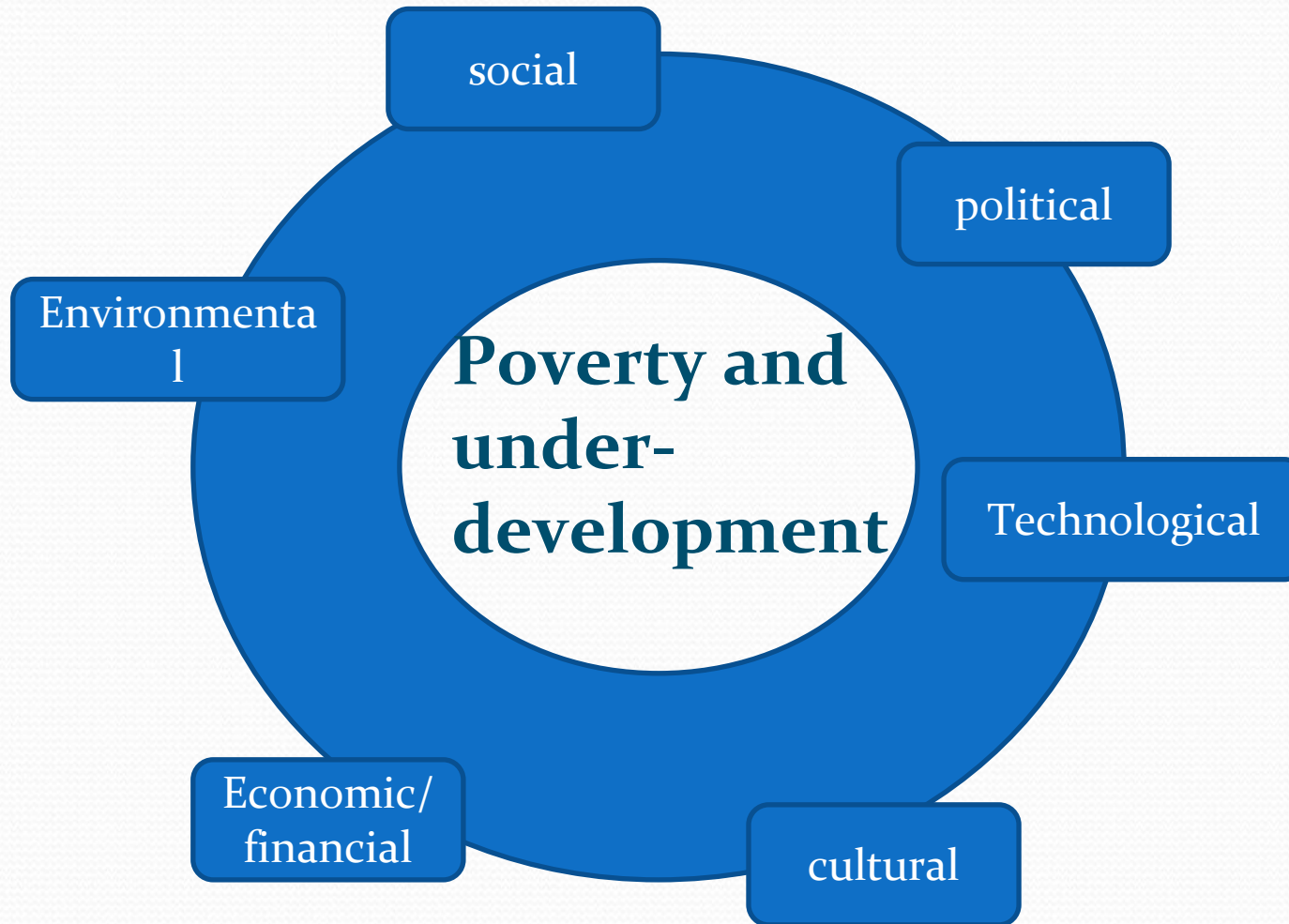


KRA II: Increasing Local Capacity

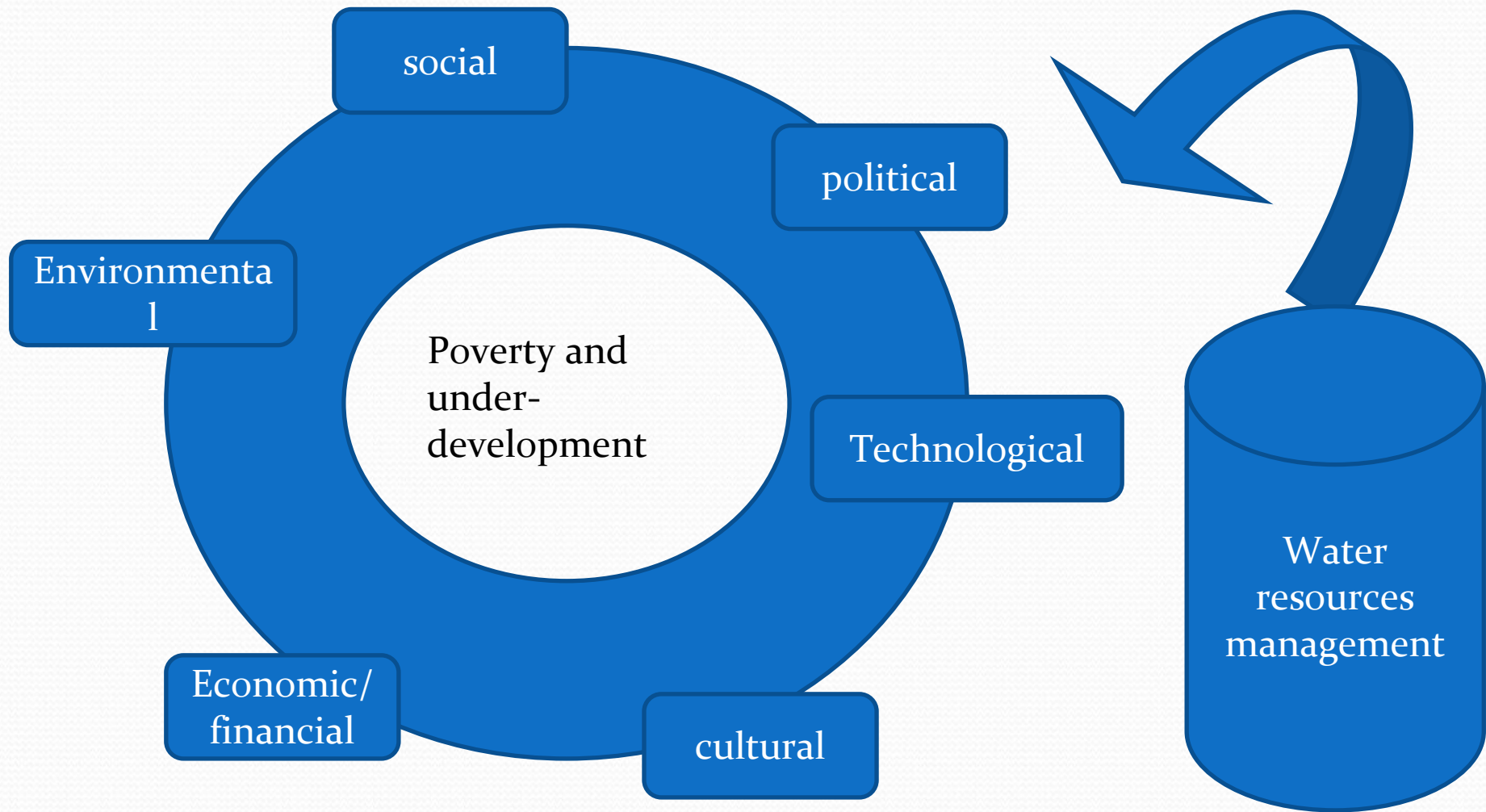
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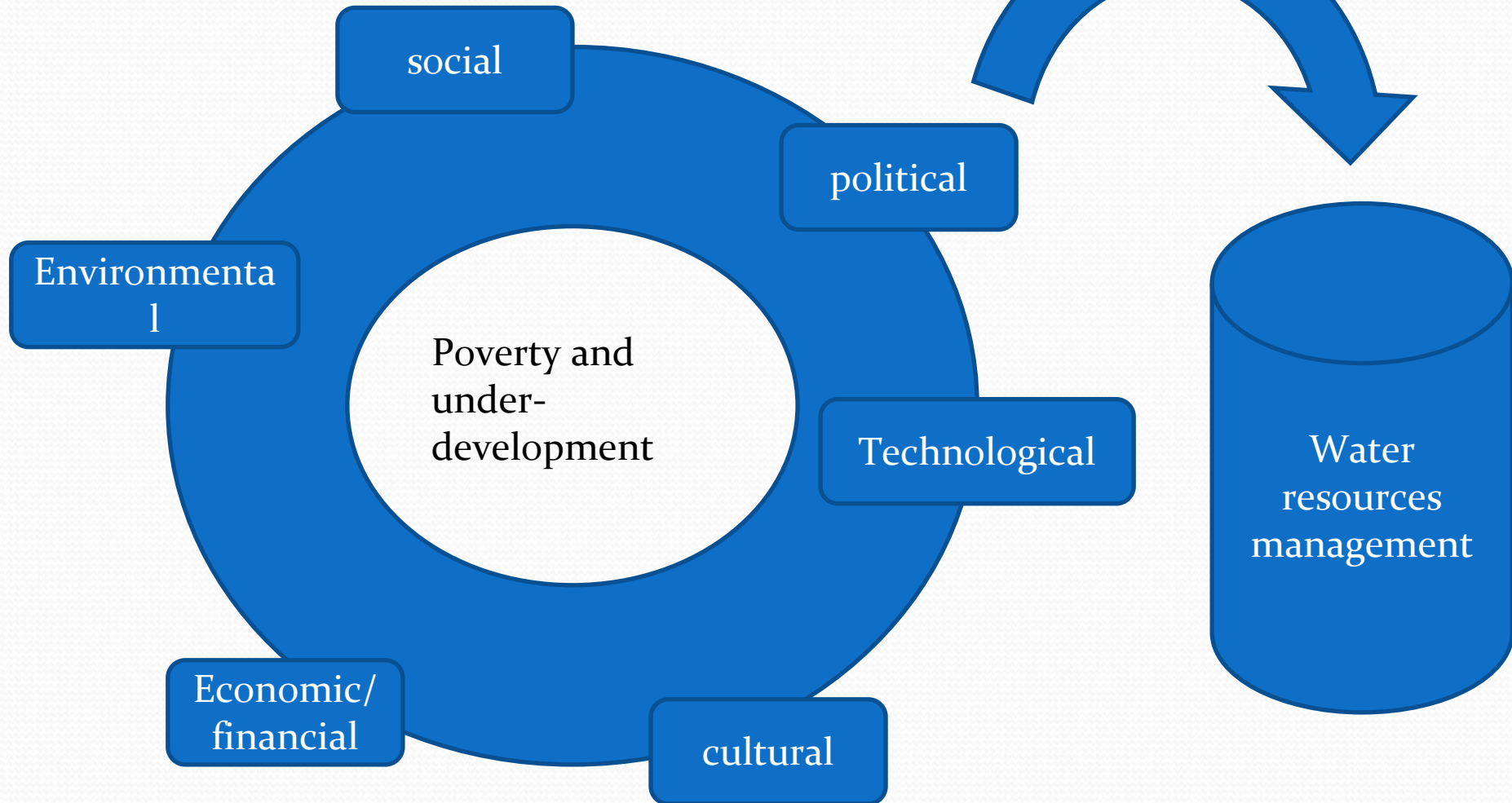


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- Your commitments at the 1st APWS as the lead organization of KRA2 and its progress, future prospect
- Your expectations for upcoming 5th World Water Forum and 2nd Asia-Pacific Water Summit by December 10th.

Major Challenges of the Region



KRA II: Increasing local capacity

- Decentralization
- Capacity building
- Partnership building

Increasing capacities at local levels include all stakeholders (both parastatal and non-parastatal. It refers to individuals, organizations and institutions. It involves enhancing capacities, strengthening skills and changing behaviors. It involves knowledge generation, transfer and management.

Decentralization with empowerment

- Community based and location-adapted IWRM is essential for sustainability of water sources and should be promoted.
- Central and local governments as facilitators
- Ensure transparency and accountability of those working in the water sector such as government offices and non-government organizations.
- Involve people by placing them in the center, particularly poor women and men and other disadvantaged groups for all social development activities in IWRM.

Capacity development

- Working with capacity development hubs/country level training/resource centers in a few strategic countries
- Tapping synergies among resource centers (NGOs, academe, government training academies etc)
- Compilation and mapping out of resources in the region into a database
- Building /supporting capacity building networks, initiatives and making linkages
- Knowledge fairs, reference materials and access to knowledge

Partnership development

- Engaging different stakeholders in increasing local capacities
- Creating enabling environments especially for the voices of the marginalized groups to be heard
- Recognition of small scale entrepreneurs and supporting them
- Supporting gender sensitive approaches in projects/programmes

Expectations for the future

- Capacity development is seen as an important element for sustainable water resources management
- Governments will recognize its importance and will be willing to invest in capacity development and CD hubs
- Governments will support the creation of enabling environments so that communities and small scale entrepreneurs will grow and be strong and viable service providers.
- Donors to support capacity development initiatives!