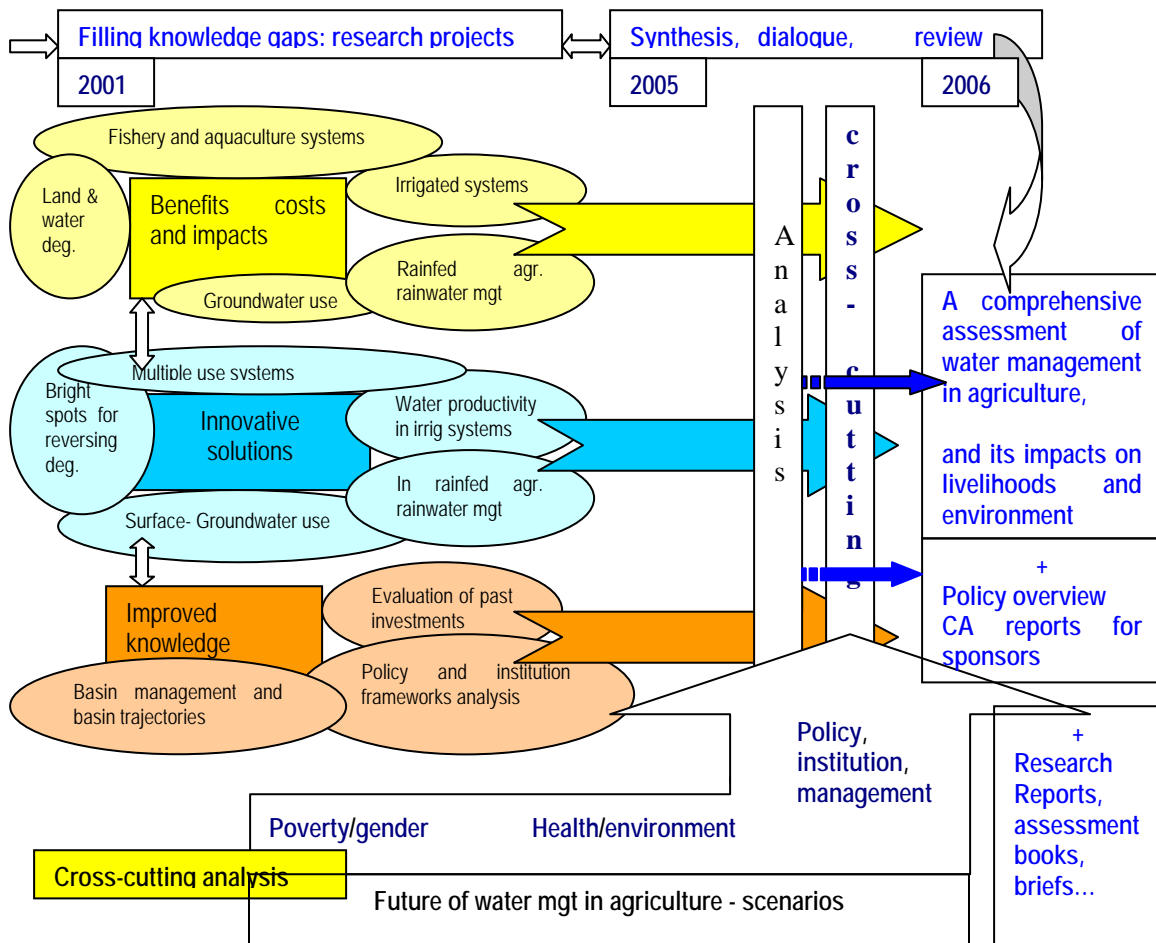


The comprehensive assessment 2001-2006

The comprehensive assessment on water management in agriculture CA, launched in 2001 is a 5 years international research, capacity building and knowledge sharing program (graph 1).



Graph 1: key elements to Build the Comprehensive assessment

This **graph** summarizes the comprehensive assessment program in two main phases.

- Phase 1- filling knowledge gaps and assessments of critical issues in three main blocks (benefits, costs, impacts; innovative solutions, improved knowledge). (projects listed in table 1 start unfolding in 2004 but some will be finalized only in 2006)
- Phase 2- synthesis -writing up the technical assessment-. It builds on the projects, in some cases directly (groundwater project, rainwater project), in other specific teams will be established to analyze, synthesize and integrate cross-cutting issues. The synthesis should be built through a dialogue process with the larger interest group and a review to ensure quality and credibility to the product.