

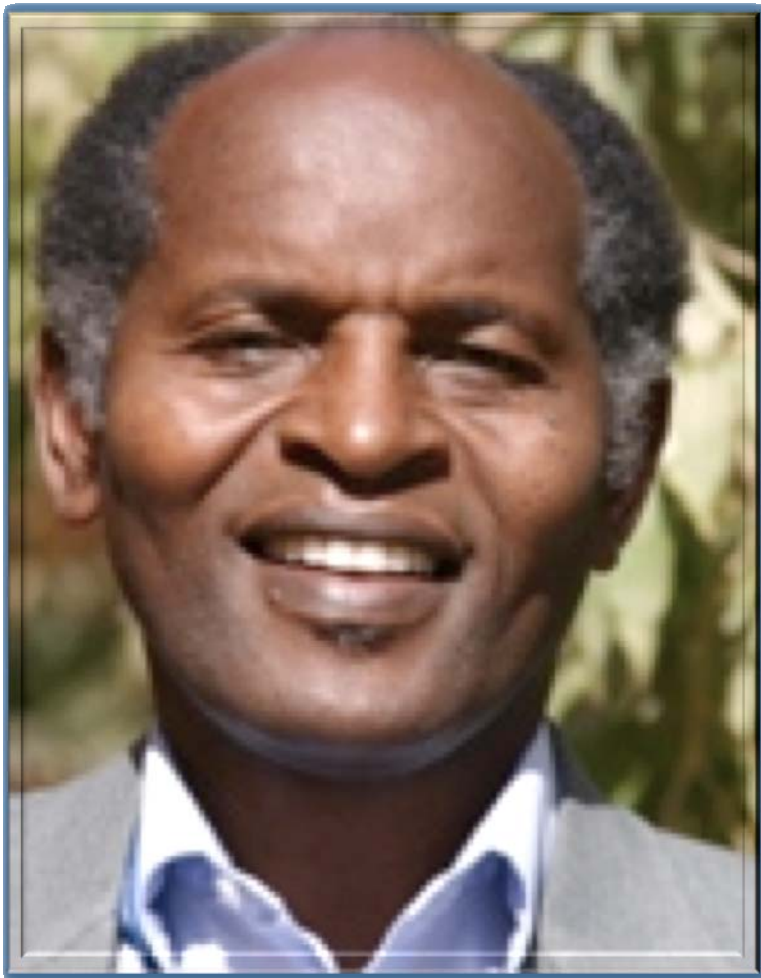
'Views from the frontline 2009'

THE HEADLINES

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“The people I work with every day see many clouds – international initiatives and plans, but very little rain – actual change at the frontline”

“Clouds but little rain”

7000 views
48 countries
400 organisations



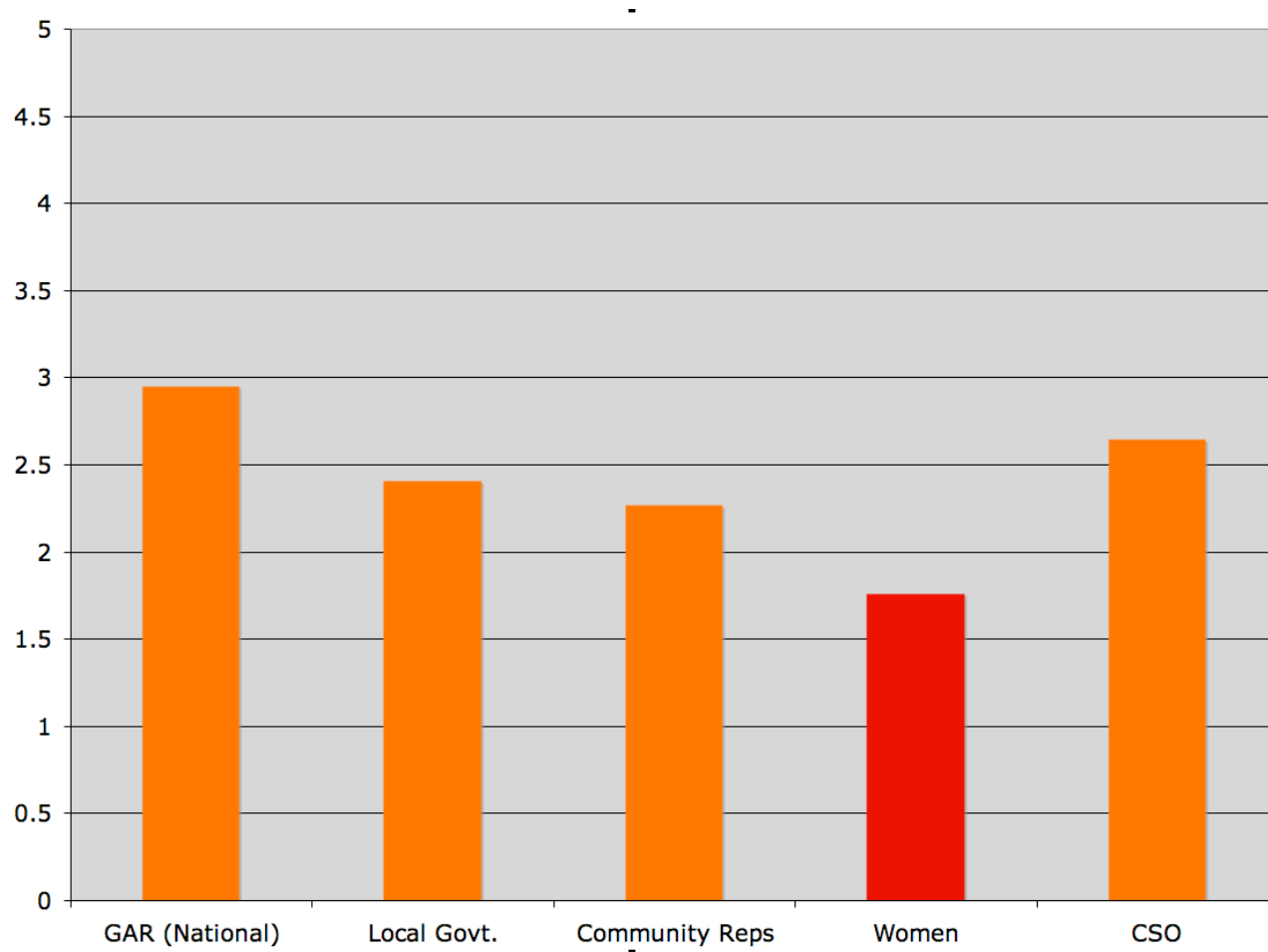
A photograph of a traditional wooden bridge spanning a river in a lush, tropical forest. The bridge is made of weathered wooden planks and has simple wooden railings on both sides. The surrounding vegetation is dense and green, with palm trees visible in the background. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

Local practice

1. There is a significant gap between national and local level action

NATIONAL POLICY

A breakdown of different responses shows the 'fading-out' of perceptions of progress from national level to communities 'at-risk'



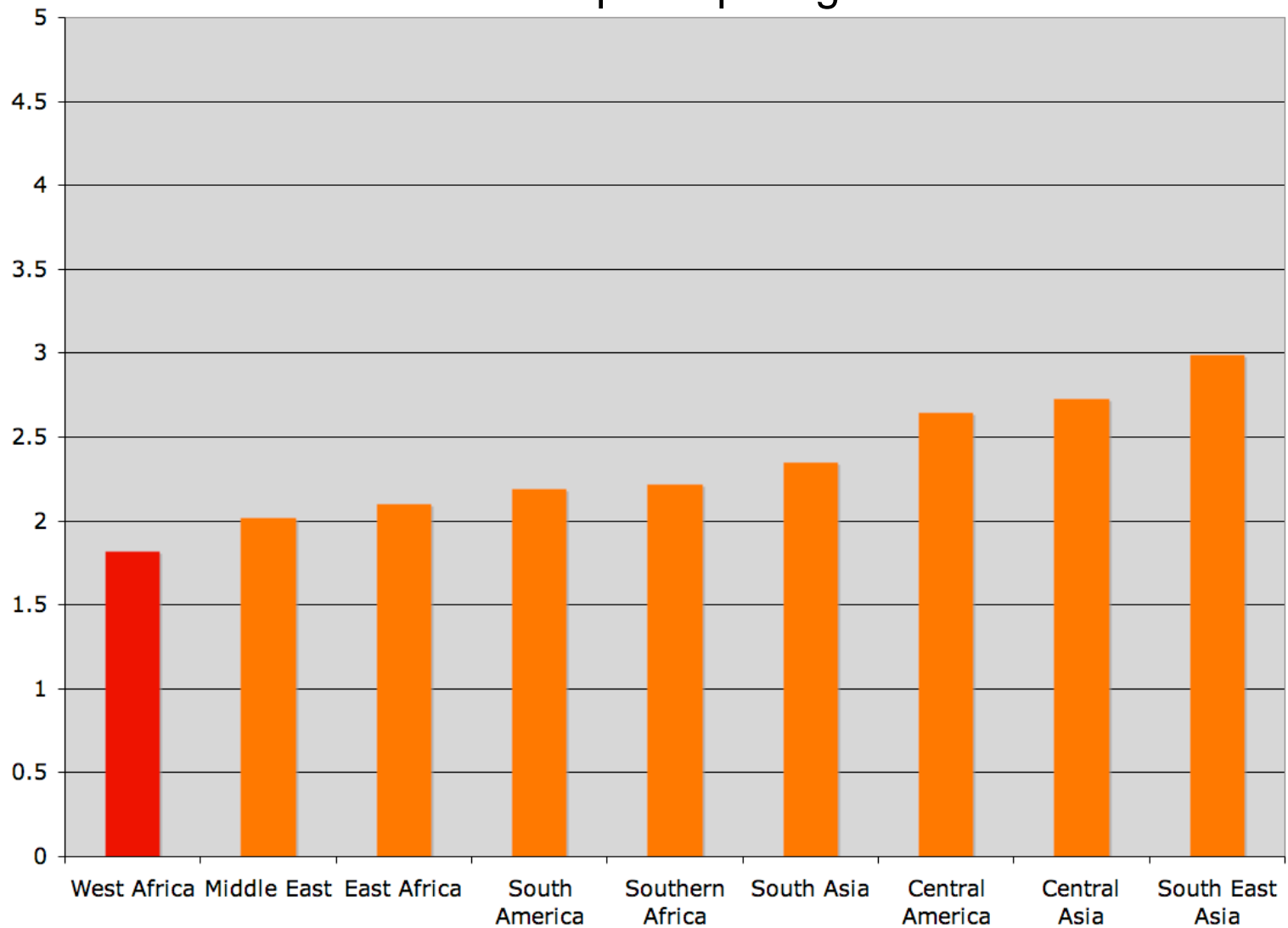


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3. Resources are scarce and considered one of the main constraints to progress... but there are resources at local level which remain untapped

HFA implementation varies across regions according to views from 33 participating countries



***'Poverty
alleviation'***

***'Disaster risk
reduction'***

***'Climate
adaptation'***



***'Poverty
alleviation'***
\$20 billion




***'Disaster risk
reduction'***
< \$1 billion

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'Climate adaptation'
\$40 billion



Four things people at the frontline are saying...

1. Nationally-formulated policies are not generating widespread systemic changes in local practices.
 2. Resources are scarce and considered one of the main constraints to progress... but there are resources at local level, which remain untapped.
 3. The foundation for building resilience is people's awareness and understanding of the risks that they face.
 4. Climate change provides a threat and an opportunity to address underlying risk factors, raise external resources and political commitment for building resilience.
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recommendations

The challenge is to build and maintain momentum at the frontline...



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