



HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON NATIONAL DROUGHT POLICY

(HMNDP)
TOWARDS MORE DROUGHT RESILIENT SOCIETIES

11-15 March 2013
CICG, Geneva

Final Report



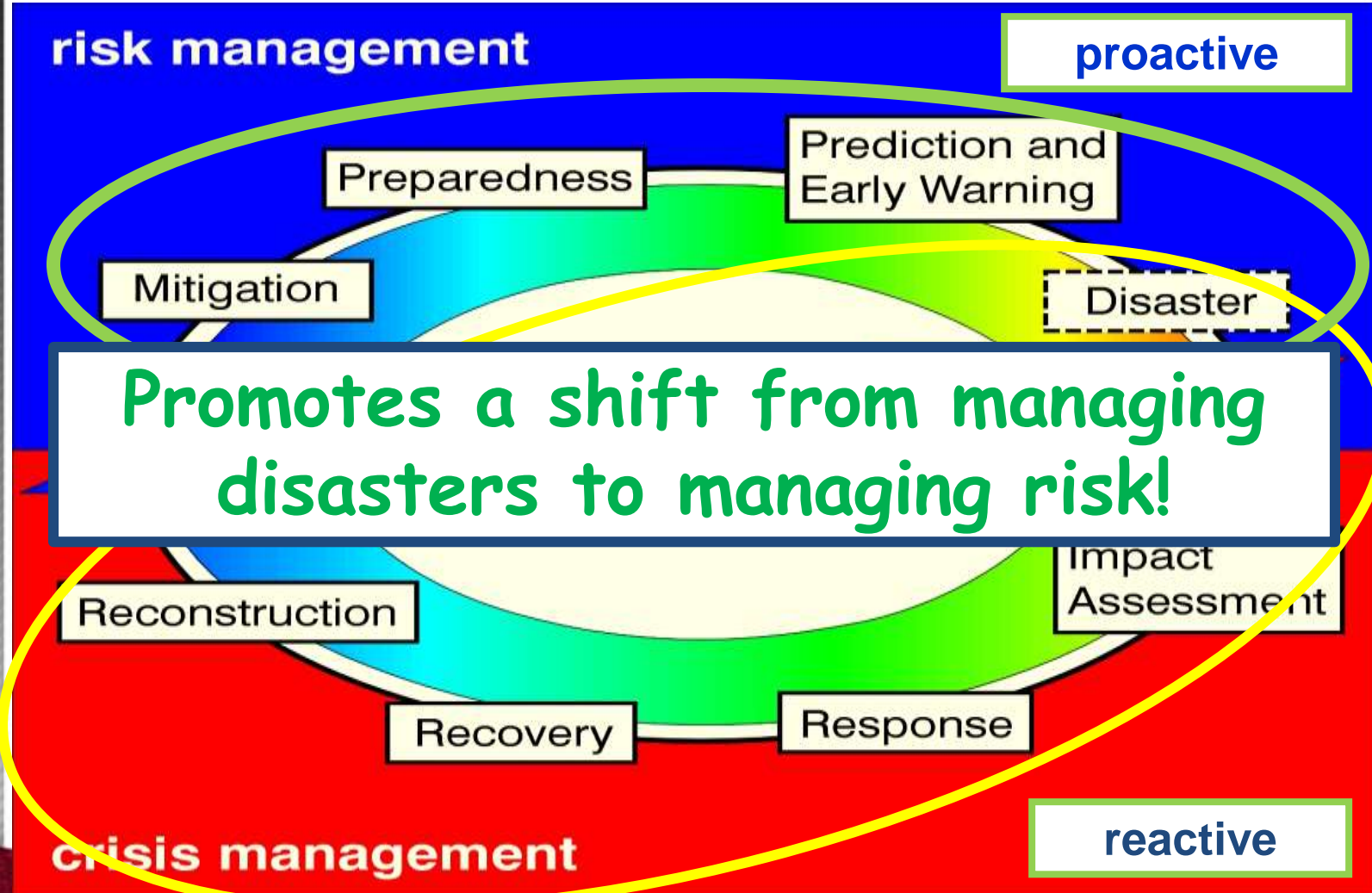
Breaking the Hydro-illogical Cycle:

An Institutional Challenge for Drought Management



The Cycle of Disaster Management

Risk management increases coping capacity, builds resilience.



Crisis management treats the symptoms, not the causes.

National Drought Policy Workshops (Drought risk reduction)

*International
Kick-Off
Workshop*

March 12, 2013
Geneva, Switzerland

*1st WS
Eastern European
Region*

July 9-11, 2013
Bucharest, Romania

*2nd WS Latin
America and the
Caribbean Region*

December 4-6, 2013
Fortaleza, Brazil

*3rd WS
Asia-Pacific
Region*

May 6-9, 2014
Hanoi, Vietnam

*4th WS
Eastern &
Southern
Africa Region*

August 5-8, 2014
Addis Abeba, Ethiopia

*5th WS
Near East & North
Africa Region*

November 17-20, 2014
Cairo, Egypt

*6th WS
West & Central
Africa Region*

May 4-7, 2015
Accra, Ghana



3 Pillars of Drought Policy & Preparedness with Linkages

Monitoring/Early Warning & Info. Delivery

Drought status (Met., Agric., Hydro. & Socio-economic)

Feedback
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Drought characterization studies

Vulnerability and Impact Assessment

Who/What is at RISK & Why?
Prioritization/Ranking



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Mitigation and Response

Actions and measures to mitigate drought impacts and respond to drought emergencies (short-, medium- & long-term)

Crisis vs. Risk Management: Weighing the costs and benefits

Crisis Management

- Expensive
 - Costs + costs of inaction
 - Repeats past mistakes
- Post-impact
 - Drought relief
- Treats the symptoms of vulnerability, i.e., impacts
- Rewards poor resource management
- Increases vulnerability, reliance on government & donors

Risk Management

- Investment
 - Short-term—EWS, networks
 - Long-term—institutional capacity, structural adjustments
- Pre-impact
 - Mitigation, risk reduction
- Identifies and treats the root causes of vulnerability
- Promotes improved stewardship of natural resources
- Reduces vulnerability, builds self-reliance