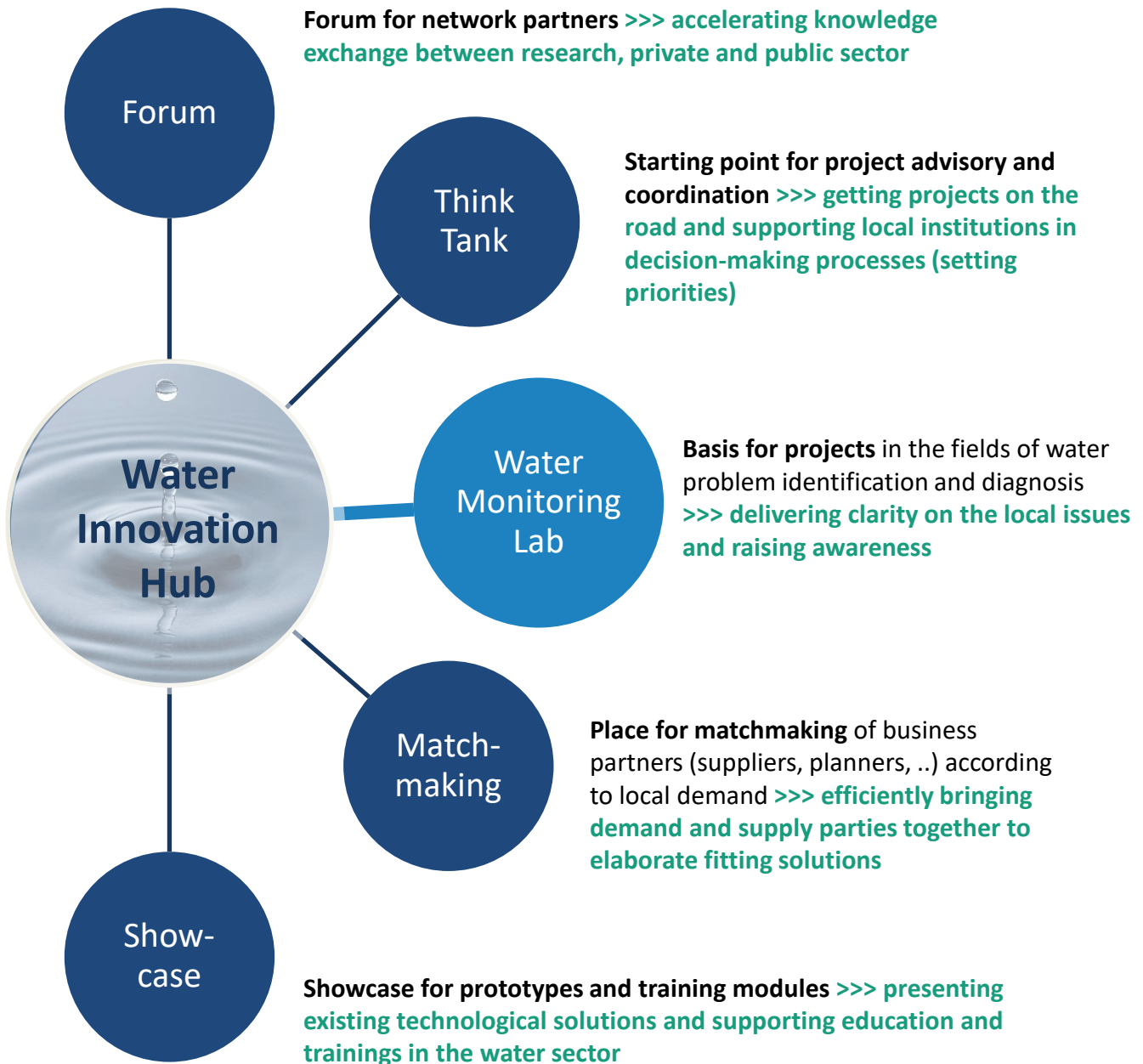


The Water Innovation Hub is the basis for a long-term Indo-German cooperation in the water sector.



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Concept draft

Water Innovation Hub

SMART WATER FUTURE INDIA

WHY?

- Coimbatore has a strong need for **localized knowledge, networking and project development** around sustainable water use.
- The Water Innovation Hub is a replicable, scalable and relevant approach for developing countries with water challenges.

FROM INFORMATION TO ACTION

- **Diagnostic technology and a water lab** will be a core of the hub. The monitoring will allow clear identification and definition of the local water challenges.
- The hub will be a **coordination unit** to act on the lab's diagnostic results, bringing partners together to develop innovative solutions and implement projects. It will also serve as an educational center to improve local capacity for sustainable water management.
- Possible topics: "supporting a Water Master Plan", "prototyping a Semi-centralized Water Management", "supporting reuse of water", "finding solutions on industrial wastewater".



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SETUP

- **Organization:** Interdisciplinary team with water and project management expertise
- **Incorporation:** Independent organization, consulting Coimbatore City Municipal Corporation and other relevant stakeholders in and around Coimbatore
- **Funding:** Investments of companies (mainly SMEs who are interested to learn more about the local demand and use the hub for initial steps into the market) and public institutions
- **Local partners:** Institutions, colleges and NGOs
- **Further partners:** Companies, NGOs, education and research organizations as well as administrations, mainly from the water sector (additional sectors: healthcare, energy, etc.)
- **Meetings:** Regular network meetings as a yearly congress or forum

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