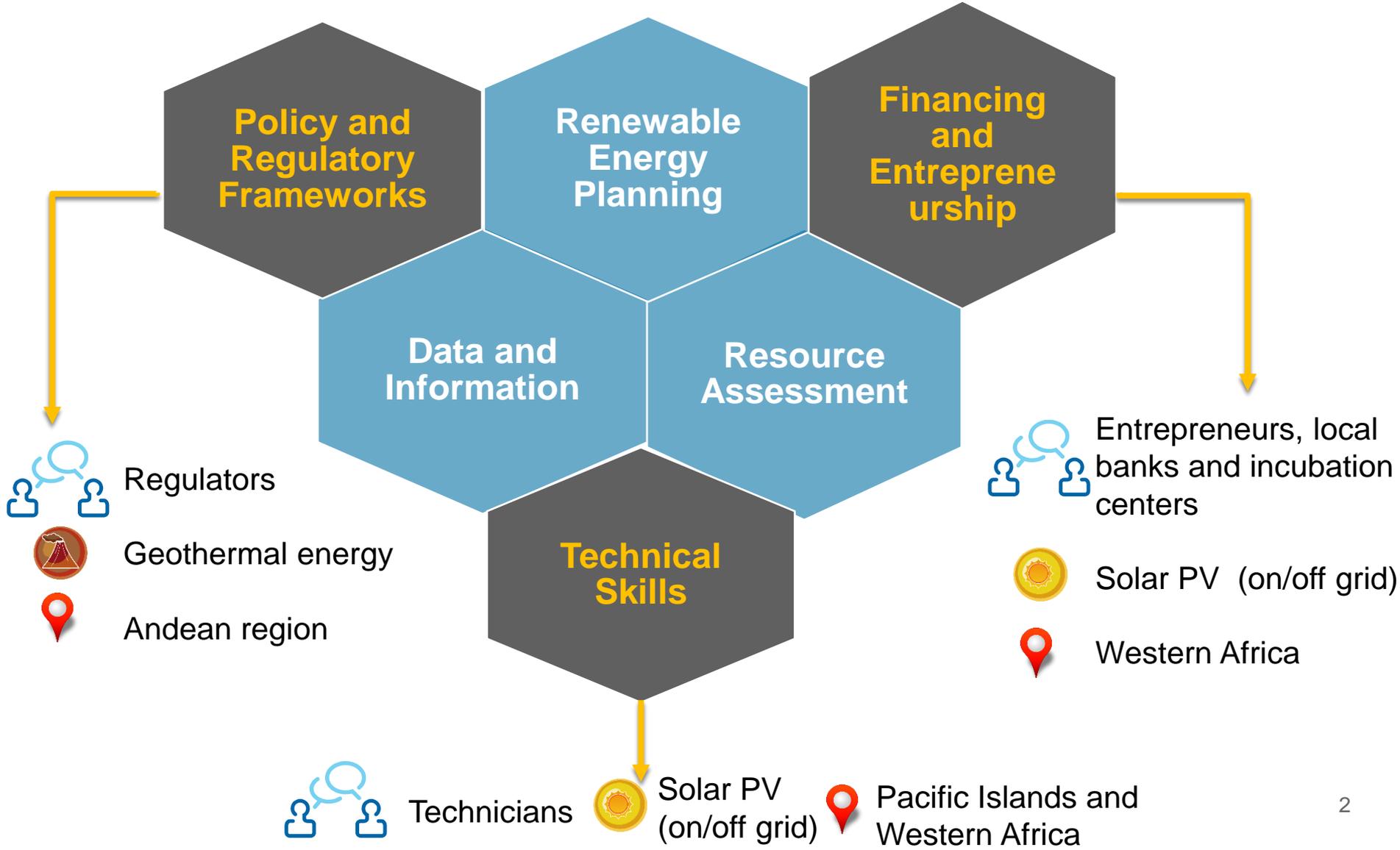


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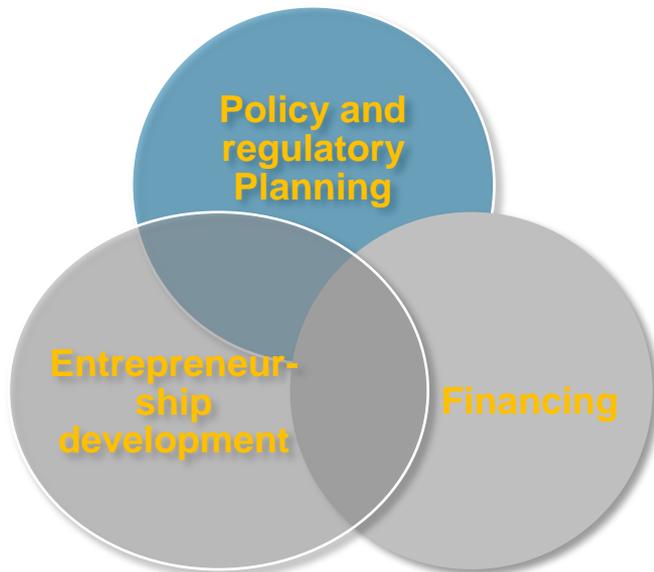
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Certification of technicians

Objectives:

- ✓ Provide qualified local skilled technical force to support the current growth of solar PV in the region
- ✓ Increase confidence of consumers and end users of solar PV systems
- ✓ Enhance market attractiveness through increased mobility of skilled workforce

Expected impact:

- ✓ Reduce labour cost and enhance market attractiveness
- ✓ Enhance the long term sustainability of on-grid solar PV systems
- ✓ Strengthen support for the certification of technicians in the region



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RMI



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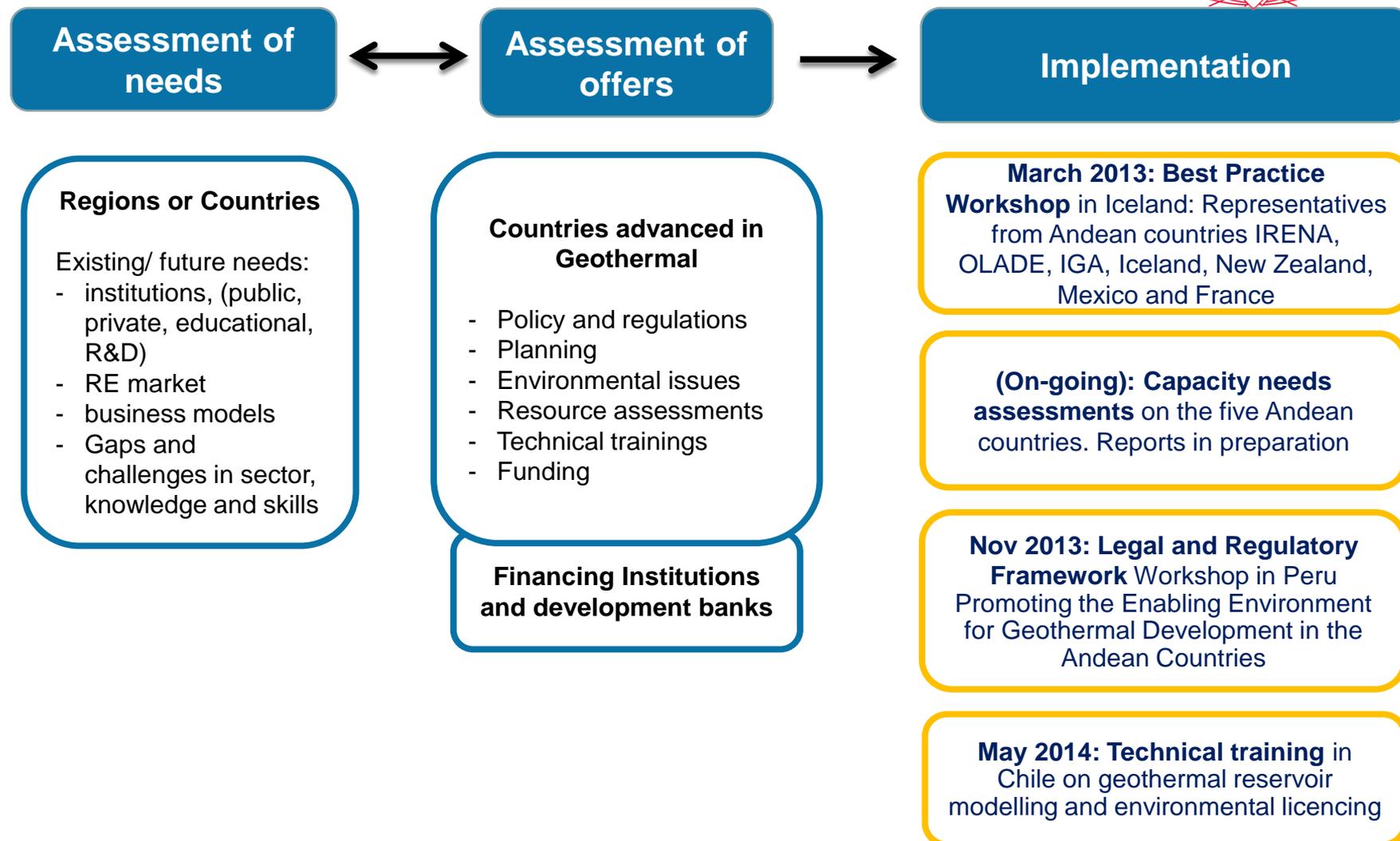


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IRENA is launching a certification framework for the installation and maintenance of solar PV systems in West Africa in partnership with local stakeholders.

Geothermal Development in the Andean Countries



Lessons learned

- ✓ Capacity building is not an end in itself; it should lead to market transformation.
- ✓ Active coordination of all involved is important to ensure that capacity building efforts are effective as a whole and respond to needs.
- ✓ Practitioners are key to building capacities at the implementation level.
- ✓ Facilitation of sharing best practices, expertise and lessons learned is critical.
- ✓ Identifying the “right” stakeholders/institutions to be trained is extremely important for effective capacity building.

Thank you!