

Social accountability:

Resource governance

Practical entry points & lessons learnt

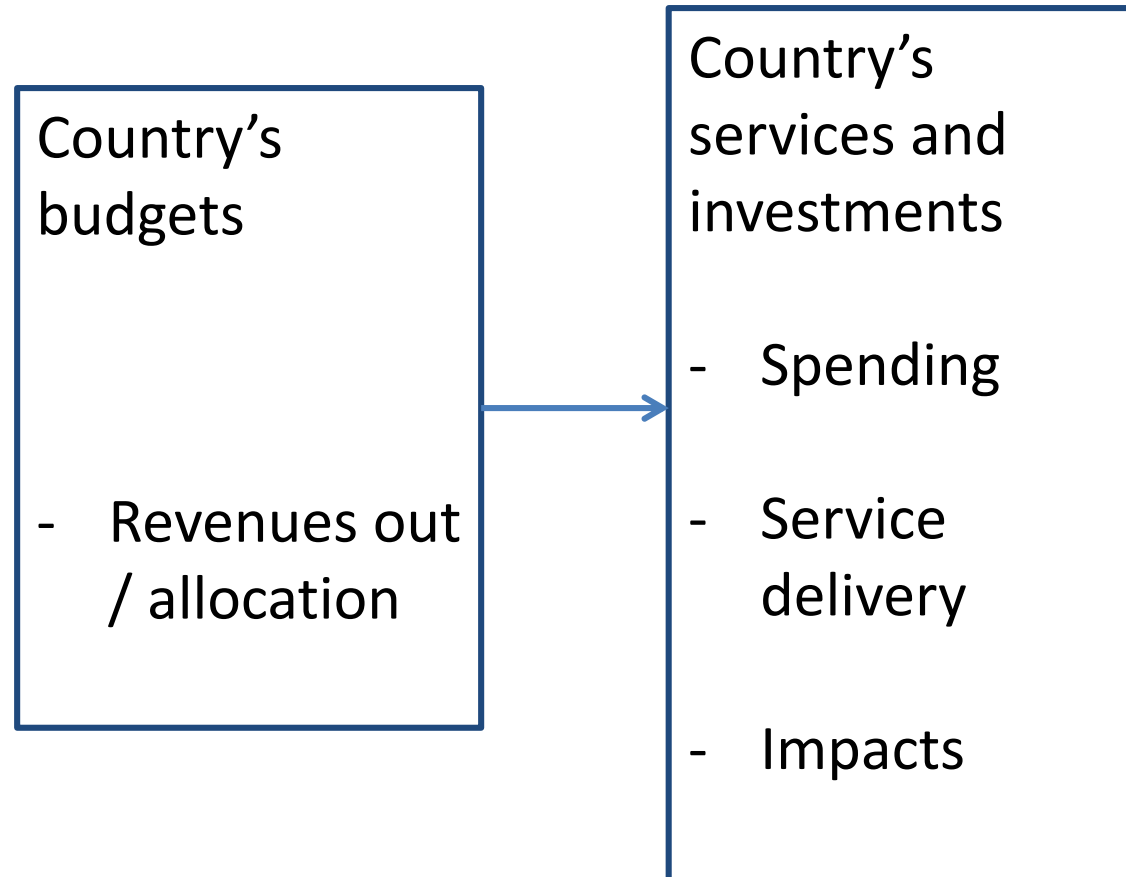
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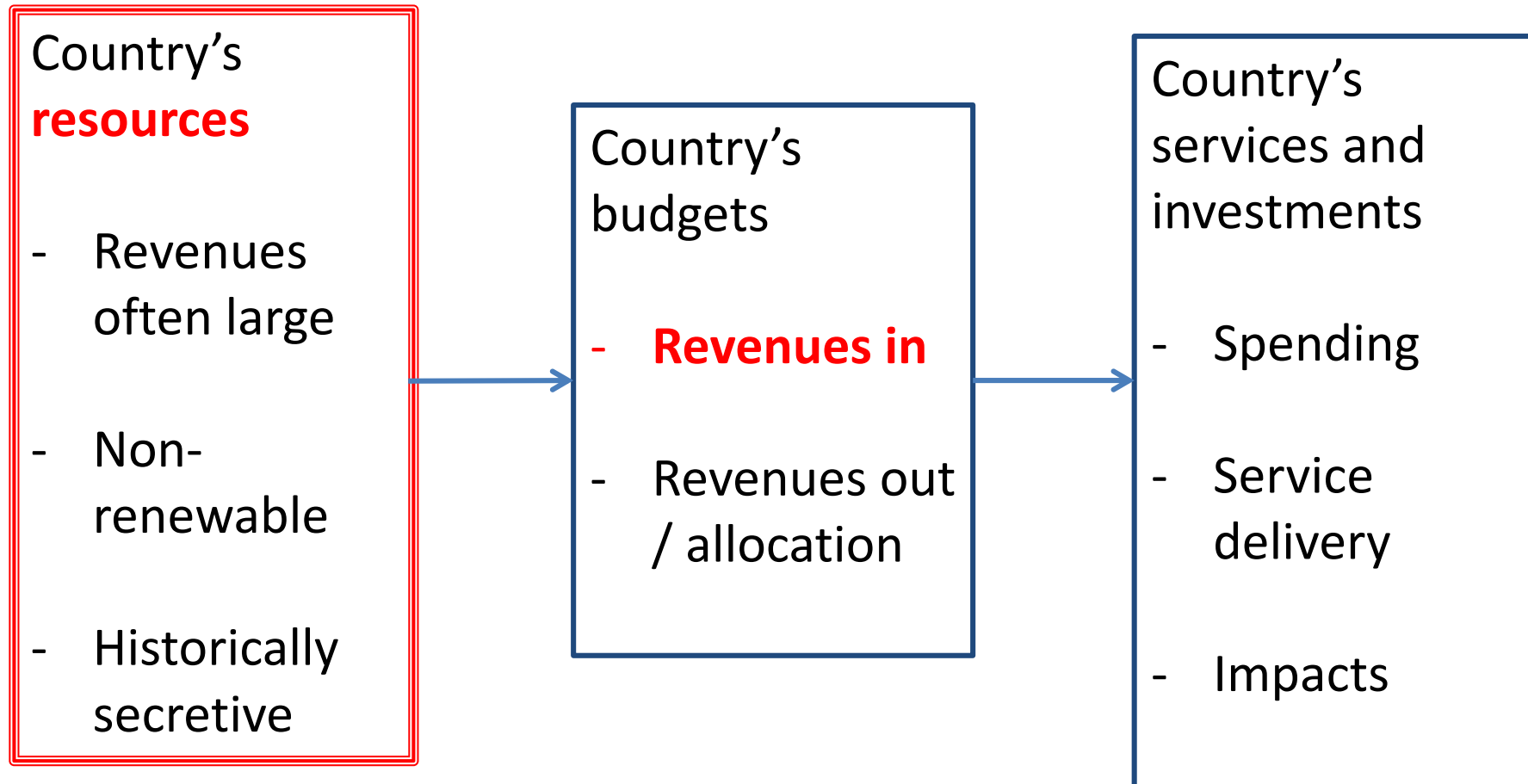
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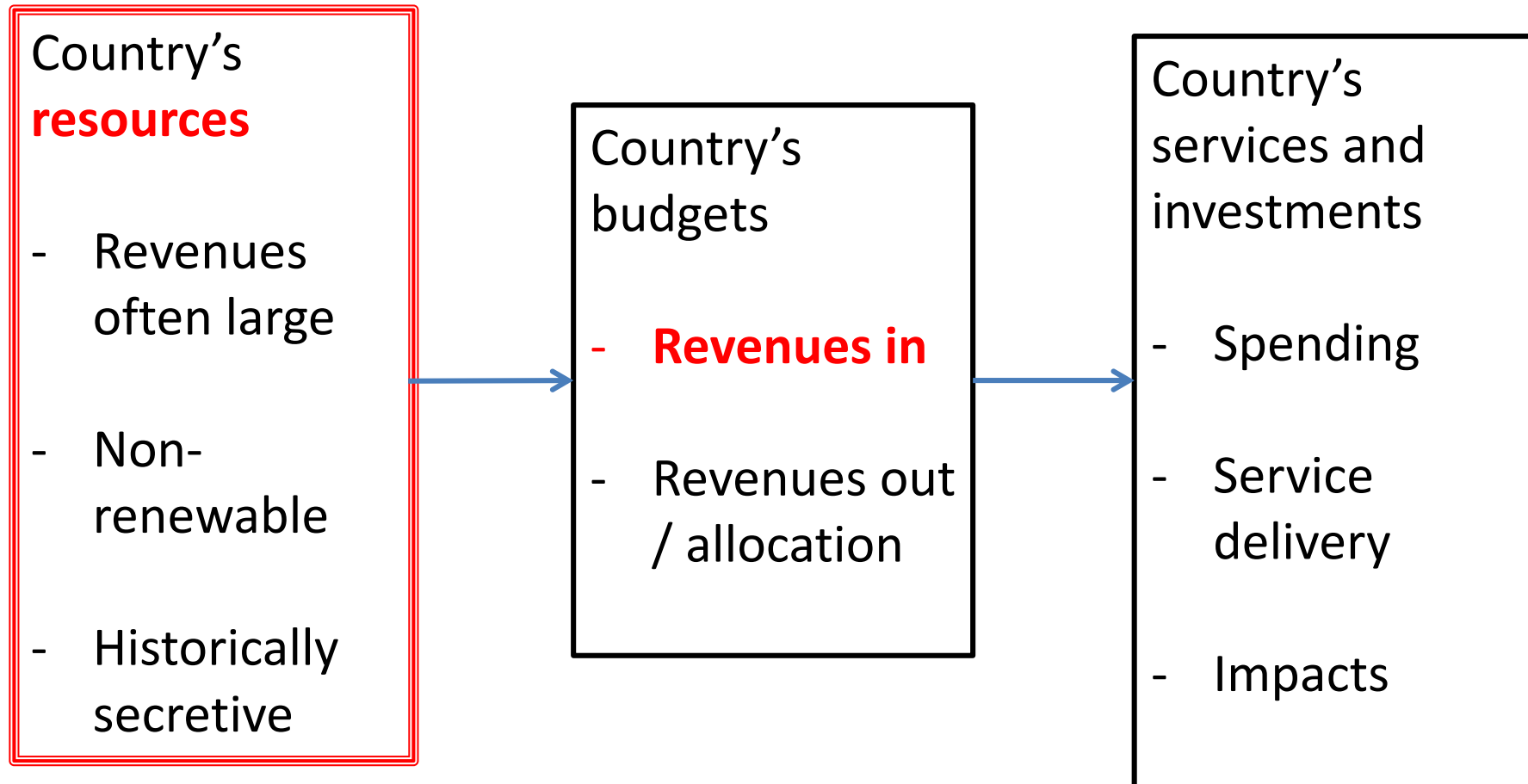
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e.g. oil, gas, iron, potash, copper, zinc etc.

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Mission: To improve the responsible and accountable management of extractive resources (oil, gas, minerals) for the public good

Scope: MENA, Eurasia, Latin America, South East Asia, Africa, USA

Profile: Non-profit, independent, non-partisan, expert.

Research, capacity building, technical advice, advocacy.

Work with governments, parliaments, civil society, media, regulators and companies.

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Capacity building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For oversight actors (civil society, media, parliamentarians) and government <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Strong skills, global best practice ○ Local capacity to build local capacity – RWI hubs 		

Lessons learnt

1. Address revenue generation

- Resource governance needs a special focus

2. Don't focus on transparency/ATI alone – need 3 together

- Transparency - Engagement mechanisms - Sanctions

3. Marry popular pressure with strong technical solutions

- Social mobilisation AND technical capacity building

4. Think internationally

- Use global mechanisms and comparative best practices

5. Cut off a root cause

- Change global financial structures to reduce illicit financial flows
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Thank you

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