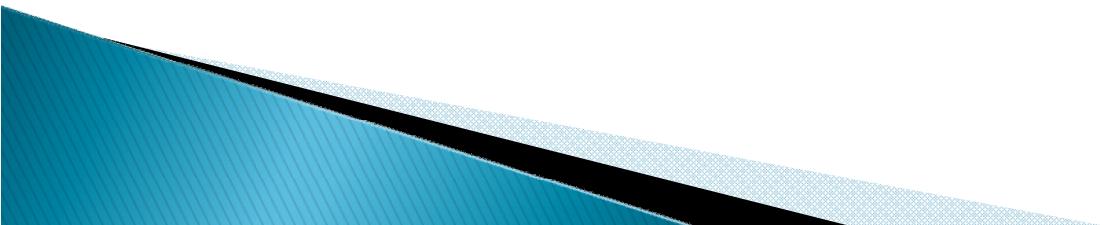


# Promising Policies

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# Conceptualization of Policy

- ▶ **Plan of action—or inaction**
- ▶ **Exists not in a vacuum, rather in a context of political, economic, social and cultural forces**
- ▶ **Not static but dynamic processes**
- ▶ **Line of argument rationalizing a course of action (or inaction)**
  - Social justice → National development
- ▶ **Intervention**



# Characteristics of Promising Policies

- ▶ Driven and informed by credible, reliable, and valid data
- ▶ Problem/issue clearly identified and specified: women's representation (not only among scientists & decision makers, but also evaluators)
- ▶ Coupling of policy statement to policy implementation
- ▶ Goals clearly stated
- ▶ Close tie between gender mainstreaming and national development

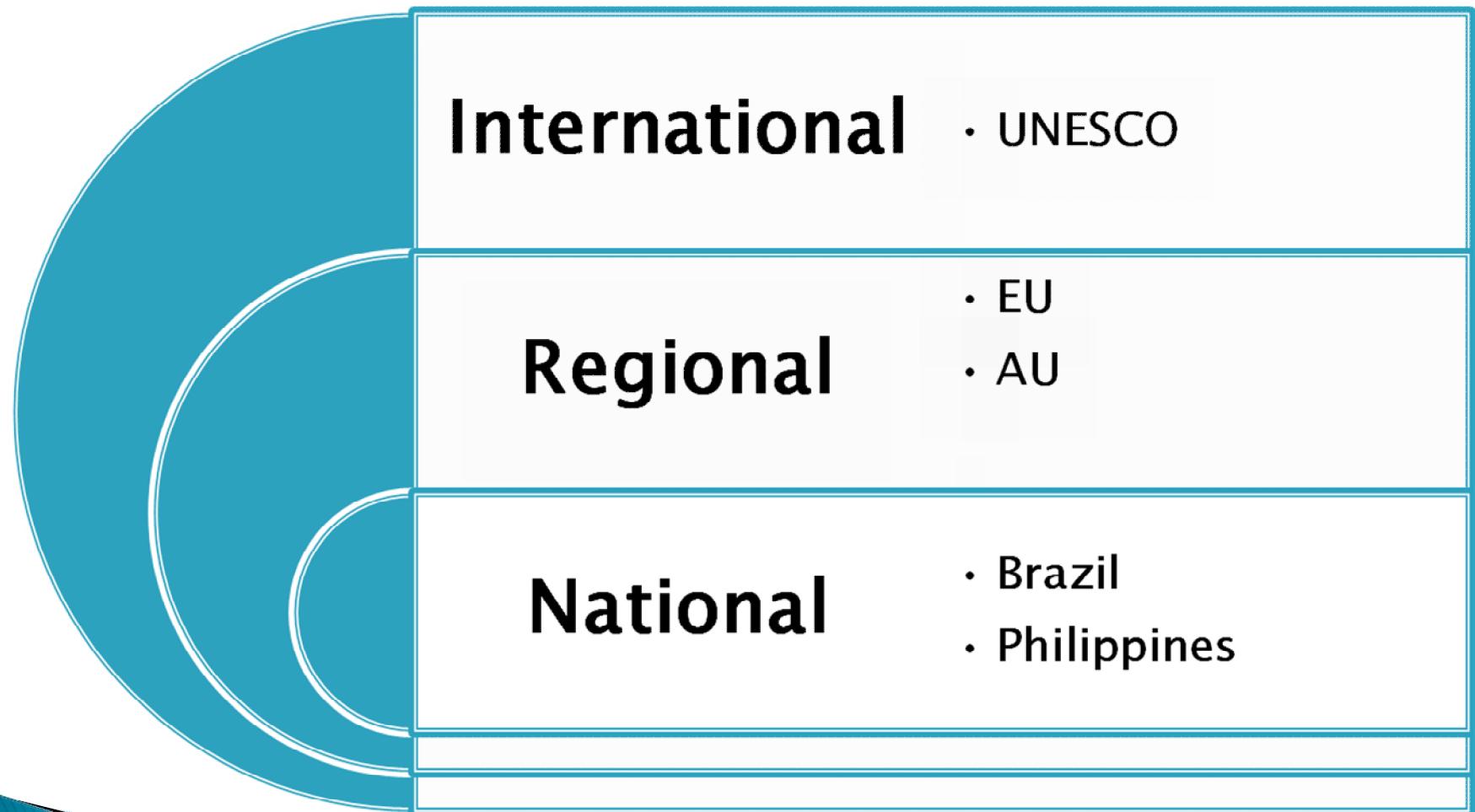
# Characteristics of Promising Policies

- ▶ Targets (rather than quotas)
- ▶ Focus on implementable actions
- ▶ Deadline for reaching targets
- Clear mandates for overseeing and monitoring policy implementation
- ▶ Obligation to report progress towards the target (benchmarks)
- ▶ Sustainability and Institutionalization
- ▶ Diffusion



# PROMISING POLICY GRID- Example

	Monitor	Evaluation	Link S&T & National Development to Gender Perspective	Institution-alization
China		X	X	X
Indonesia	X		X	
Korea			X	
Philippines	X		X	X
Viet Nam	X		X	



# Policy Challenges/Opportunities

- ▶ Socio-cultural factors
- ▶ Awareness
- ▶ Sustainability
- ▶ Mainstreaming
- ▶ Institutionalization

