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## **Session 3 “Institutional mechanisms, frameworks and opportunities (HFA-1) - National Platforms for DRR**

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## National Platforms – A definition

- A **nationally owned and led forum or committee of multi-stakeholders**
- Serves as an **advocate for DRR** at different levels
- Provides **coordination, analysis and advice** on areas of priority requiring concerted action through a coordinated and participatory process.
- A **commitment** to work on prevention, preparedness and mitigation instead of merely focusing on disaster management and recovery

*As such it is mentioned in the **Hyogo Framework for Action's** Priority of Action 1 – adopted by 168 States*

*Previously referred to in **UN Economic and Social Council Resolution 1999/63** and 2005 **UN General Assembly resolution A/RES/59/231***

## National Platforms – A definition

- Hyogo Framework for Action: “The expression “national platform” is a generic term used for national mechanisms for coordination and policy guidance on disaster risk reduction that need to be multi-sectoral and inter-disciplinary in nature, with public, private and civil society participation involving all concerned entities within a country. National platforms represent the national mechanism for the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction.” (§16, 10)
- They are **preferably not new institutions**, but ideally **build on existing national coordinating mechanisms** to become a more permanent and accessible forum for exchange and decision-making for coordinated DRR as a:
  - multi-sectoral-** ,
  - multi-stakeholder-**,
  - multi-level tool**

# ISDR system levels of action (“platforms”)

## Define priorities: Strategic information, guidance and assessments of progress

### National implementation

National frameworks, multi-stakeholders, and multi disciplinary **National Platforms for DRR**  
Support from UN country team and/or WB – when appropriate

### Regional

Based on existing regional and sub-regional strategies and mechanisms  
**e.g. Africa: African Union with RECs – African Strategy for DRR**

### Thematic

Building on existing networks, clusters, programmes and other mechanisms  
**Africa: Drought network; Floods (Climate change); Environment (AMCEN), International Recovery Platform(IRP)**

### Global Platform for DRR

Biennial sessions  
**Global Assessment Report**

ISDR programme

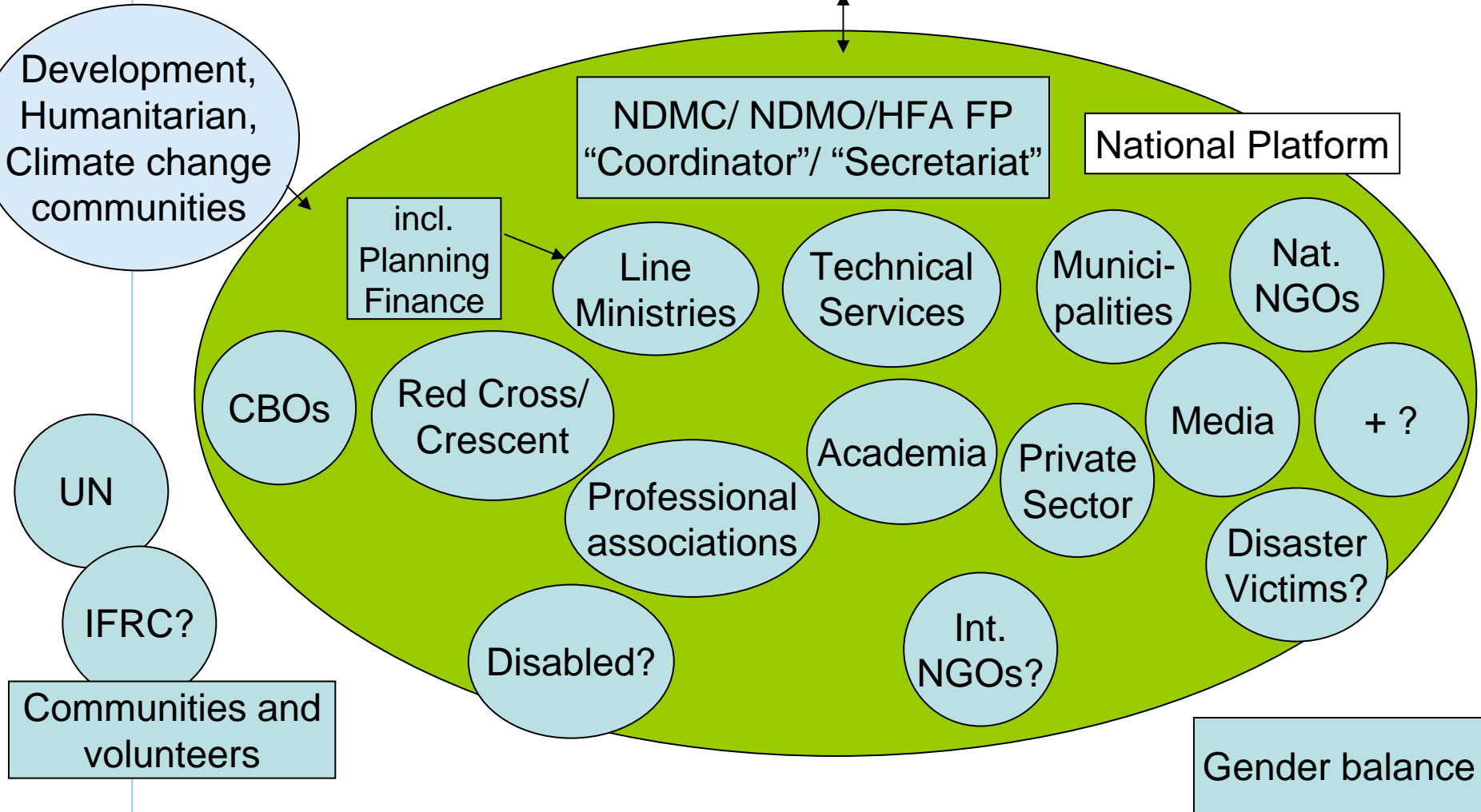
coordinated international and regional efforts to support national and

local capacities



# Multi sectoral Composition of National Platforms

National (Ministerial) Steering Committee/Cabinet/ Parliament/ Board

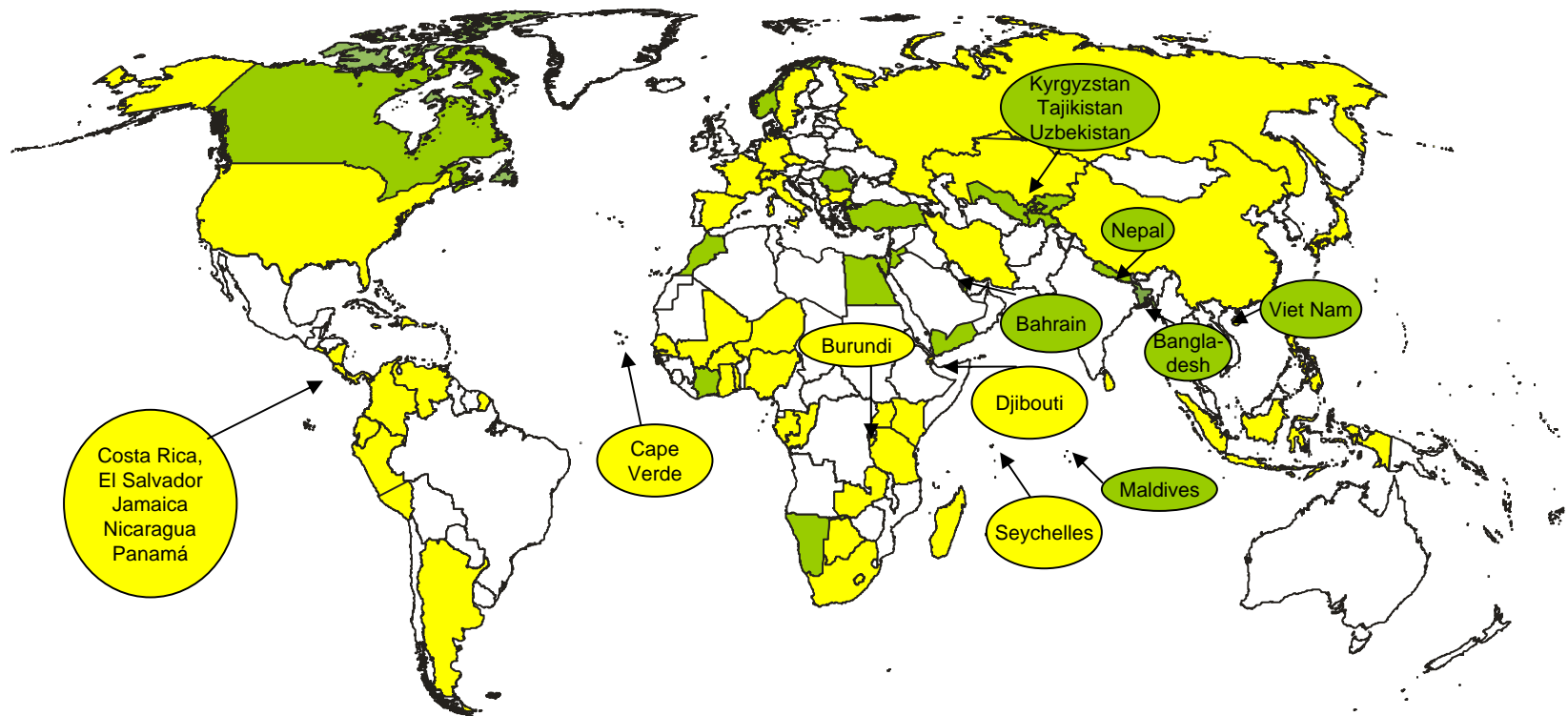


## **African National Platforms – Overview of developments in 2008**

**Africa Status Report on DRR:** As of 31 March 2009, the total number of Sub-Saharan African countries that have National Platforms (NPs) or any similar national level institutions amounts to 25 including the one in, Senegal which were established in 2008, four countries, Guinea Cote d'Ivoire, Gambia and Namibia have been also planning to establish National Platforms.

Number of National Platforms (slowly) increasing (51 nowadays)  
New NPs declared in in other regions 2008/ 09:

- Asia/Pacific: **Sri Lanka** (January 2008), **Indonesia** (Nov. 2008)
- Central Asia : **Kazakhstan** (January 2008)
- Europe: **Italy** (January 2008), **Macedonia**, **Monaco** (April/May 2009)
- Americas: **Dominican Republic** (March 2008), **El Salvador**, **Jamaica** (July 2008), **Argentina** (October 2008), **Peru** (February 2009)



**Countries with National Platforms for DRR**  
**Countries expressing interest to develop NPs**

## UNISDR secretariat support to National Platforms

- Promote and help establishing NPs and multi-stakeholder dialogue meetings (led by line-Ministry – implemented in support to/with UN RC)
- Organise global and regional thematic meetings and training with/ among National Platforms (e.g. African workshop on mainstreaming DRR in April 2008)
- Develop guidance documents, tools and contribution to ISDR partner work with NPs/ HFA FPs (incl. CCA/UNDAF guidelines, joint publications, etc.)
- Support sharing of NP experiences (« twinning » + good practices, « ISDR-Highlights » and other magazines)
- Jointly run awareness raising campaigns
- Undertake capacity assessments (with CADRI, UNDP)
- Support ministerial meetings in the regions
- Facilitate access to expertise
- HFA monitor (progress reporting and information sharing)





- ISDR System
- Hyogo Framework for Action
- HFA Monitoring & Review
- Global Assessment Report
- Global Platform
- National Platforms**
  - National Platform List
  - Key Events
  - National Progress Reports
  - Key Documents
- Key Documents

## National Platforms

### National Platform List

Officially declared National Platforms for Disaster Risk Reduction by country.

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### Key Events for National Platforms

Including workshops and events aimed at establishing and strengthening National Platforms and national coordinating mechanisms.

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### National Progress Reports

National reports on the progress of the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action by country and timeframe.

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### Key Documents for National Platforms

Including guidelines for implementing the Hyogo Framework, establishing and strengthening National Platforms and national coordinating mechanisms.

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### Global Platform 2009

The main forum for continued and concerted emphasis on disaster reduction, providing strategic guidance and coherence for implementing the Hyogo Framework, and for sharing experiences and expertise among all its stakeholders.

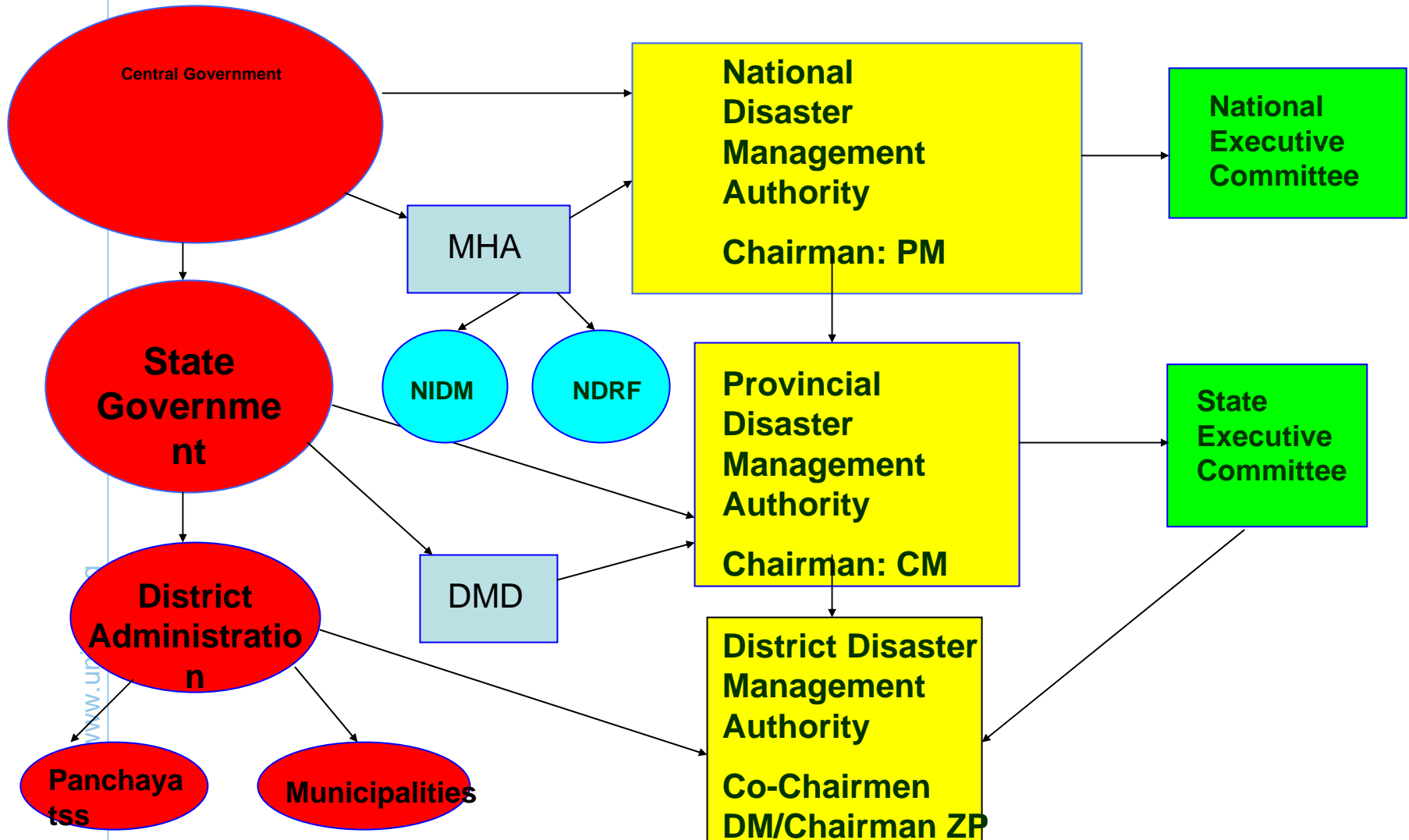

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## Discussion Fora: From Discussions to Reducing loss of Lives and Livelihoods : Implementation :

**Have National Platforms** (or other multi-stakeholder national coordination mechanisms) in Africa **reached their full potential and respond to what is expected from them** in terms of inclusive national coordination, support for mainstreaming, advocacy, awareness-raising and capacity development, measuring and reporting on progress?

If not, **what is needed to improve their role and functioning?**  
Which specific action points do you suggest and who should be involved in it?

# Disaster Management Act <sup>11</sup>



## Discussion points (cont'd)

1. **Official and de facto recognition of National Platform/ other multi-stakeholder national mechanism as important entity to consult for decision-making on DRR/ development programming and implementation (and de facto progress in influencing policy making, programmes and implementation)** – appropriate institutional anchoring),
2. **Inclusiveness of existing systems and National Platforms (Does any stakeholder have a voice? Do we effectively galvanize the full potential of diverse actors?)**,
3. Link between the national and the sub-national local level (**relevance of National Platform action for local level risk reduction/ building of resilience**)
4. **Effectiveness of information-sharing and exchange on a regional/ sub-regional and international scale (Do we learn from others? Do others learn from us? Do we have/ do we use appropriate information-sharing channels?)**

## **Way forward/ Global Platform/ HFA mid-term review**

**What is African National Platforms' message and recommendations to the ISDR community and beyond gathering at Global Platform in June 2009 in Geneva?**

**How should the Global Platform's Chair summary support National Platforms?**

**Which decisions and key action should be taken at national, regional/ sub-regional and global level on National Platforms by 2011 and 2015?**

# *Thank you*

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