



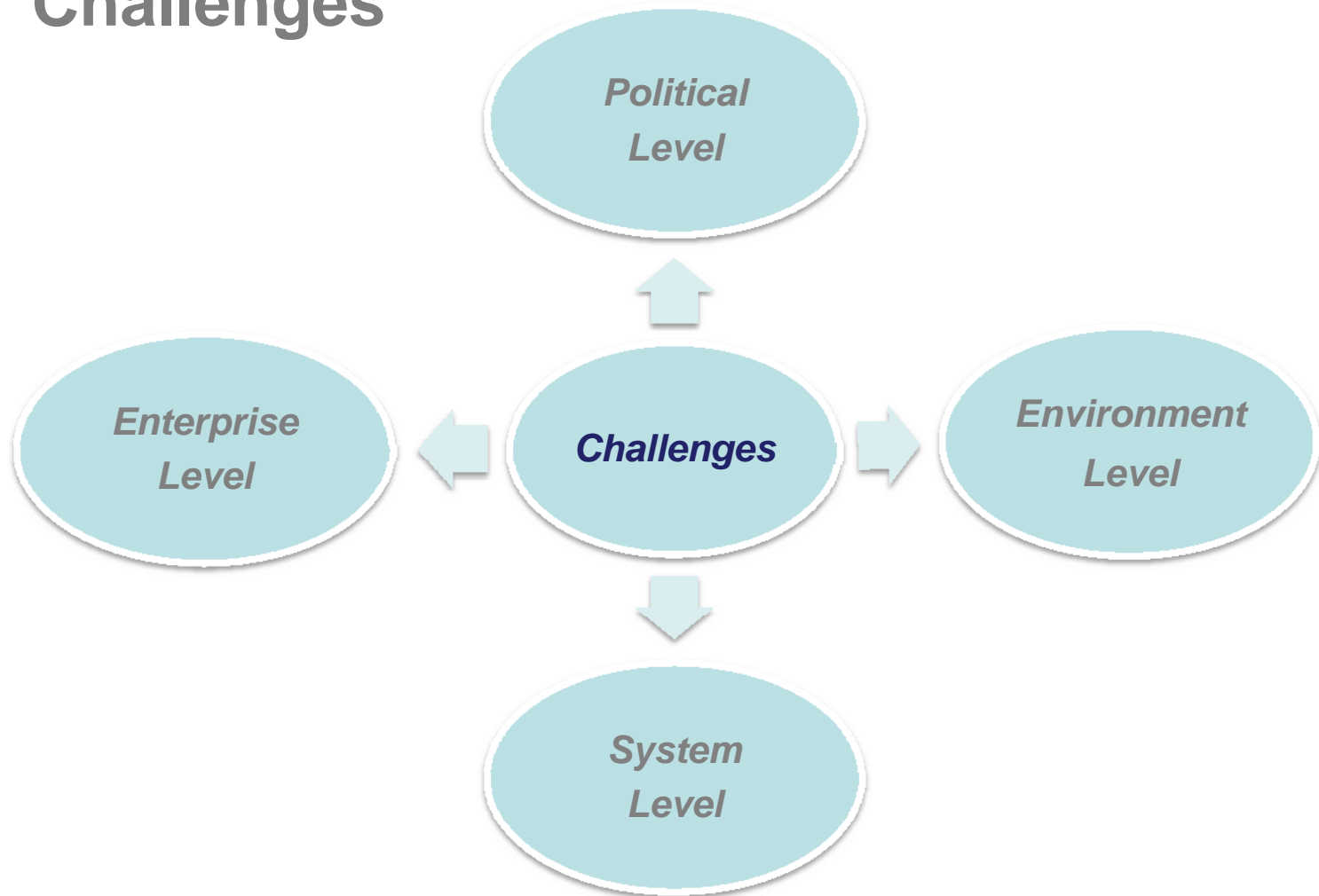
Biotrade in Nepal

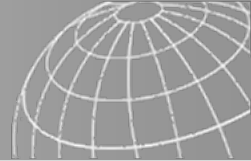
Challenges at National Level

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Challenges





Political Level

- National priority at present is Trade mainstreaming. However, biotrade constitutes a very insignificant part of it.
- Lack of adequate supportive policies that would encourage farmers, business people and exporters
- Lack of research and development
- Lack of protection for innovative products
- Lack of regulation of commercial collection and export
- Government export promotion structures/ agencies/ institutions are not strong enough

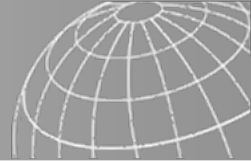


- No effective implementation of herbs and NTFPs policy-2005
- Implementation plans mostly based on 'assumed' capacity, support, and funds beyond the country's own pool
- Inadequate coordination between government institutions
- Multiple taxation system (FUG, DFO, VDC, DDC, Police check posts, Range posts, customs office)
- Almost all mountainous/high altitude areas of Nepal are under protected areas- regulations of protected areas restrict/may restrict the harvest and processing of products



Environmental Level

- Weak Infrastructure facilities
- Unavailability of thorough and dynamic resource database/inventory on NTFPs.
- Lack of awareness and knowledge on people on Nepal's bio diversified products.
 - Authorities
 - Potential users



Enterprise level

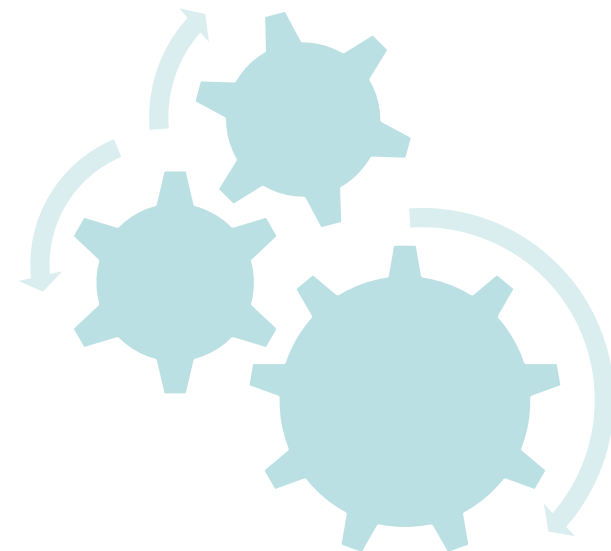
- Small sized enterprises
- Cost of running business is high
- Lack appropriate technical know-how and technology transfer
- Labor problem
- Limited access to international market
- Lack of capacity – capital and skilled manpower
- Quality harvesting, production and processing
- Lack of proper identification and inventory of raw materials

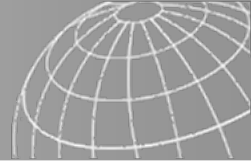




System Level

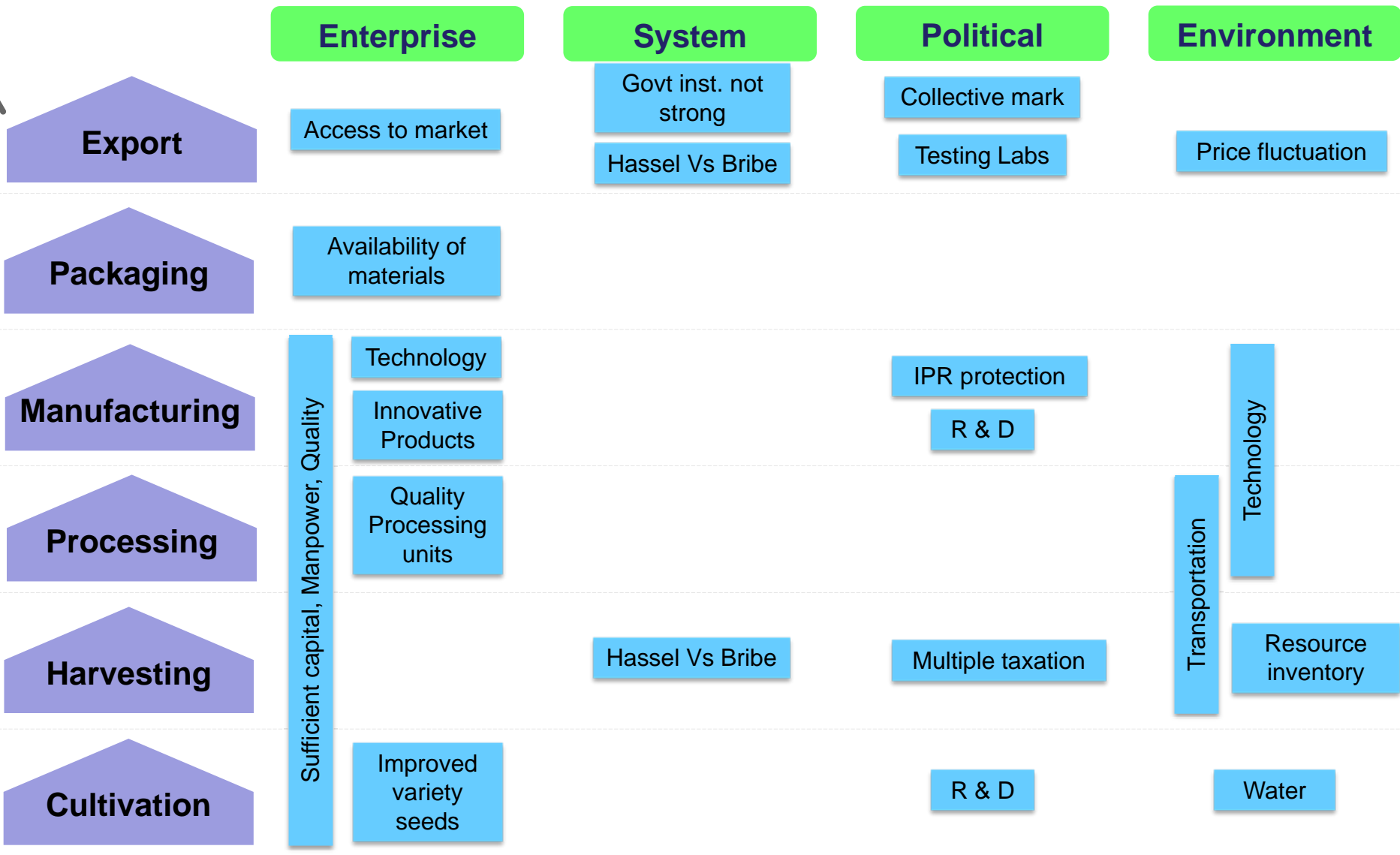
- Stringent import regulations at International Market
- Costly certification requirements
- Bureaucratic hassel at each level
- Lack of proper R & D and quality control
- Lack of coordination between government agencies
- Lack of testing laboratories in Nepal (such as certifying labs)a

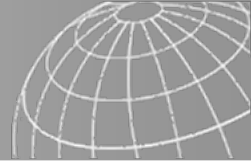




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