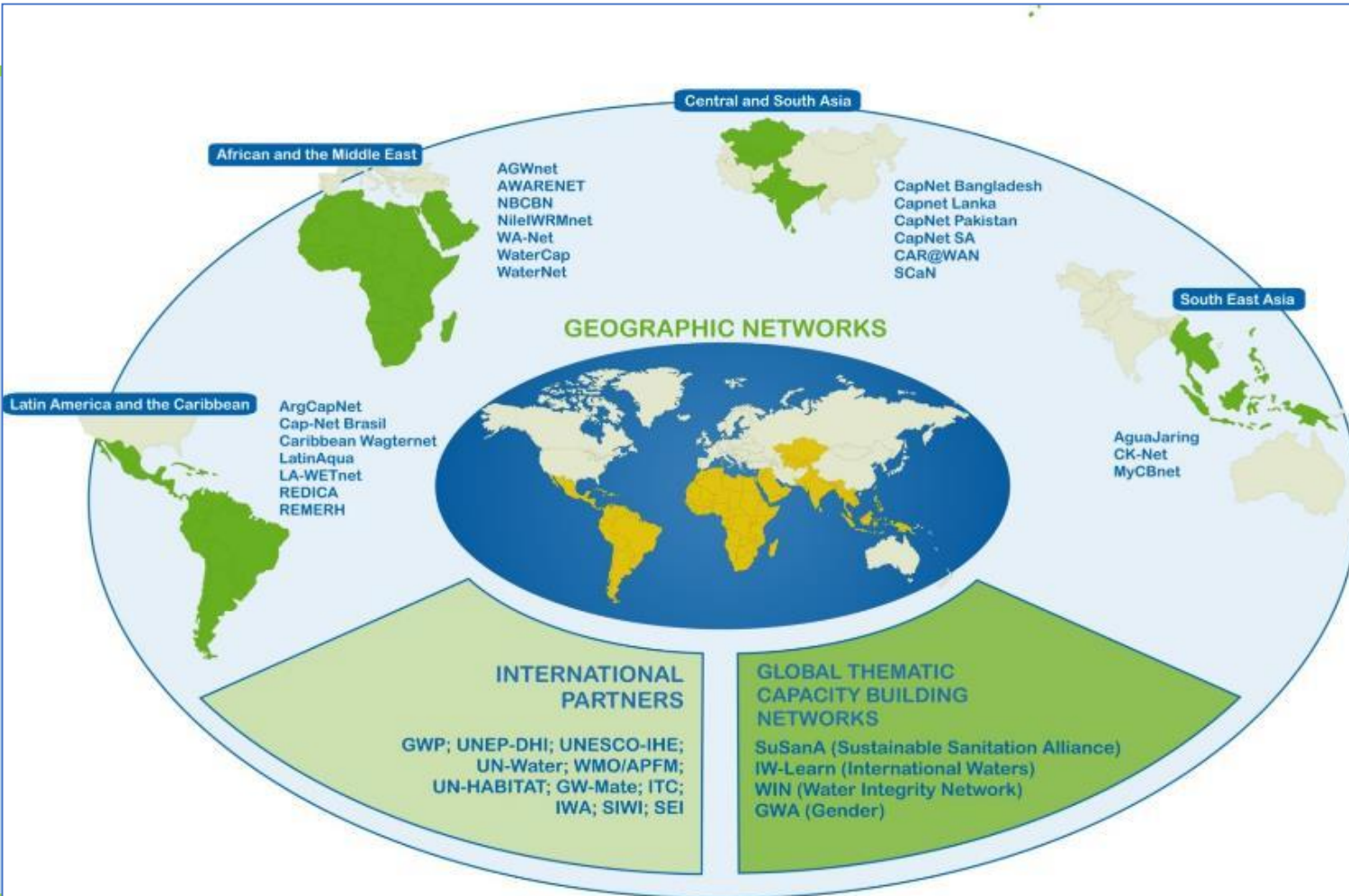


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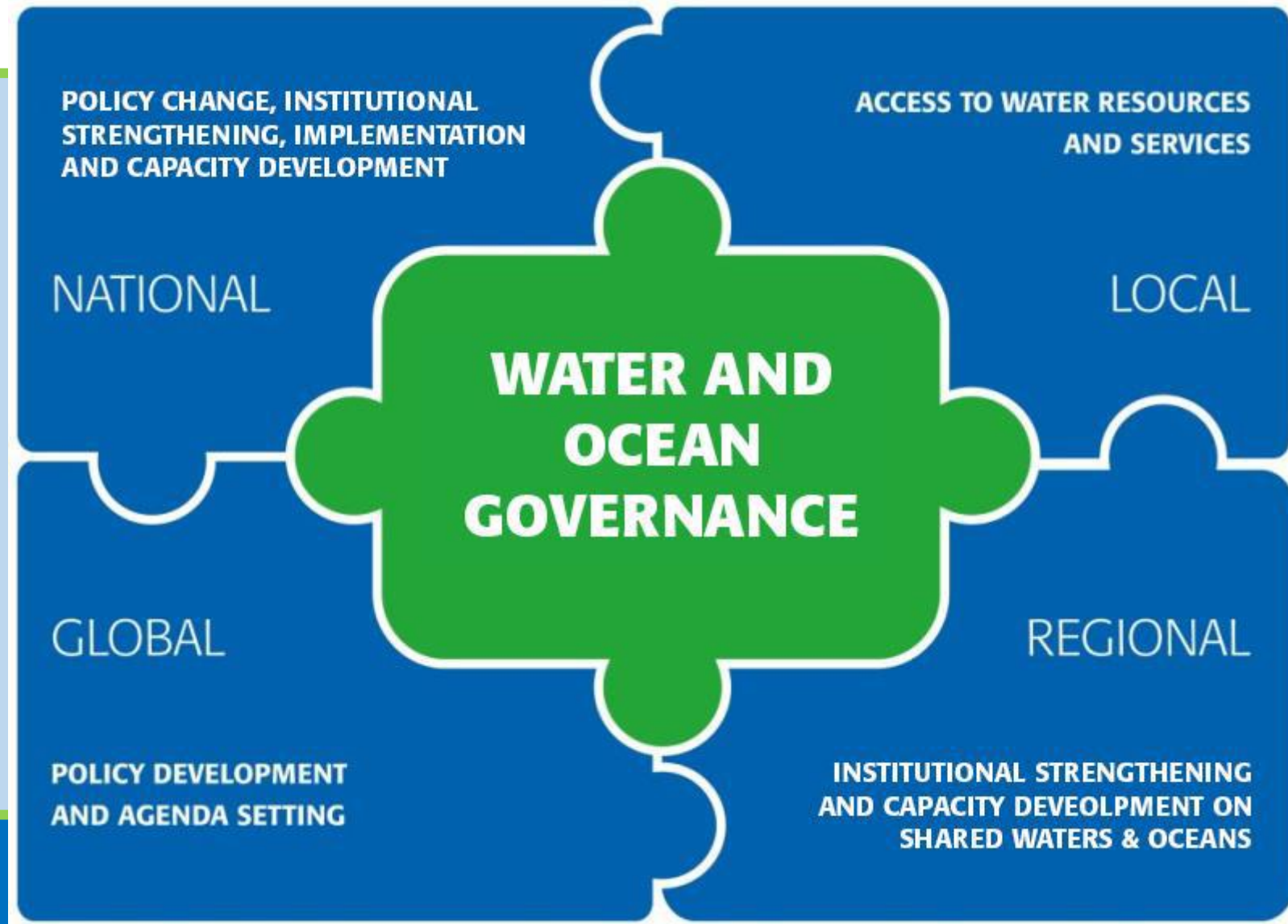




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Topic A. Enhancing education and capacity building

Education and training on water are not costs but investments. Efficient capacity building is a condition to improve effectiveness and sustainability in water use and management. Education is the real key for change. International partnerships for closing capacity gaps should be long terms and continuous collaborative projects.

Topic B. Science and technology and decision/policy making

Water policies are effective when driven by science and technology providing accurate data and facts. Decision makers need proper indicators and water information systems for water policies and plans. Capacity building, cross-sectoral dialogue, and governance and institutional settings and skills are key to enable long-term applicability and effective solutions.

There is a need of translation -on both ways- at the Science & Technology / Policy interface. Policies about water need to consider it as a cross cutting element in the entire SDG agenda.

Topic C. ICT and monitoring

Sustainable development claims for data availability and information that are accessible through current technologies. Availability and affordability, including connectivity, are in place. Capacity development and change management spread out these technologies for their incorporation in daily water management, planning and decision-making.

End-users and providers of innovative technologies should closely work together to exploit opportunities for more cost-effective water monitoring and managing capacities. Identifying and implementing the adequate ICT or sensor technology can make the difference.

Topic D. International cooperation and water integrity

In a context framed by climate change strongly affecting water resources beyond political boundaries, international cooperation and capacity building are key factors to address the water and climate relationship and sharing knowledge on innovative technologies.

Enhance international cooperation for effective, continuous, and targeted capacity building in developing countries to support all Sustainable Development Goals.

Accountability and integrity are key to improving the water sector; this requires significantly increasing investments in building the required capacities of governmental agencies, operators and civil society organizations.

Thanks very much

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