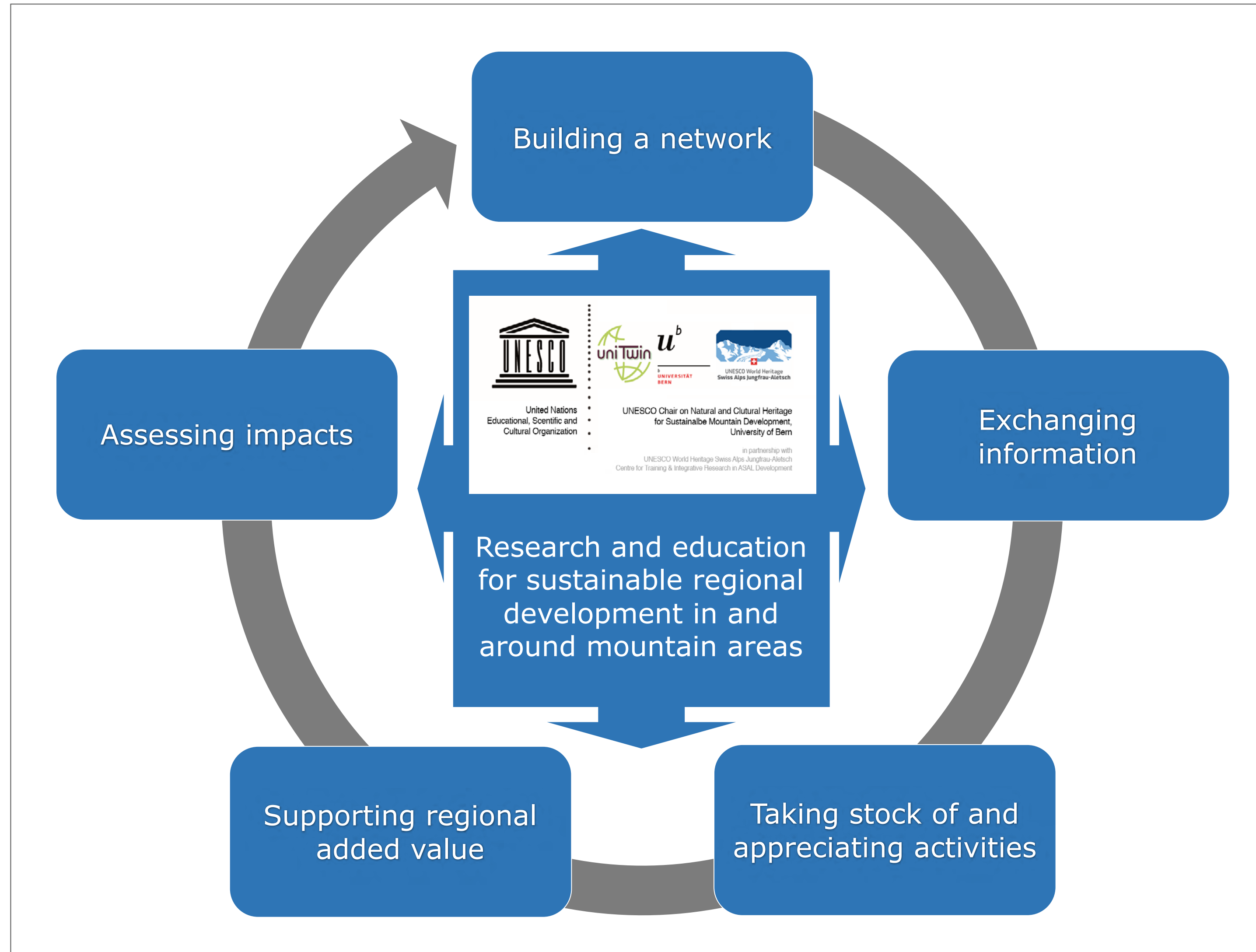


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Mt. Kenya serves as a water tower for three agro-ecological zones. (Photo: U. Wiesmann)



Members of a Water User Association in the Laikipia region, Mt. Kenya. (Photo: CETRAD)

Mt. Kenya, Kenya

- Sustainable water management
- Reduction of water consumption
- Support for water user associations to minimise illegal water abstraction



Three iconic mountains that are part of the natural heritage site Swiss Alps Jungfrau–Aletsch: Eiger, Mönch, Jungfrau. (Photo: World Nature Forum)

Jungfrau–Aletsch, Switzerland

- Support for traditional irrigation systems in different regions in Switzerland
- Environmental education with local schools
- Support for sustainable, decentralised and local energy production
- Long-term monitoring and evaluation of local biodiversity, cultural and economic values, and traditions



View of the dwindling Aletsch Glacier in Switzerland. (Photo: World Nature Forum)



Pilot project for environmental education with a local school class in Coyhaique (Photo by T. Tribaldos)

Coyhaique, Chile

- Participatory governance in and around the nature reserve
- Energy-efficient housing
- Reduction of air pollution
- Environmental education with local schools
- Electric mobility between the reserve and the city



The town of Coyhaique, at the foot of a majestic mountainous nature reserve. (Photo by T. Tribaldos)



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