

# **CANADA'S DISASTER RISK REDUCTION PLATFORM: RECOMMENDED MODEL**

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# OUTLINE

- **CRHNet**
- **Platform Context**
- **A recommended Framework**
- **Discussion**

# CRHNET



- A **not-for-profit** organization, established in **2003**, due to growing demand to **promote and strengthen DRR and EM in Canada**
- Seeks to enhance understanding and provide tools for all phases of EM and all types of disasters
- Promotes inclusiveness, research-based approach, and collaboration

# **CRHNET - OBJECTIVES**



- 1. Develop or promote a Canadian interdisciplinary and cross-sector network**
- 2. Create a Canadian forum for dialogue on DRR and related best practices**
- 3. Provide a Canadian venue to learn from the experiences of other countries**

# DISASTER TRENDS

## 1. Disasters are ...

- a. “Ugly” (consequences),
- b. Expensive,
- c. Extensive in reach (turf, impact)
- d. Evolutionary in nature
- e. Complex, and
- f. Involve growing number of ‘players’

## 2. Increasingly demanding

# LEAD-IN TO HYOGO

**1989: IDNDR 1990-1999** – promoted disaster reduction, technical and scientific buy-in

**1994: Yokohama Strategy and Plan of Action** – 1<sup>st</sup> blueprint for DRR policy guidance (social, community orientation)

**2000: ISDR** - increased public commitment and linkage to sustainable development, enlarged networking, partnerships. Established mechanism (ISDR secretariat, UN Trust Fund)

# LEAD-IN TO HYOGO

**2002: Johannesburg Plan of Implementation-**  
Includes a new section on “An integrated, multi-hazard, inclusive approach to address vulnerability, risk assessment and disaster management...”

**2005: WCDR - Hyogo Framework for Action  
2005-2015 - Building the Resilience of  
Nations and Communities to Disaster**

# UN RESOLUTIONS

**In 1999, the UN Economic and Social Council Resolution 1999/63**

**“called on all Governments to maintain and strengthen established **national and multi-sectoral platforms** for natural disaster reduction in order to achieve sustainable development goals and objectives, with the full utilization of scientific and technical means”**

# UN RESOLUTIONS



**In 2005, UN General Assembly, Resolution A/RES/59/231:**

**called upon Governments to establish national platforms or focal points for disaster reduction, encouraged government to strengthen platforms where they already exist, urged United Nations system to provide appropriate support to those mechanisms...**



# **WORLD CONFERENCE ON DRR**

**Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015  
(HFA) - Building the resilience of nations and  
communities to disasters:**

**3 Strategic goals + 5 Priorities for action**

**168 Governments, 78 regional and int'l orgs,  
and 161 NGOs attended**

**Integrated DRR into policies, plans, and  
programmes of sustainable development and  
poverty reduction**

# **WORLD CONFERENCE ON DRR**

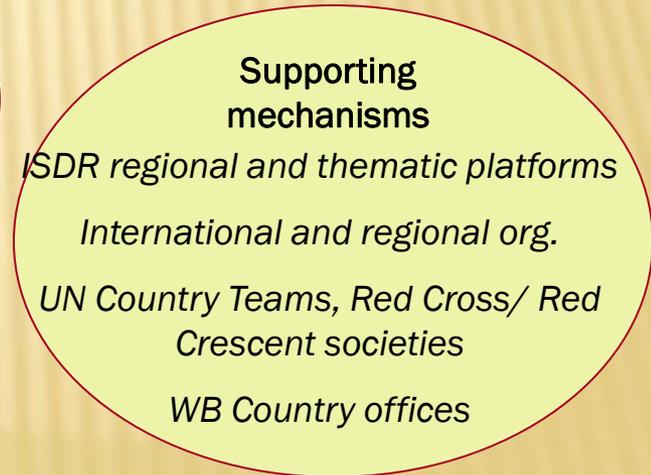
**Recognized risk reduction as both a humanitarian and development issue – in the context of sustainable development**

**Focused on national and local implementation, with bilateral, multilateral, regional and international cooperation**

**Targets and indicators to be developed according to needs**

# MAIN ELEMENTS OF ISDR

Responsible for national strategies and programmes, baselines studies, reporting...



Management, oversight, programme guidance, support, joint work programme, monitoring

Support and technical advice to agencies, authorities, institutions and organizations

# PLATFORM - OBJECTIVE

A coordinated approach to DRR

- **Document** – risk, hazards, best practices
- **Champion** risk reduction and resiliency
- **Focus** resources on key risks
- **Coordinate** across time, space, jurisdiction
- **Encourage** education
- **Engage** all Canadians
- **Promote** sustainable development
- **Celebrate successes**

# DRR PLATFORM - STRATEGIES

- Augment *existing* Nat'l EMO Agency
- Split off segment of Nat'l EMO Agency
  - Keep it under EMO control
  - Make it independent
- Establish a new and independent org.

# **DRR ACTIVITIES IN CANADA**

- **Promotes DRR integration in national EM policies, plans, and programs**
  - **Public Alerting,**
  - **EM Planning Guide,**
  - **All-Hazards Risk Assessment,**
  - **Federal Emergency Response Plan,**
  - **National Disaster Mitigation Strategy.**

# **DRR ACTIVITIES IN CANADA**

- **Works with all levels of gov't, NGOs, academic community, and others to address EM-related gaps**
- **Maintains various consultation mechanisms (SOREM, DGEM, ADM EMC)**
- **Proposing to create a National Annual Roundtable on DRR**

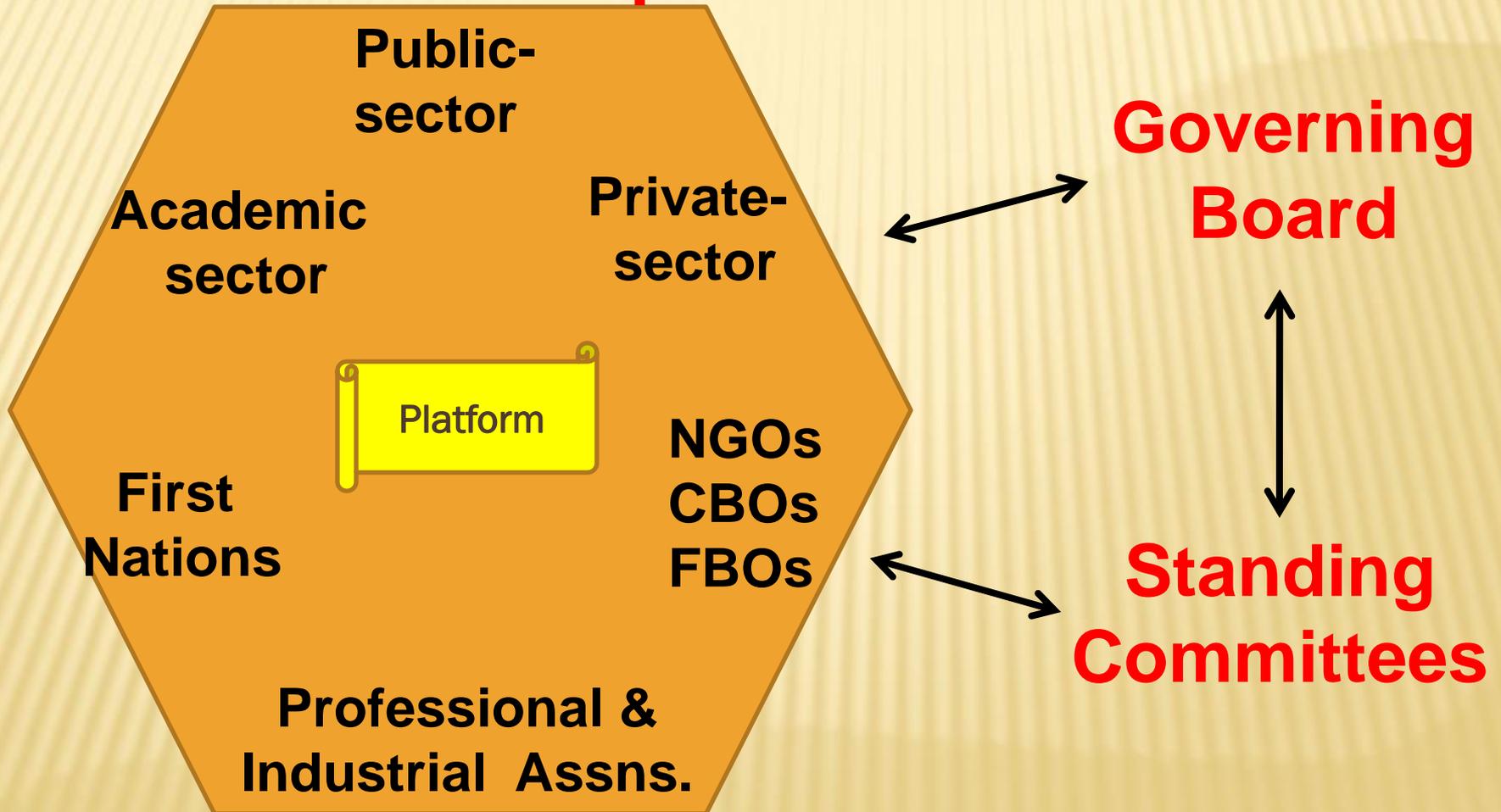
# PLATFORM - COMPOSITION

## Membership



# PLATFORM - STRUCTURE

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# PLATFORM - COMMITTEES

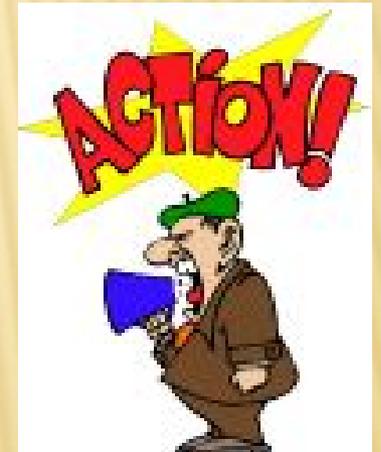


- Hazard Assessment (national, provincial, territorial, regional)
- Stakeholder engagement & collaboration
- Education (public & stakeholder)
- Knowledge Development
- Issue framing & Policy *recommendation*
- Others as necessary*

# PLATFORM - INTENDED OUTCOME



- ✓ Engage Stakeholders, enlarge the network
- ✓ Promote collaboration  
across jurisdictions and silos
- ✓ Promote greater DRR awareness  
(Public, stakeholders)
- ✓ Promote, facilitate knowledge development
- ✓ Identify issues, policy recommendations



# PLATFORM - **VISION**



- ✓ **Larger network of DRR players**
- ✓ **Greater cross-jurisdiction collaboration**  
**(research, program dev., implementation)**
- ✓ **One-window access (DRR literature, dialogue)**
- ✓ **Promote, facilitate knowledge development**
- ✓ **Well defined issues, policy recommendations**

# PLATFORM - DIRECTION



How do we get there?



# **PLATFORM – RECOMMENDED STEPS**



- 1. Commitment to action (AGM Motion)**
- 2. Identify primary stakeholders**
- 3. Document general intent, process**
- 4. Invite stakeholders**
- 5. Engage in creation of a Steering Committee**

# **PLATFORM – RECOMMENDED STEPS**



## **Steering Committee to develop:**

- **TOR for Board**
- **Platform-Participant criteria, selection**
- **Board Member selection criteria,**
- **Develop Bylaws**
- **Assist in Inaugural Board selection**

# **PLATFORM – RECOMMENDED STEPS**



## **Board action:**

- **Establish Standing Committees**
- **Establish, populate website (repository of knowledge)**
- **Out-Reach program**
- **Identify knowledge gap, issues, players, stakeholders, resources ...**
- **Symposium (dialogue, collaboration)**

# PLATFORM – DISCUSSION



Discussion paper  
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