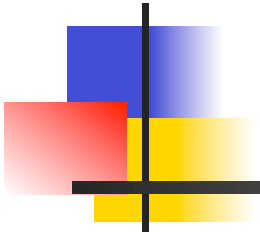


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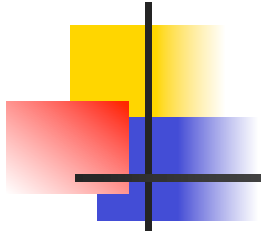
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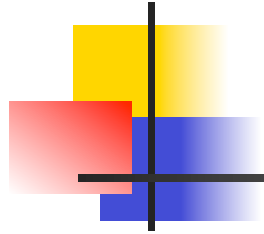
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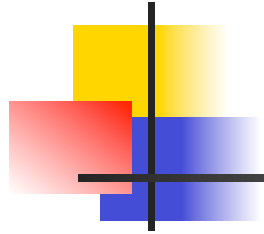


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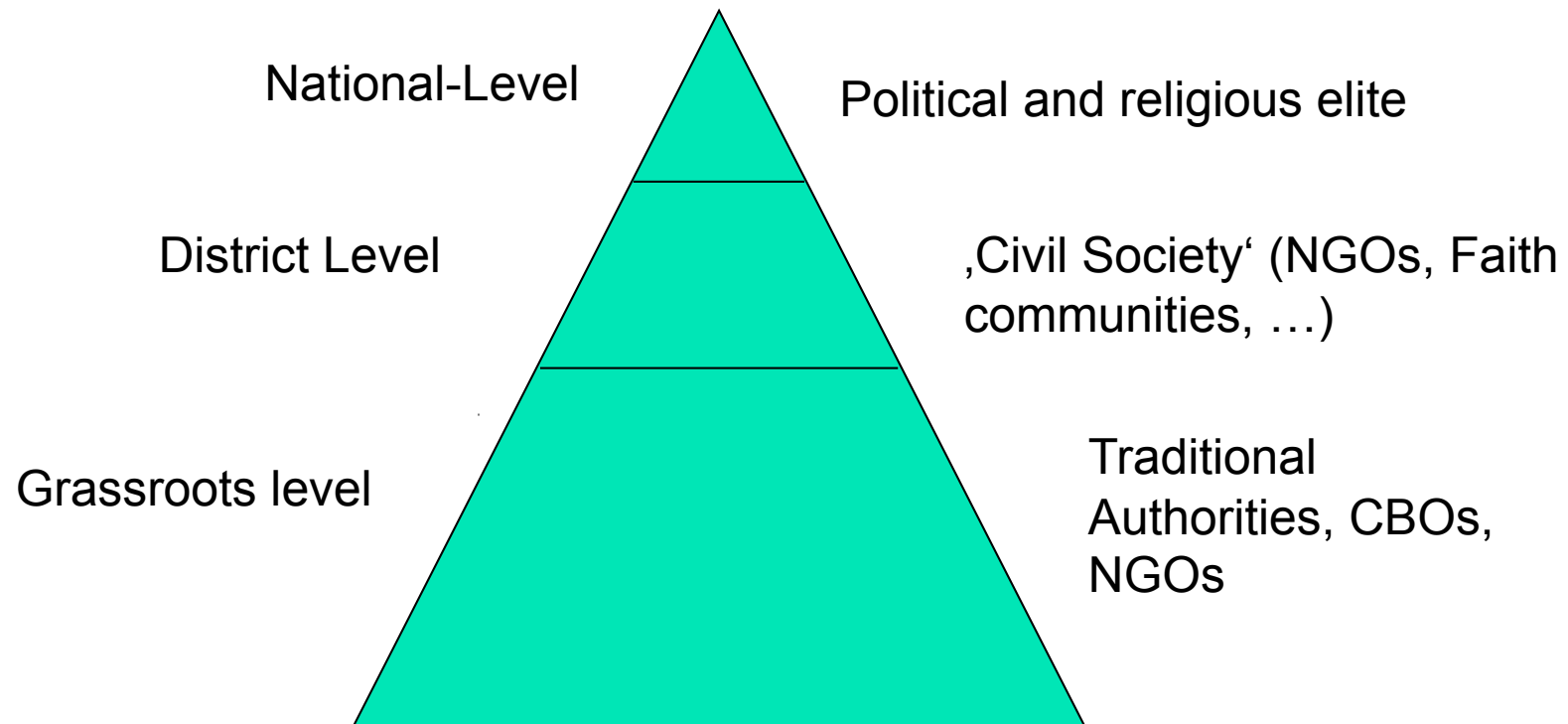
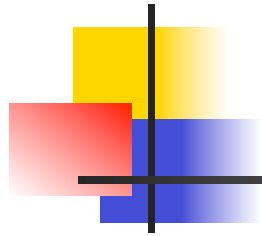
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# Informal Mechanisms of Conflict Management



- Assets of informal mechanisms
  - Time Efficiency
  - Flexibility
  - Broad Range of Actors
  - Conflict Prevention
  - Consensual agreements

# Informal CM Mechanisms in the 2009 Elections



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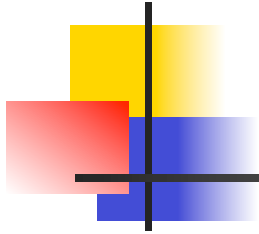
- District Level
  - Multi Party Liaison Committees (MPLCs)
  - Young Politicians Unions (YPU)
  - Mangochi Interfaith Project

# Informal Mechanisms of CM in the 2009 Elections



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- National Level
  - AU – Mission
  - Clergy Mediation
  - Codes of Conduct (Media, Political Parties)
  - High Level Dialogue Forums



# Assessment

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- Creation of political space and facilitation of dialogue
- Enlargened range of active stakeholders
- Broadened scope for stakeholder interaction
- Interactions between micro- and meso-level



# Assessment (continued)

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- Limited capacities and resources, especially at local level
- Lack of enforcability (Clergy Mediation, Codes of Conduct)



# Conclusion

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- Role of dialogue
- Complementary relation between formal and informal system