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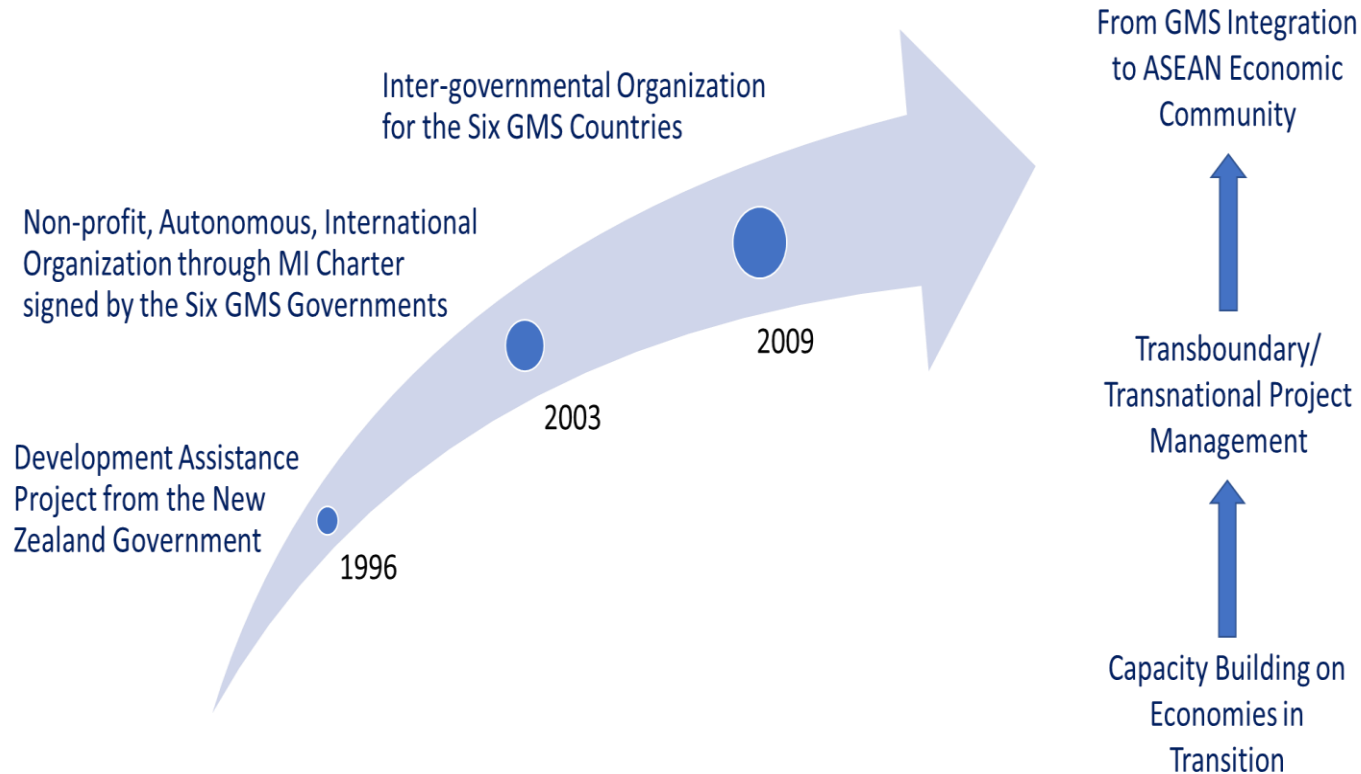
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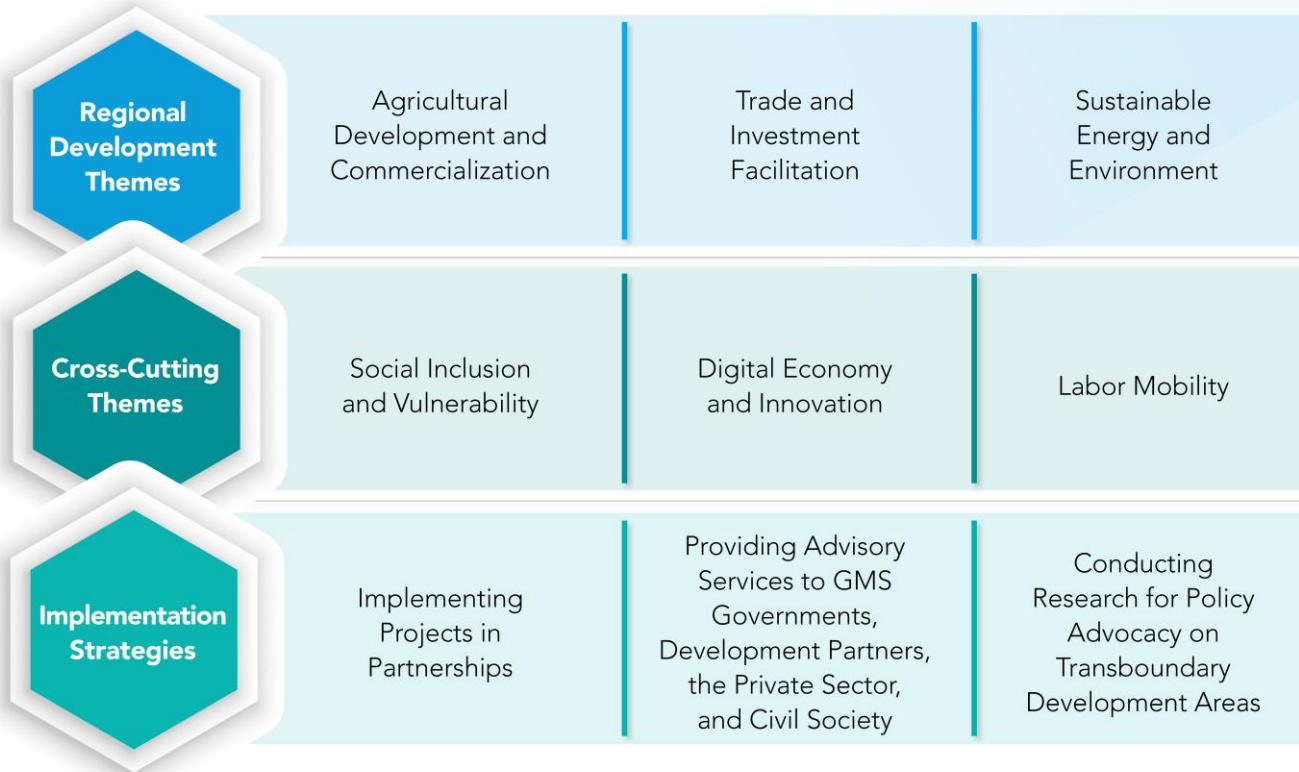
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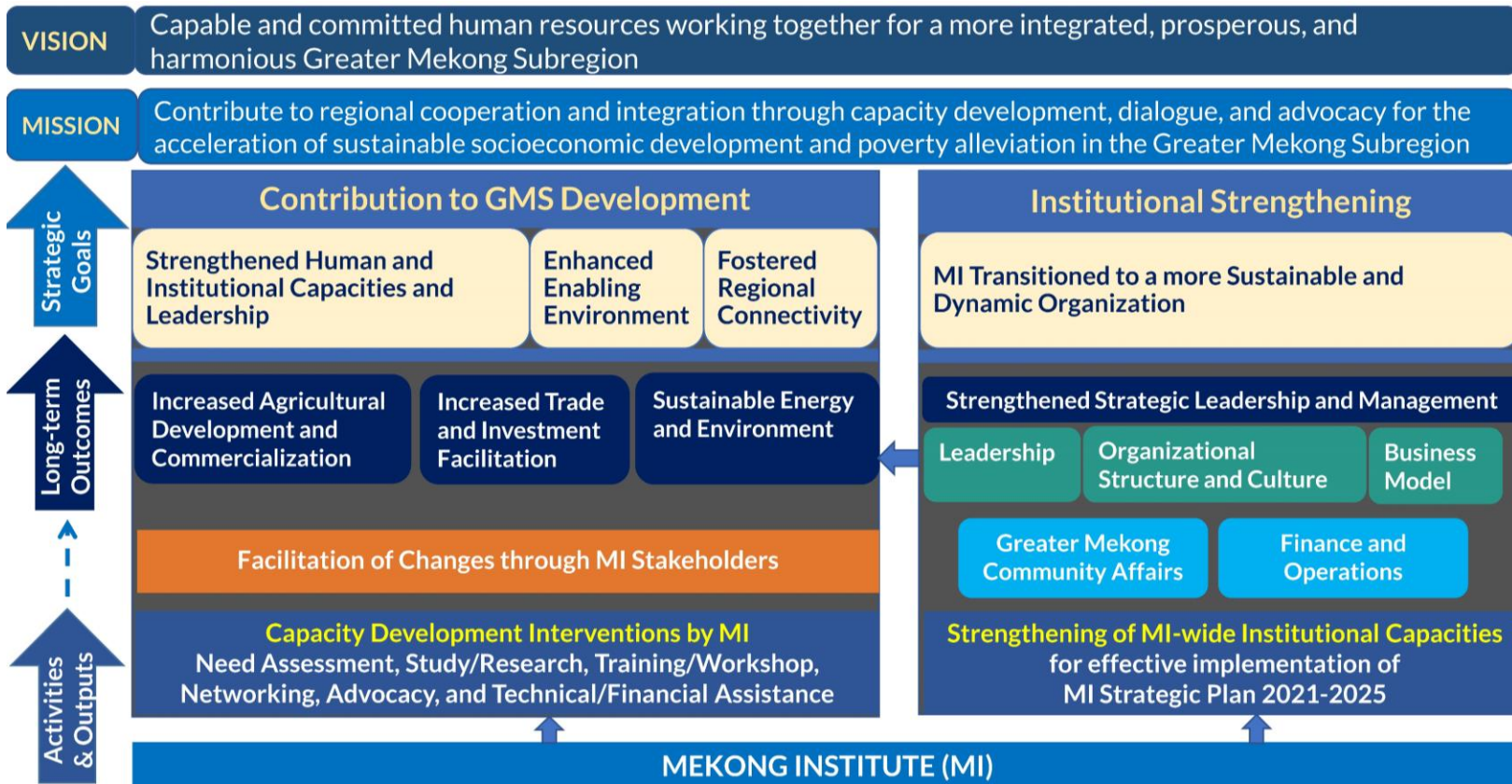
Evolution of Mekong Institute (MI)



Overview of MI Strategic Plan 2021-2025



Results Framework For MI Strategic Plan 2021-2025



Challenges and Capacity Needs of Mekong Institute



Institutional strength in conducting research independently and advocate for evidence-based policy changes



Systematic capacity needs assessment in the GMS towards synergies and complementarities among the regional development frameworks and partners



Robust monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to measure outcomes and impacts in the GMS due to capacity development initiatives of MI



Advisory role among the GMS governments and private sector stakeholders



Linkages, partnerships, joint initiatives and effective platforms among GMS governments, private sectors, and academic research institutes (i.e. GMS Knowledge Network)



Innovative financing mechanisms by the member countries and other development partners for long-term projects to bring sustainable impacts in the GMS



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