



**Progress of EFA
Follow-up
in Sub-Saharan
Africa**



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The challenges to Education For All are greatest in Africa...

Achieving of UPE by 2015

Of 31 countries:

- 9 need to take drastic measures and require special assistance
- 10 should intensify their efforts significantly
- 12 should meet UPE by maintaining current efforts

Improving literacy by 50% by 2015

Of 40 countries:

- 2 should take drastic measures
- 33 should intensify their efforts significantly
- 5 should meet the target by maintaining current efforts

Additional constraints...

- High population growth pressure
- High absolute poverty rate
- Heavy debt burden
- Very limited internal resources for human capital development
- Acute gender disparity in schooling and literacy: gender goal difficult to attain by 2005
- Political instability and armed conflicts
- Fastest growing HIV pandemics
- Severe shortage of skills in education sector management
- Low quality of learning and learning environments...



Ensuring a conducive environment for EFA follow up in the region: actions taken

At regional level:

- EFA Africa follow-up strategy is based on partnership!
- BREDA participated in many national, regional and international meetings and visited several countries
- Regional networking and consultations conducted with NGOs, bilateral and multilateral partners
- Resources mobilised (Regional MOU with UN system agencies), e.g. National Africa EFA Co-ordinators Meeting
- Institutional capacity reinforced for EFA monitoring in member states through UIS and ADEA/NESIS
- Regional specialists in education networked within UNESCO, UN agencies, other multilaterals and bilaterals, NGOs, CSOs



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At regional level: (cont'd)

- UNESCO-BREDA Regional Experts Roster and “College of Fellows” established
- Participatory EFA Regional Action Plan drafted and reviewed (with EFA Sponsors, OAU, ADB, ADEA, bilaterals, NGOs)
- BREDA strategy designed, providing technical support for the preparation of EFA National Action Plans
- EFA National Co-ordinators networked by email
- BREDA EFA Africa Website (www.dakar.unesco.org)
- EFA Clearinghouse (UNICEF, WORLD BANK, USAID) established
- EFA Africa Bulletin initiated
- Agreement forged with Panafrican News Agency for EFA advocacy...



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At national level:

- Ministers of Education invited to nominate National EFA Co-ordinators: 45 (out of 46) nominated to date
- UNESCO and partners supported member countries to set up National EFA Forums
- Synergy promoted between local representatives of bilateral and multilateral partners supporting EFA
- Resources mobilised (MOU between governments and local EFA partners), e.g. Senegal and Cape Verde
- Technical and financial assistance provided for the preparation of EFA National Action Plans...



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Meeting the deadline of December 2002: a context-driven strategy

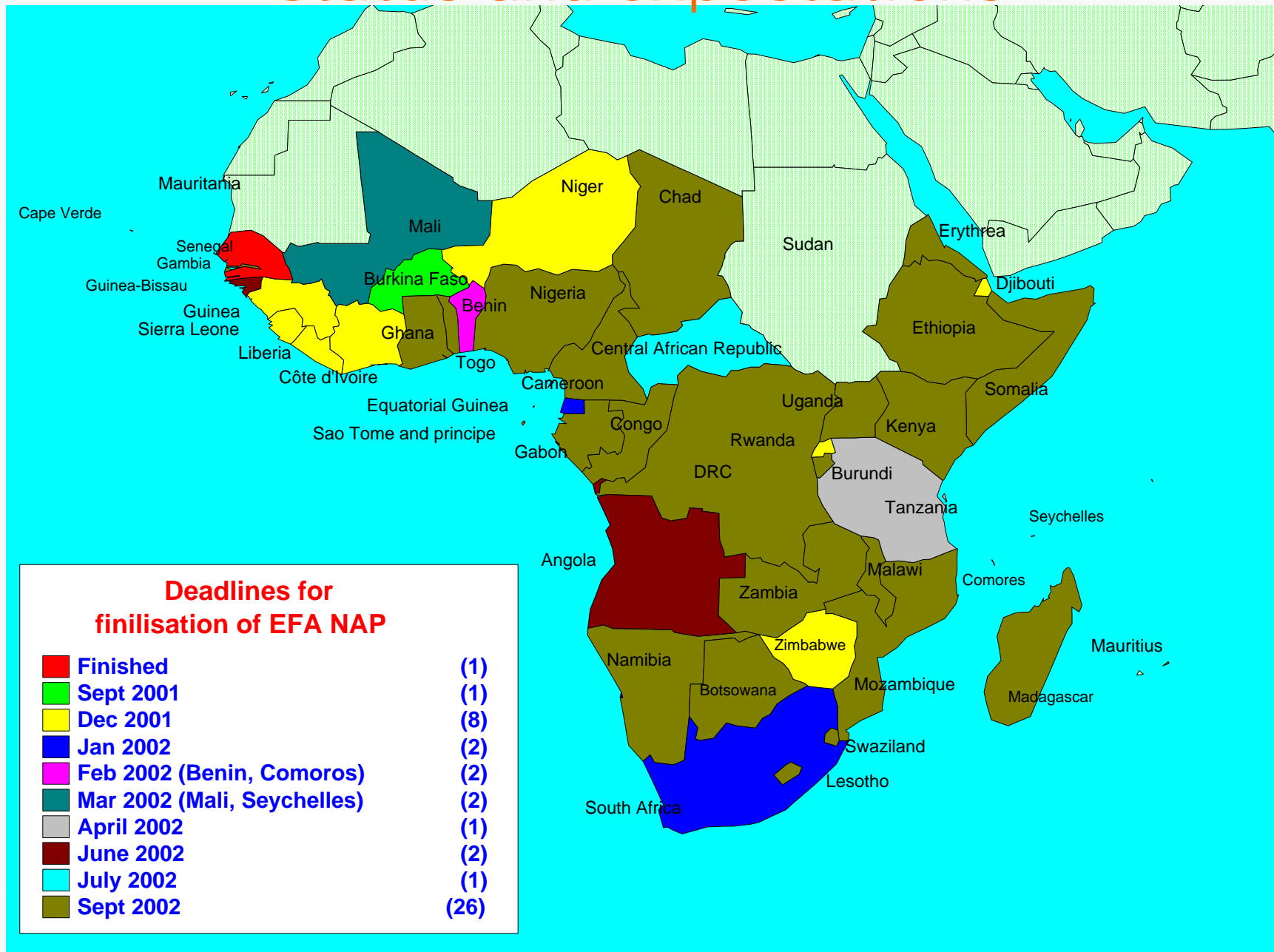
Our ultimate challenge is to mobilise all stakeholders, partners and governments to ensure that each EFA National Action Plan is finalised by **Sept. 2002** so as to derive a regional synthesis to be endorsed politically by African Ministers in December 2002 during:

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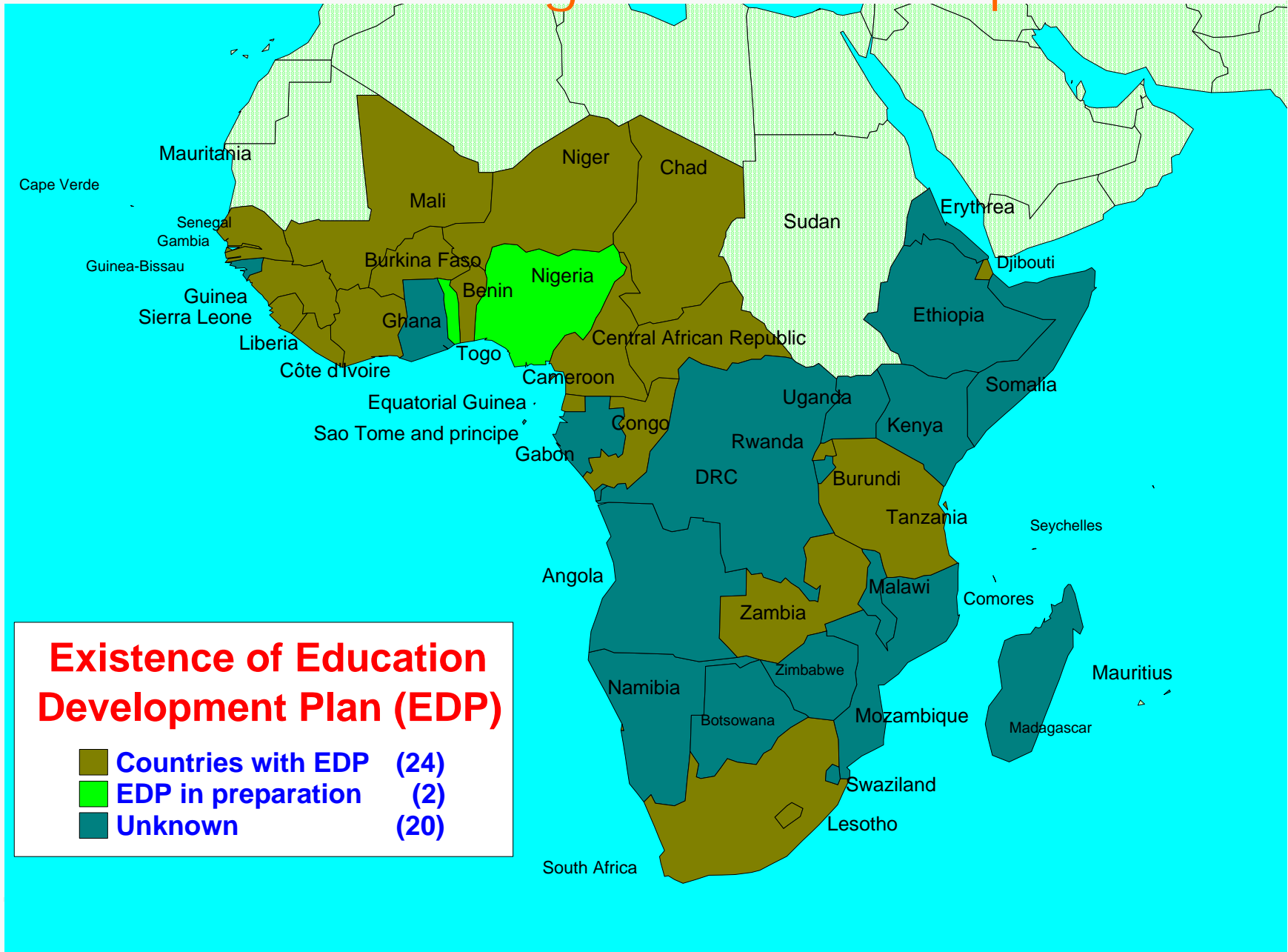
Meeting the deadline of December 2002 : status and expectations





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Meeting the deadline of December 2002: countries having their master plans...





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Meeting the deadline of December 2002: Major Constraints

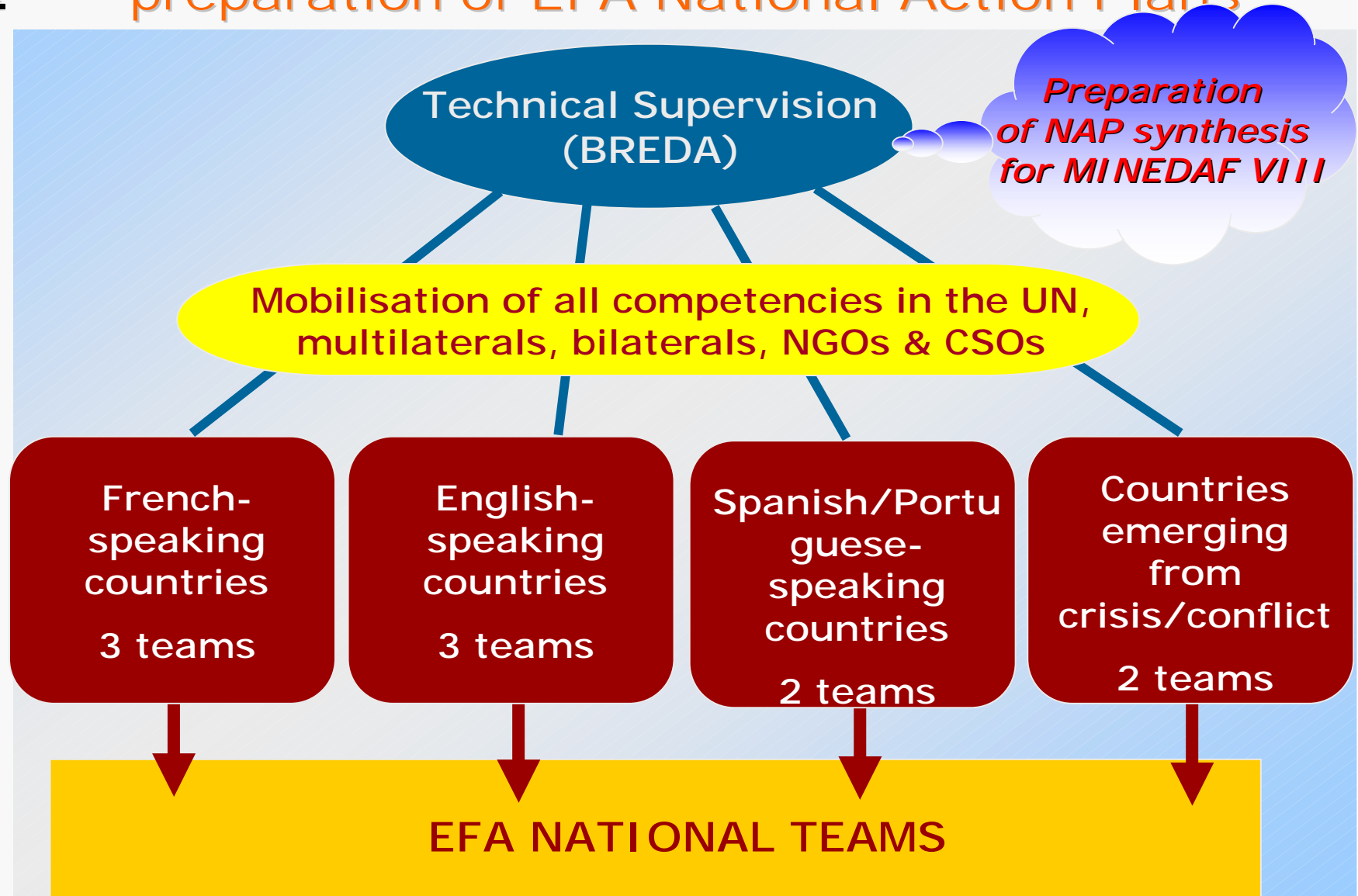
First responses to the BRENDA country survey revealed, in order of importance:

1. Financial support needed at the national level
2. Institutions and professionals require substantial training and advisory services
3. Technical and financial support from external partners not forthcoming in many countries as yet
4. Difficulties experienced in establishing inter-sectoral dialogue or in reaching consensus on strategies, etc.
5. Shortage of local experts for policy analysis and formulation reported



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Strategy for technical support for the preparation of EFA National Action Plans





The way forward:

National and regional partnerships for EFA monitoring

National level:

- Support to countries in setting up National EFA Forums and National EFA Partners Groups

Regional level: proposed mechanisms to be discussed at EFA Africa Co-ordinators' and Ministers' Meetings are:

- Two political bodies (Caucus of Ministers and Forum for African Parliamentarians for Education)
- A Regional Africa EFA Working Group (Countries, regional EFA partners, regional NGOs, CSOs and other stakeholders...)
- A technical body (National Africa EFA Co-ordinators Forum)
- EFA Africa Observatory with UIS and ADEA/NESIS
- An EFA Africa regional secretariat (at BREDA)



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The way forward: PARTNERSHIP

Perspectives and Recommendations:

- National leadership and ownership of the process is the key to achieving EFA in Africa.
- Achieving solidarity among all partners will be essential and decisive.
- Regional support for national planning and program development is of critical importance at this stage.
- Greatly increased resource mobilisation and advocacy at regional and national levels will help ensure we attain our collective commitment.



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