

Science and Technology for Disaster Risk Reduction: *Global and Regional Perspectives*

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Gap / Issue 1:

Science/ Technology in disaster risk
reduction



1st Asia Science Technology Conference
On Disaster Risk Reduction (ASTCDRR)

11 countries
28 examples of application of science

1. PROFILE / CONTEXT*

INDONESIA

Indonesia is geologically located at the confluence of three tectonic plates, namely the Eurasian, Indo-Australian and the Pacific. The country is also located in the tropical zone, which has two extreme seasons; the rainy and dry seasons. Therefore, Indonesia is vulnerable to a variety of hazards, geological, hydro-meteorological, and environmental.

Research and development in disaster management continue to be done by research institutions and universities to understand disaster risk. This activity is starting to increase since the Indian Ocean tsunami occurred in 2004. The Government of Indonesia has given a serious attention in disaster research and development. It is seen through the policy of the government through Ministry of Research, Technology and Higher Education, and the National Disaster Management Agency.

ROFILE / CONTEXT*

JAPAN

Japan is vulnerable to different types of natural hazards, due to its crucial location in the Pacific n of Fire. Science and Technology has contributed significantly in reducing the risk to natural asters. Science Council of Japan is the premium science body, which provides advice to the ional government in terms of disasters. Japan also has a yearly Grant-in-Aid program for conducting earch in the university and research institutions, apart from special grant program after major asters. A few previous disasters have changed the course of disaster research in Japan: 1923 nto Earthquake, 1959 Isewan Typhoon, 1995 Great Hanshin Awaji Earthquake, and 2011 Great East an Earthquake and tsunami. Several of these disasters have urged new direction of implication of ence into decision making, early warning systems and science policy dialogue.

2. STATUS

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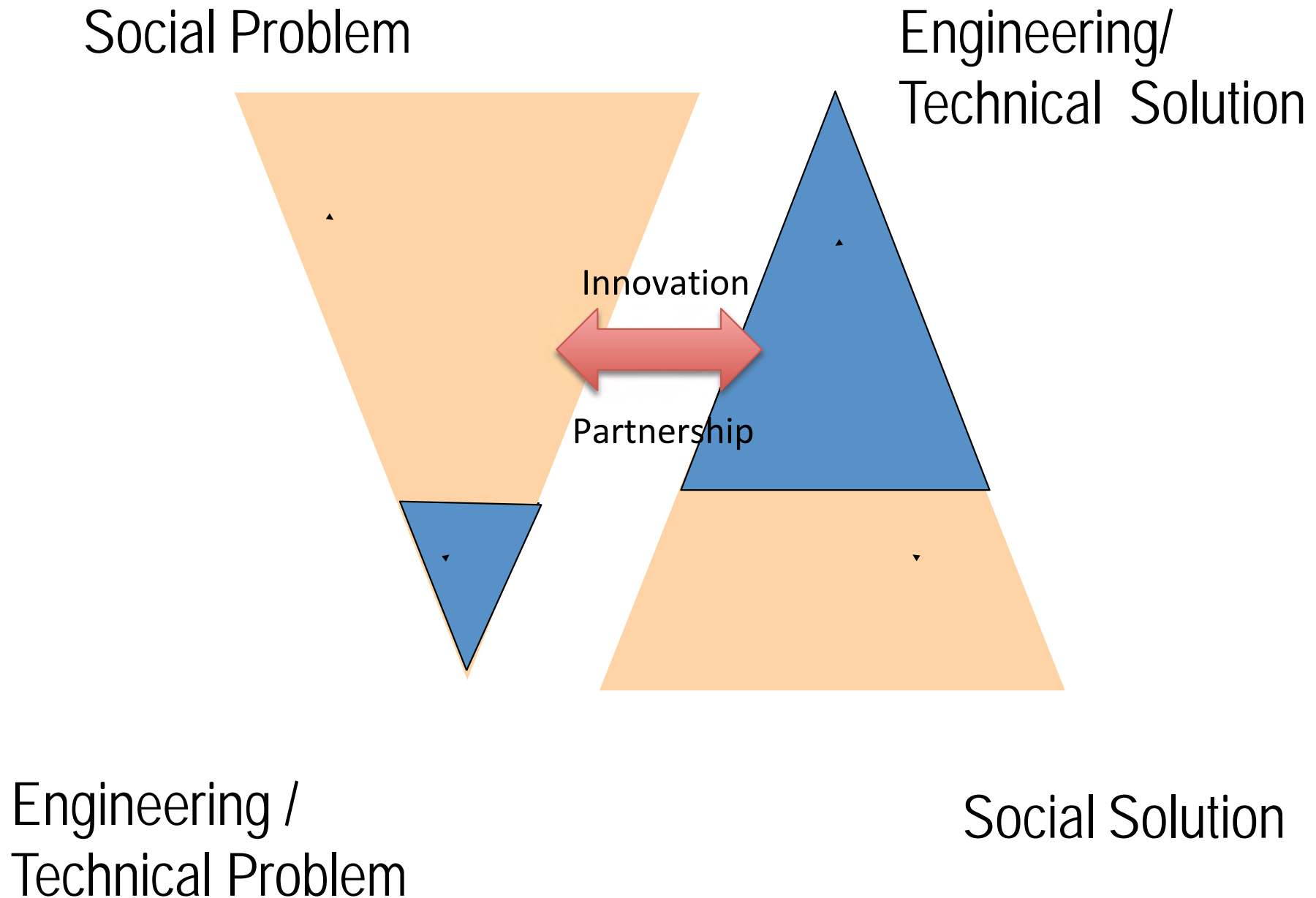
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1.7	Involvement of Science and Technology group in infrastructure design					
1.8	Scientific revision/updates of regulations, policies and guidelines for DRR including building codes, disaster response and preparedness plan etc.					
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2.3	Presence of national research institutes and organizations for disasters					
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2.6	Support to collaboration with academia and civil society for developing innovative social solutions					
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3.3	Involvement of Science and Technology group in developing program for evacuation drills					
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*This report is prepared by Rajib Shaw and Takako Izumi, ASTAAG members from Japan based on their knowledge, interpretation and interviews with Professor Takashi Onishi, President, Japan Science Council, Professor Kaoru Takara, Director, DPRI, Kyoto University and Professor Fumihiko Imamura, Director, IRIDES, Tohoku University.

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Normalized Science Technology Attribution Score (out of 100)		38	78	60	71	58	76	64	43	46	45	50

Problem versus Solution



Gap / Issue 2:
Disaster Research and Policy
Implications

A Global Outlook on Disaster Science



November 2017

Empowering Knowledge

An analysis of recent scholarly output and impact in disaster science according to the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, aiming to provide insights on the field to governments, research institutions, and funding agencies

Data Source

Scopus[®]

High-quality
Data



5,000+
Publishers



69+ M
records



12+ M
author profiles



70,000+
affiliation profiles

Serial Titles

22,800+
peer reviewed journals

3,600+
open access titles

280+
trade journals

Books

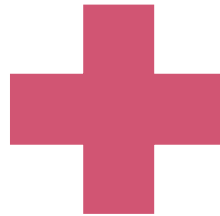
560+
book series

150,000+
non-serial books

Conferences

100,000+
conference events

8+ million
conference papers



Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction

2015 - 2030



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Future Earth

Key Findings

2012-2016

Death toll versus publications

countries with the highest death tolls from natural disasters tend to have low volumes of disaster science scholarly output

27,273

the number of recent scholarly output in disaster science

Economic loss versus publications

countries with the highest economic losses from natural disasters tend to have the largest disaster science scholarly output

0.22%

the share of recent global scholarly output belonging to disaster science

9,571

the number of recent disaster science publications on geophysical disasters

>5,000

the number of recent disaster science publications on each of the following disaster types: geophysical, meteorological, chemical & radiological, and hydrological

China

the most prolific country in disaster science scholarly output overall and disaster prevention scholarly output

USA

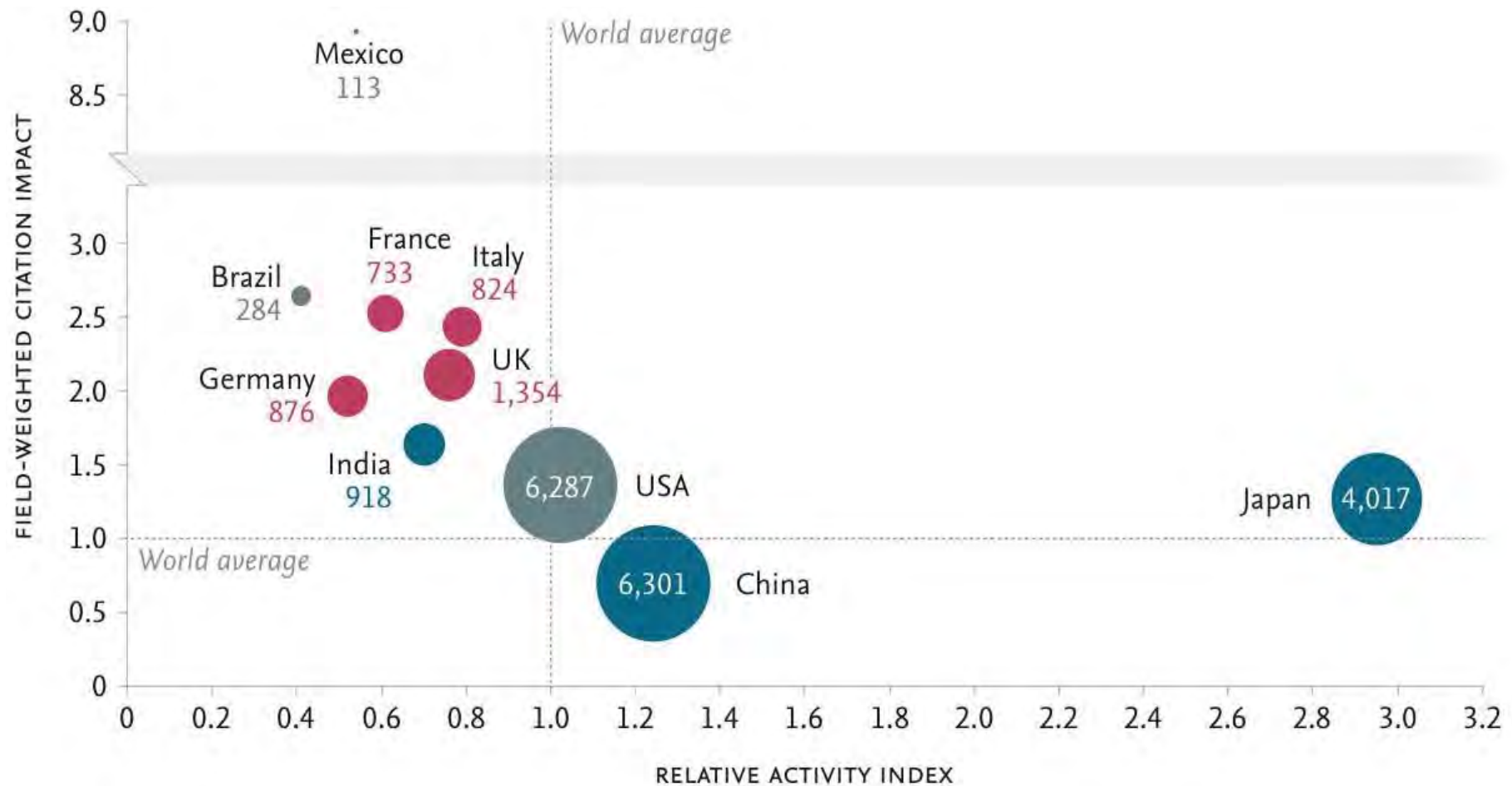
the most prolific country in disaster preparedness, response, and recovery scholarly output

Japan

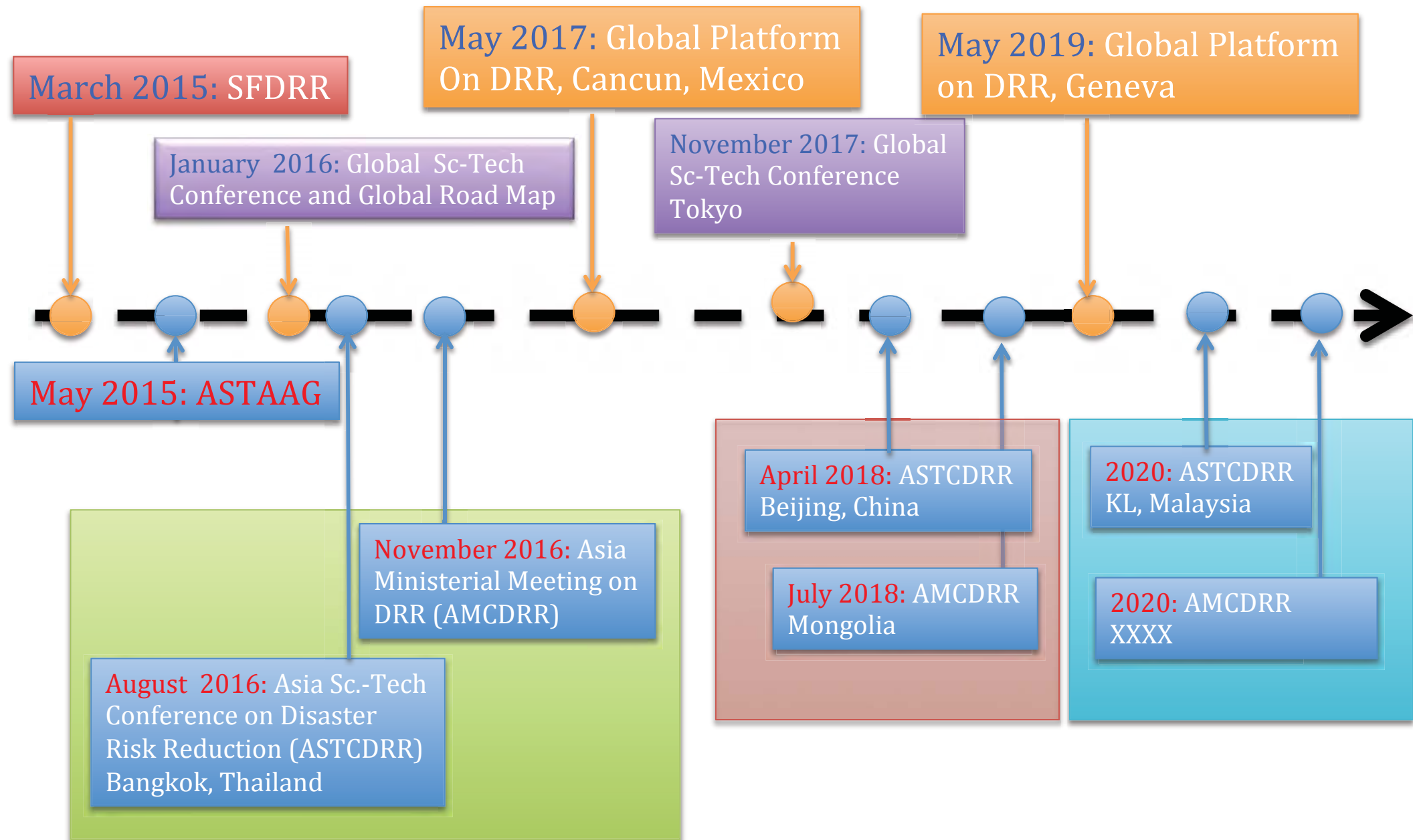
the most specialized prolific country in disaster science, overall and in research on each disaster management cycle stage

Philippines, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Japan, New Zealand, Thailand, Taiwan
territories with 125+ recent papers in disaster science that are 50%+ more specialized in disaster science than the global average

Key countries



Science Technology Milestone: Global and Regional (for Asia)



UN ISDR STAG

(Science Technology Advisory Group)

- 21 Members from
 - Asia, Africa, Americas, Caribbean, Europe, Pacific
 - Members from UNESCO and UNU
 - Members from research consortium
 - Chair: Rajib Shaw, Japan
 - Vice Chair: Victor Manuel García Lemus, Guatemala
 - Vice Chair: Najla Romdhane, Algeria
- Advocacy, Capacity building, Synthesis, New Technologies in disaster risk reduction
- Immediate Priorities
 - Target E (Increase the number of countries with national and local DRR by 2020) of Sendai Framework
 - Data management and country capacity building
 - Resilient infrastructure investment
 - NaTech (*Natural* and technological hazards)

UNISDR Asia Science, Technology, and Academia Advisory Group (ASTAAG)

BACKGROUND

The increasing importance and role of science-based decision-making was strongly emphasized in the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR). In response to that, the

WHO WE ARE

ASTAAG comprises selected disaster experts from Asian countries: Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia and Philippines. The Group provides policy advisory services

8 – 10 – 12 – 20
2015 – 2016 – 2017 - 2018



MAJOR ACTIVITIES

- Periodic assessment of status and science and technology for DRR in the region
- Provide specific advices to national and local governments on science based decision making
- Assisting governments in reviewing the progress of the SFDRR implementation
- Recognition of networks of universities/center of excellences and engage them in sharing knowledge and experience

1. Understanding disaster risk;
2. Strengthening disaster risk governance to manage disaster risk;
3. Investing in disaster risk reduction for resilience;
4. Enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response, and to "Build Back Better" in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction.



KEY FOCUSES

1. Strengthen capacities of the Science, Technology and Academic community in disaster science
2. Support governments in science based decision making to implement SFDRR
3. Enhance networking among academic community and other stakeholders



1st Asia Science Technology Conference On Disaster Risk Reduction (ASTCDRR) 2016

11 countries
28 examples of application of science

ASIA Science Technology Status For Disaster Risk Reduction

2016



2nd Asia Science Technology Conference On Disaster Risk Reduction (ASTCDRR) 2018

25 examples of implementation of priority action

Science & Technology into Action

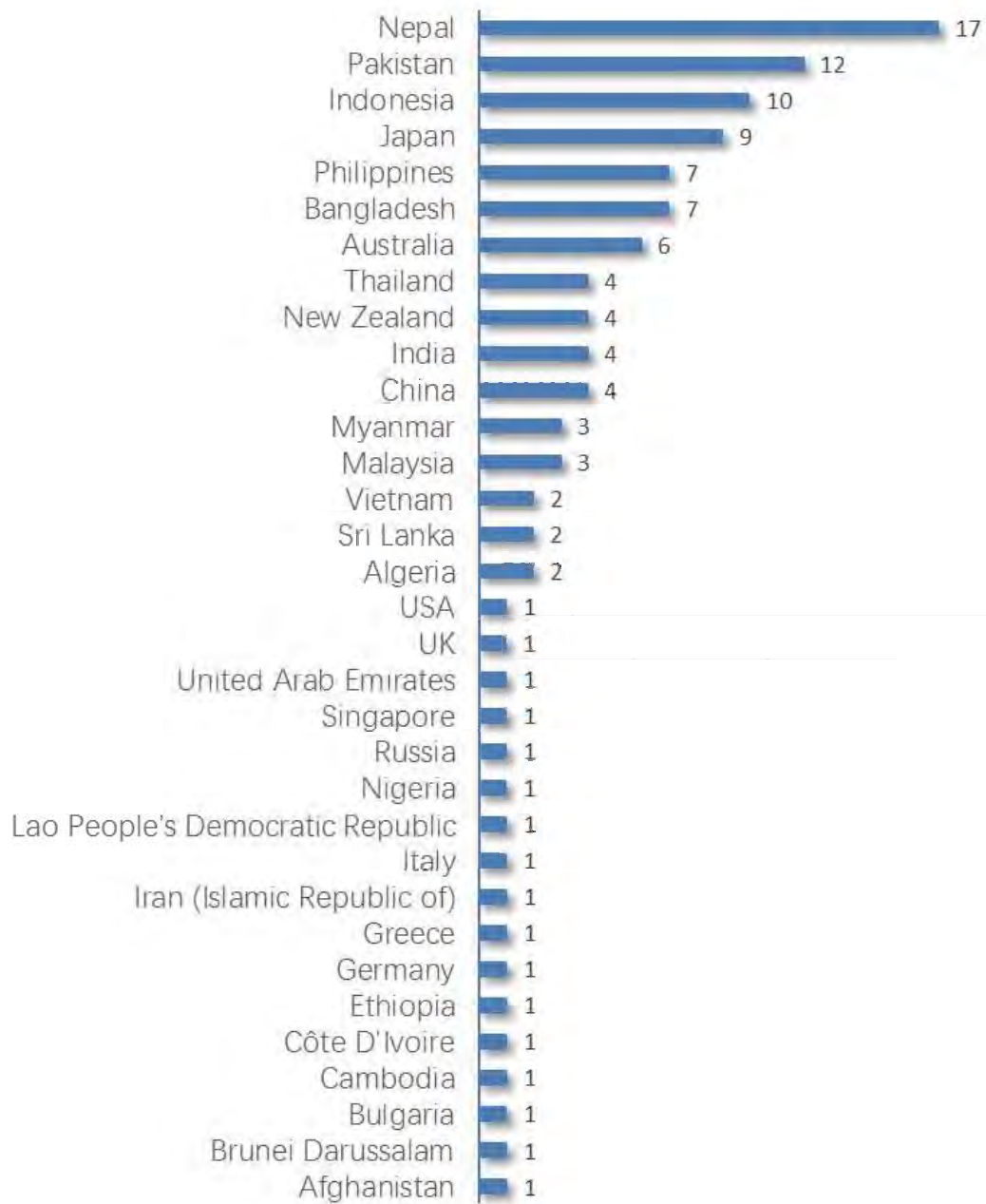
*Disaster Risk Reduction Perspectives
from Asia*

2018

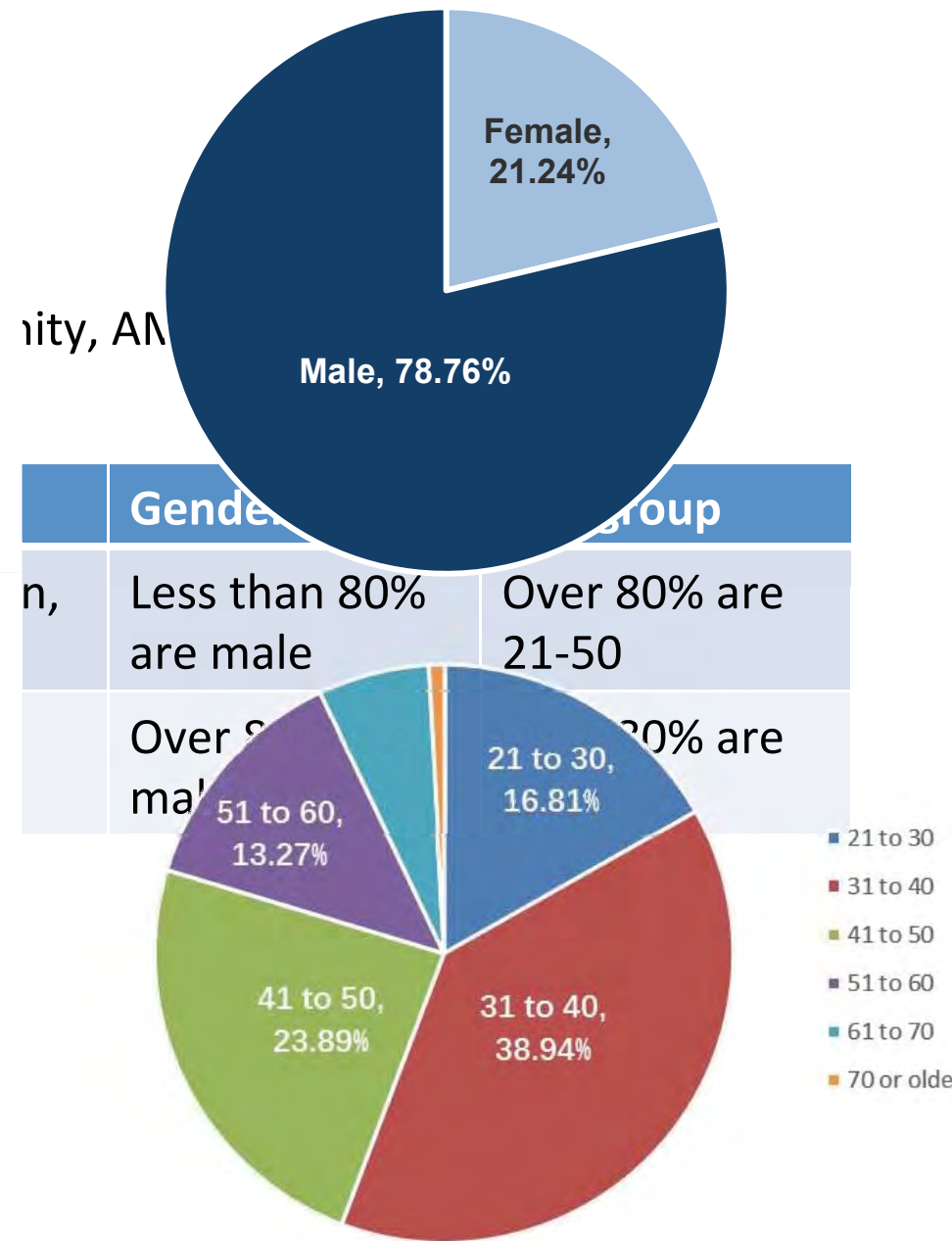


1st ASTCDRR: Bangkok 2016

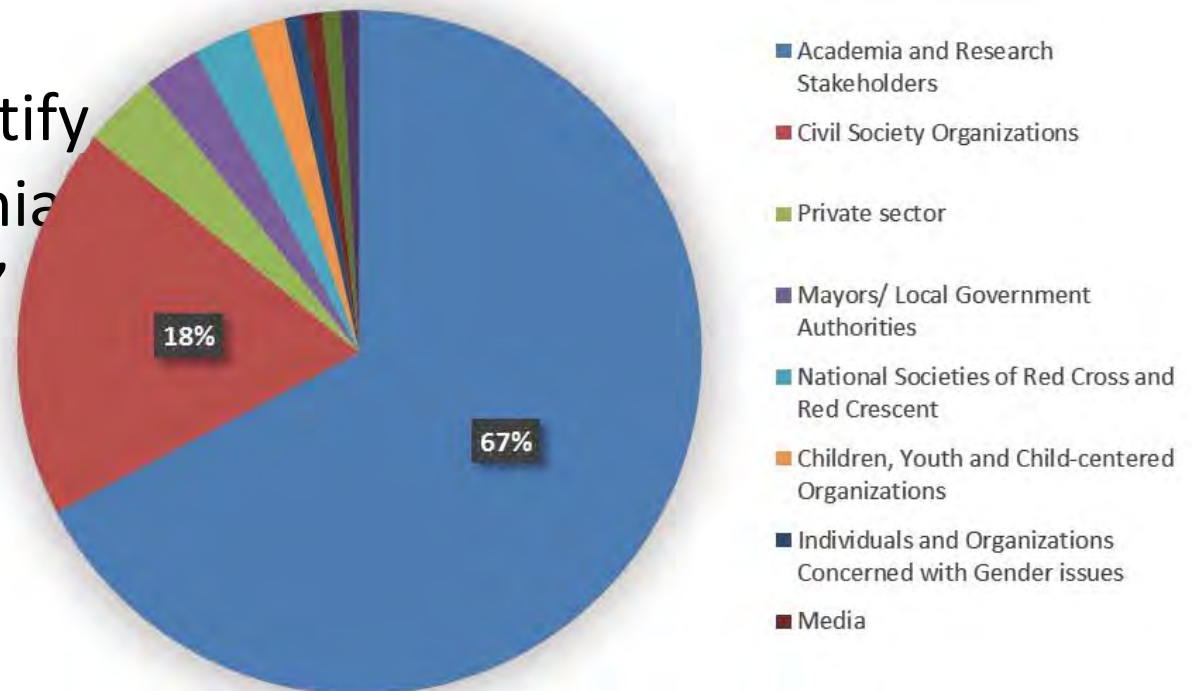
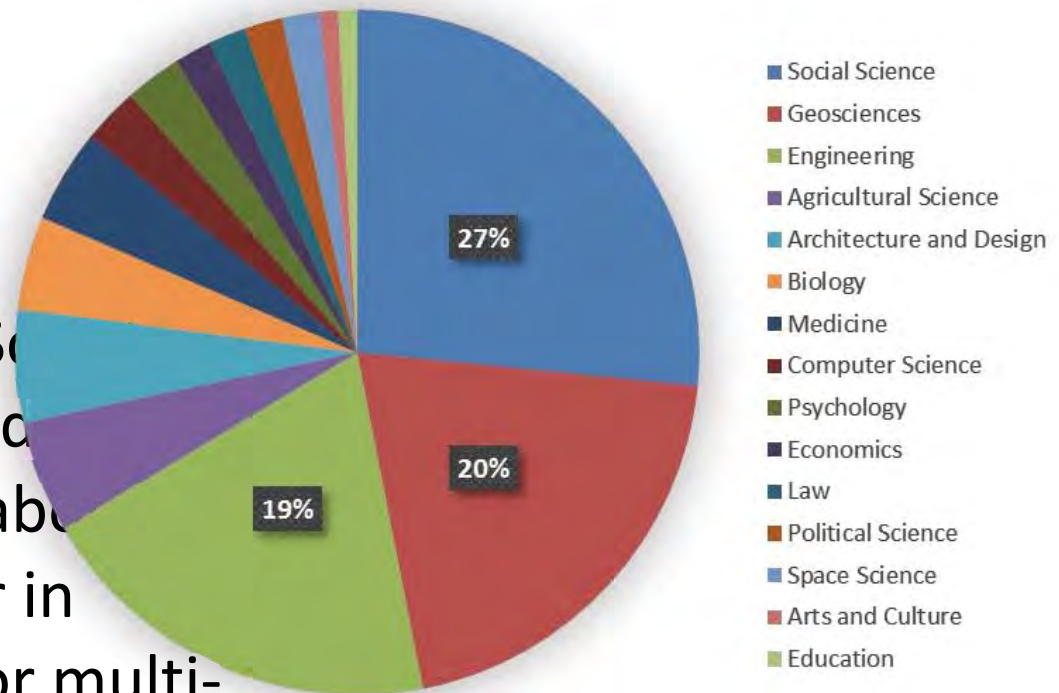
Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Priority 4
Action 1 Enhance disaster loss and damage accounting, national and local disaster risk assessment and communication of disaster risk	Action 4 Strengthen science-policy-practice nexus at all levels	Action 7 Make DRR an area of focus within education including networking between universities	Action 10 Promote the role of inter-disciplinary science and technology in effective pre-disaster planning, preparedness, response, rehabilitation, recovery and reconstruction to build back better
Action 2 Use space and disaster risk mapping technologies and strengthen the capacity	Action 5 Develop inter-disciplinary national science and technology plans to support implementation of the Sendai Framework	Action 8 Ensure risk-sensitive investments	Action 11 Develop an efficient and effective cooperation among the science community and business sector by utilizing the advancements of the fast developing information and communication technology (ICT) including big data
Action 3 Strengthen regional exchange on disaster risk information and science	Action 6 Enhance collaboration between local governments, academia and other partners to promote local communities knowledge and traditions and to sustain and replicate many good practices that exist locally for science-based decision making	Action 9 Develop young professionals in the field of multi-disciplinary disaster risk reduction	Action 12 Research into innovative solutions to promote the whole-of-society engagement



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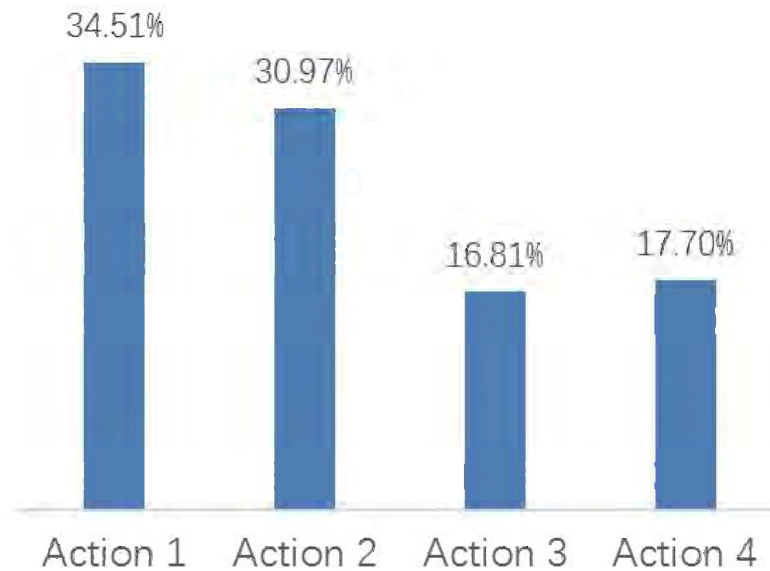


- Most respondents are Social Science, Engineering and Geoscience. There are about 42% respondents major in Disaster Management or multi-disciplinary.
- Most respondents identify themselves as “Academia Research Stakeholders”

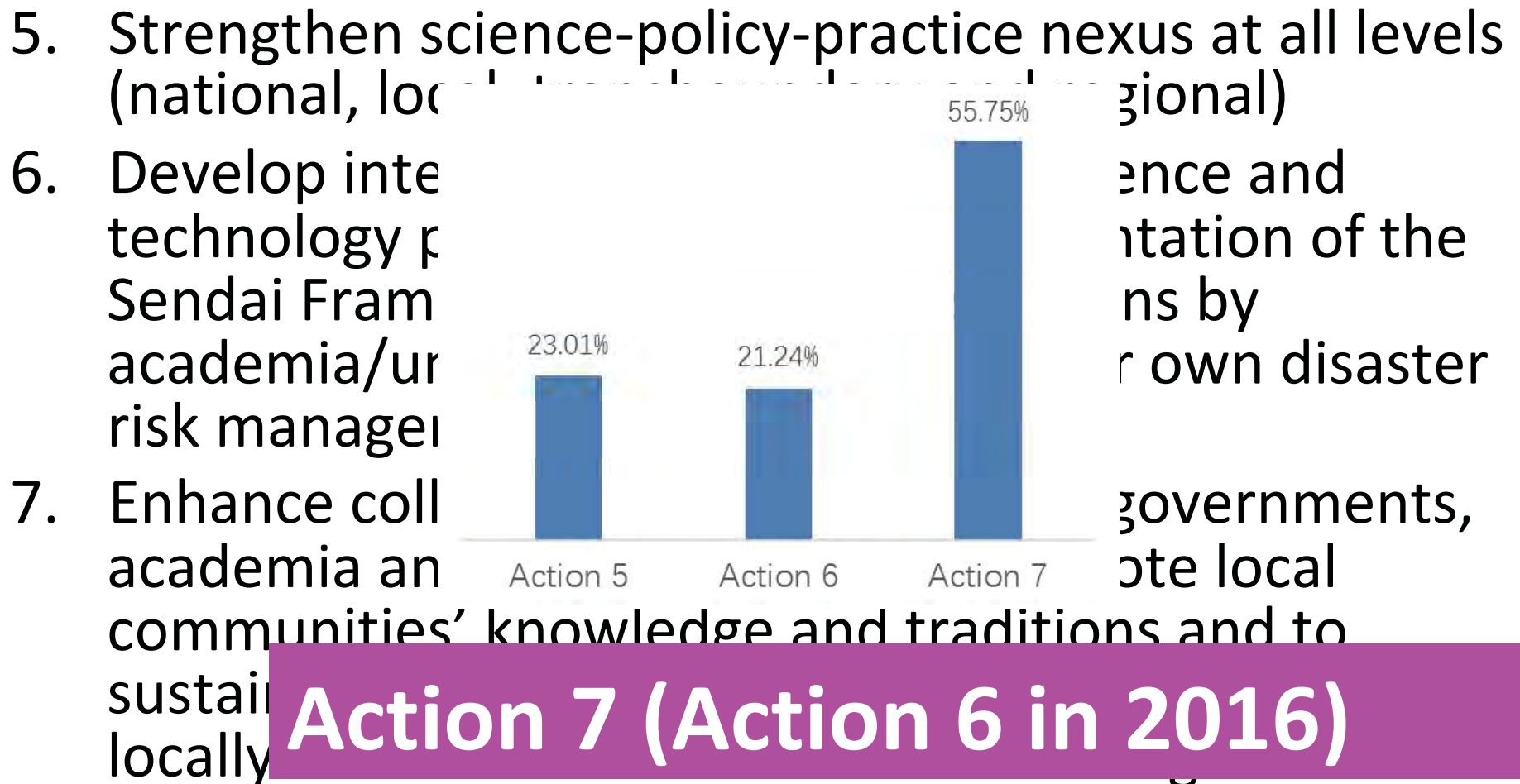


Actions for SFDRR Priority 1

1. Enhance disaster loss and damage accounting, national and local disaster risk assessment and on ~~urban risks~~ the **regions**.
2. Use space and disaster **technologies** and improved understanding of **emerging** these technologies for national and local
3. Strengthen regional order to better understand transboundary, cascading and compound disasters. ration and science in cluding risks of
4. Develop a synthesis system under international cooperation to share integrated stakeholder **Action 2 → Action 1** range of

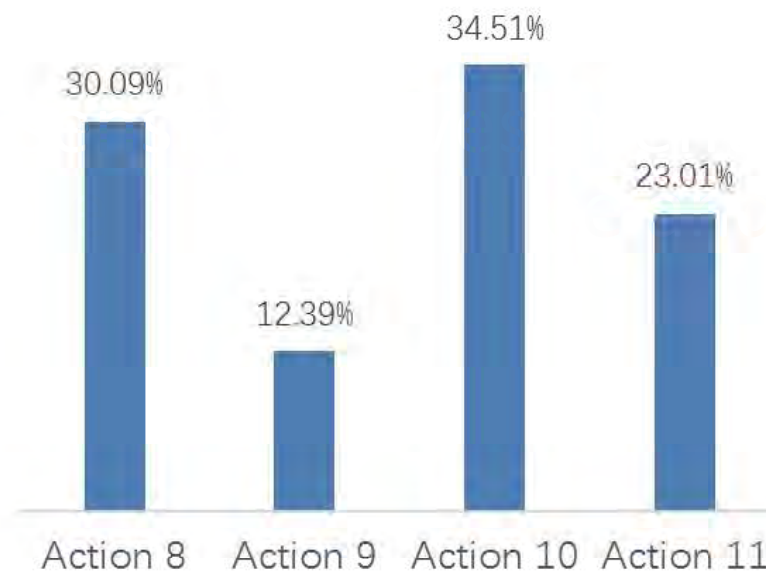


Actions for SFDRR Priority 2



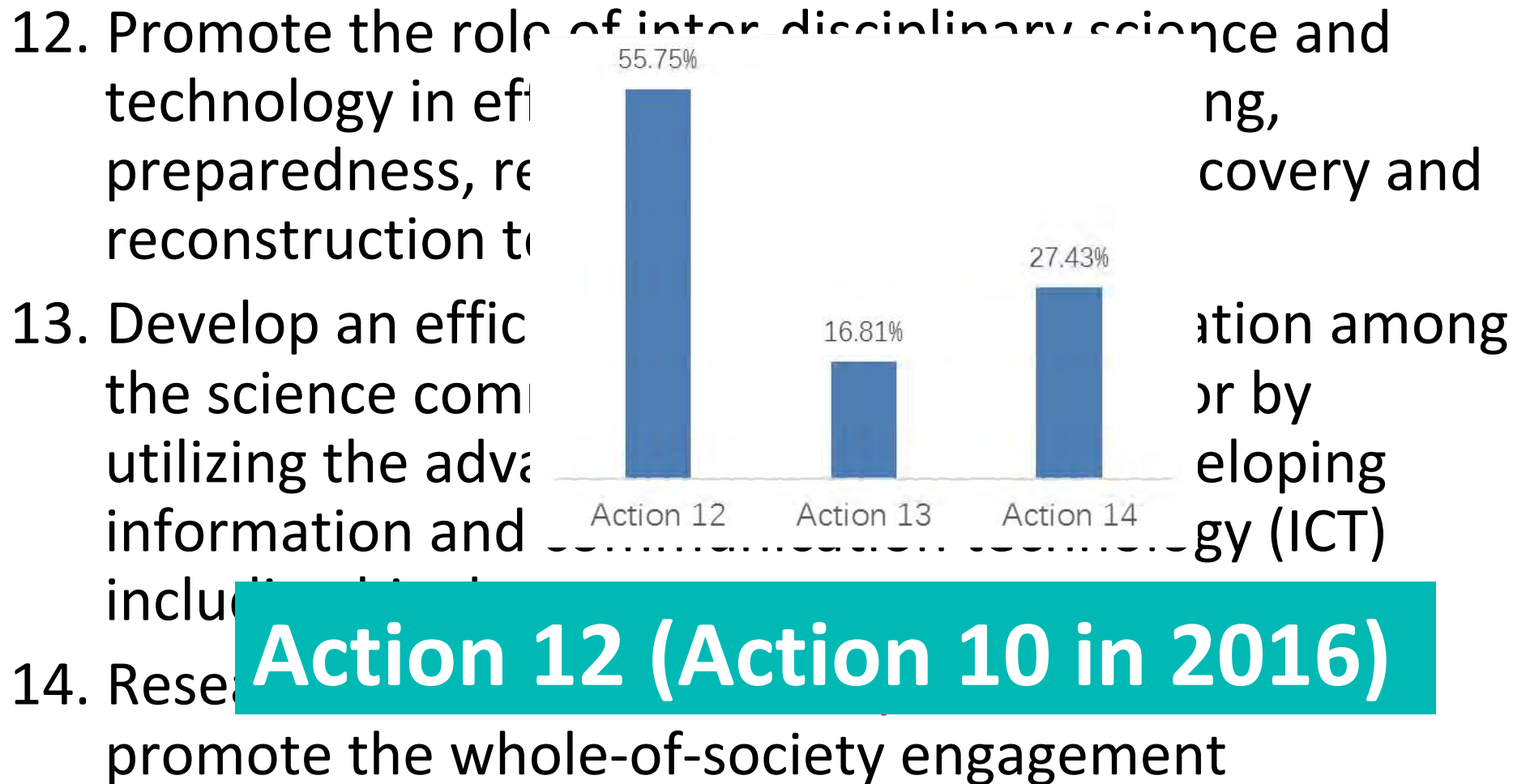
Actions for SFDRR Priority 3

- 8. Make DRR an area of focus within education including n
- 9. Ensure risk enhanced r through technology
- 10. Develop yc e field of multi-discip uction.

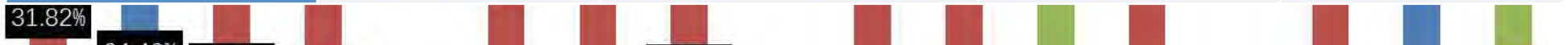


- 11. Enhance and showcase projects that promote science and technology based DRR and encourage Action 8 → Action 10 ment in disaster risk reduction.

Actions for SFDRR Priority 4



2018	Technical Resources	Government/legal Resources	Human Resources	Financial Resources
Priority 1	Action 2	Action 1 Action 3 Action 4		
Priority 2	Action 6(5)	Action 5(4) Action 7(6)		
Priority 3			Action 8 (7) Action 10(9)	Action 9(8)
Priority 4	Action 12(10) Action 13(11)	Action 14(12)		



2016	Technical Resources	Government/legal Resources	Human Resources	Financial Resources
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Priority 2		Action 4, Action 5	Action 6	
Priority 3		Action 7	Action 9	Action 8
Priority 4	Action 10, Action 11	Action 11		Action 12

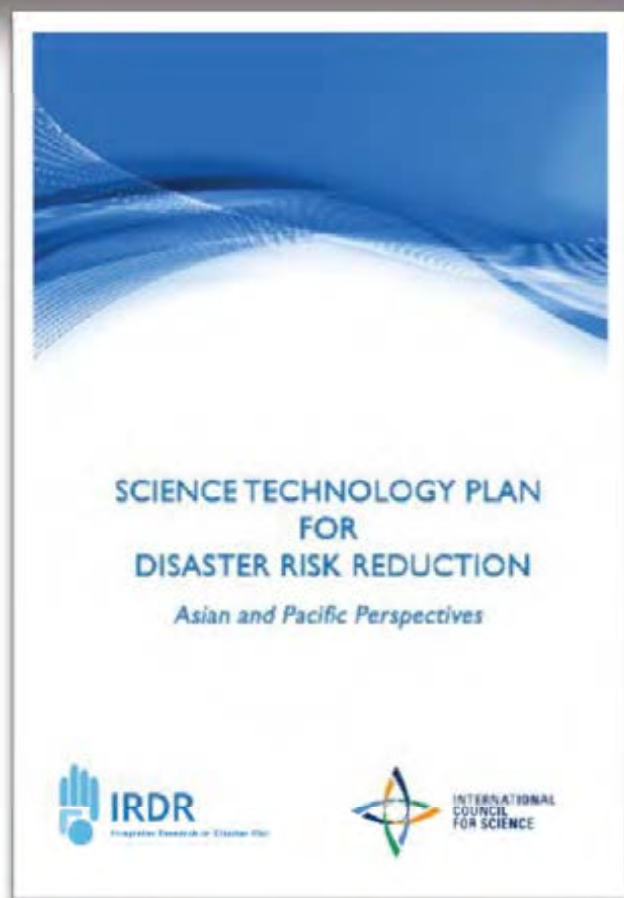
National Science Technology Plan for DRR

Country List

1. Bangladesh
2. Fiji (Pacific)
3. India
4. Indonesia

5. Iran
6. Malaysia
7. Myanmar
8. Nepal

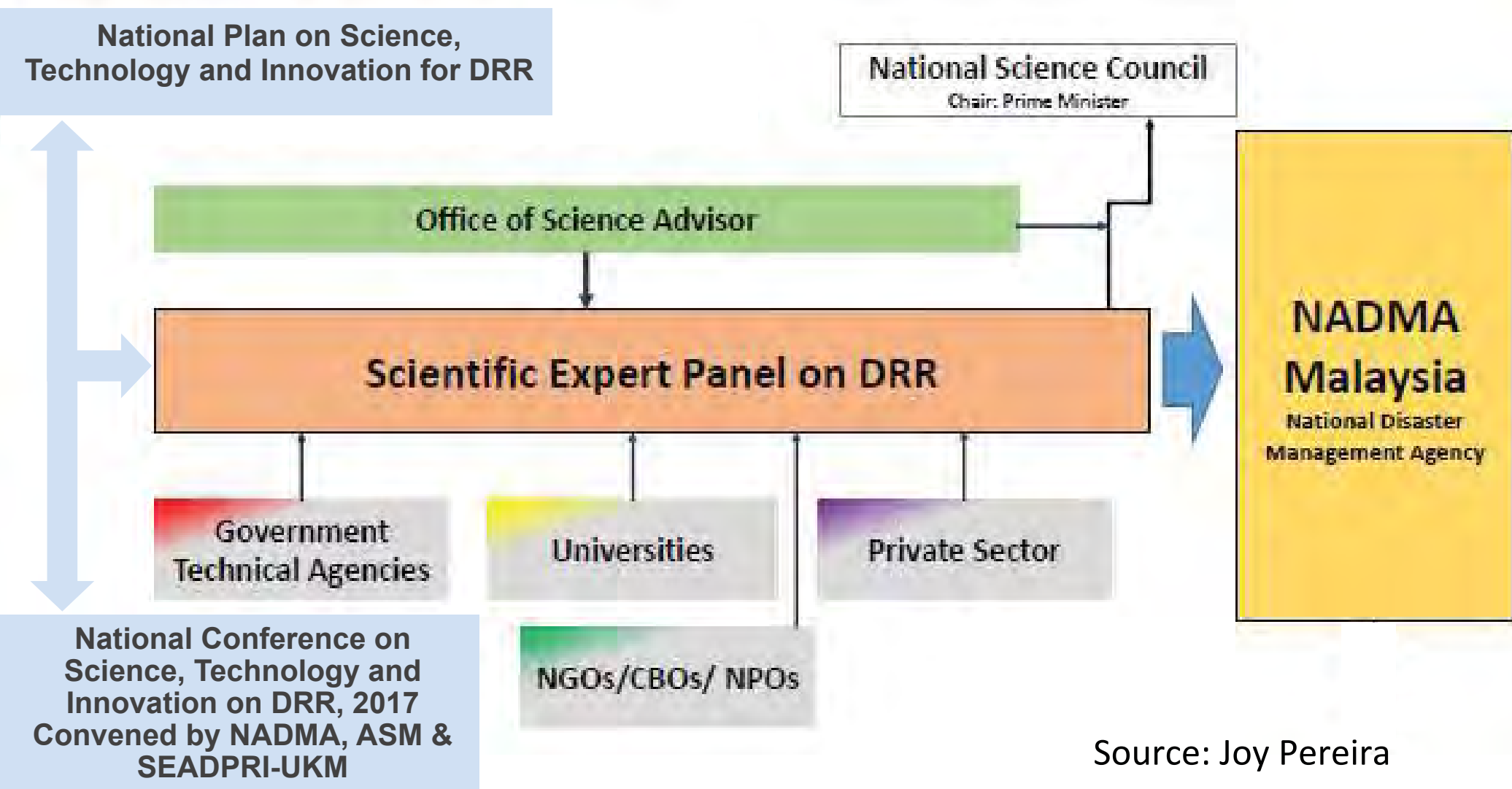
9. Pakistan
10. Philippines
11. Sri Lanka
12. Thailand



- **Contents:** Inter-disciplinary, national-local linkage
- **Operational framework:** Link of science/technology community with NDMO
- **Resource mobilization:** In-country workshop
- **Socialization:** Link to other stakeholder

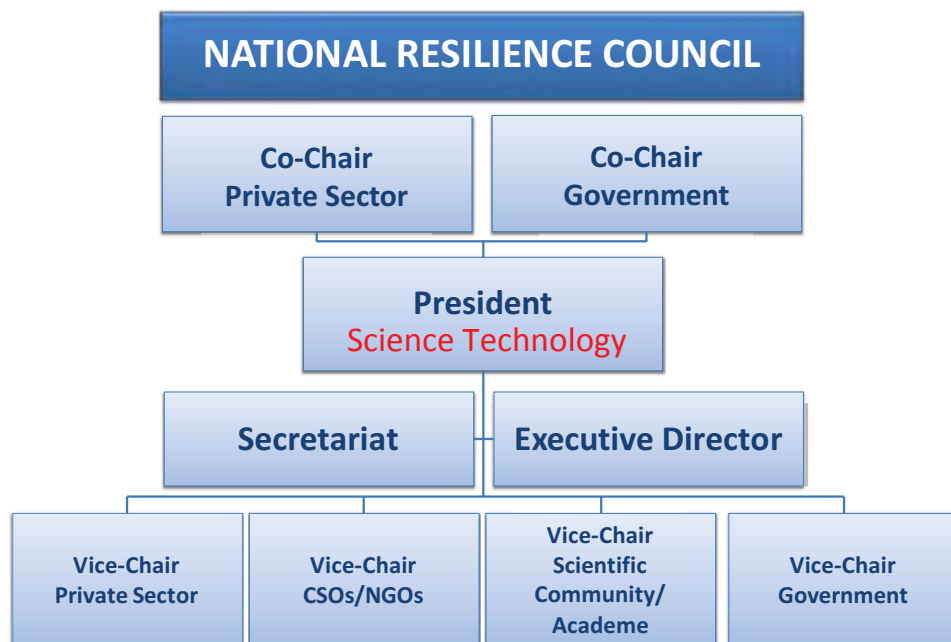
National Institutional Arrangement (Malaysia)

The **Director General of NADMA Malaysia** & the **Science Advisor to the Prime Minister** are co-chairs of the Scientific Expert Panel on DRR, which provides scientific support on DRR and reports to the National Science Council, chaired by the Hon. Prime Minister of Malaysia

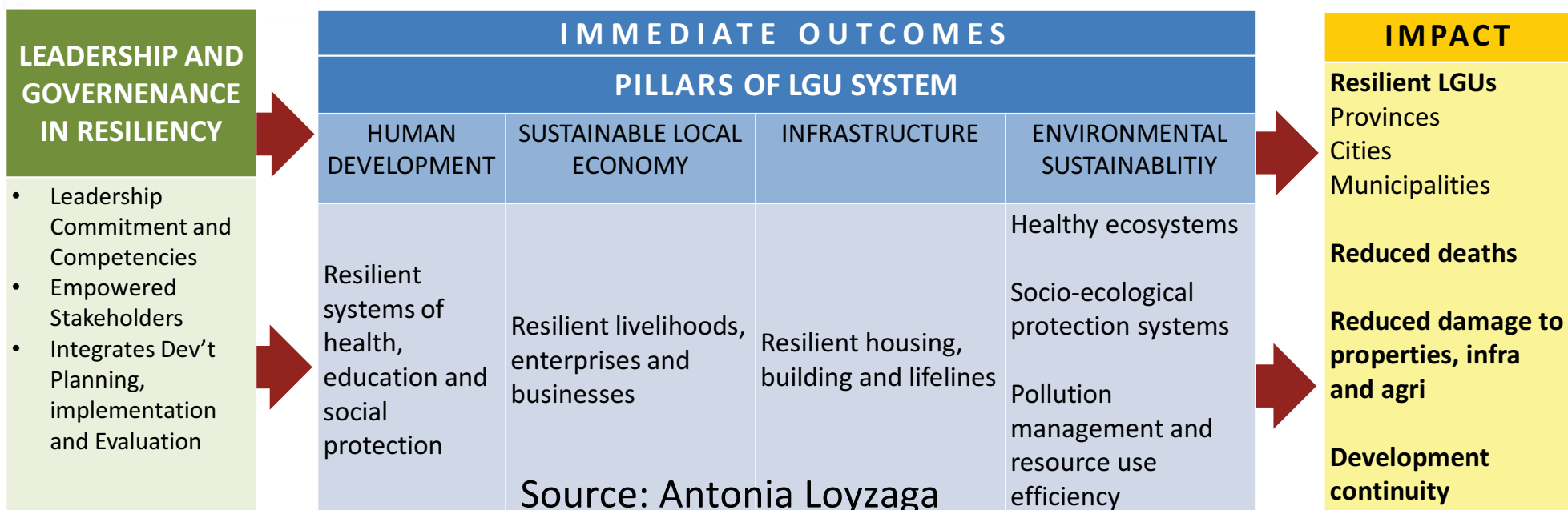


Source: Joy Pereira

National Resilience Council (Philippines)



RESILIENCE MODEL



Global Platform in Cancun 2017

14 countries
40 examples of co-designing solutions

UNISDR Asia Science Technology and Academia
Advisory Group (ASTAAG)

Integrated Research on Disaster Risk (IRDR)

Collaborating Centre for Oxford University and
CUHK for Disaster and Medical Humanitarian
Response (CCOUC)



Co-designing Disaster Risk Reduction Solutions:

Towards participatory action and communication in
science, technology and academia

2017

Asia Science
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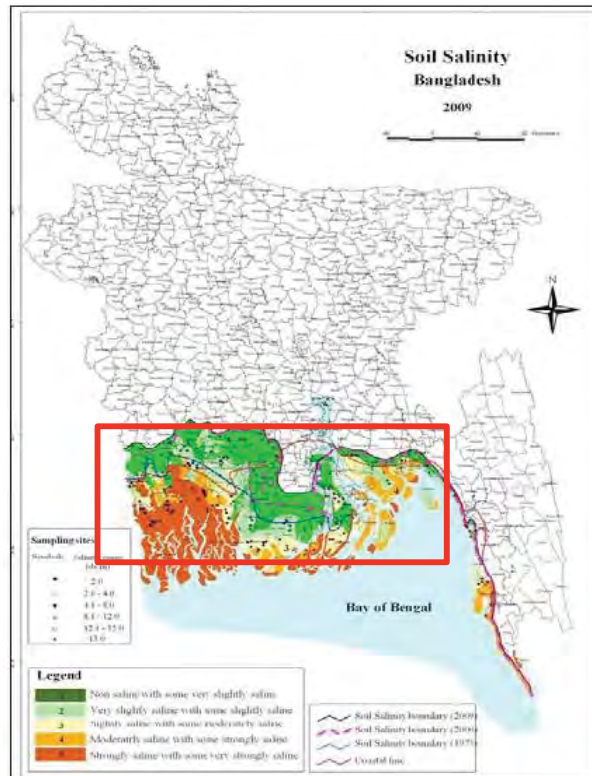
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Grass-roots/ Demand driven
innovation

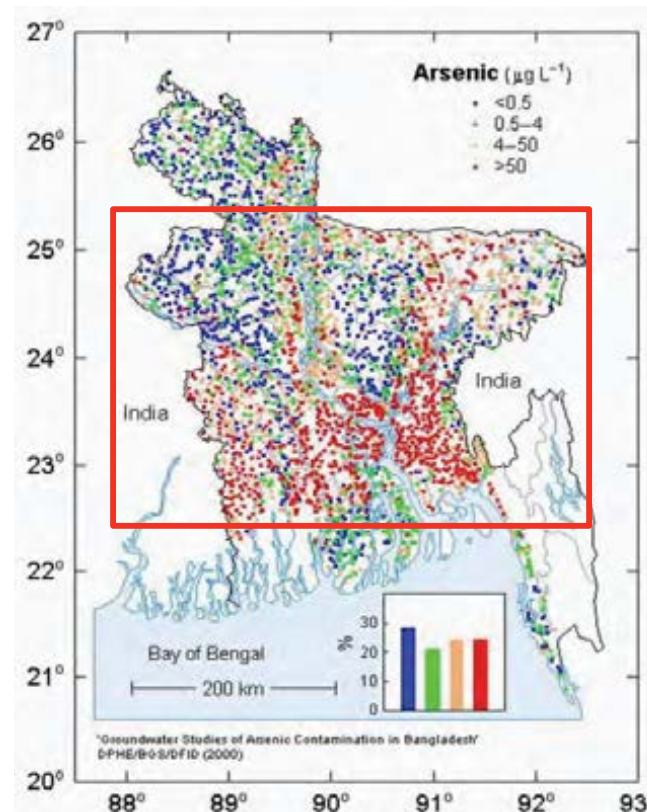
Smart and participatory water solution in Bangladesh



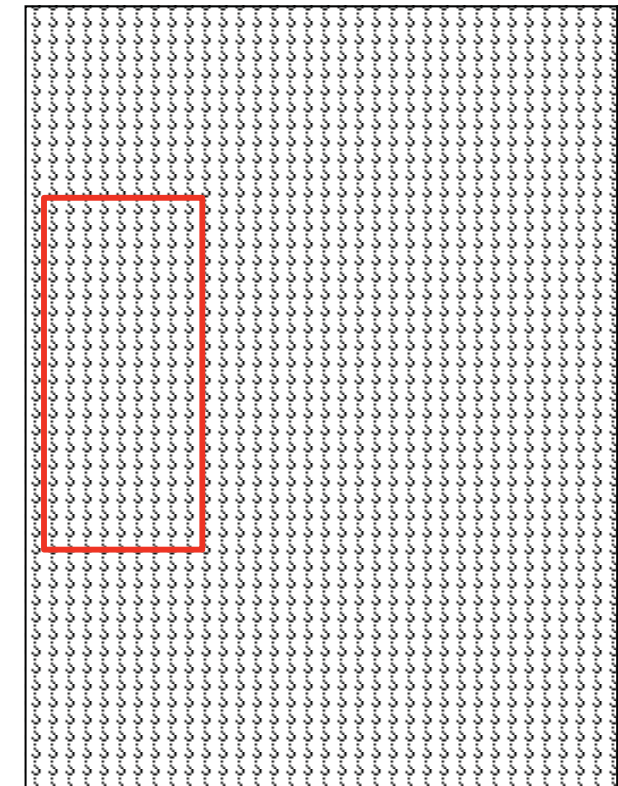
Southwestern Coast: Severe Safe Drinking Water Scarcity Area



Salinity



Arsenic



Drought

Women hardship due to water insecurity (2)



Disruption of Daily Activities and Extra burden on poor people (3)



Source: Abedin and Shaw (2016)

Technological innovations and intervention on social vulnerability data

Smart-phone apps

Mobile penetration: 87% HH

Smart phone: 68%



smartwatersolution.org

Smart WATER SOLUTIONS


Engage communities in reporting the water problems and receive possible solutions

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Survey

LEARN MORE

Smart Water Solutions

Step.1 Upload Photo [1/5]



UPLOAD PHOTO

Your Name

Village name

Upzilla or Gram Panchayet name

District name

Point Source
Pond

Year of Use

Number of HHs using it
0

GPS location of point source
23.7246 90.3897 GPS

Step.3 About Source [3/5]

Colour

clear Light yellow Brown

Odour

None pungent

Turbidity / TDS

Yes No

Taste

normal salt

Transparency

clear Not clear

Step.4 About Contaminants [4/5]

Microbiological

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Iron

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Arsenic

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blister, (toothiness)

Sodium / Salinity

Unknown Taste hypertension, hyperacidity, gastrointestinal None

Fluoride

Unknown Already identified Sample analysis Discolouration of teeth, bone deformation, death None

BACK NEXT

Step.5 Suggested tips [5/5]

Following are some of the suggested solutions. Tell us your preferred option.

Iron : colour

Sedimentation Iron filter Find alternate source Rainwater harvesting

Arsenic : Already identified

Identification of safe source Arsenic filters Pond sand filter Surface water use

Rainwater harvesting Ground water recharge Change aquifer Find alternate

Information Infrastructure for **Nation's Synthesis on DRR**

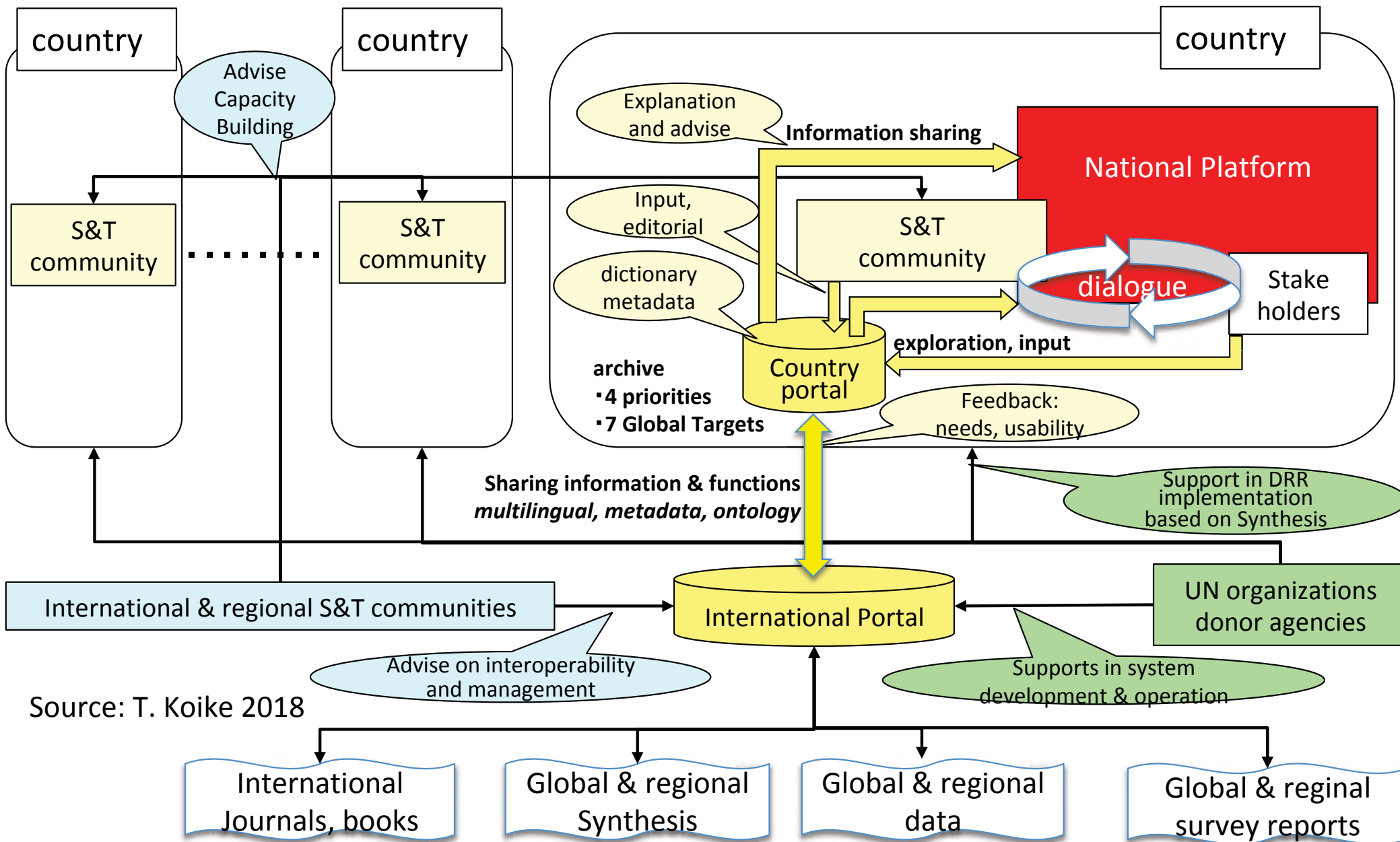
National Platform

design practical measures

based on S&T

discuss how DRR should be carried out

review the status and issues of the current DRR efforts





POLICY BRIEF

July 2016
Number 34

SDGs, DRR and CCA: Potential for Strengthening Inter-linkages

Key Messages

- The world has arrived at a crucial turning point with the inception of three major global frameworks dedicated to sustainable development (SD), disaster risk reduction (DRR) and climate change adaptation (CCA). A coordinated response is now needed from all relevant stakeholders to maximise implementation on the ground.
- At the global level, while SD, DRR and CCA interlinkages are acknowledged, DRR is weakly linked to the Paris Agreement. Linking CCA with DRR by strengthening national and local level adaptation planning and implementation would assist here, and loss and damage can provide ample opportunities for this to take place.
- At the national level, the economic aspect is key to sustainable development in many countries—DRR and CCA can assist in economic development objectives of most developing and least developed countries without compromising environmental integrity or increasing disaster risk.
- At the local level, strong convergence of SD, DRR and CCA calls for greater collaboration among related stakeholders with adaptive management—not just in drafting broad plans and policies but also actual implementation, monitoring and evaluation, via collaboration among local governments, local experts, non-government organisations and business sectors.
- This policy brief identifies approaches that could help achieve better synergies in implementation of these frameworks on the ground via programmatic integration, collaboration, capacity and innovation. Focal Points at national and sub-national levels could mainstream and monitor progress of indicators and targets in the three frameworks, as well as ensure convergence of these frameworks takes place on the ground.



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Inter-relationship of Global Framework

	SDG (UN 2015b)	SFDRR (UN 2015a)	Paris Agreement (UN 2015c)
Sustainable development		20	16
Disaster risk	12		1
Climate change	20	15	

	SDG	SFDRR	Paris Agreement
Use of term "LOCAL"	10	48	9
Number of Pages	35	25	32
Context	Authorities, communities, culture, materials and planning (Goal 6, 8, 11 and 13)	Government, community, knowledge, priority, DRR strategy	Communities and knowledge (in terms of Adaptation)

Summary: Science Policy Action NEXUS

- Three major frameworks (SDG, SFDRR, Paris Agreement) have overlaps and “local” issues are strongly highlighted
 - Science technology gaps: People link
 - Research gaps: Developed and developing countries
- Several ongoing global and regional initiatives
- National Science Technology Plan for implementation of Sendai Framework
- Global information infrastructure: need to link science to national platform
- Grass-roots and demand driven innovation is crucial and it needs strong partnership