



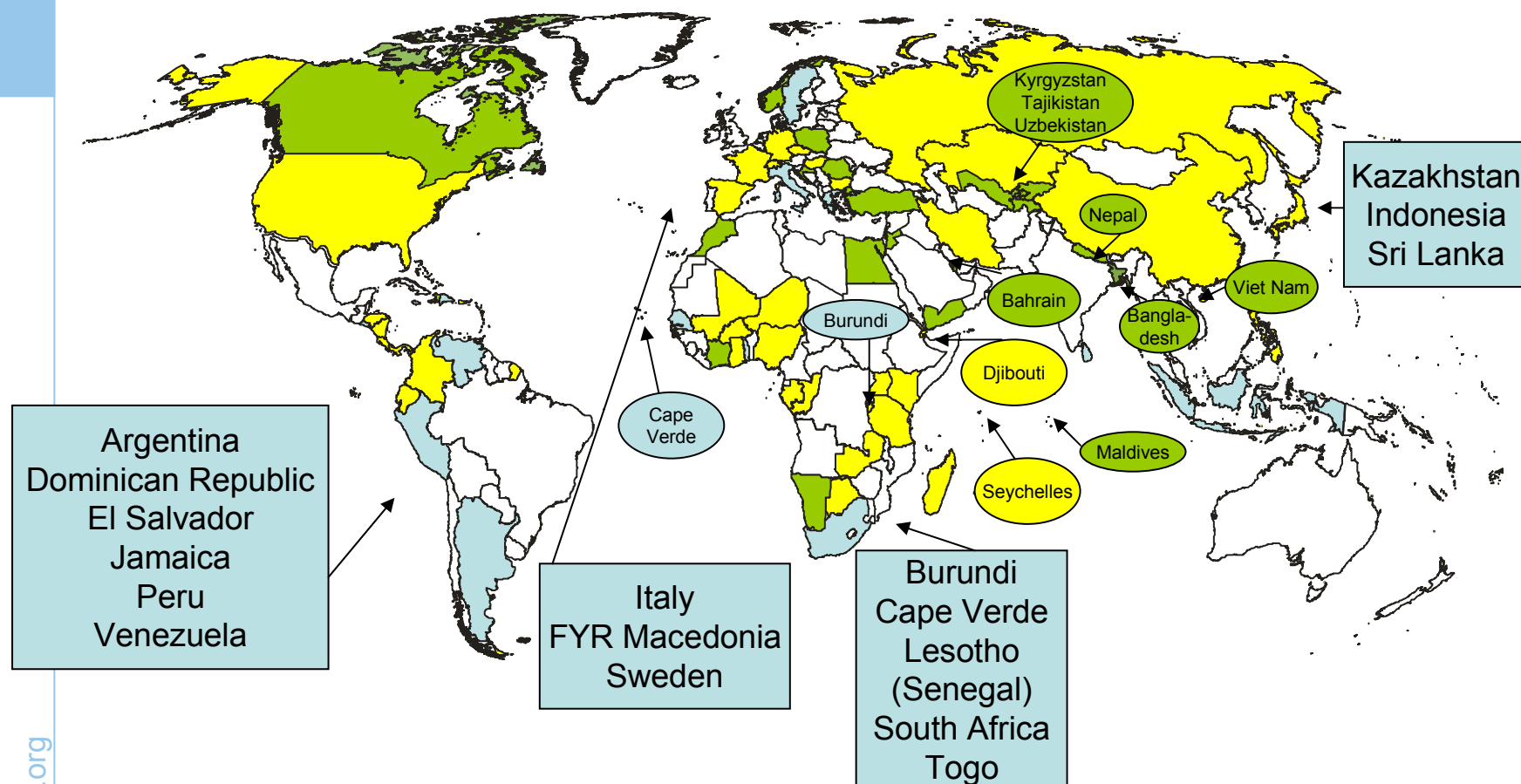
United Nations  
International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

**Review of National Platform related  
developments since the First Consultative  
Meeting of NP and HFA Focal points  
(Pretoria, October 2006)**

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**Global Meeting of National Platforms for Disaster  
Risk Reduction – Global Platform pre-session event  
– Geneva – 15 June 2009**

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**Countries with National Platforms for DRR**  
**Newly established NPs since October 2006**  
**Countries expressing interest to establish NPs**

## Good practices of National Platforms

- Achieving **higher political commitment and engagement** of politicians for disaster risk reduction (Costa Rica, Gabon, Nigeria...),
- **Integrating DRR into national policy and legislation and development plans** (China, Colombia, Djibouti, Indonesia, Kenya, Senegal, Uganda...),
- **Setting up sub-national DRM committees and promoting community participation** in DRR through awareness-raising and capacity-building activities (China, Colombia, France Germany, Japan, Madagascar, Nicaragua, Switzerland...);
- Engaging the **media, private sector and/or insurance sector** for DRR (Germany, Japan, Nigeria, Switzerland...)
- Setting standards in **natural hazard preparedness and education for DRR** (Madagascar)
- Engaging with **climate change focal points** (Sweden, Germany)

## UNISDR secretariat support to National Platforms

- Promote and facilitate multi-stakeholder dialogue meetings and help establishing NPs – work towards joint UN/ ISDR partner support to national DRR systems (led by line-Ministry – implemented in support to UN RC)
- Organise global and regional thematic meetings and training with/ among National Platforms (e.g. Dakar: Mainstreaming DRR in April 2008, Panama: National Platform/ Climate Change FP meeting October 2008)
- Compile 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 »)
- Jointly run awareness raising campaigns
- Undertake capacity assessments (with CADRI, UNDP)
- Support ministerial meetings in the regions
- Facilitate access to expertise
- Develop training packages (with CADRI)
- HFA monitor (progress reporting and information sharing)
- PreventionWeb National Platform site





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## National Platforms

Officially declared national coordinating multi-sectoral and inter-disciplinary mechanisms for advocacy, coordination, analysis and advice on disaster risk reduction

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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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### NP Guidelines

How to establish or strengthen National Platforms for Disaster Risk Reduction.

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## National Platform Key Events

Workshops and events aimed at establishing and strengthening National Platforms and national coordinating mechanisms

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Date	Title	Location
15 Jun 2009	Global meeting of national platforms for disaster risk reduction Organization: UNISDR	Switzerland (Geneva)
06-07 May 2009	Advancing disaster risk reduction workshop Organization: ODPEM, Jamaica - gov	Jamaica (Kingston)
28 Apr 2009	Public exposé of Indonesian national platform for DRR (Planas PRB Indonesia) and workshop on indigenous knowledge for DRR Organization: BAKORNAS PBP, Indonesia - gov; BNPB, Indonesia - gov	Indonesia (Jakarta)
27 Feb 2009	Lanzamiento de la Plataforma Nacional en el Perú Organization: INDECI, Peru - gov	Peru (Lima)
19-20 Feb 2009	European national platform and HFA focal point meeting Organization: DKKV	Germany (Bonn)
02 Dec 2008	Disaster risk reduction is everyone's business: Establishing and improving multi-stakeholder national coordinating mechanisms for DRR Organization: UNISDR	Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur)
26-28 Nov 2008	Risq-ue 2008: Conference on natural disaster risk reduction Organization: AFPCN	France (Paris)

**Dispelled myths** - Understanding that NP does not mean naturally setting up a new institution and that it can have several ramifications

**Recognition** for National Platforms as:

- An appropriate tool to involve multiple stakeholders and multiple sectors
- A way to ensure more systematic exchange, joint work programming and implementation of HFA key activities
- A mechanism for more efficient and effective reduction of risks linking humanitarian, development and climate change adaptation actors
- The official ISDR system mechanism at national level, closely linked to regional and international processes

Appropriate **human and financial resources and support** are available to equip National Platforms and HFA Focal points to carry out what is expected from them and on a longer-term basis

**National Platform is a key player in reducing risks** at both national and sub-national/ local level **achieving tangible results** by spearheading implementation of HFA key activities

***Are we there? Not entirely***

## Discussion points

**Have National Platforms** (or other multi-stakeholder national coordination mechanisms) **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?



### 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. **Buy-in and support (incl. involvement) by national, regional and int. development and humanitarian agencies, NGOs and banks**
3. **Efficiency of national systems and role of National Platform, incl vis-à-vis other national focal point systems (**avoiding duplication, reducing transaction costs, learning from experience**),**
4. **Inclusiveness of existing systems and National Platforms (**Does any stakeholder have a voice? Do we effectively galvanize the full potential of diverse actors?**),**
5. **Link between the national and the sub-national local level (**relevance of National Platform action for local level risk reduction/ building of resilience**)**
6. **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?)**

# *Thank you*

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