

Katoomba Working Group and . . . Water and Forests

What's Next?

Proposal for an Information
Clearinghouse on Forests and Water
(ICFW): Markets, Economics and
Hydrology

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Bird's Eye View: Forests and Watersheds

Context

- Conversion and disturbance of forest areas

Response

- Series of global institutional efforts (TFAP etc)
- 1980s: Integrated watershed management
- 1990s: Economic valuation of forests
- 2000s: Markets for watershed services?

Bird's Eye View: Water

Context

- Increasing needs globally
- Lower public \$\$ to infrastructure
- Deregulation and privatization of supply

Global Response

- World Water Vision
- Global Water Partnership
- World Commission on Dams

Objectives and Audiences

Objectives of Players

- Using value of environmental services to protect/grow forest area
- Using ecosystem management as a supply option for water needs

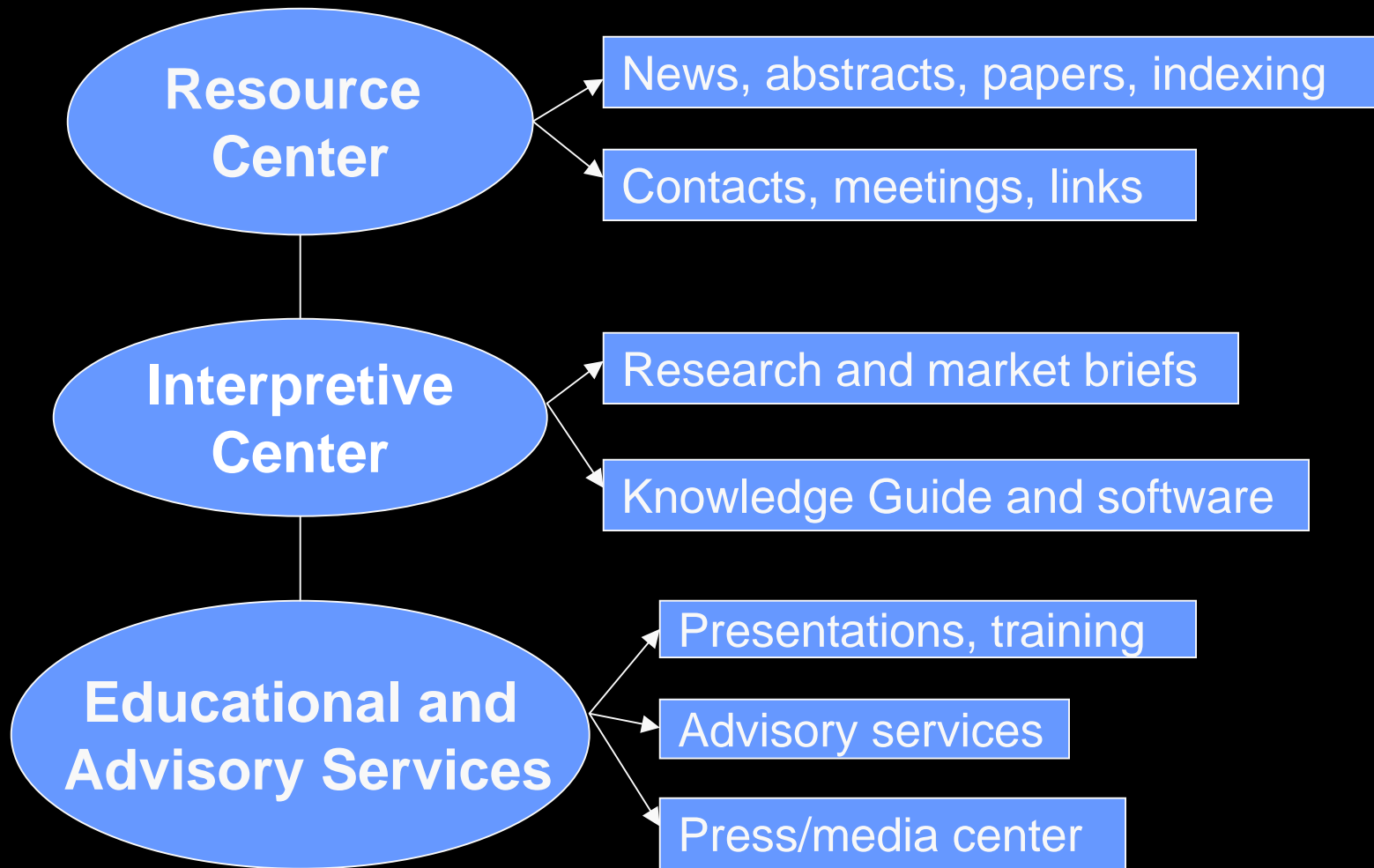
Types of Audiences

- Practitioners
- Policy-makers and civil society

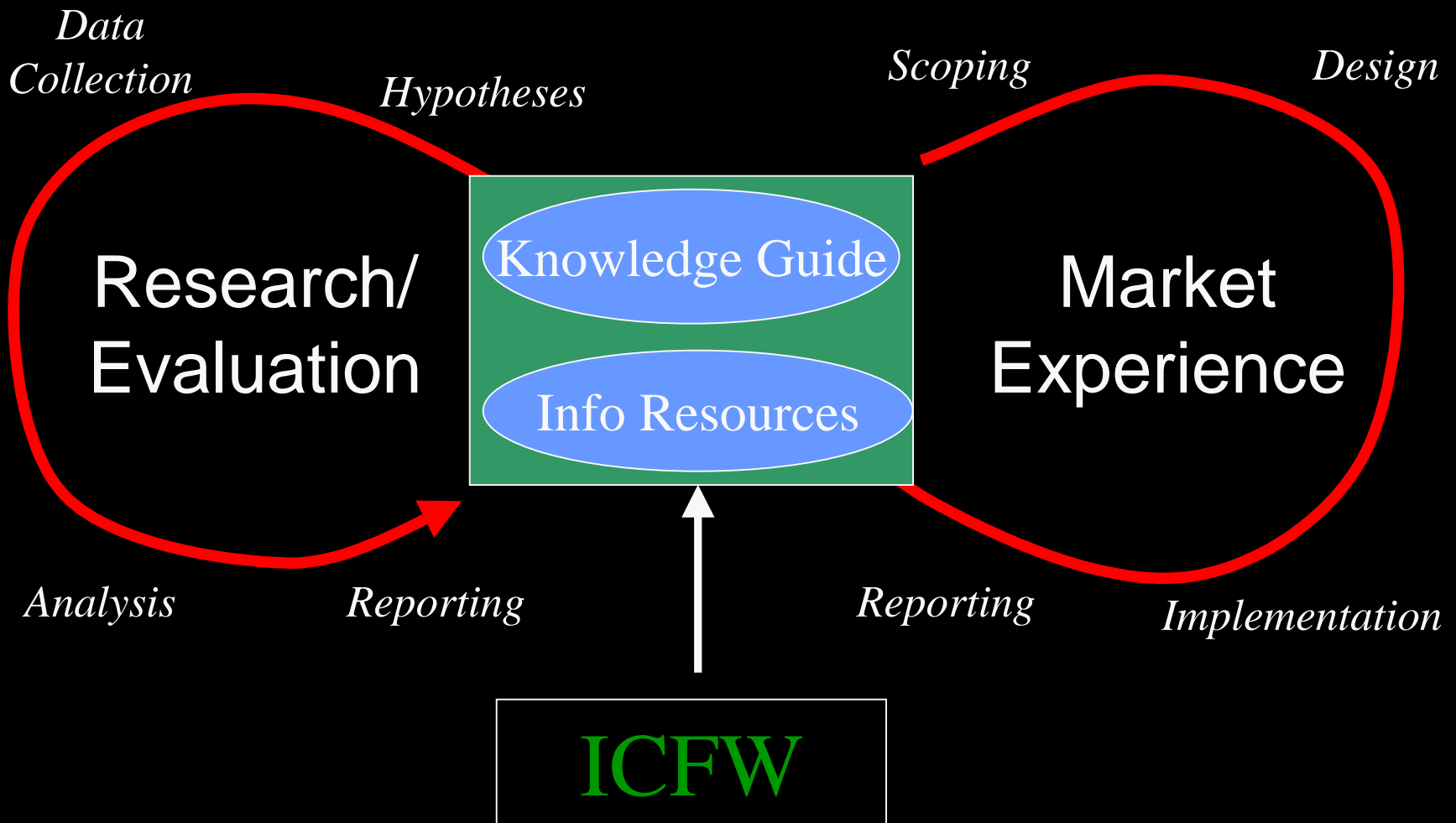
Proposed Mandate for an ICFW

- Provide practitioners with timely access to research results and market information
- Assist new entrants into the field with Knowledge Guide that gives 'rules of thumb'
- Educate local decision-makers, civil society, and the international policy-making community on the role and scope of forest management as an option for improving water resources management

Activities of an ICFW



Front-End and Back-End Exchange



Issues TBD

- Organizational structure
- Resource requirements
- Financing
- Timing, scale and evolution

Next Steps

- Gather feedback from Katoomba participants
- Identify sub-working group to amend, strengthen and advance proposal

Thank you for your attention!



