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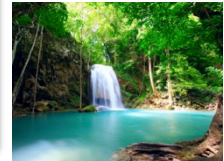
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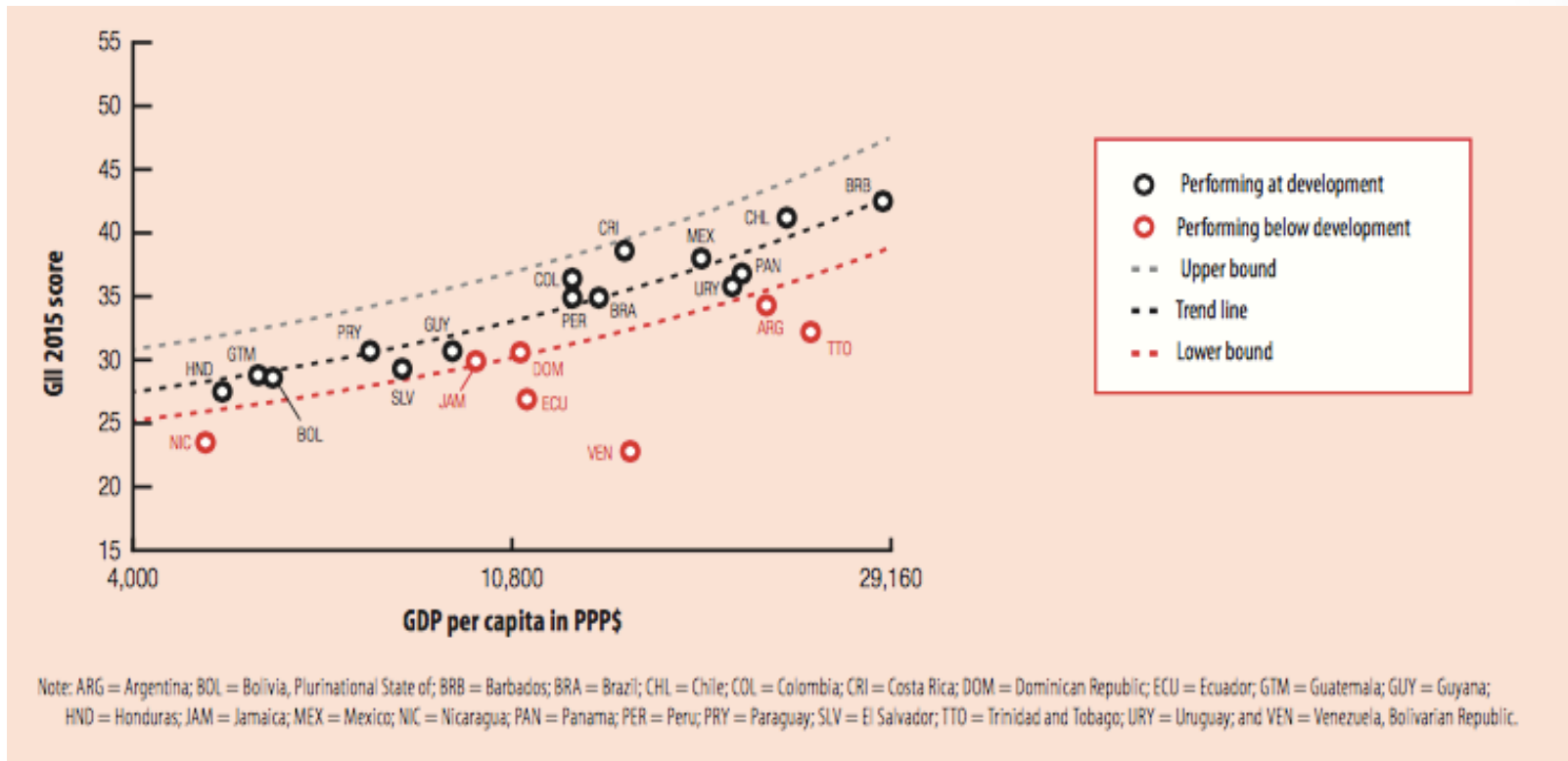
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Costa Rica:Generalities

Costa Rica: Economic development

- ●**Costa Rica: A small open economy** that has made a significant transformation over the two last decades (1990-2010)
- ✓GDP/capita: $2,411→$7,938
- ✓Exports: $2.2B→$13.6B
- ✓Main export: agriculture→ high-tech products
- ✓Employment in agriculture: 25.9%→14.9%
- ✓Population under poverty line: 8.45%→3.12%
- ●**Key strategy**
- ✓Export promotion
- ✓FDI based industrialization

Source: WIPO/Insead, GII 2015

Latin America and the Caribbean economies closest to the innovation achievers' threshold, 2015

Note: ARG = Argentina; BOL = Bolivia, Plurinational State of; BRB = Barbados; BRA = Brazil; CHL = Chile; COL = Colombia; CRI = Costa Rica; DOM = Dominican Republic; ECU = Ecuador; GTM = Guatemala; GUY = Guyana; HND = Honduras; JAM = Jamaica; MEX = Mexico; NIC = Nicaragua; PAN = Panama; PER = Peru; PRY = Paraguay; SLV = El Salvador; TTO = Trinidad and Tobago; URY = Uruguay; and VEN = Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic.
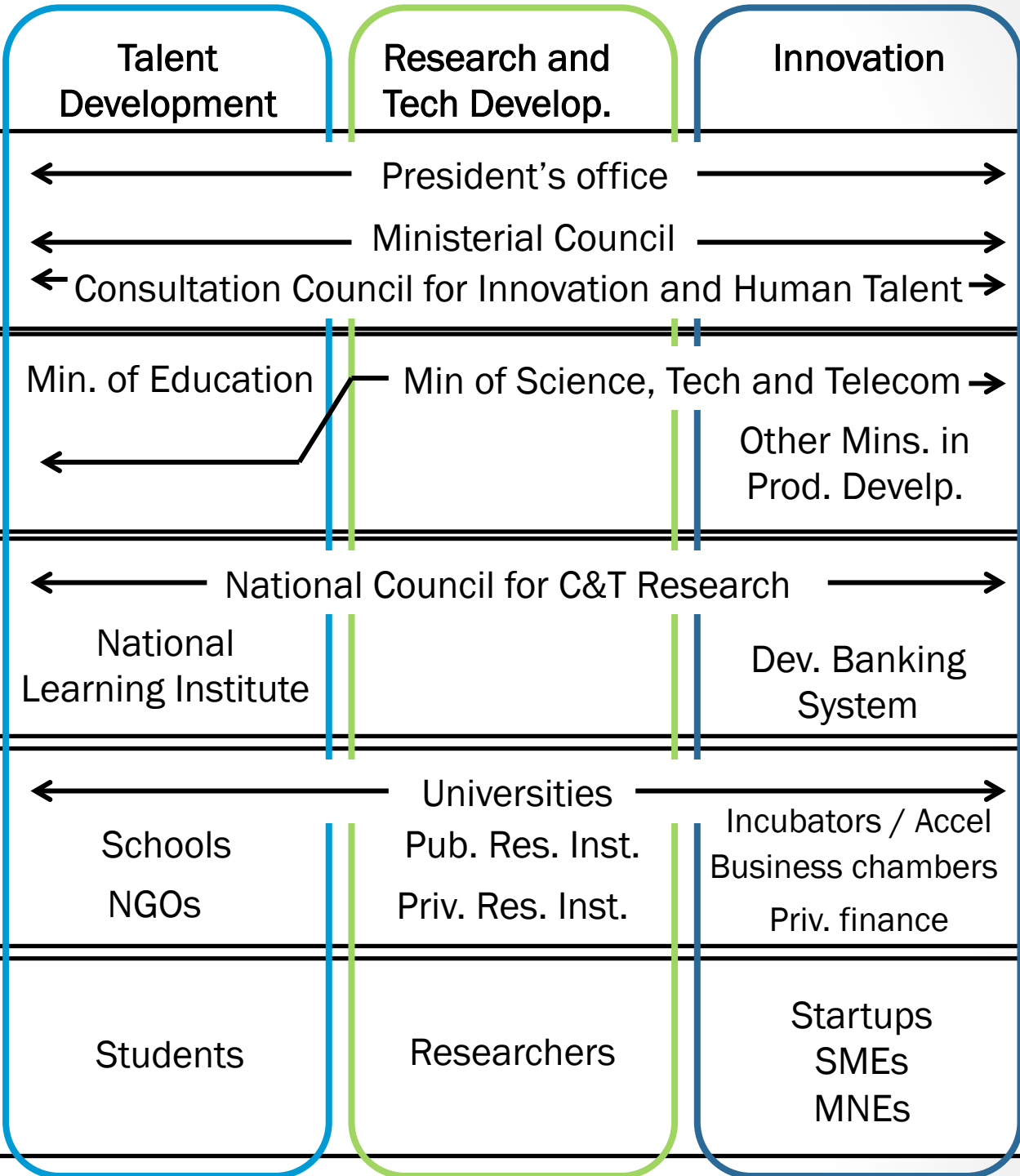
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S&T Ecosystem in Costa Rica

STI system

	Talent Development	Research and Tech Develop.	Innovation
Political decisions	← President's office →		
	← Ministerial Council →		
	← Consultation Council for Innovation and Human Talent →		
Policy formulation	Min. of Education	Min of Science, Tech and Telecom →	Other Mins. in Prod. Develp.
Public Implementation agencies	← National Council for C&T Research →		
	National Learning Institute		Dev. Banking System
Supporting Organizations	← Universities →		
	Schools NGOs	Pub. Res. Inst. Priv. Res. Inst.	Incubators / Accel Business chambers Priv. finance
Protagonists	Students	Researchers	Startups SMEs MNEs

S&T System

R&D Ecosystem in Costa Rica

Weaks of CR R&D System

R&D System

Weaks

Lack of evaluation

Poor coordination between actors

Insuficient linkages

Resource constraint and insufficient incentives
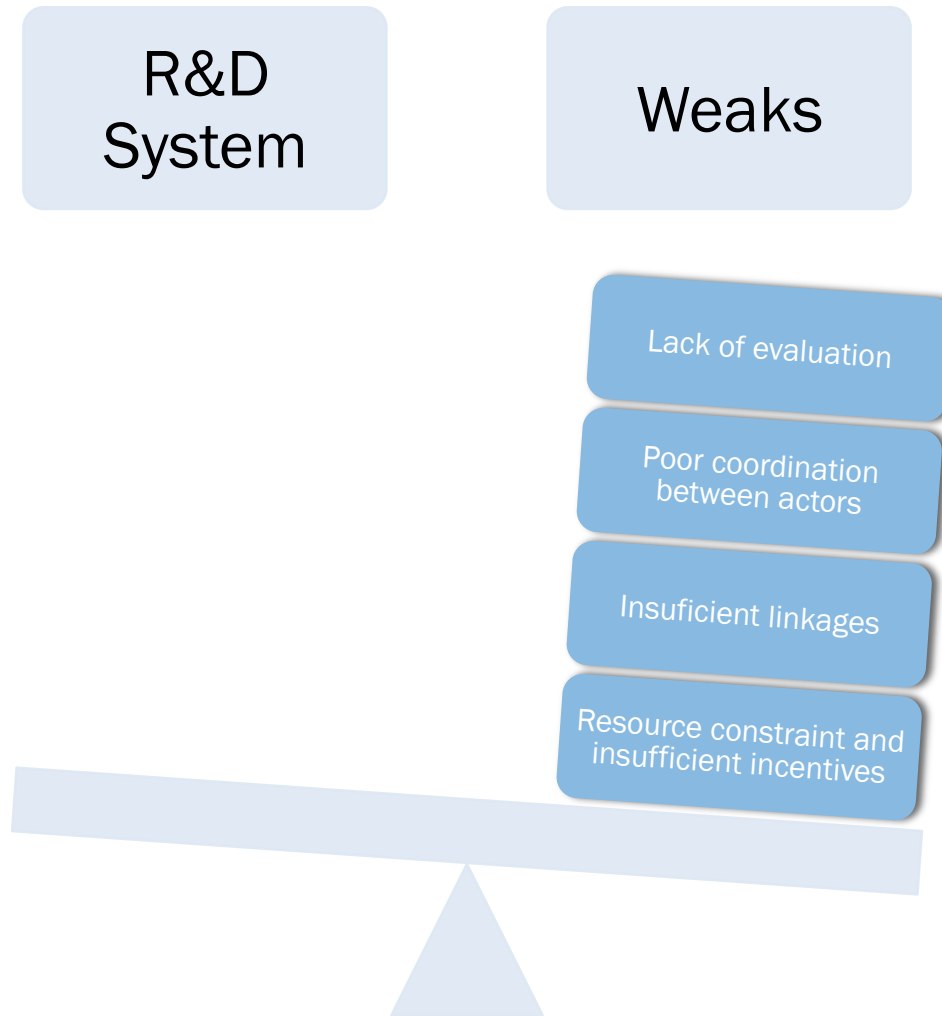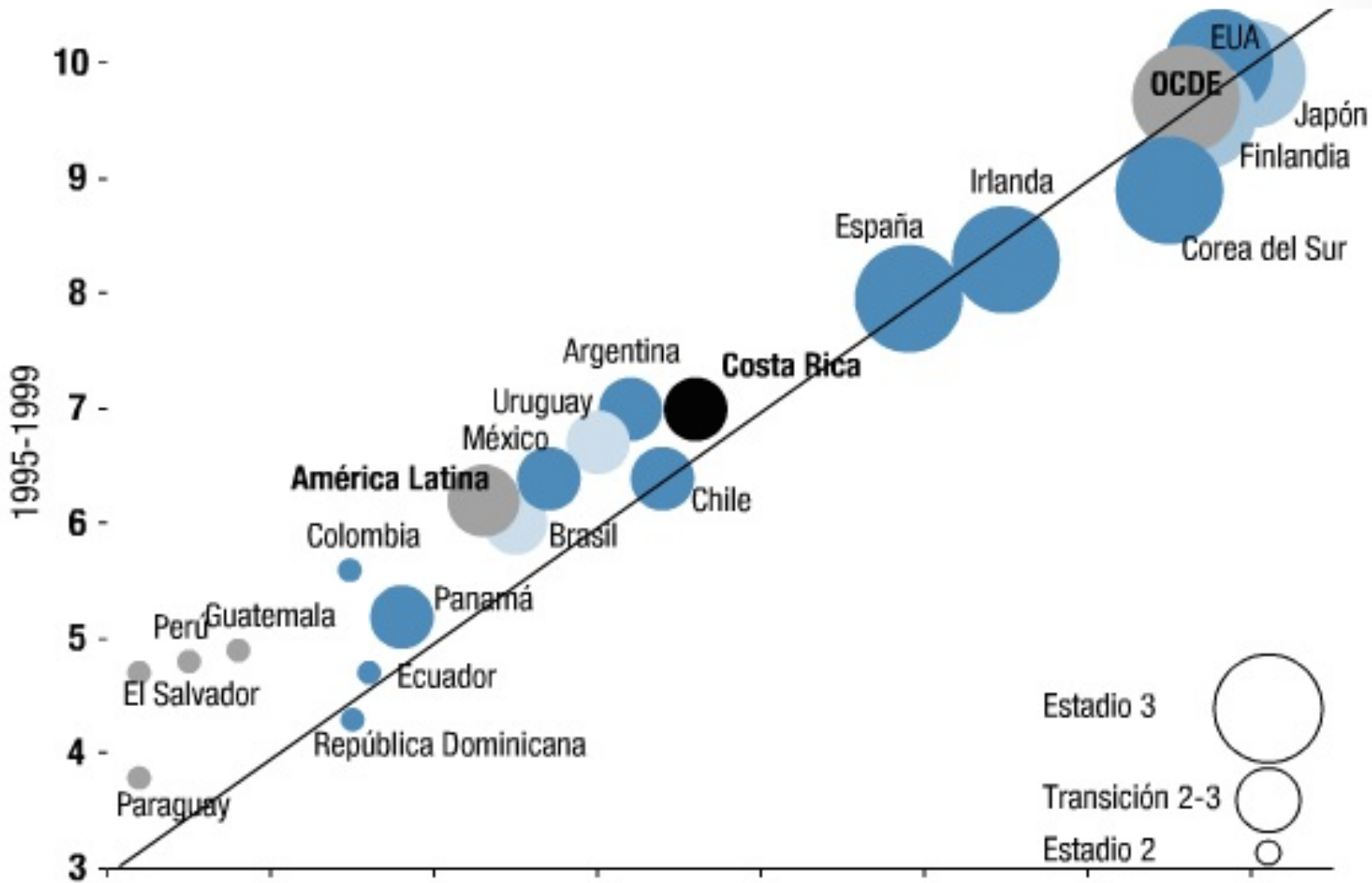
Selected countries, patents by 100000 inhabitants.

Source, Estado de la Nación, 2011

R&D Information System Collaboration

Process of collaboration

Now

Collaboration

Near future
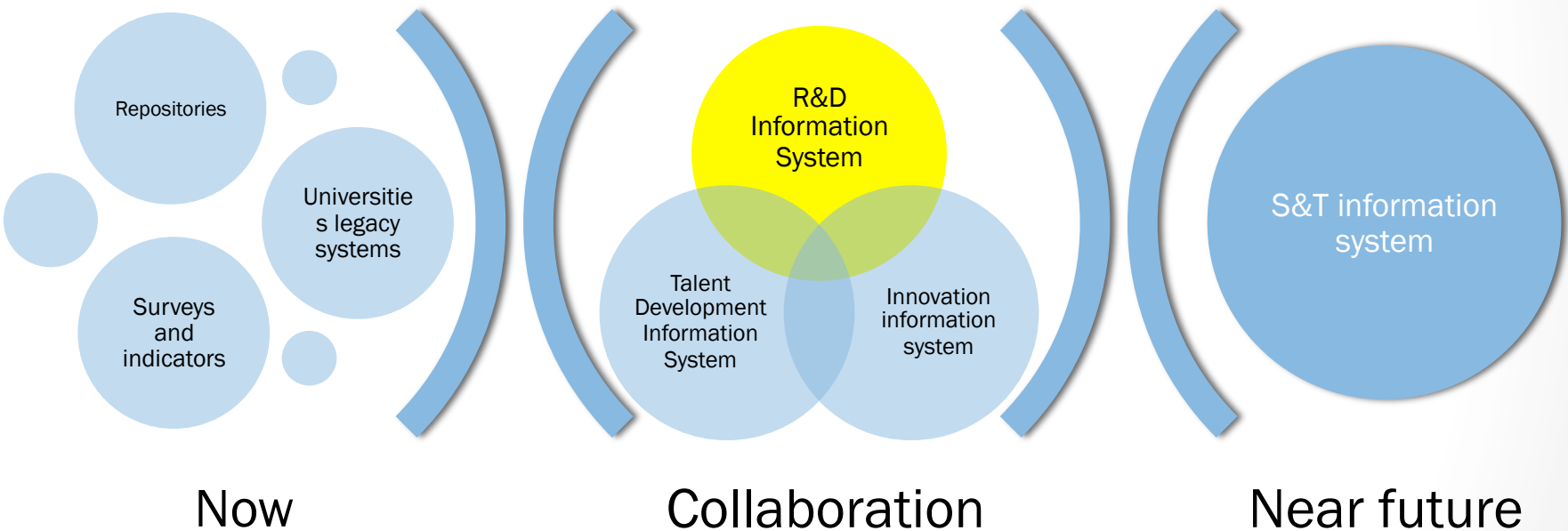
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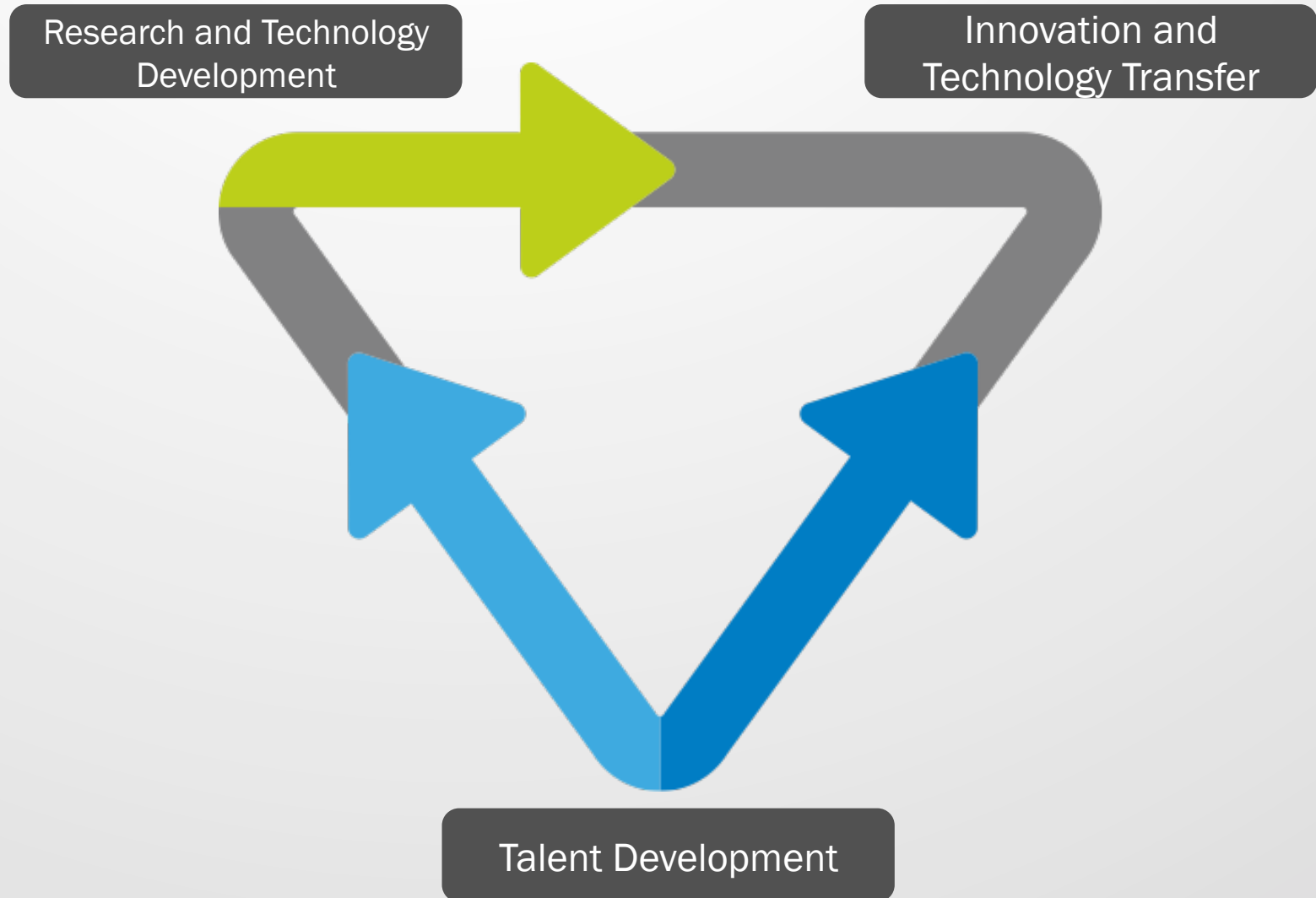
Talent Development

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1	Digital literacy	Intelligent Community Centers
2	Fostering STI vocation	Math, science and robotics olympics Science and Technology fairs
3	Vocational reskilling	Scholarships
4	Advanced skills in STI	Graduate STI Scholarships

Research and Technology Development

1	Research	Basic and applied research grants
2	Technology Development	Ideation and rapid development
3	Networks 1	Events around S&T
4	Networks 2	Integrated STI system

Innovation

1 — Innovation Culture — Training for students in methods, tools and culture

2 — Talent attraction S/W — Attraction of foreign talent in R&D+i

3 — Innovation in SMEs — Innovation training and funds for SMEs

4 — Technology transfer — Training and funds for tech-based innovation and entrepreneurship

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