Capacity Building on Intellectual Property Rights

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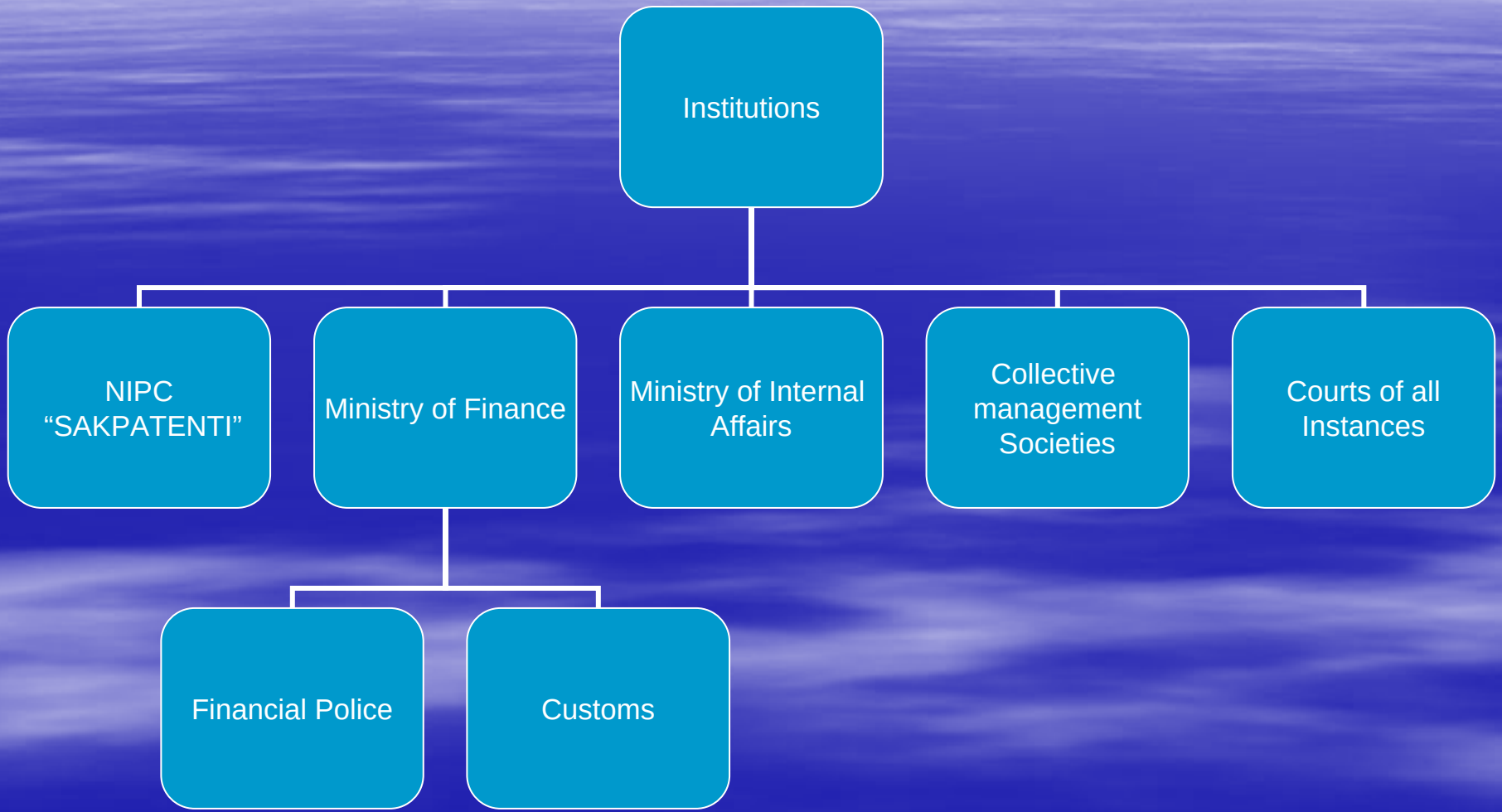
Main Directions

- The development and practical implementation of a legislative base harmonized with the universally recognized in the international practice principles and norms;
- The integration of Georgia into the global intellectual property protection system through Georgia's accession to international agreements and conventions and development of international cooperation;
- The establishment and development in the country of institutional structures in line with modern requirements, and the all-round support of their effective activities;
- The ensuring of wide public awareness of the intellectual property protection issues; the training of professional personnel.

Institutions acting in the field of IP



- training of personnel in the sphere of intellectual property

Legislation

- (i) Patent Law; (ii) Law on Trademarks; (iii) Law on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications of Goods; (iv) Law on Topographies of Integrated Circuits; and (v) Law on Copyright and Neighboring Rights. (vi) law “On the Protection of New Plant Varieties” and (vii) law “On the Protection of New Animal Varieties”.

Enforcement

- legal norms on enforcement from laws on Intellectual Property that provide for the possibility of prevention, suppression of intellectual property infringement and of taking adequate sanctions.
- Law of Georgia on Border Measures Relating to Intellectual Property,
- the Criminal Code,
- the Code of Administrative Offences

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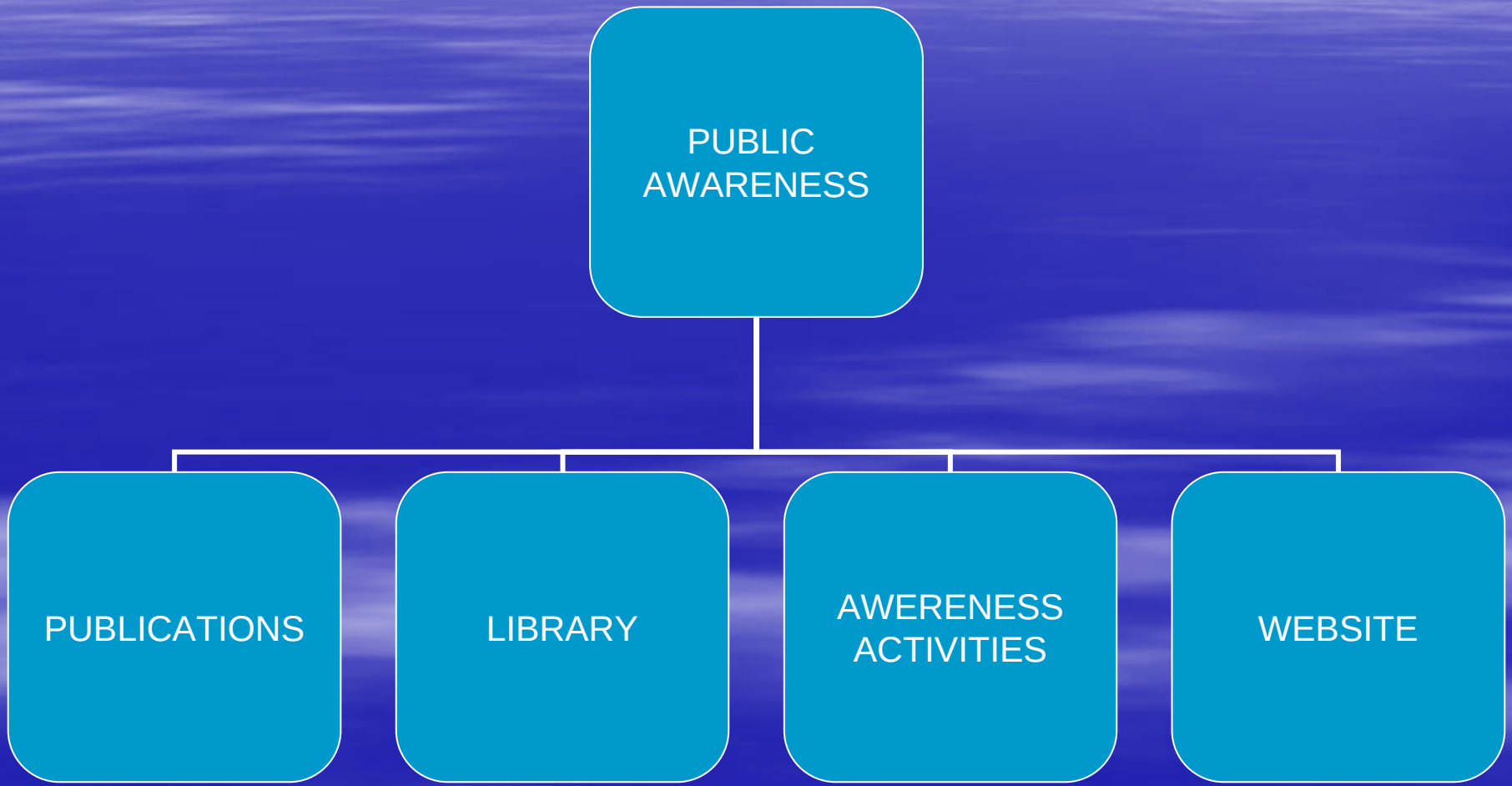

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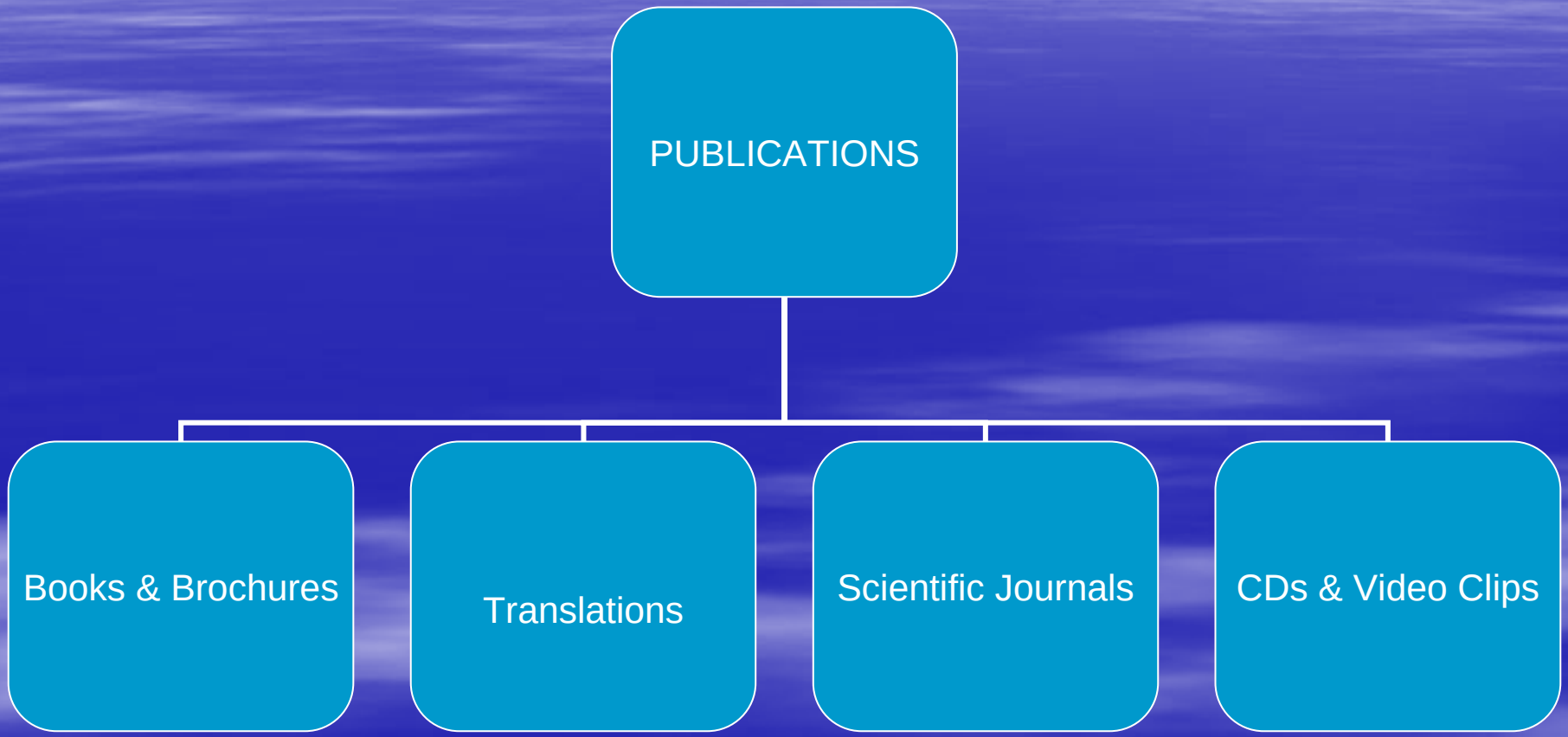

- Free publications and free distribution of them throughout the public

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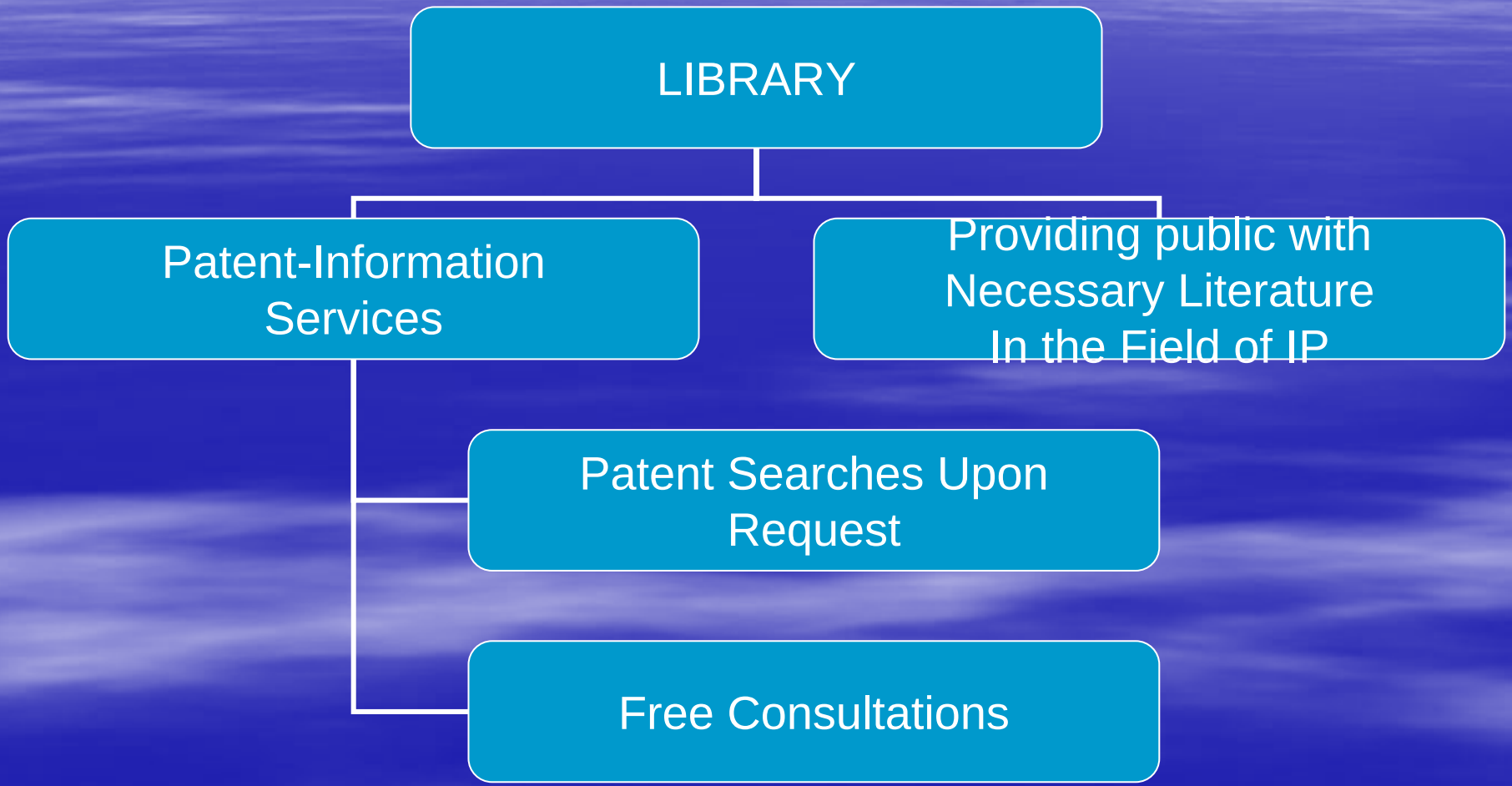

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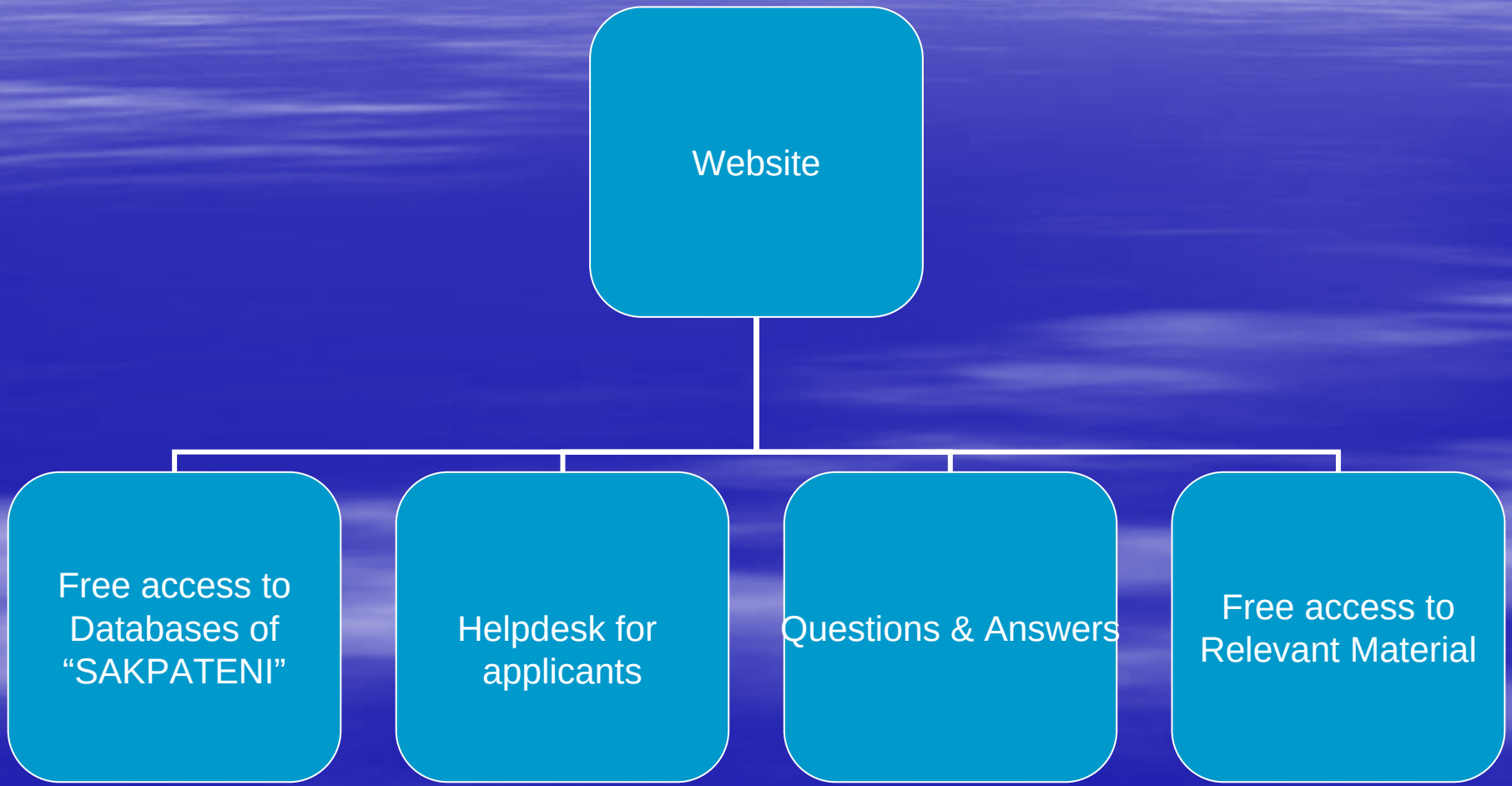

Plans For Future

- The creation of special patent-information structures at big scientific centers and Universities to consult scientists and engineers on the issues of intellectual property protection, assist them in the detection of an invention and drawing up of an application. These structures shall also assist in patent and information search both in planning the work as well as in its implementation process.
- Considering experience of the leading foreign universities and research centers, together with development of innovation activities, in future, modern technology transfer bureaus will be created on the base of these centers. The main objectives of these bureaus shall be the commercialization of inventions, search for business partners, the development of business programs, the drawing up of license agreements, the attraction of venture capital, as appropriate, etc.

Plans For Future

- Increasing cooperation of SAKPATENTI with representatives of business, Universities and scientific centers, primarily in the patent-information search area.
- In selecting subjects for applied research, a preliminary patent-information search shall be introduced and practiced at Universities and scientific centers in order to actually determine the technical level and competitiveness of the expected results. At present, between SAKPATENTI and the Georgian Research and Development Fund (GRDF) an agreement on the conduct of a patent search for all the projects proposals competing for funding by the Fund has been made.

Plans For Future

- In order to increase public awareness and dissemination of knowledge on intellectual property, it is envisaged that the teaching of the subject of intellectual property be introduced at more public and private Universities in the form of short-term courses on the faculties of art, natural sciences and technology, so as to make intellectual property knowledge available to future scientists and engineers.
- The preparation of a short training course for senior high school students and the publication of simple illustrated brochures for them are being planned.
- The widening of publication of original, as well as translated literature, information brochures and booklets for different target groups (businessmen, scientists, students, and lawyers) and giving more systematic nature to this process.

Plans For Future

- The set up of a special training center on the premises of SAKPATENTI, where the training of scientists, engineers, interested business circles, judges, lawyers, law-enforcement agencies, etc. in the intellectual property issues shall be arranged.
- A wider employment of mass media for promoting the intellectual property protection and raising its culture.
- The taking of actions for improving the SAKPATENTI website informational content and for accessibility of its information in the full-format English language.

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