



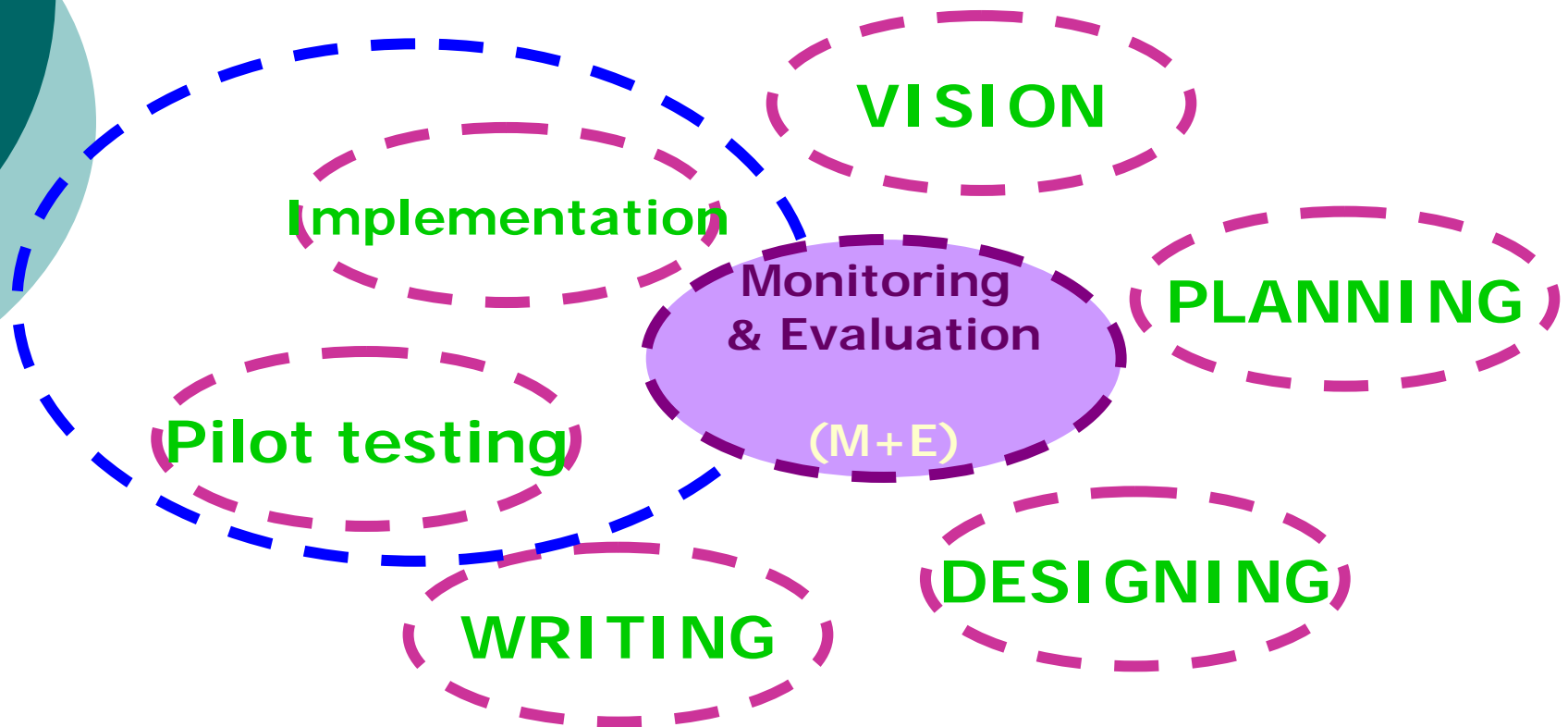
Curriculum Evaluation in the Gulf States

International workshop

Dubai/Sharjah, 26-28 September 2011

Curriculum evaluation

Curriculum evaluation as part of “curriculum cycles”



Monitoring and evaluation

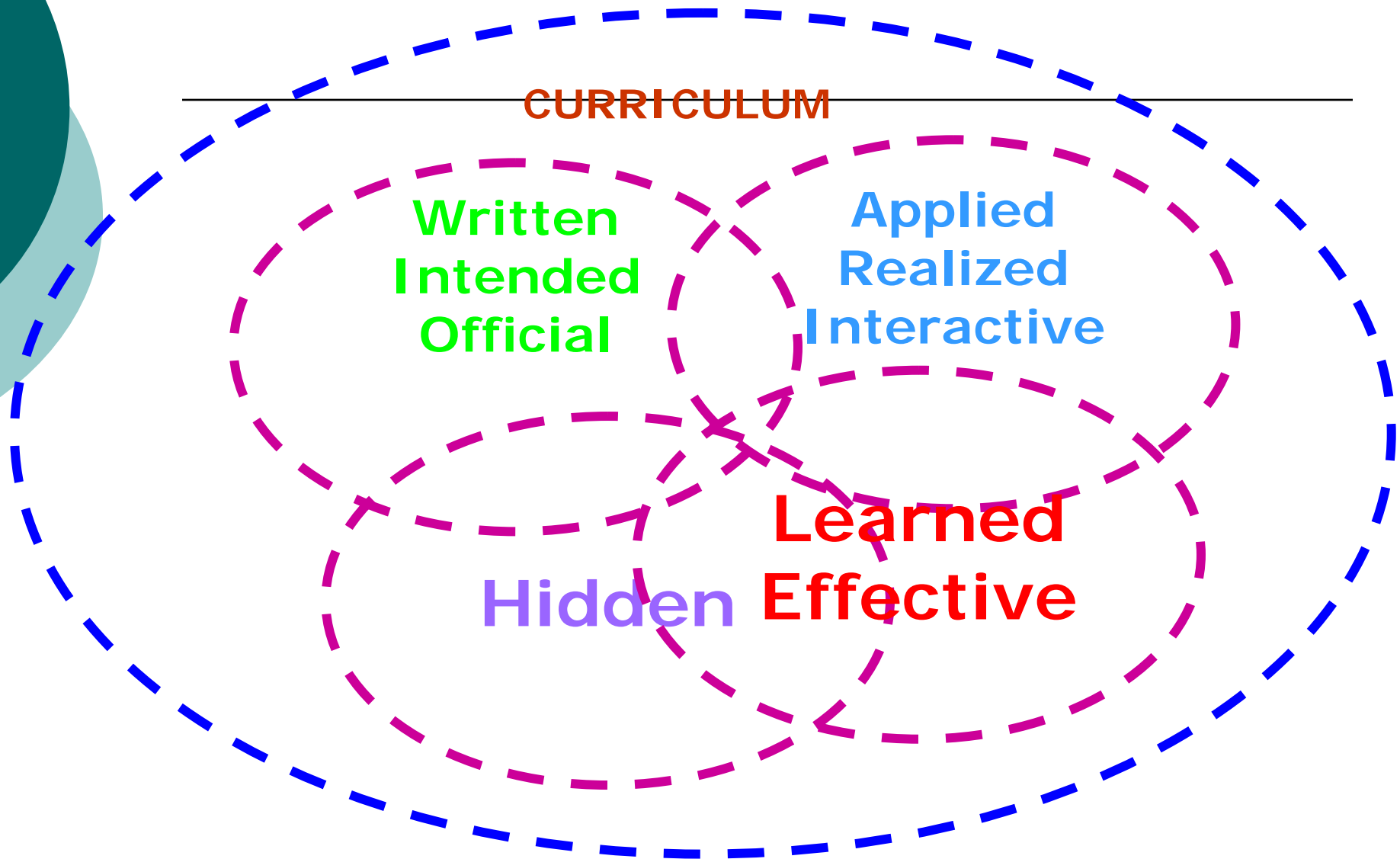
Monitoring

- Data gathering
- Process controlling

Evaluation

- Assessment based on value judgments
- Corrections & improvement
- Impact

Curriculum evaluation



Why to evaluate?

"...the evaluation of educational curricula refers to determining the merit or worth of a part or the whole of a curriculum. There are a number of reasons why evaluation is important, firsts...it informs and serves the needs of policy makers, administrators, and other members of the society. It also informs and helps in decision-making as it gives policy makers information. Secondly, it serves as a reference to teachers, curriculum specialists, school administrators and others involved in curriculum development."

(Cf. UNESCO Bangkok, 2003)

What are ingredients to evaluate curricula effectively?

Comprehensive, well-thought & effective methodologies

VISION

**Quality
criteria**

**Appropriate
methods &
instruments**

**Personal and institutional capacities
Participatory approaches
Constructive approaches**

Quality issues

- Is there a (shared & progressive) curriculum vision?
- Is the curriculum developed in a proper way?
- Is the curriculum well implemented?
- Does it foster quality learning?
- Does it contribute to individual and societal development?



Methods of curriculum evaluation

Expert opinion

**Analyzing
student results**

**Analyzing
curriculum
documents &
materials**

**Classroom
observation**

**Pilot &
field testing**

**Inquiring
stakeholder
opinions**



Evaluation instruments



Focus group, Mauritius (Aug. 2007)

- Analytical frameworks
- Analytical grids
- Questionnaires
- Interview & focus group protocols
- Class observation protocols



Who should evaluate?



How to use evaluation results?

Improve curriculum processes & products

Capacity development

Policy changes

Examples of curriculum evaluation

