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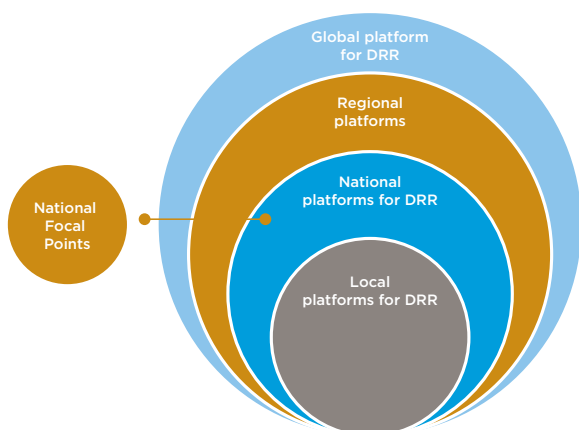
# GENDER INCLUSION IN NATIONAL AND LOCAL PLATFORMS FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

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## What is a national platform for DRR?

A national platform for DRR is a national mechanism for coordination and policy guidance on disaster risk reduction that is multi-sectoral and inter-disciplinary and involves all concerned entities within a country. Its membership includes **government officials** from various line ministries/agencies, **members of civil society**, the **private sector** and the **non-governmental organisations (NGOs)**, as well as representatives of **international organisations** and **donors**. Platforms also include members of the communities that are at risk, with broad participation from society reflecting the multi-stakeholder approach of DRR.

**FIGURE 1**  
Where to find National DRR Entry Points Developed by WIA working



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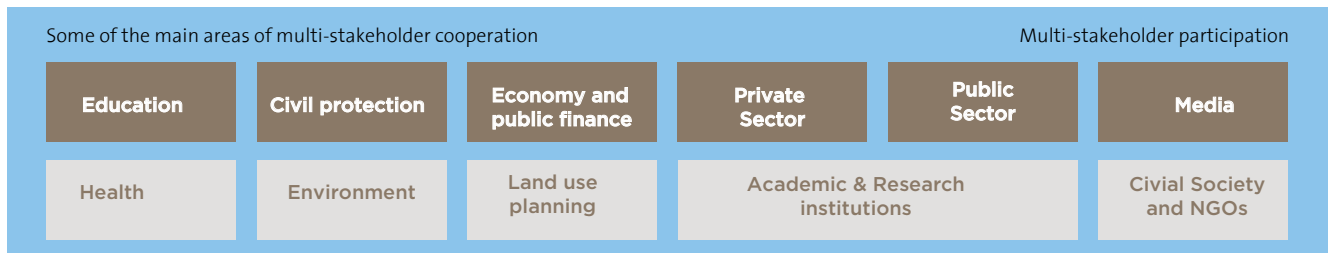
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## What are the national and local implementation mechanisms?

The national platform works in partnership with the national focal point who is the lead. The national platform **coordinates all stakeholder engagement at the national level** and should pursue an all-of-society engagement in DRR. It should also have mechanisms for effective dialogue with local platforms

in place in order to influence, encourage and coordinate local action. In parallel, the National Platform seeks to **understand local priorities and issues**.



## Who is a national focal point?

A national focal point for DRR is defined as a national governmental body and entry point responsible for the implementation, review and reporting of the Sendai Framework through the [Sendai Monitor](#) and is most usually the national disaster management agency or civil protection agency. The focal point is supported by the national platform for DRR. The Sendai Framework focal point is generally responsible for the national DRR strategy, including national risk and capability assessments, and national DRR reviews and reporting.

**FIGURE 2**  
Role of National focal point, national platform and local platform



## How to mainstream gender equality in the National and Local Platforms?

- STEP 1:**  
Establish/strengthen the thematic working group on gender within national platform for DRR and ensure the working group on gender or gender focal points from various relevant ministries are involved in local platforms for DRR.
- STEP 2:**  
Ensure active participation of women’s organisations in national and local DRR platforms.
- STEP 3:**  
Ensure that national and local platforms for DRR, DRR conferences, and workshops at all levels are gender and socially inclusive; for example include equal number of women and men from diverse backgrounds. Importantly, ensure that women get equal opportunities for leadership, management and drafting of the key outcome documents during such events.
- STEP 4:**  
Ensure that DRR/DRM policies and plans consider the most marginalized populations particularly women, children, people with disabilities, and the elderly.
- STEP 5:**  
Ensure that gender is mainstreamed across the work-plan of the national and local platforms including by sharing key messages which are also fed into regional platforms resulting in gender-responsive commitments and action plans.

## Resources:

[Checklist for GESI representation in DRR platforms](#). This includes detailed steps to help organisers and panellists ensure multiple arguments, expertise, and inclusion in public forums, including DRR forums, workshops, and meetings.

See the [key messages](#) prepared by UN Women for the 2021/2022 regional and national platforms to ensure the DRR platforms are gender-responsive and highlight important commitments and actions to close gender gaps in DRR and resilience.

For more details on the National and Local Platforms kindly refer to [Words into Action guidelines: National focal points for disaster risk reduction, national platforms for disaster risk reduction, local platforms for disaster risk reduction](#)



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