Africa’s Move Forward in DRR:
Dealing with the Disaster Dilemma
East and Southern African Countries
Africa’s commitment to International Policies

- DRR is a national and a local priority with a strong institutional basis for implementation
- Identify, assess and monitor disaster risks and enhance early warning
- Use knowledge, innovation and education to build a culture of safety and resilience at all levels
- Reduce the underlying risk factors
- Strengthen disaster preparedness for effective response at all levels
Knowledge and understanding of DRR

- Varied but low
- Sometimes referred to as early recovery
- DRR → EPR
Policies
DRR Institutions
Vulnerability and capacity assessments
Is DRR/CCA a Top Priority in Africa?
Resources
No. of people killed (per million) by disaster origin 1991 - 2005

Source: UNISDR 2010
CO2 Emissions

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COLONIALISM

- Discourse is as a form of colonialism
- DRR and CCA are part of the Western discourse related to colonial and neo-colonialism through global institutions
- DRR concepts - resilience, climate smart viewed with cynicism
- Equivalents in local languages quite problematic
Way forward
Thank you