

Regulation of Gene Drive Mosquitos- International and National Frameworks

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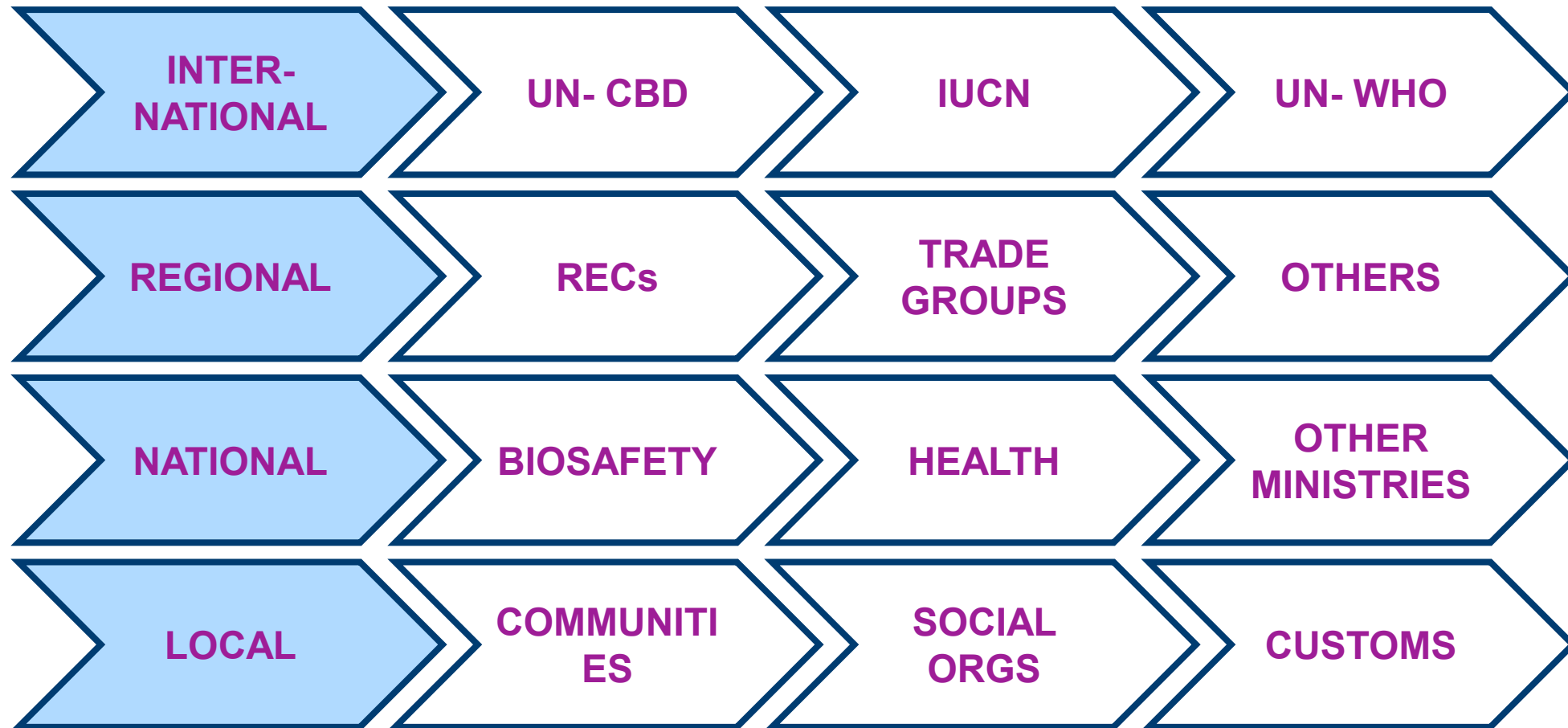
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Why is governance critical?

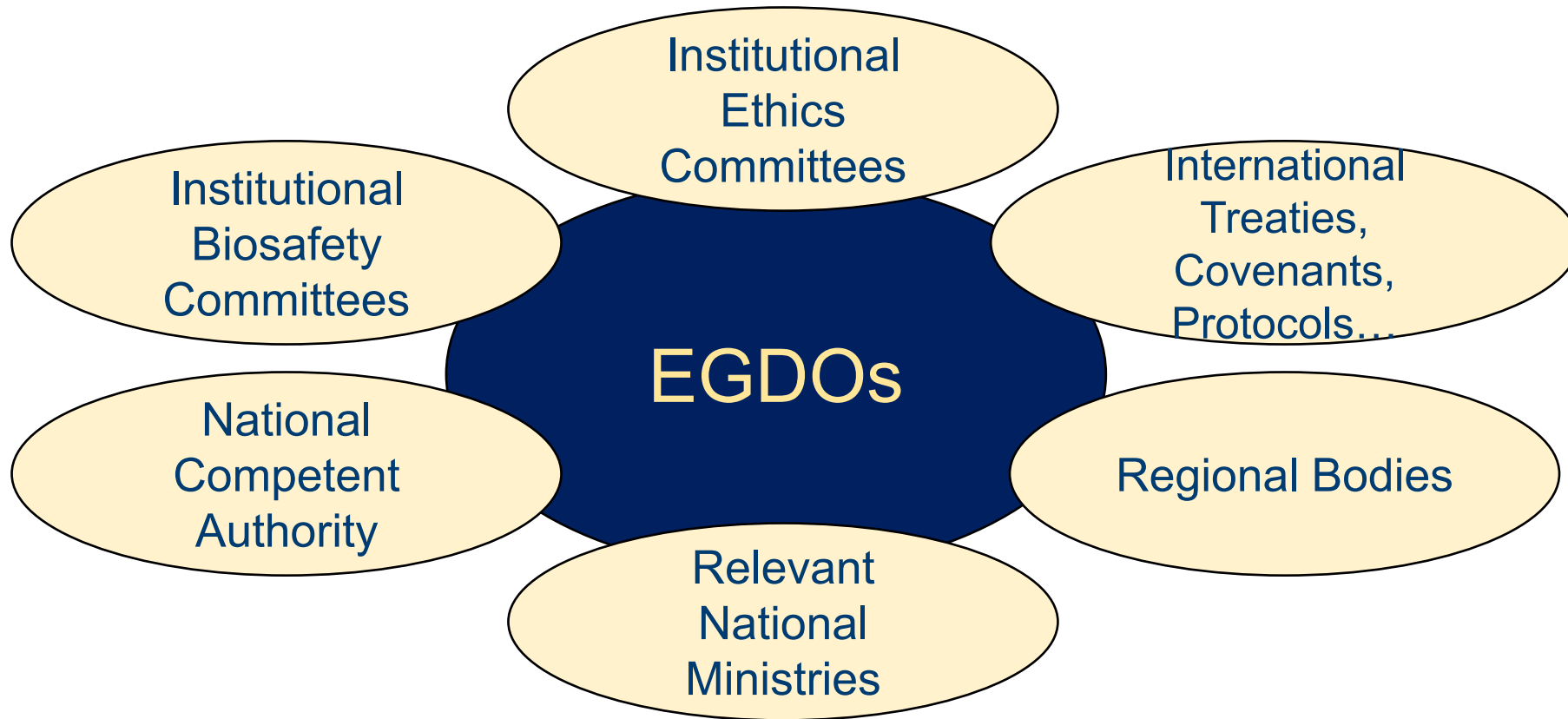
- At all levels- local, national, regional, and international
- Transparency
- Clearly defined requirements
- Level field
- Safe and effective development
- Bring new tools to market



GOVERNANCE



Multiple levels of oversight



GLOBAL GOVERNANCE



UN GENERAL
ASSEMBLY (no=194)

World Health
Organization (WHO)

UN Environment
Programme (UNEP)

PARTY/
MEMBER

GMP

NTD

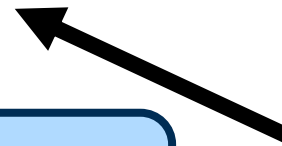
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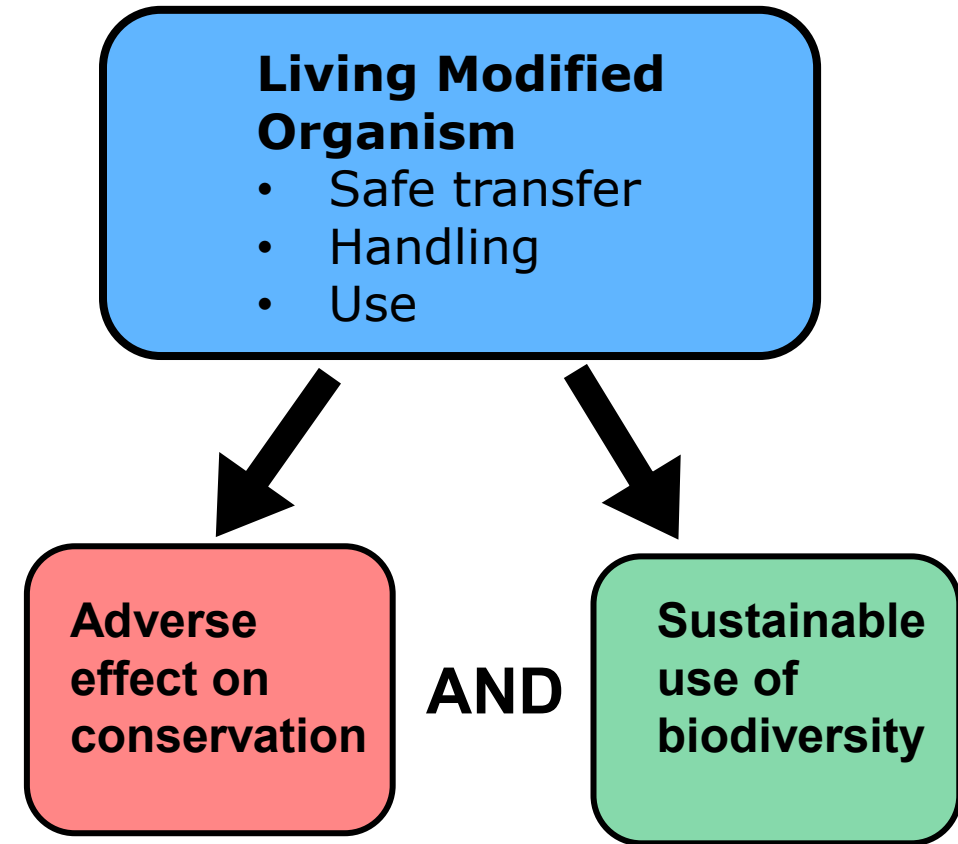
CP (173)

NP (142)

NKL (55)



International Consideration- UN Conventions



UN CBD- Guidance

- Section 1-** Objective and scope from previous COPs
Decision 9/13 and 10/10
- Section 2-** Introduce EGD-LMOs, Precautionary Approach, Context
- Section 3-** Opportunities, risks, concerns on EGD strategies
- Section 4-** Risk assessment considerations for EGD-LMOs, introduces problem formulation
- Section 5-** Risk recommendations- acceptability, risk management strategies
- Section 6-** Monitoring
- Section 7-** Issues related to risk assessment- consideration of benefits, IPLC, FPIC, socio-economic, cultural and ethical considerations, transboundary movement, public participation
- Annex-** Modelling, uncertainty, WHO guidance, mosquito vectors, current EGDO landscape, EGD systems



UN CBD- CP MOP 11 Decision

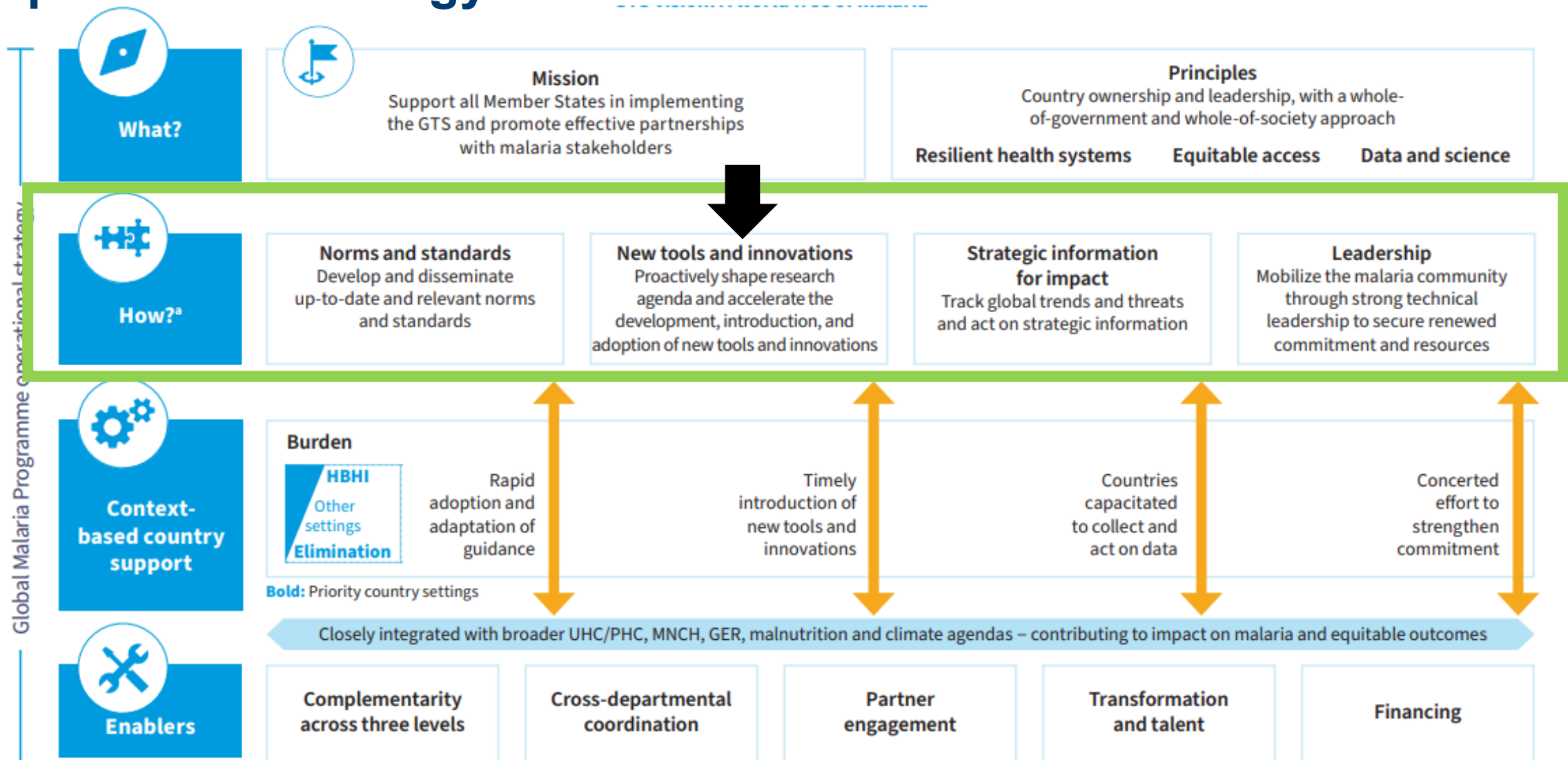
CP-11/7 Risk assessment and risk management

Taking note of the assessment by the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment of additional issues on which guidance materials on risk assessment may be needed,⁴

1. *Welcomes with appreciation* the outcomes of the meetings of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment;⁵
2. *Welcomes* the additional voluntary guidance materials to support the case-by-case risk assessment of living modified organisms containing engineered gene drives;⁶
3. *Invites* Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth organizations and relevant organizations and stakeholders to make use of the additional voluntary guidance materials in conducting relevant risk assessments and as a tool for capacity-building activities in risk assessment;
4. *Calls for* the consideration of the related issues set out in the additional voluntary guidance materials⁷, including traditional knowledge, innovation and practices of indigenous peoples and local communities, in the decision-making process;

World Health Organization- Global Malaria Program

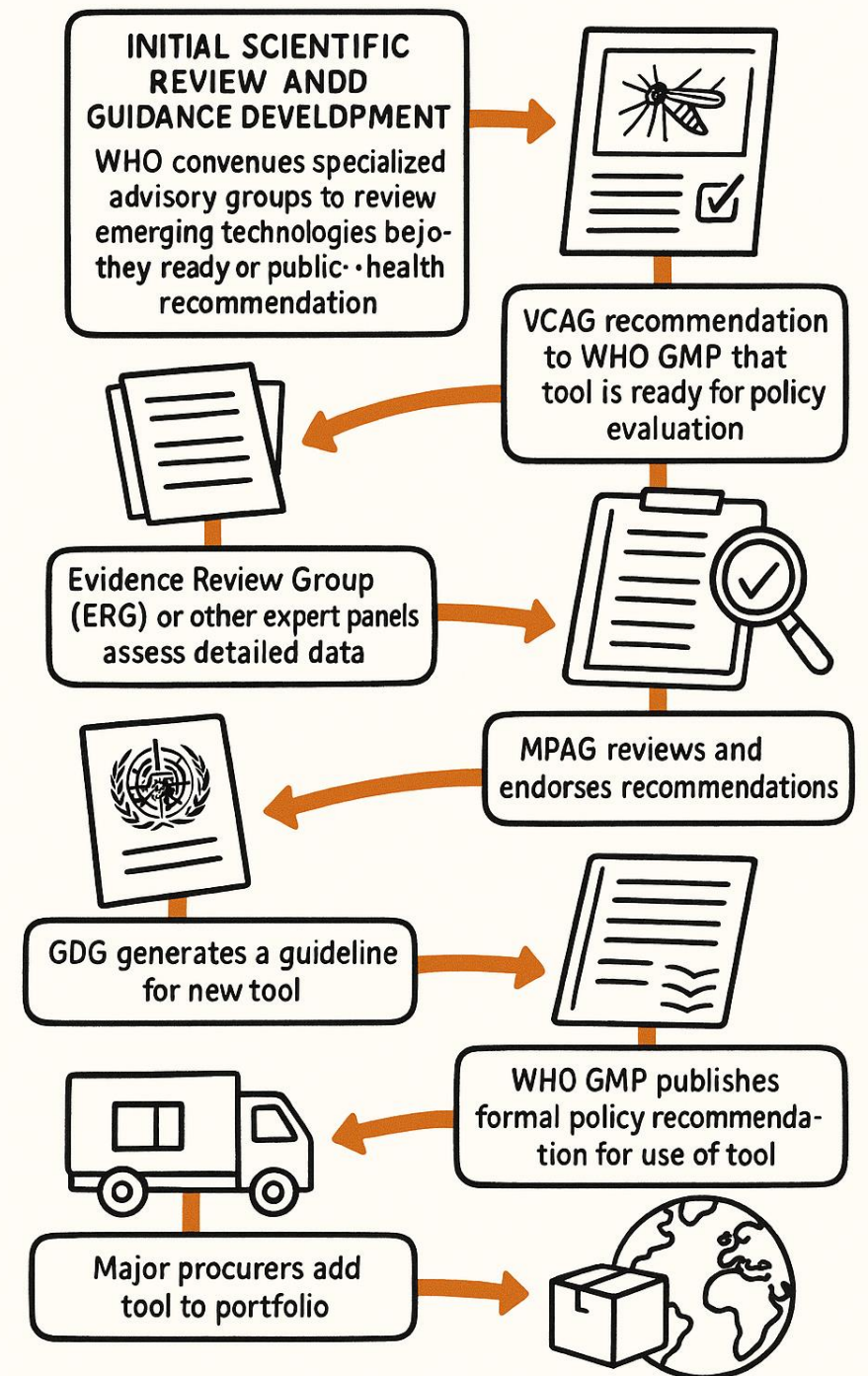
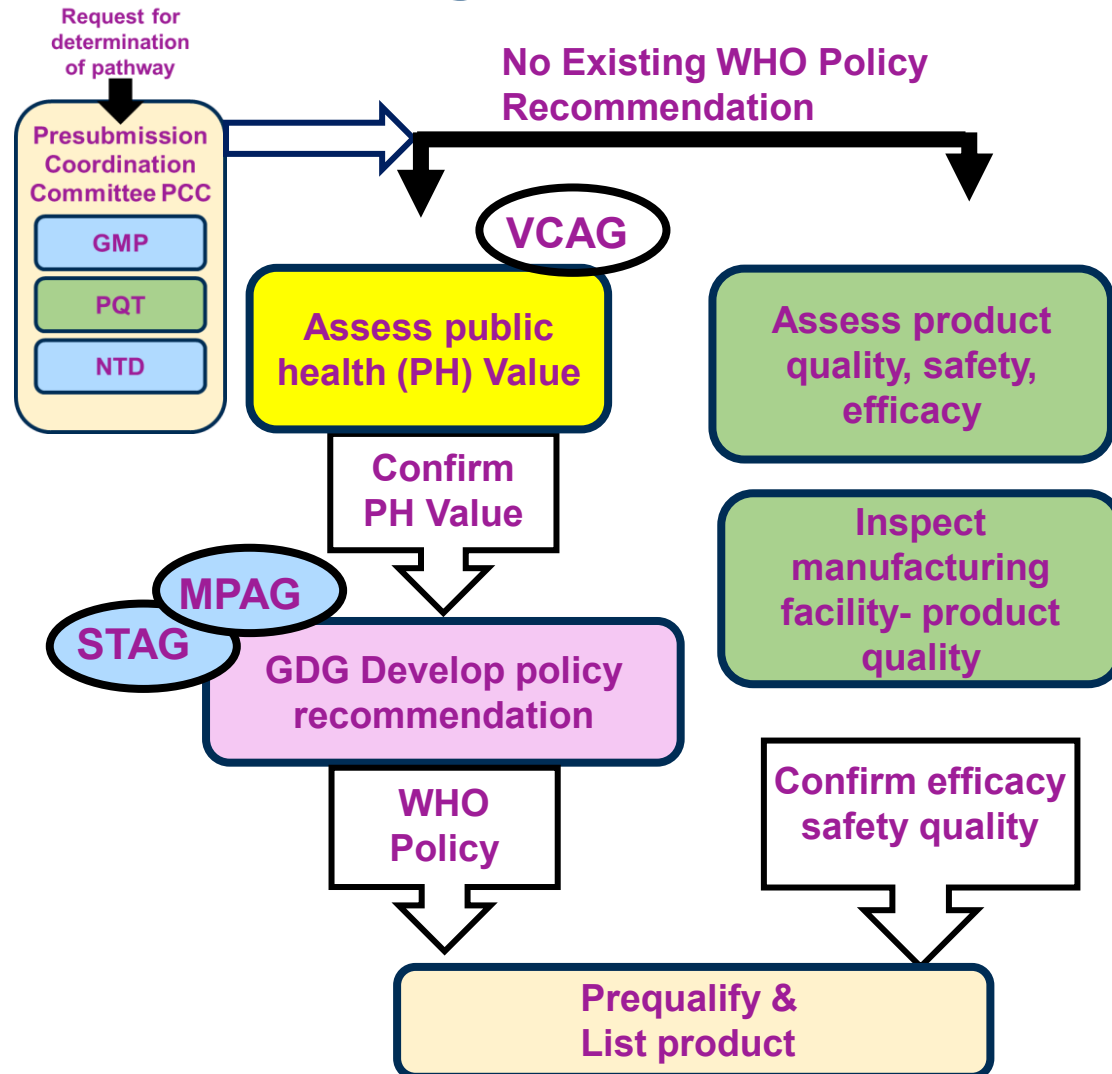
Operational strategy 2024-2030



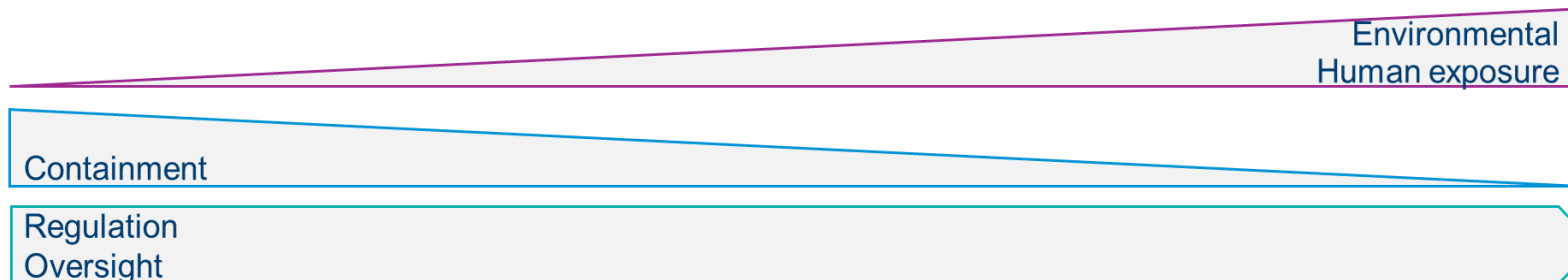
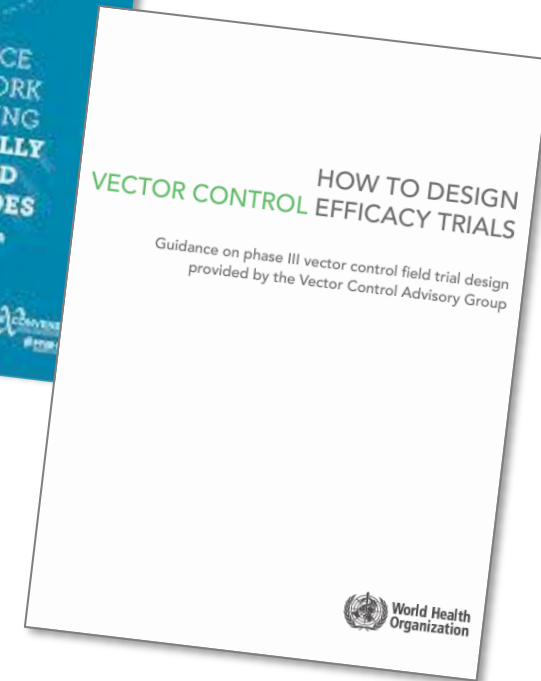
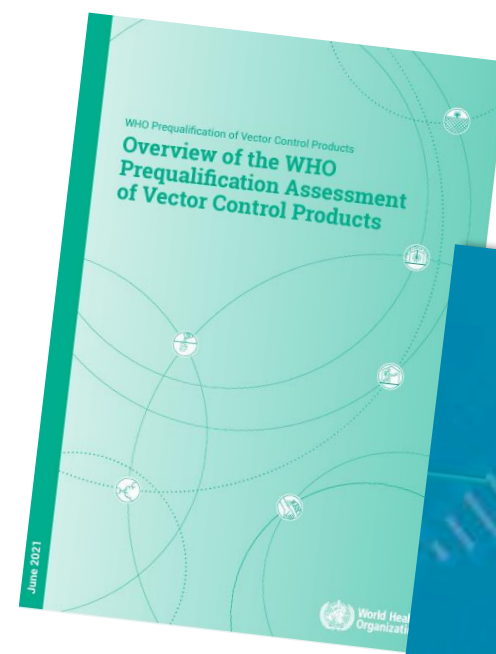
GER: gender, equity, rights; GTS: Global technical strategy for malaria 2016–2030; HBHI: High burden to high impact; MNCH: maternal, neonatal and child health; PHC: primary health care; UHC: universal health coverage

^a Across the following interventions: vector control, immunoprevention, chemoprevention, diagnosis, chemotherapy, surveillance

International- World Health Organization



International World Health Organization



Regional Consideration- IVM

REGIONAL

RECs

TRADE
GROUPS

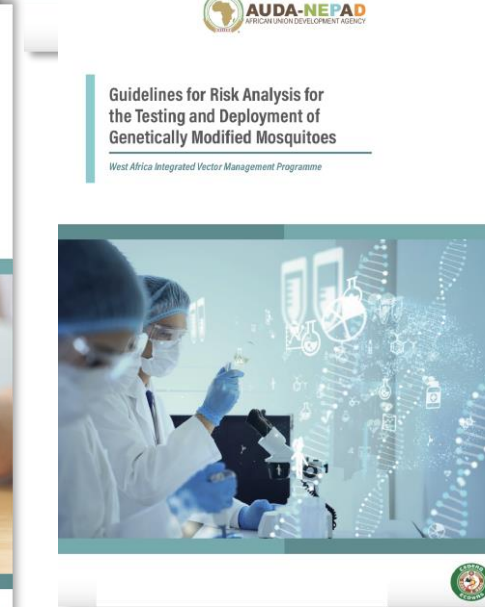
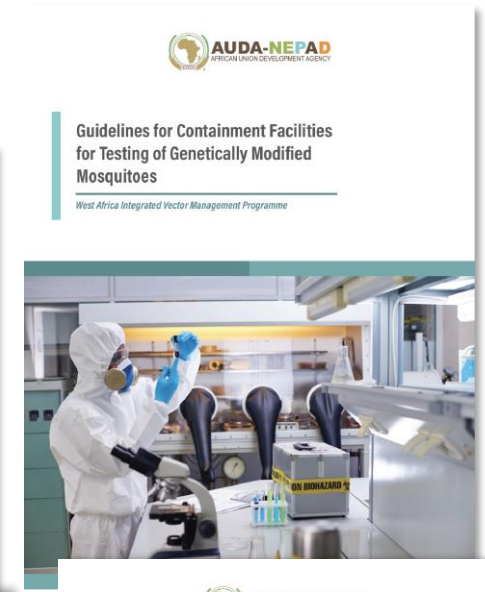
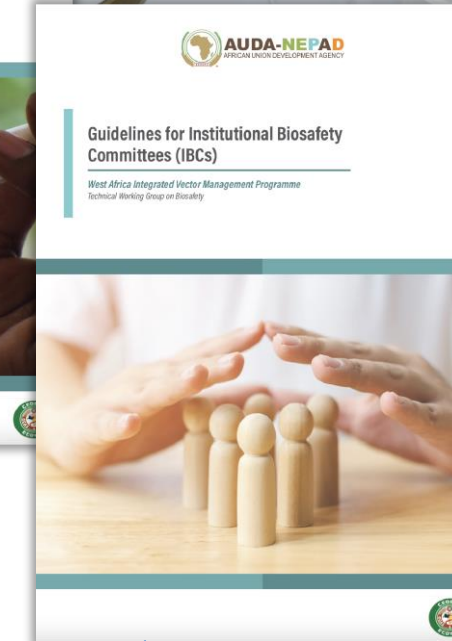
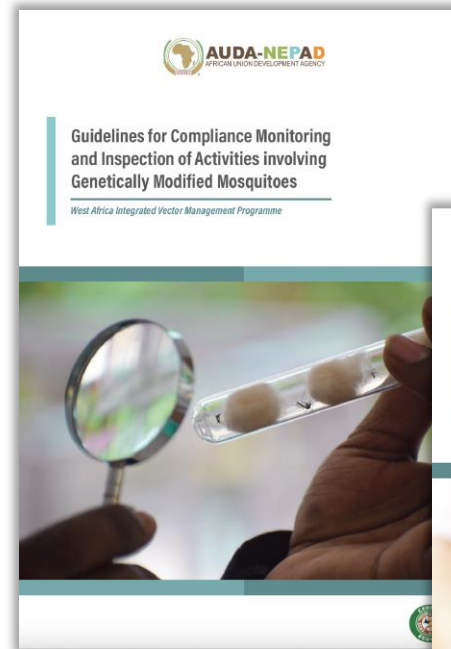
OTHERS

African Union Development Agency- NEPAD

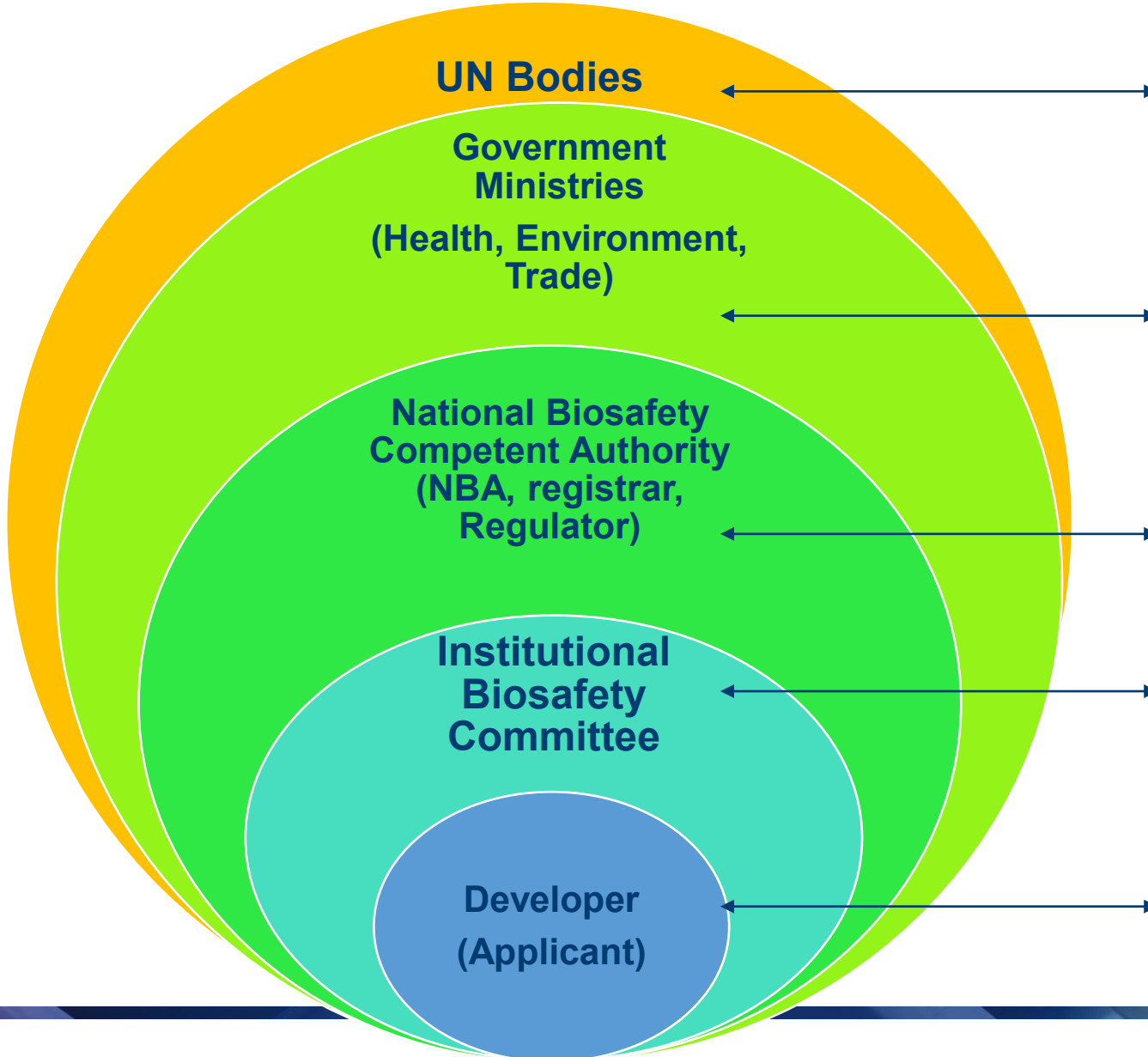
- IVM platform with a regional focus in Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) - WA IVM platform
- WAHO Secretariat
- Biosafety guidelines and capacity strengthening
- IBC training
- Risk Assessment of LMOs
- Dossier evaluations
- Streamlining processes
- Ethics

<https://www.nepad.org/news/establishment-of-west-africa-integrated-vector-management-programme>

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National Consideration



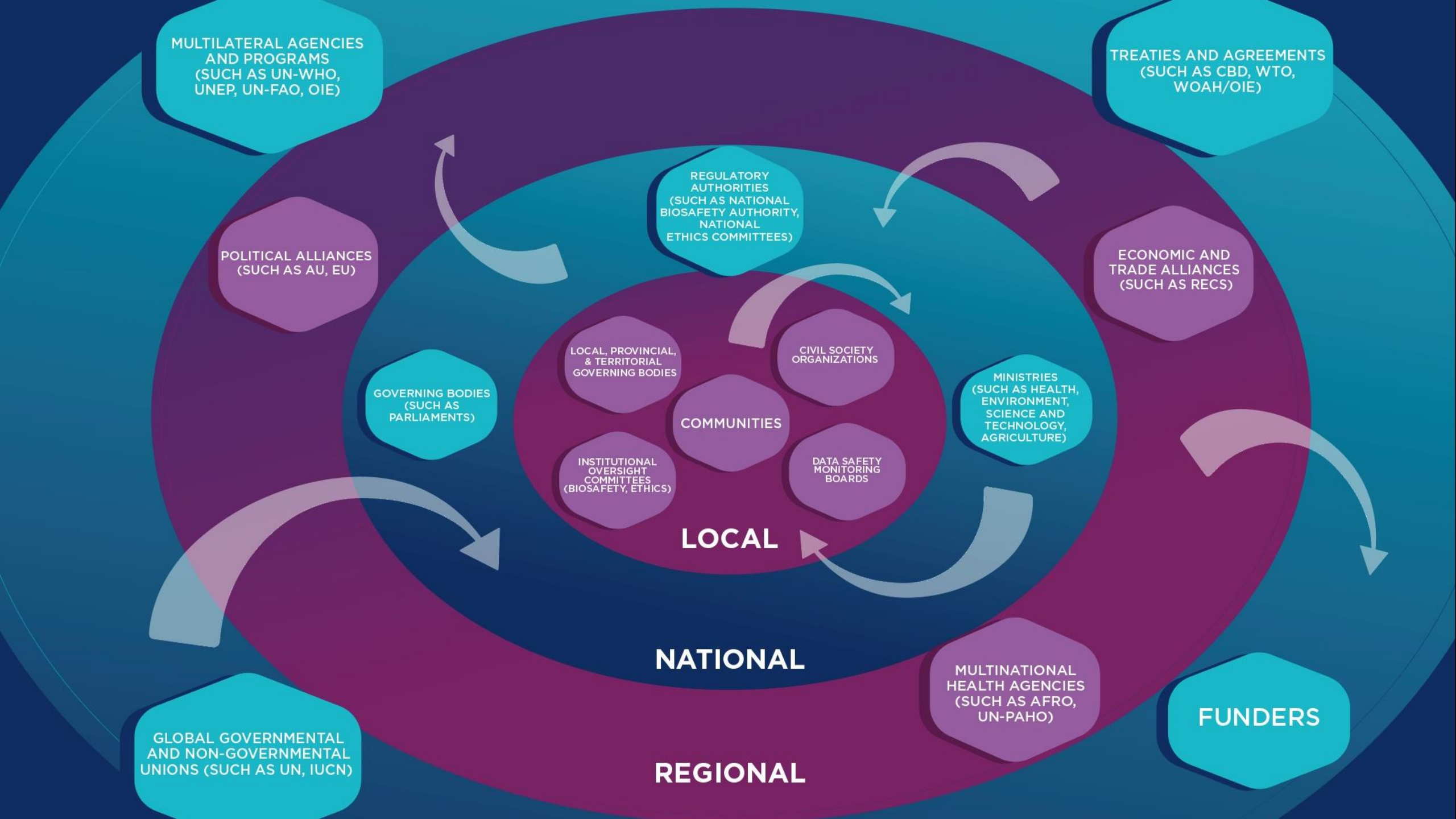
United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), as implemented through the Cartagena (CPB) International agreements that aim to ensure safe handling, transport, and use of living modified organisms resulting from modern biotechnology that may have adverse effects on biodiversity and risks to human health.

Ministry (ies): Federal government entity responsible for developing laws and policies, exercises authority and supervisory capacity of the Competent Biosafety Regulatory Authority (NBA)

Federal regulatory agency authorizes applications and ensures responsible trial conduct as per parent Ministry

Group chartered by a research institution responsible for implementing policies and guidelines. Ensures safety of researchers, laboratory workers, research subjects, the public and the environment.

Individual or institution -Seeks authorization to develop and test EGDM

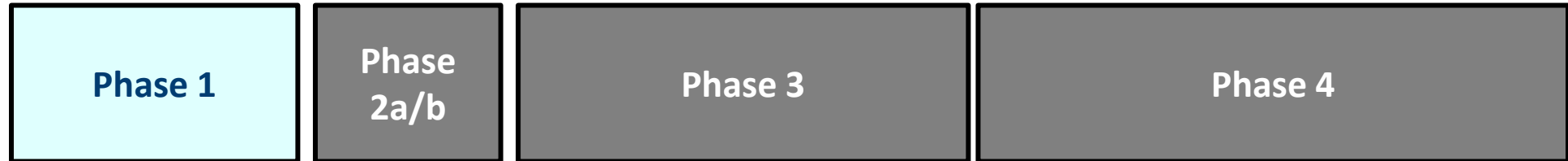


WHO WE ARE



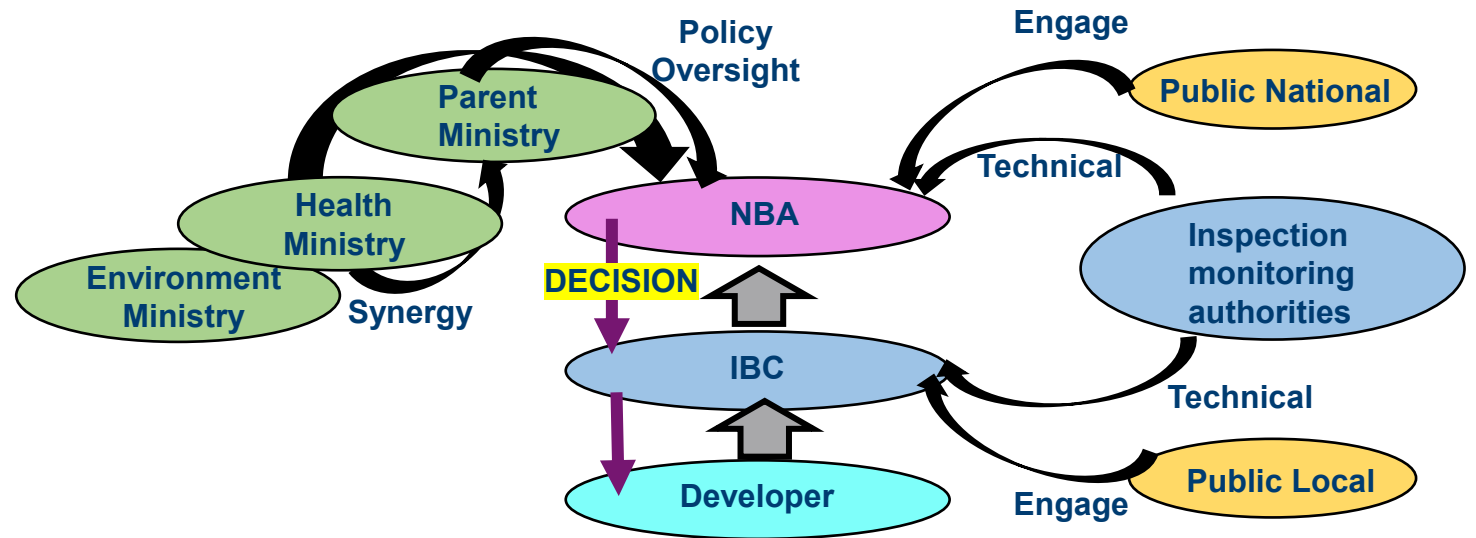
Partner with stakeholders

EGDO Development- Phase 1

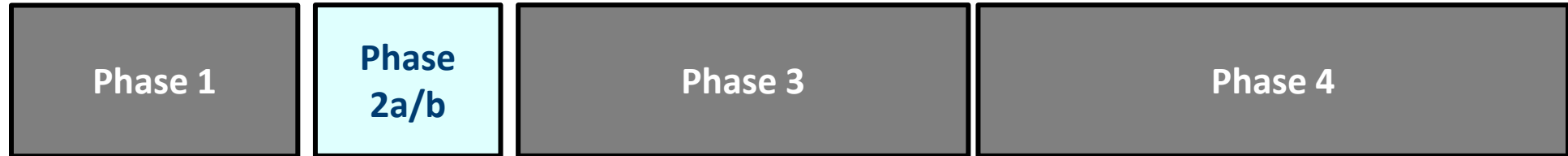


BIOSAFETY

- Engage IBC
- Import permit
- Inspection of facility, validation of containment
- Dossier for proposed work
- Monitoring plan (for EGDO)
- Detection method (validated)
- Remediation options/ plan
- Environmental Risk Assessment-ERA
- Stakeholder engagement
- Research permit and terms
- Public engagement

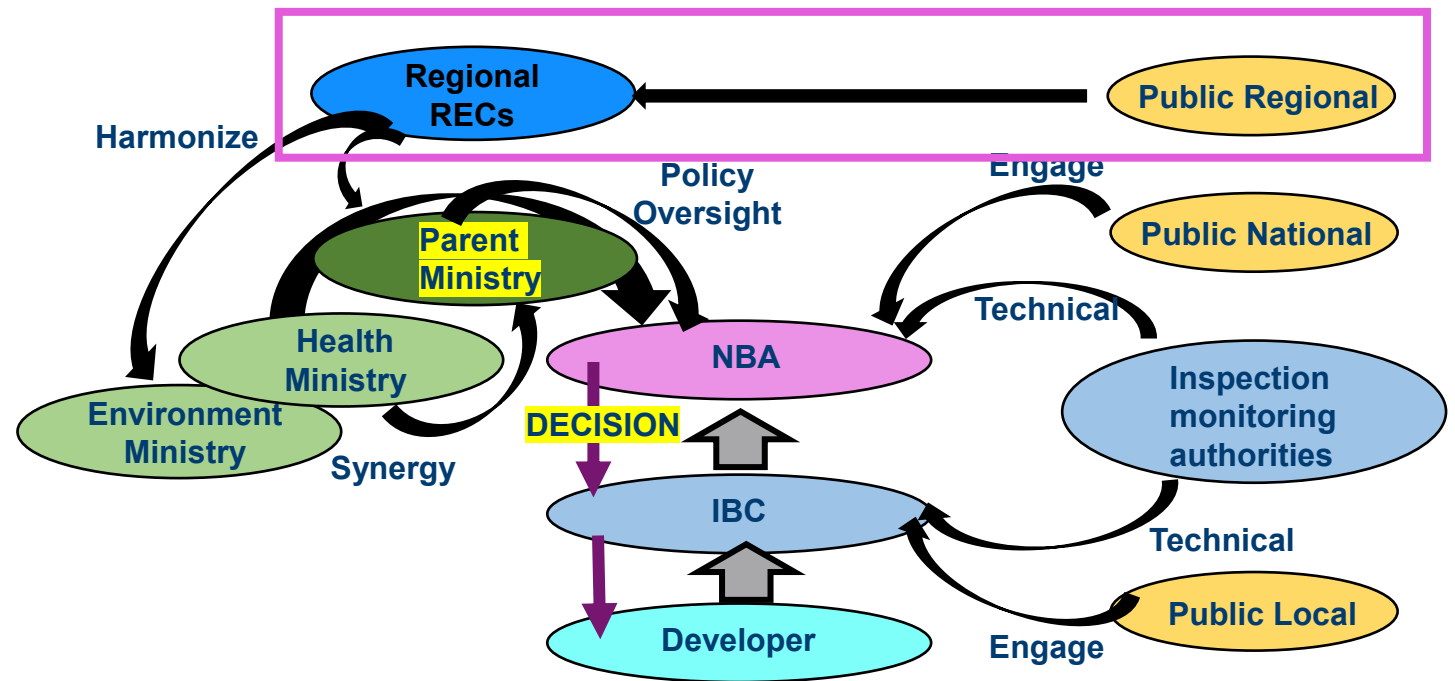


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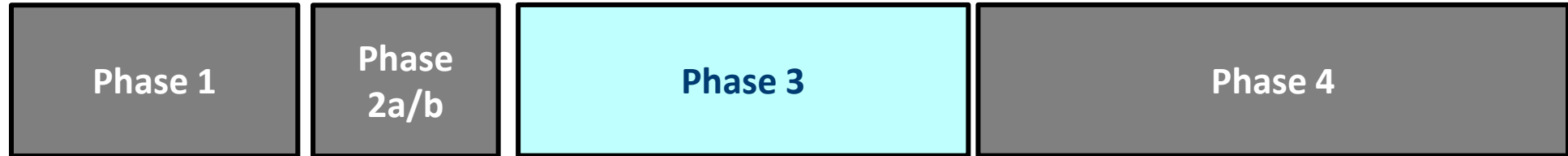


EFFICACY (entomological)

- Engage IBCs, NBAs
- Multiple ministries- Environment, Health, Biocontrol
- Facility Inspection- Quality Stds.
- Dossier for proposed work
- Monitoring plan (for EGDO & **Environment**)
- Remediation options/ plan; recall
- Environmental Risk Assessment
- **ESHIA**
- Stakeholder engagement
- Research permit and terms → Scale up
- Public engagement/ communication
- **Transboundary effects- Regional**

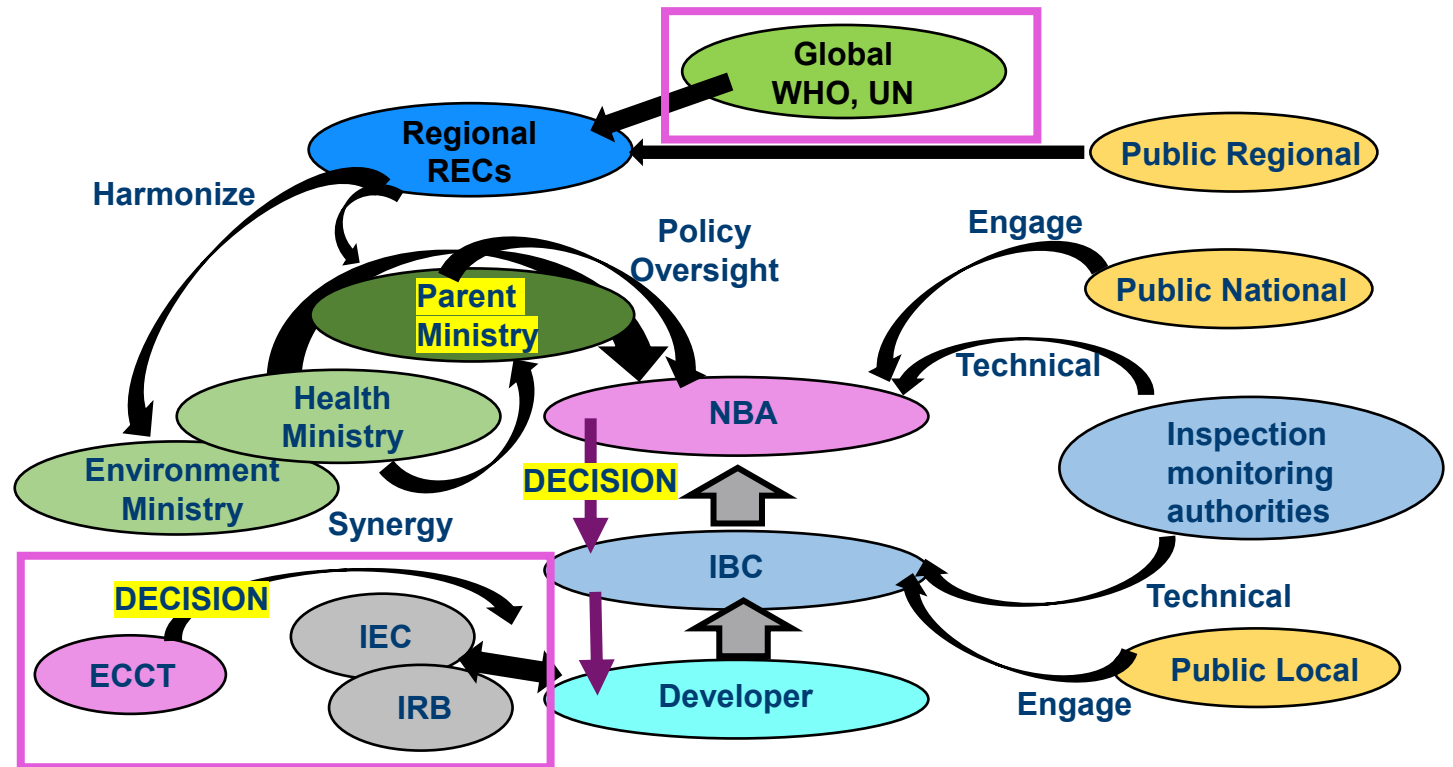


EGDO Development- Phase 3

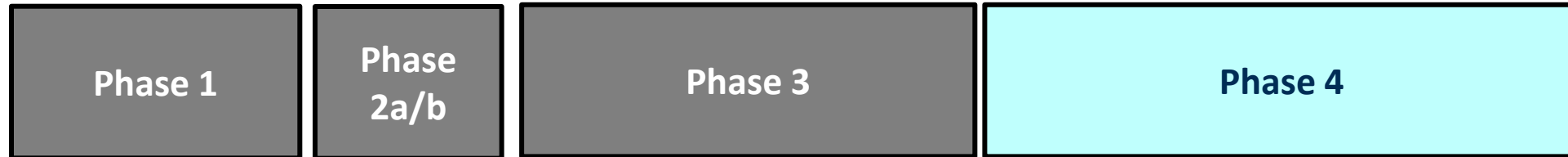


EFFICACY (epidemiological)

- Engage IEC, IRB, ECCT, DSMB
- **Health ministry**- national, regional
- **Facility Inspection**- GCP, GMP
- Clinical **trial design, registration**
- Monitoring plan (for EGDO, Environment, **Public Health**)
- Remediation options/ plan, standard of care
- Environmental Risk Assessment, ESHIA
- Stakeholder engagement, Consent
- **Trial terms**  Scale up
- Public engagement/ communication
- Transboundary effects, liability- Regional
- **WHO, REC-MRH**
- **TPP, Cost analysis**

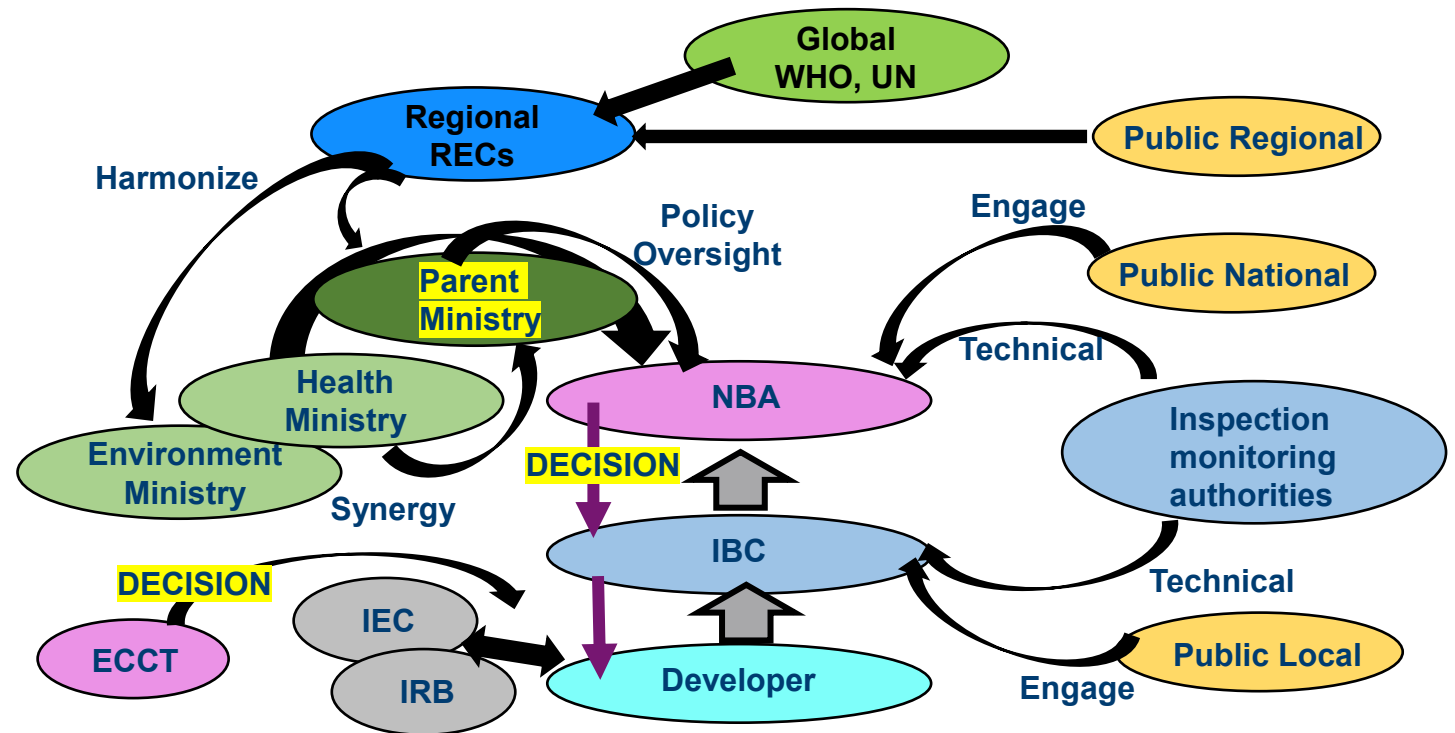


EGDO Development- Phase 4

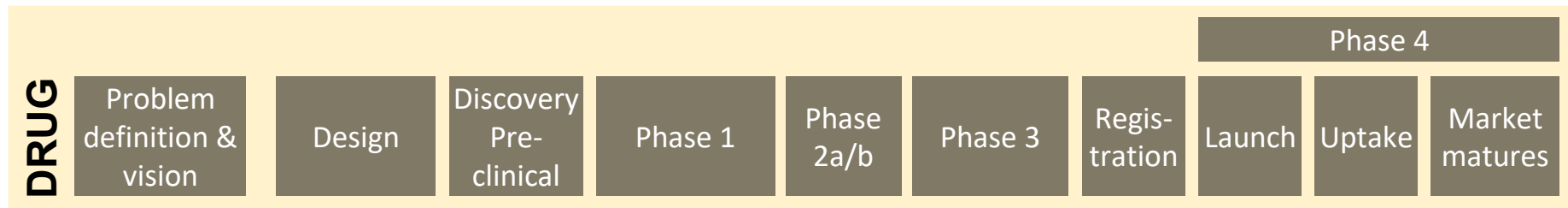


Post-market Performance & Monitoring

- Monitoring plan (for EGDO, Environment, Public Health)
- Surveillance for AEs
- Remediation options/ plan, standard of care
- Stakeholder engagement
- Public engagement/ communication
- Transboundary effects, liability- Regional
- WHO, REC-MRH-Product registration
- Follow-on product interaction



EGDO Development



**GMM
(WHO)**



IMPORTANT TERMS

- **LAWS** (basis; Act, Bill, Law)
 - rules or code of action that are binding and enforced by a controlling authority
- **REGULATIONS** (implementation; order, decree, rule, regulation, ordinance)
 - legal interpretation of enacted legislation
 - Translates law into action
- **POLICY & GUIDANCE** (non-binding; guidelines)
 - More detailed information on requirements that allow regulations to be met

