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# The unsteady path towards meaningful participation of Organisations of Persons with Disabilities in the implementation of the CRPD and SDGs

**Pilot study by Bridging the Gap II  
(Burkina Faso, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Paraguay and Sudan)**

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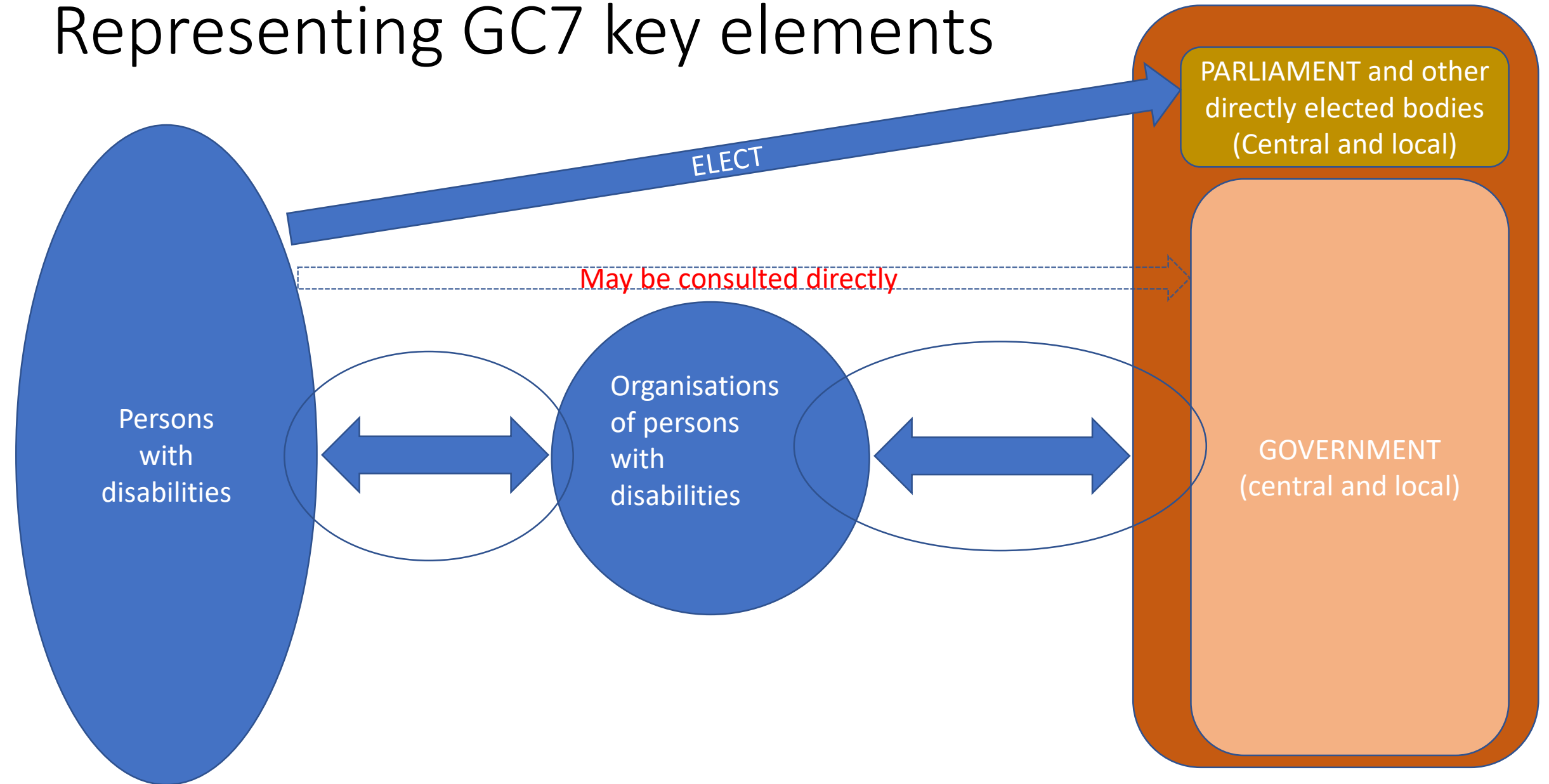
# Rational for the study

- Increase of momentum for higher investments of international cooperation (IC) actors in inclusion of persons with disabilities in development.
- Under which conditions can it contribute to create a stronger participation and accountability environment?
- BtG wants to contribute on developing knowledge and guidance on how IC can support meaningful participation of persons with disabilities as specified in art 4.3 of the CRPD

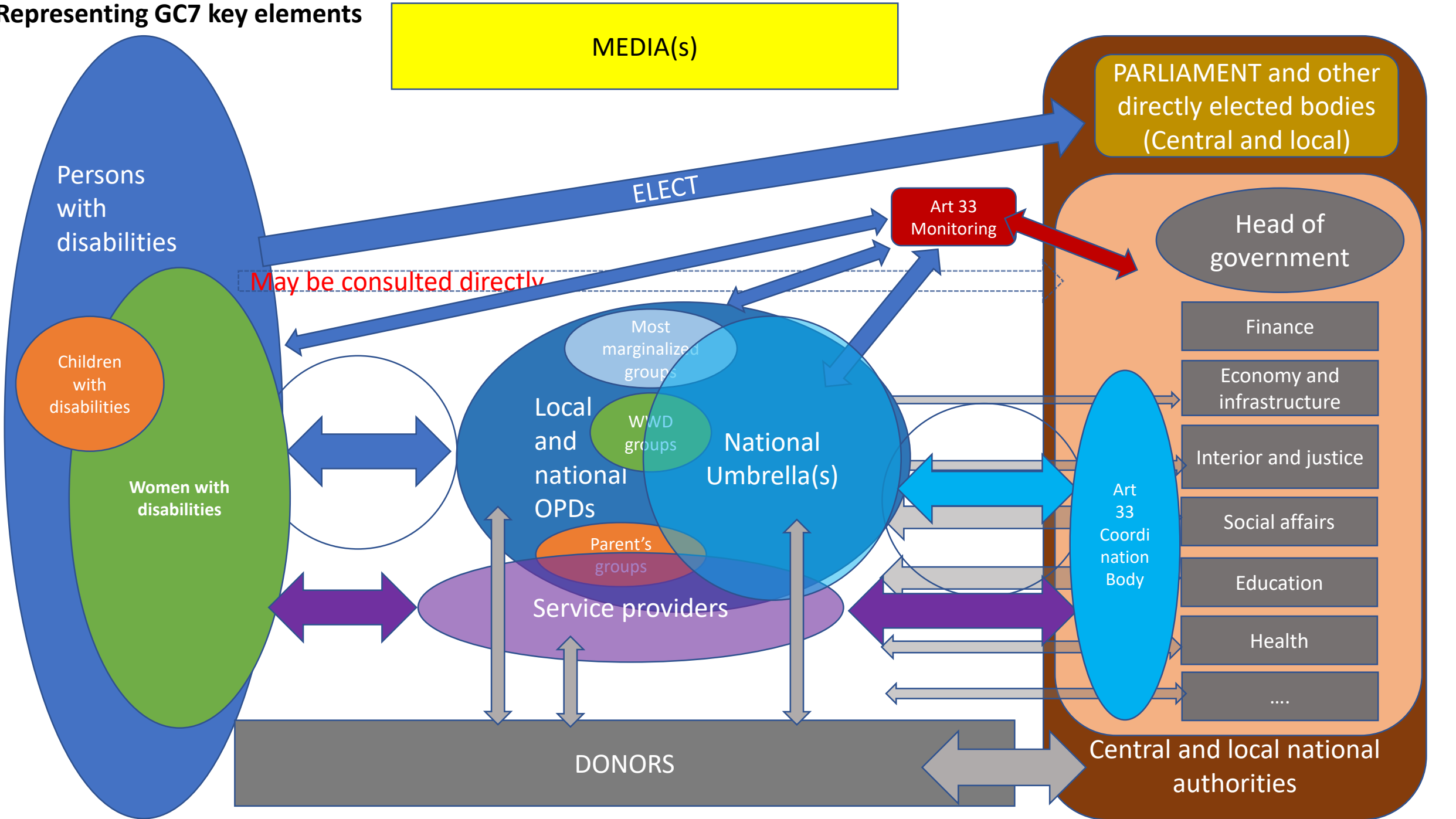
# Objectives

- Assess country situation against standards set by CRPD committee  
General Comment 7 on participation of persons with disabilities
- Provide recommendations on concrete measures that international cooperation could take to support meaningful participation

# Representing GC7 key elements



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MEDIA(s)

Persons with disabilities

Children with disabilities

Women with disabilities

Local and national OPDs

National Umbrella(s)

Most marginalized groups

WWD groups

Parent's groups

PARLIAMENT and other directly elected bodies (Central and local)

Head of government

- Finance
- Economy and infrastructure
- Interior and justice
- Social affairs
- Education
- Health
- ...

DONORS

Central and local national authorities

Art 33 Monitoring

Art 33 Coordination Body

May be consulted directly

ELECT

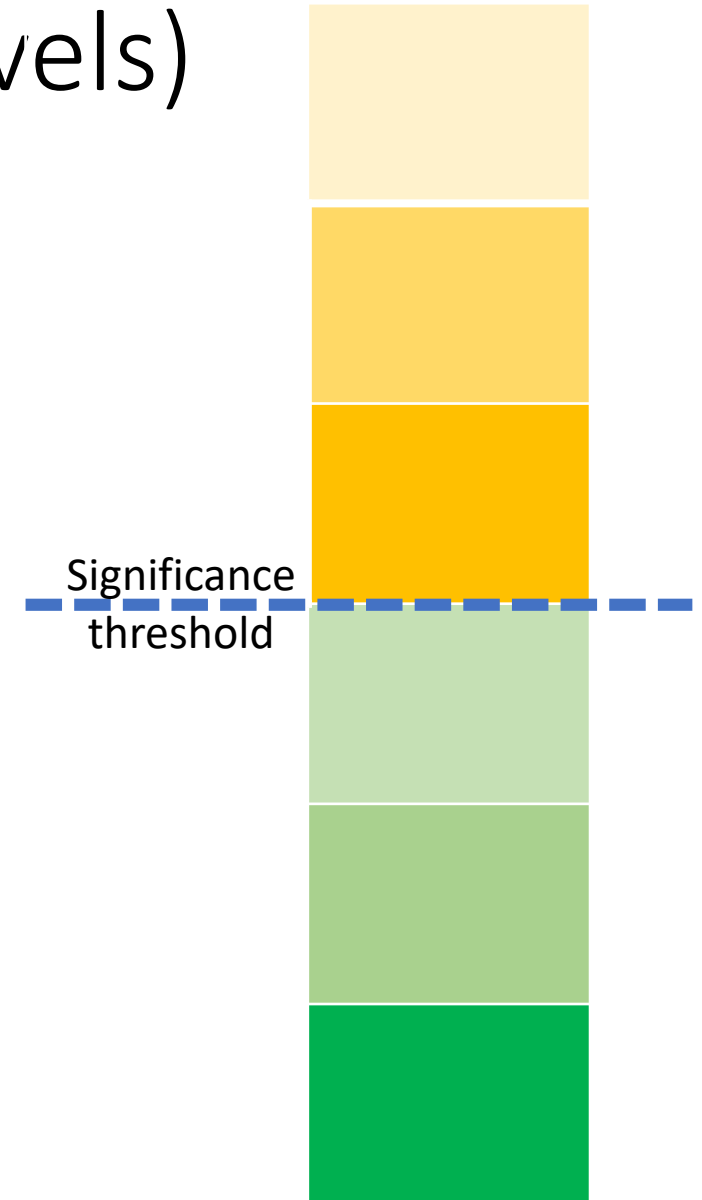
Service providers

# Enabling environments for public and citizen participation?

	Burkina Faso	Ethiopia	Ecuador	Paraguay	Sudan
<b>WB governance voice and accountability (n=192)</b>	98	176	111	106	189
<b>CIVICUS civic space monitor</b>	Obstructed	Repressed	Narrowed	Obstructed	Closed
<b>OPDs public written submission to CRPD committee review</b>	YES	NO	NO	NO/YES	YES

# Assessing efforts towards meaningful participation (10 key elements-6 levels)

- WILLINGNESS TO ENGAGE (*Persons with disabilities are considered a key stakeholder by authorities*)
- DEVELOPMENT OF POLICIES *for inclusion of persons with disabilities*
- CONSULTATION MECHANISMS (*legal standing, composition, perceived impact, representativeness*)
- TRANSPARENCY (*procedures and process, accessibility of information, data*)
- LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION: (*inform, consult, involve, collaborate and co-decision*)
- SUPPORT TO OPDs (*registration, funding, training, in-kind support*)
- INCLUSION EFFORTS (*disabilities, children, gender, location*)
- DISABILITY MOVEMENT ENGAGEMENT (*independence, priorities, inclusiveness, cohesion*)
- INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION SUPPORT TO OPDs
- INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION SUPPORT TO DIALOGUE



STAKEHOLDERS PERCEPTION	Burkina Faso	Ethiopia	Sudan*	Ecuador	Paraguay
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# Meaningful participation as **co-production** between authorities and the disability movement

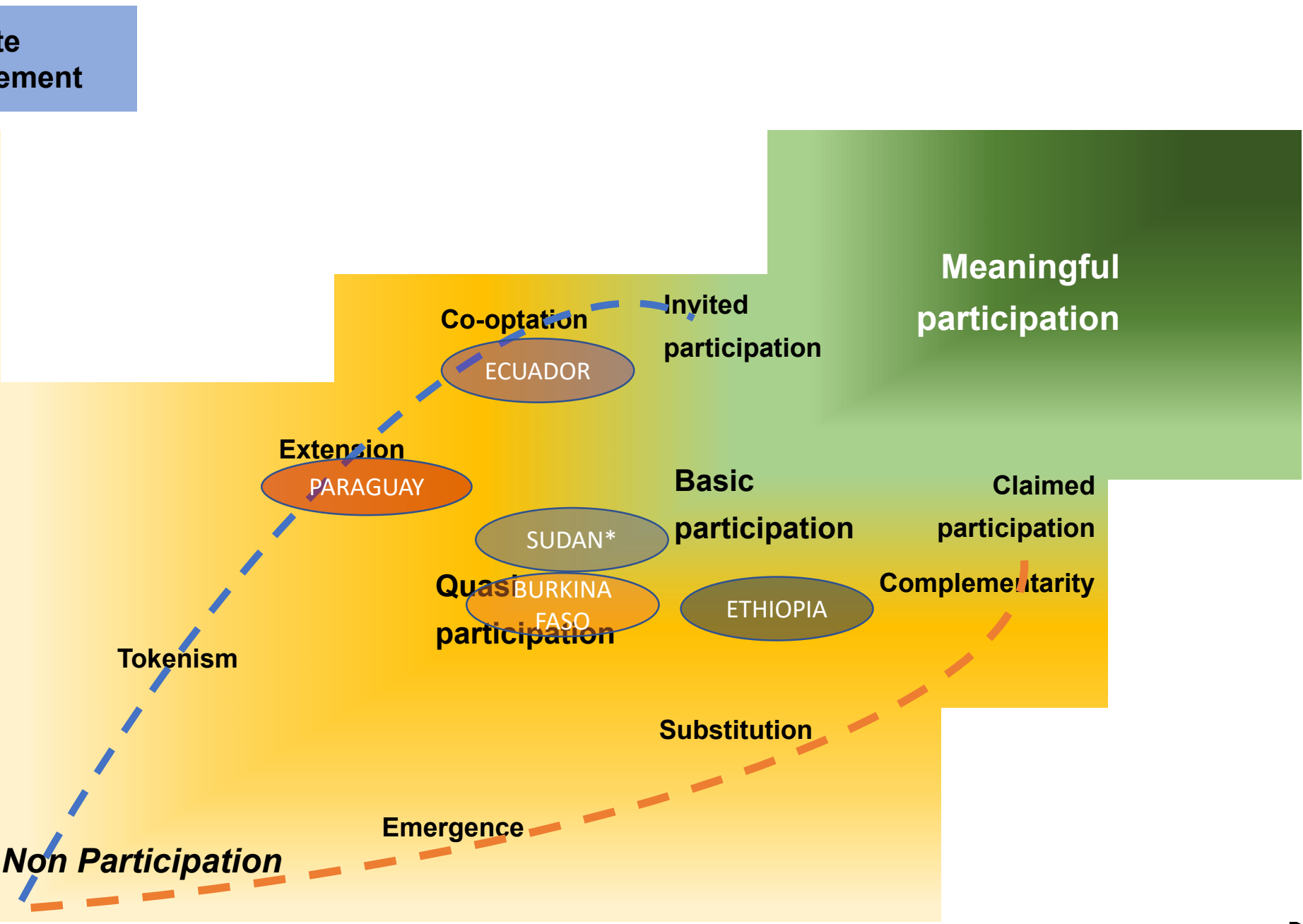
	State Driven	OPDs Driven	“Balanced”
<b>Non-participation</b>	Tokenism Extension	Emergence Substitution	
	Co-optation	Complementarity	Quasi-Participation
<b>Participation</b>	Invited participation	Claimed participation	Basic participation
			Meaningful participation

**State Engagement**

High

Medium

Low



**Co-optation**

ECUADOR

**Invited participation**

**Extension**

PARAGUAY

**Basic participation**

SUDAN\*

**Claimed participation**

**Quasi participation**

BURKINA FASO

ETHIOPIA

**Complementarity**

Tokenism

Substitution

Emergence

**Non Participation**

**Meaningful participation**

Non participation

Participation

DPOs Driven

State driven

Low

Medium

High

**Disability Movement Engagement**



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# Recommendations

# Transparency

- **Making the most of existing data sets** (statistical and administrative data, geographic information systems);
- **CRPD compliant budget analysis** which would provide clarity on the level of investment and prioritization;
- **Existing services mapping;**
- Providing comprehensive **information on ongoing and upcoming policy reform processes** as well as an opportunity to take part;
- Providing comprehensive **information on ongoing and upcoming international cooperation projects and programs** as well as opportunities to engage
- Support in **making the data available in accessible format.**

# Modelling

- **Annual consultation meetings** organized key IC actors (for instance coordinated meeting by EU delegation and members states for consultation and planning with OPDs)
- Ensure meaningful participation of **OPDs in major mainstream programs**, in addition to consultation for disability specific programs
  - Actively reaching out and supporting OPDs to be effective counterpart
- Involvement of OPDs in major public policy / programs / budget support evaluations

# Support to OPDs

- **Core funding at national and local level -**
  - while governments finance is important for OPDs functioning, the study shows that there are risks of lasting co-optation if OPDs do not access other sources of funding that guaranty their independence and autonomy.
- **”Earmarking support” in Call For Proposals: equality is not treating everybody the same**
- Other support should be provided both to support individual OPDs and to foster movement building:
  - Develop policy analysis and advocacy capacity;
  - Collective gap analysis and advocacy platform building;
  - National and local coordination via umbrella cross disability organizations;
  - Greater connection between local and national level ;
  - Support to inclusion of most marginalized groups and women with disabilities.

# Support to dialogue

- **Capacity development of government staff** (CRPD, National policies, inclusive development, services required...)
- Supporting and valuing dialogue and involvement of OPDs in program and policy design, implementation and evaluation funded by IC;
- Supporting and valuing national and local coordination mechanisms and supporting cross sector involvement.
- ***Support collective and evidenced based general and/or sectoral gap analysis and development of local and/or national disability inclusion action plan.***



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*“The disability sector is the only one – neither women nor indigenous people- for which **the law compels the ministers, the vice ministers to sit at the table** and **we haven’t yet taken advantage of this situation** to have an impact and to transform”*

*Public official in Paraguay*