WG6: Problem Statements

- National platforms have varied forms in the countries. In several countries, they provide opportunities for the government to take initiatives.
- They are useful to advise the government but some of them do not have authority for decision and no in-built mechanism for decision-making.
- In some countries, the government does not really include other stakeholders and have a strong dominant position.
- National platforms are a relatively new development and there is no clear guidance for the inclusion of Science and Technology.
- If the platform is limited to the technical or implementation level, then Science and Technology cannot reach the policy level.
• Use the National Platforms to reinforce the cooperation between agencies and stakeholders. E.g. in Sri Lanka, different agencies have completed specific risk maps. The platform provides a mechanism to integrate them.
• Include climate change and sustainable development. E.g. the Pacific Resilience Partnership.
• Inform the National Platform on how funds are used for DRR.
• Support the development of new tools and methodology. E.g. in Pakistan, the working groups at the technical level work on standardizing multi-hazard risk assessments.
• Liaise with capacity building actions.
• Support the integration of Science and Technology in DRR policy through National Platforms.

• Ensure the engagement of all stakeholders, including science & technology community, not only the government.

• Ensure the Science and Technology community supports the National platform in compiling case studies or best practices and publish them with an easy to understand description.

• Ensure the National Platform supports the government for data collection, analysis and monitoring its progress, including the implementation of the Sendai Framework.

• Support two-ways exchange between the Science and Technology Community and the other stakeholders.
WG6: Points Underscored in Synthesis Report

• National Platform to identify case studies to share good practices and lessons learned both nationally and globally.

• Synthesis report to present information in a simple way so all stakeholders at the platform can understand and use it.

• Synthesis report to provide information that can be used for awareness raising at national and local levels.

• National Platform to discuss and identify specific science and technology gaps and needs to practice DRR at local levels, so as to encourage solution oriented research.