



NOTE 3

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION MACHINERY IN AFRICA



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The government is the primary stakeholder for implementing the [Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030](#) and gender equality, and the [CEDAW Recommendation 37 on gender and DRR](#). Key agencies responsible for disaster and climate risk reduction and resilience include the National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) or civil protection agencies (also responsible for disaster preparedness and humanitarian response) and climate change departments at the national and sub-national levels. The development planning ministry and line ministries are further accountable for risk-informed and resilient development and can also have the mandate for risk-informed and resilient recovery.

The DRR machinery led by NDMO mandates implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in a country with a responsibility (as per the Sendai Framework) to ensure that DRR is inclusive, and no one is left behind. NDMO should closely collaborate with the women's machinery (e.g. Ministry of Women and Social Affairs), women's organizations and groups to ensure gender responsive DRR and inclusion of marginalized groups.

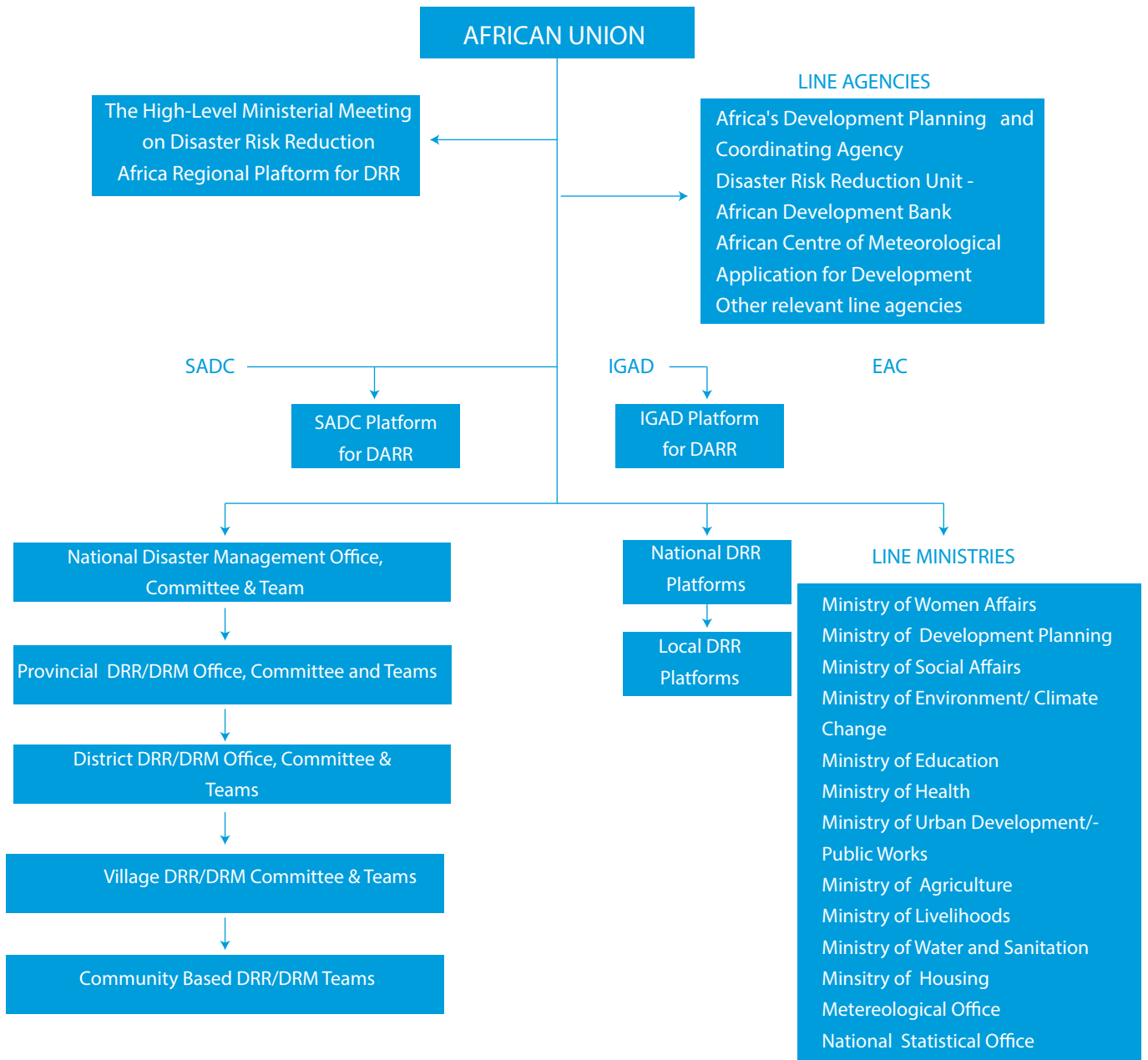
DRR's machinery in Africa consists of the following bodies:

- **At Regional level: African Union with its DRR Unit and line agencies;**
- **At Sub-regional level for East and Southern Africa: DRR Units within IGAD, EAC and SADC;**
- **National level: National Disaster Management Office and line ministries;**

- **Sub-national level:**

- Provincial/County Disaster Management Offices, committees and teams;
- District DRR/DRM/climate change/development offices, committees and teams;
- Village DRR/DRM/climate change/development offices, committees and teams; and
- Community DRR/DRM/climate change/development offices, committees and teams.

The structure of the DRR's machinery in Africa is shown in *Figure 1*.





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