



GEO BON Implementation

GEO BON Implementation Plan Meeting

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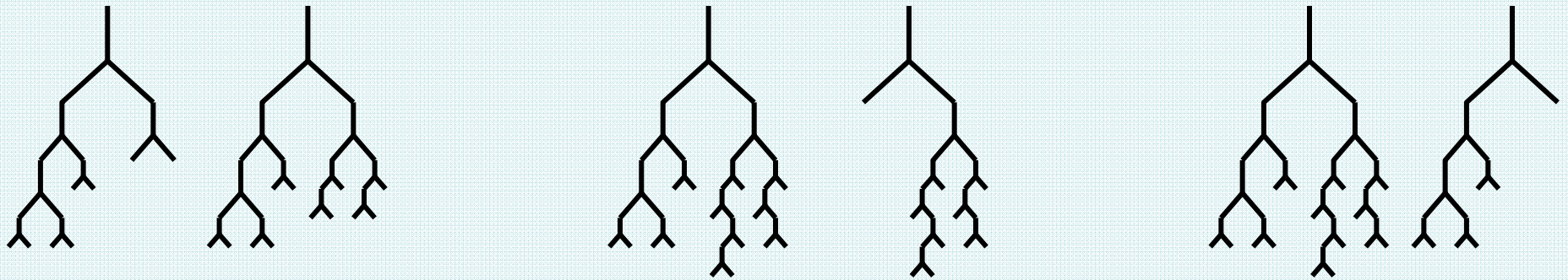
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- Development process
- Working groups
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- The meeting

GEO BON Structure

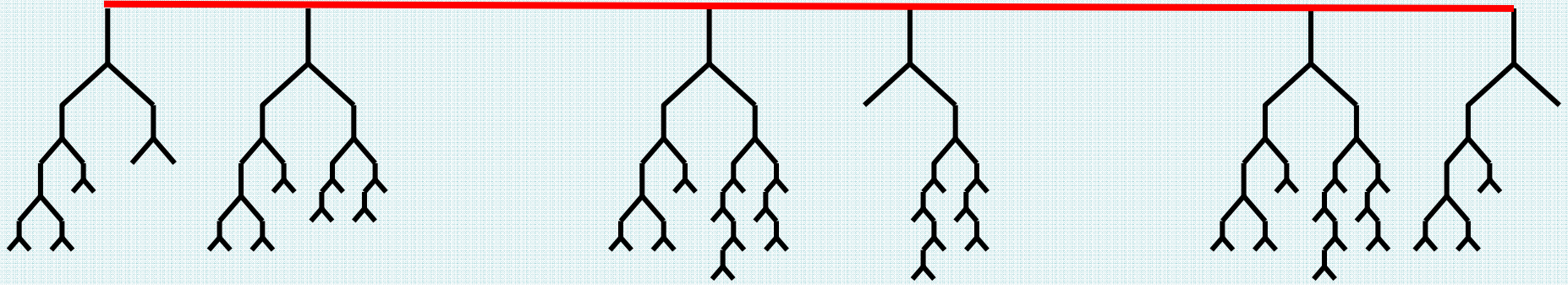
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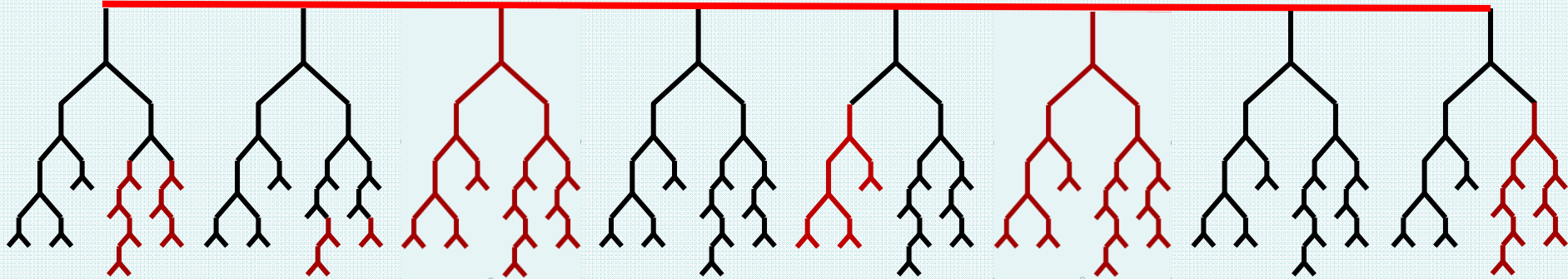
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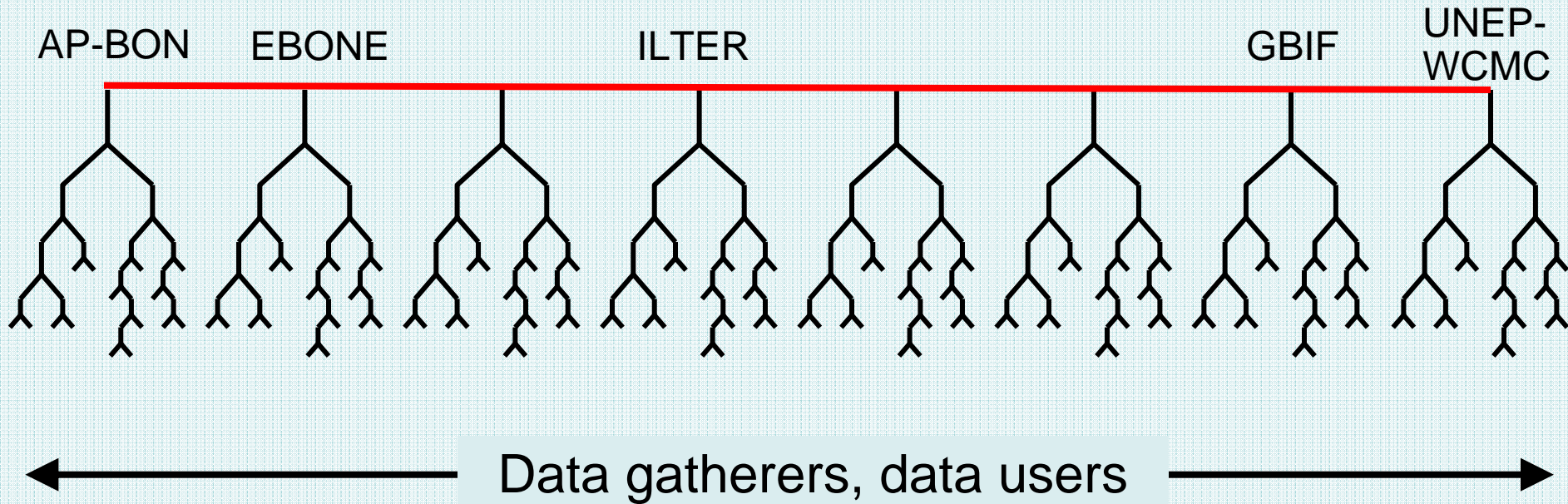
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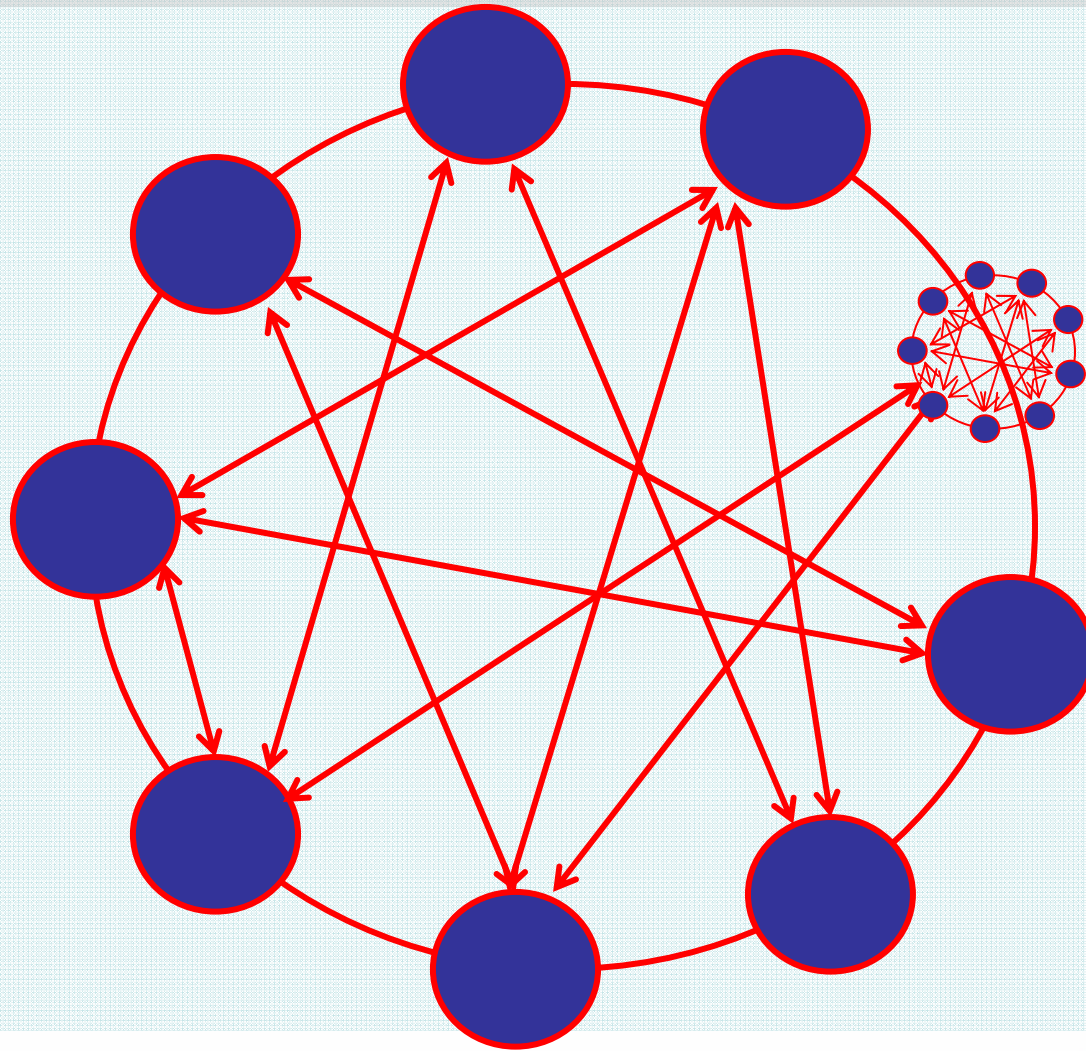


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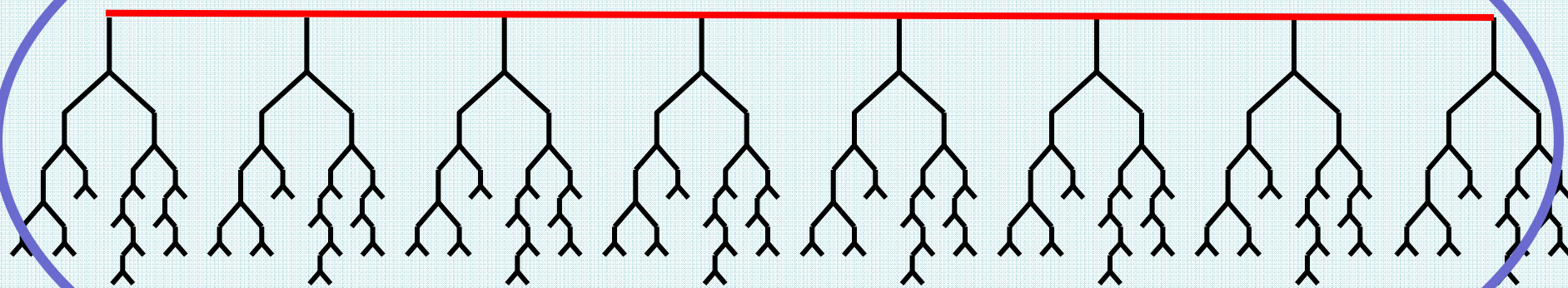
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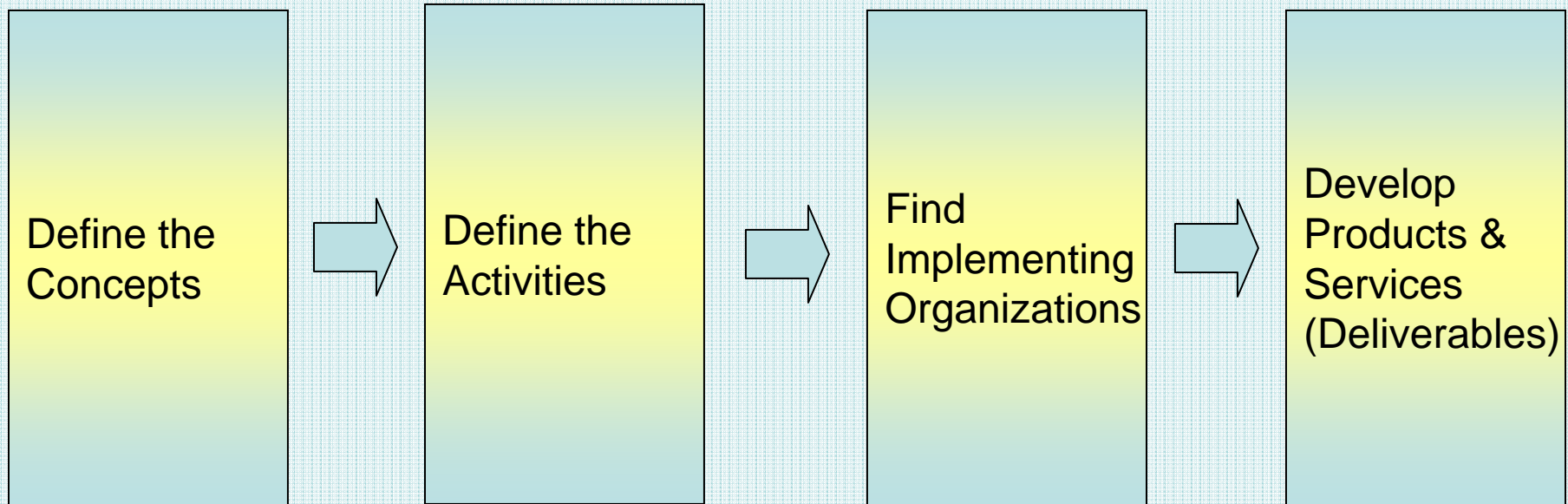
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Development process

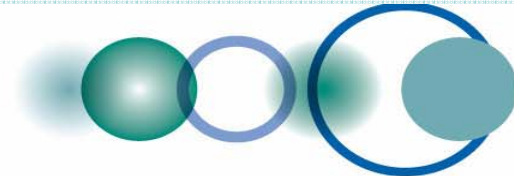
How does GEO BON get
“implemented”?

Through regional and thematic BONs and partners

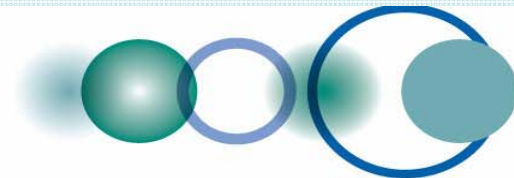
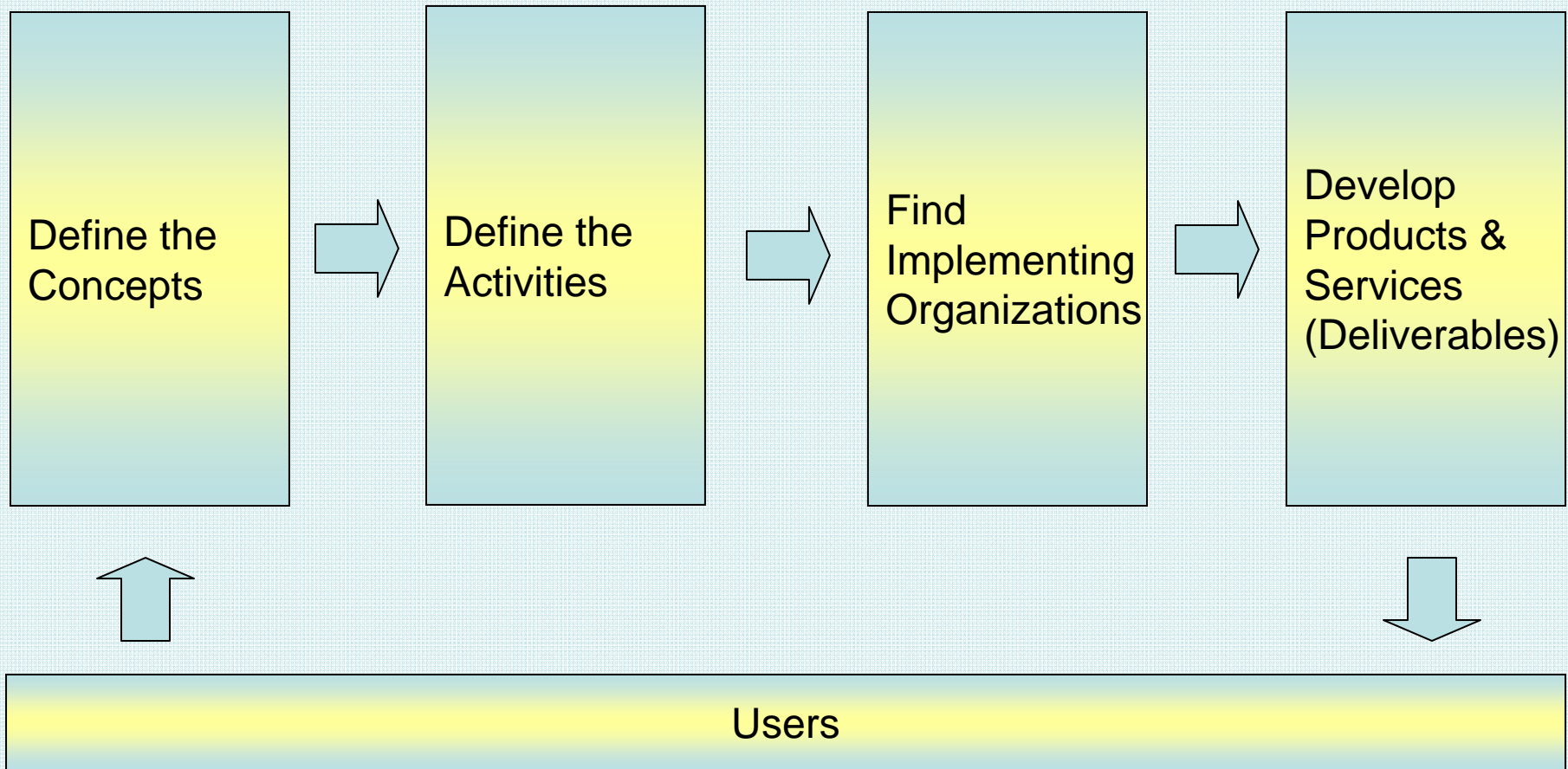
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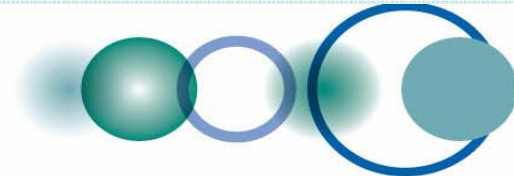
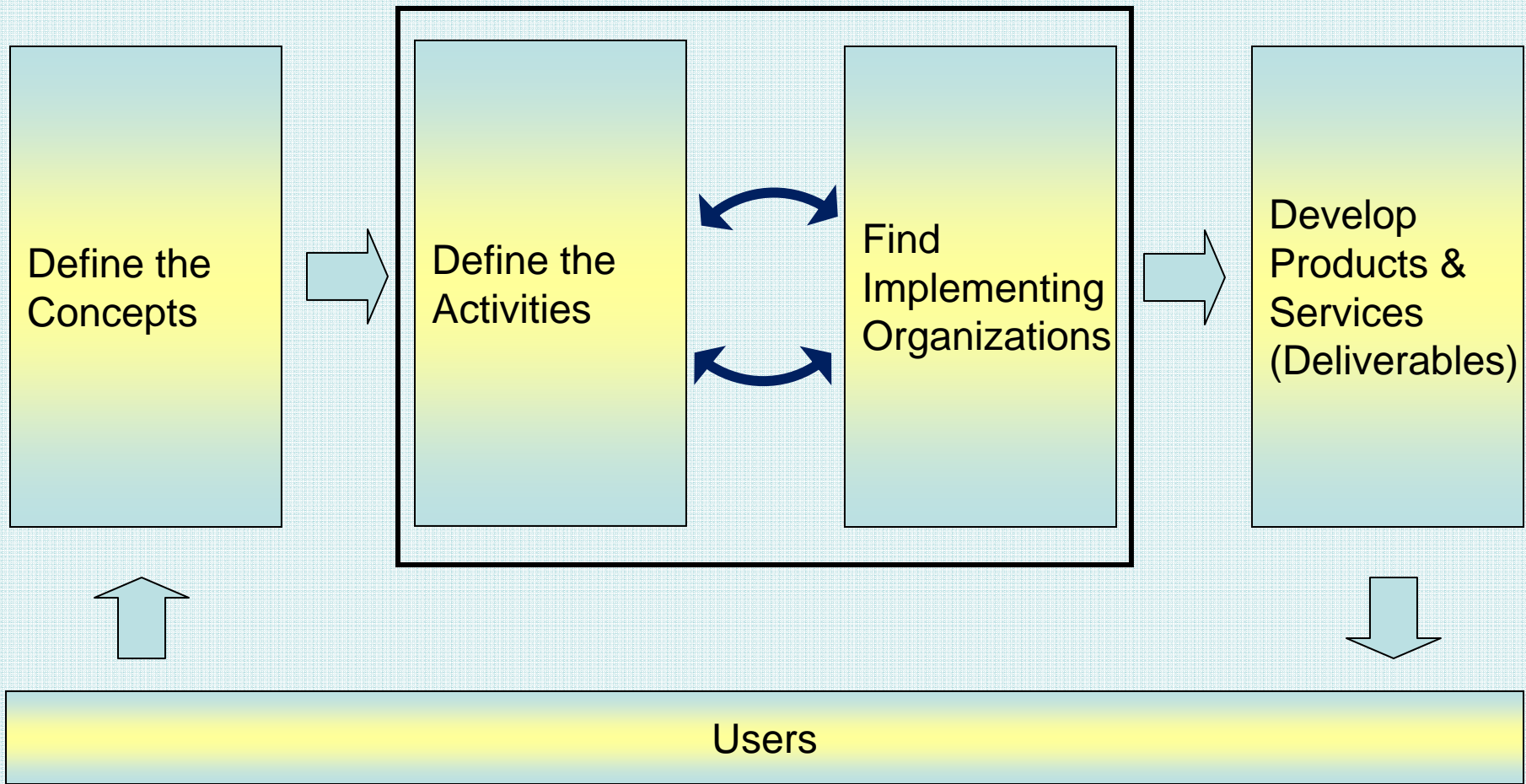
(Regional and thematic
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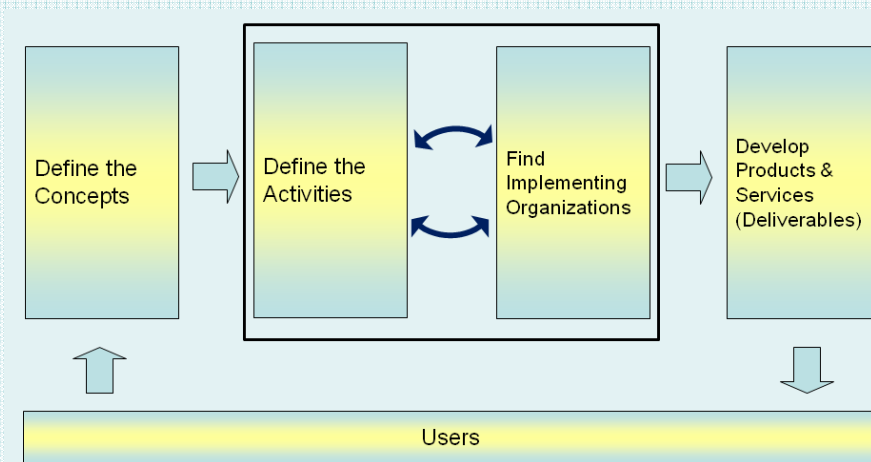
Working groups

What are
the working groups for?

Working groups

Purpose

1. Translate concepts to activities
2. Facilitate implementation of those activities



Working groups

Steps

1. Plan the implementation
2. Write the document
3. Find suitable partners
4. Refine activities, deliverables...
5. Facilitate execution of the plan

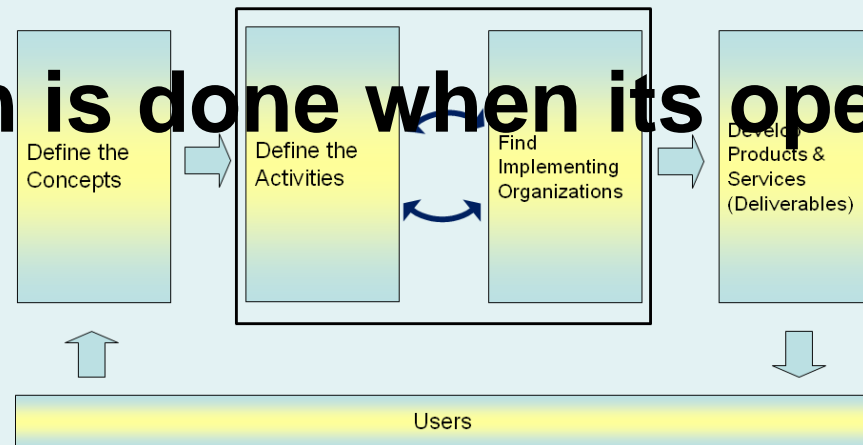
Implementation Plan

What is
the Implementation Plan for?

Purpose

- Vehicle for planning
- Communication: eg, show potential partners
- Iterative process

“The Plan is done when its operational”



Content

- Activities (Work to be done)
- Outputs (Deliverables...products & services)
- Partners (Who will do it)
- Schedule (When)
- Inputs (Funding, Data, Tools...)

Structure

x.1. Introduction

x.2. Concepts to be implemented

x.3. Activities

x.4. Deliverables

x.5. Data

x.6. Implementation partners

x.7. Coordination

x.8. Schedule

x.9. Financials

x.10. Barriers and their implications

Document schedule

19 March	Each WG: Update completed
9 April	Consolidated draft completed, dist. for comment
21 April	Comment period ends
6 May	Each WG: Final updates completed
14 May	Consolidated Plan finalized
22 May	<i>(International Biodiversity Day)</i> Plan released

How long should it be?

- Who is it for?
- Must be complete (→ long)
- Conciseness forces clarity of thought and expression (→ → short)
- Must be manageable: living doc (→ short)
- Vigilance needed to keep length down
- 15 page limit

The Meeting

What is
the meeting for?

Purpose

- Discuss and update draft Plan
 - Lots of independent pieces, gaps, overlaps
 - Must integrate
- Extend integration beyond individual WGs

Output products

1. Updated draft of Implementation Plan
2. Understanding of remaining work
3. Plan to complete next update (due 19 March)

Also...plenary presentation...

Structure

- Monday
 - Plenary
 - Breakouts—WGs get started
- Tuesday—Breakouts
- Wednesday— “Cross-cutting” day
- Thursday
 - Plenary; WG presentations
 - WG review: What happened? What’s next?

Guide Sheet

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Suggested Framework for Breakout Sessions

First, find each other at 9:00 am Monday morning at start of plenary; WG leads should track down their WG members and have a stand up "meet and greet" over coffee until 9:30. Then, during breakout sessions, an approach something like the following has been suggested:

1. Review comments received on draft Plan |
2. Discuss in detail the status of the current draft, including any new material that has been prepared since release of the draft
3. Identify synergies with, and questions for, the other groups. This will facilitate the "cross-group" discussion phase on Wednesday
4. Plan out what needs to be done to complete the next draft
5. Split into writing groups to work on the identified tasks
6. Prepare short summary of results for final plenary (include plan to complete remaining work)
7. At end of meeting: be sure a post-meeting plan and schedule (with specific assignments to WG members) is agreed to that leads up to completion of the next draft by 19 March

Some Key Concepts to Remember

Document: The following should stand out in full clarity:

- The work to be done (Activities)
- The outputs (Deliverables—products & services)
- Who will do it (Partner)
- When will it be done (Schedule)
- What is needed to do it (Funding, Data, Tools...)

Streamlining: Brevity, combined with clarity, is beautiful. Omit concepts, justification, and overlaps with other WGs.

Partner: Who will do the proposed work? This is key. Hopefully, they are in the loop already.

Coordination and integration: Are other WGs proposing similar ideas? If so, consolidate. Are other organizations doing similar things? If so...use them. GEO BON needs unity. Remember that WGs 7 and 8 are cross-cutting.

Asilomar Guide Sheet

Implementation Plan Development Schedule

22-25 February	Asilomar Meeting, with WG breakouts. Primary output/products for each WG are
	1. Resolution of major issues related to the Implementation Plan
	2. Discussion and resolution of review comments
19 March	Each WG: Updates to inputs completed
9 April	New draft of Implementation Plan completed, distributed for comment
21 April	Comment period ends
6 May	Each WG: Final updates to inputs completed
14 May	Detailed Implementation Plan finalized and sent to GEO Sec
22 May	<i>International Biodiversity Day</i> ; <i>GBOJ released</i> ; GEO BON Detailed Implementation Plan released

To consider as a possible unification theme

One of Bob's comments was: "We need to hone in on a few key ideas that can serve as unifying concepts in several domains"

He suggested that it might be possible to use something like the three information types below as a unifying theme across many of the WGs:

- Where (distribution)
- How many/how much (condition)
- Threat level

What do you think?

Are there other potential unifying themes?

Double Vision

- Internal focus: develop plan for your WG
- External focus: other WGs
 - Elimination of overlap
 - Coordination and collaboration
 - Unification of themes

Thanks!