

# RITC & changing global TC landscape

By

Ayda A. Yurekli, PhD.

Program Leader, RITC

International Development Research Center, Ottawa,  
Canada

*Canadian Dental Association Meeting, April 12, 2007, Ottawa*

**Framework Convention for  
Tobacco Control  
(FCTC)**

**PARTIES  
Ratified- FCTC**

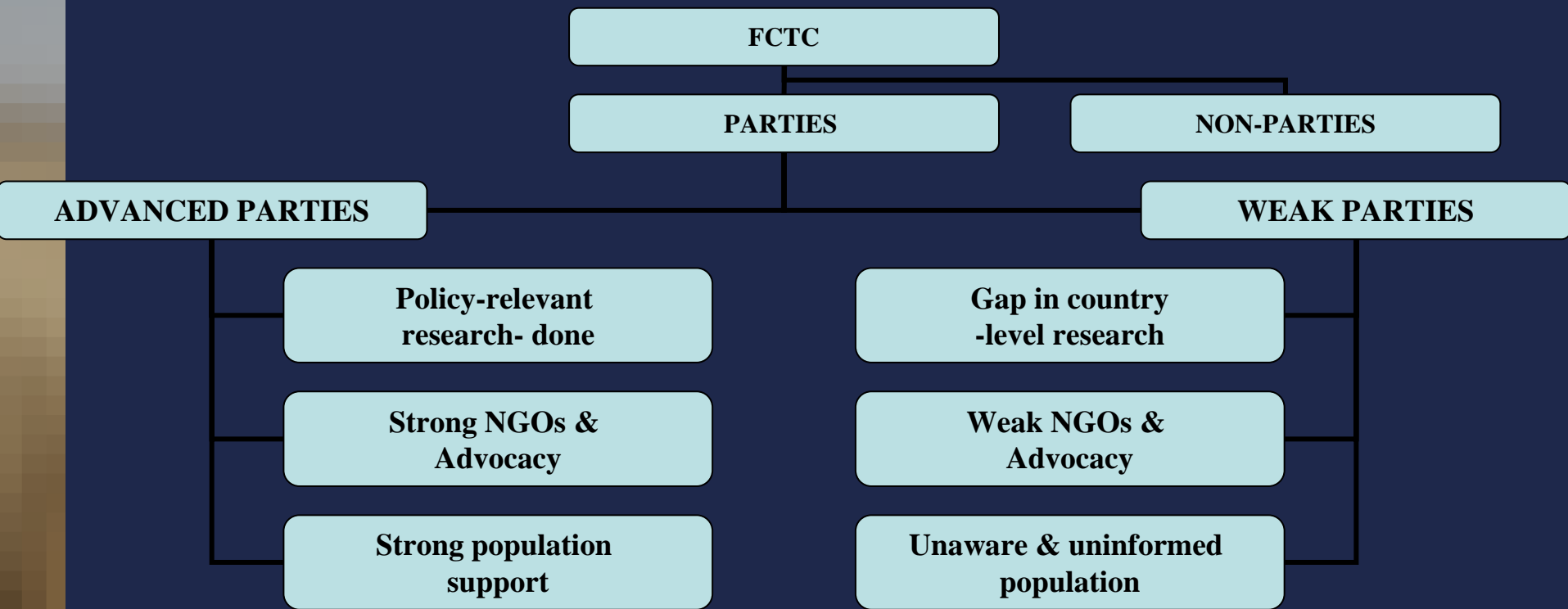
**NON-PARTIES  
Non-ratified**

**ADVANCED PARTIES**

**WEAK PARTIES**

**ACHIEVED ALMOST  
FULL COMPLIANCE**

**NEED TO ACHIEVE  
CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT**



# Benefits of becoming a party

ADVANCED  
PARTIES

Provide financial & technical help

WEAK  
PARTIES

# WHAT ABOUT NON-PARTIES?

## NON-PARTIES

### AFRICA

Angola  
Cote d'Ivory  
Eritrea  
Ethiopia  
Gabon  
Gambia  
Guinea  
Guinea-Bissau  
Liberia  
Malawi  
Mozambique  
Somalia  
Sierra Leone  
Tanzania  
Uganda  
Zambia  
Zimbabwe

### LAC

Argentina  
Bahamas  
Colombia  
Costa Rica  
Cuba  
Dominican Rep  
El Salvador  
Haiti  
Nicaragua  
St. Kitts  
St Vincent  
Suriname

### EAP

Indonesia

### MENA

Bahrain  
Iraq  
Morocco  
Yemen  
Tunisia

### SA

Afghanistan

### ECA

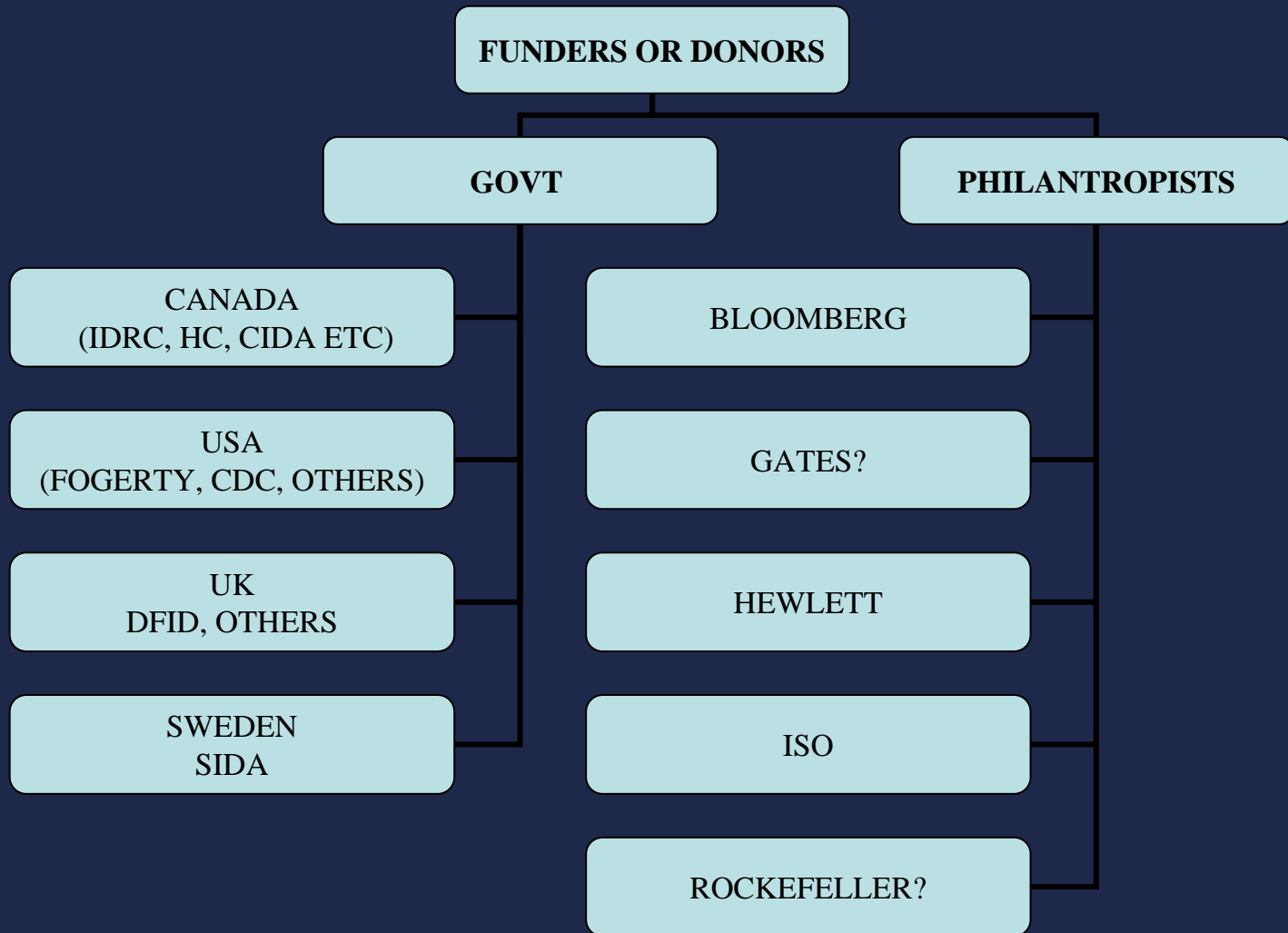
Bosnia  
Croatia  
Czech rep  
Moldova  
Russia  
Tajikistan  
Turkmenistan  
Uzbekistan

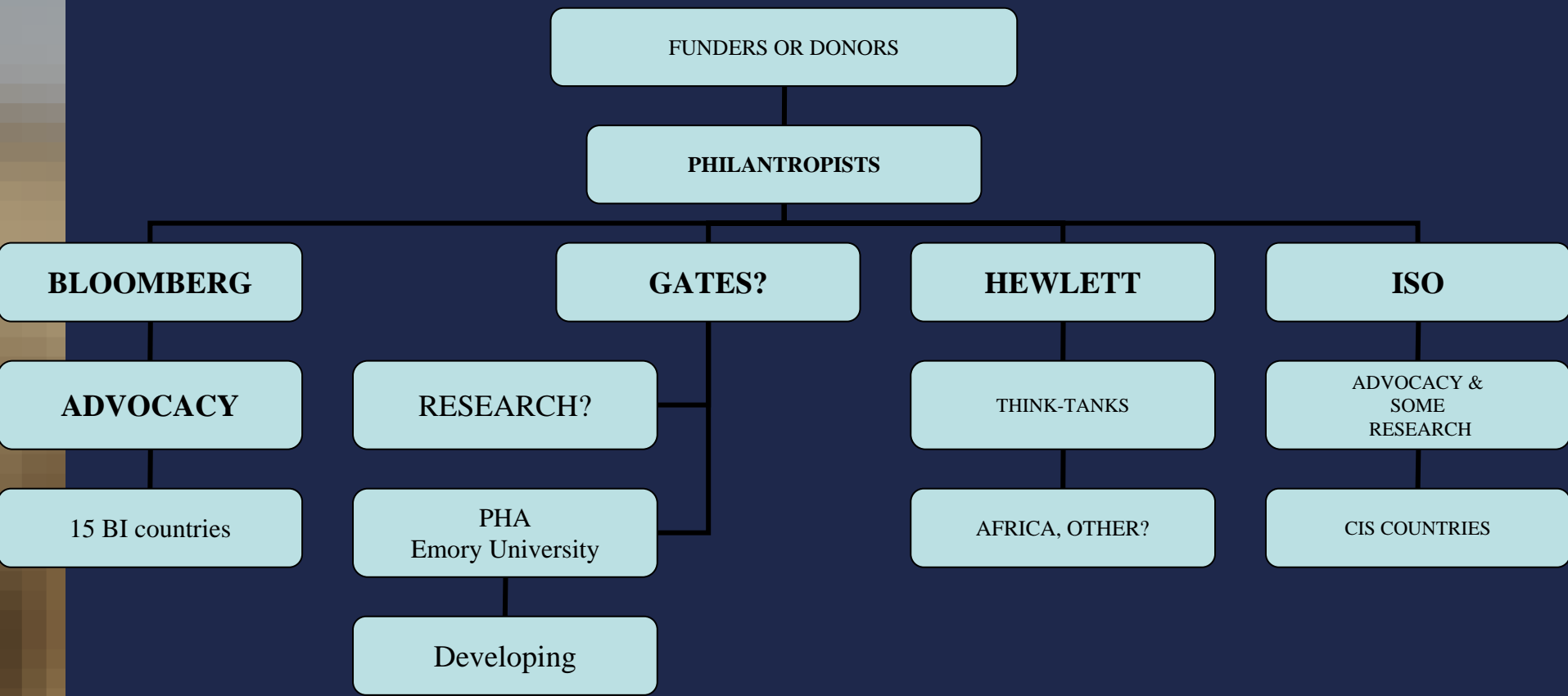
### Europe & NA

Andorra  
Italy  
Switzerland  
USA

# RITC Focused Countries & Regions

- ▶ Africa: **Tanzania (non-party)**, Kenya (**Malawi –non-party**), Zimbabwe, Senegal)
- ▶ Southeast Asia: Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam (China)
- ▶ South Asia: Bangladesh, India (Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan)
- ▶ Latin America/Caribbean: **Argentina-non party-**, Venezuela, Uruguay (Brazil, **Cuba-non party-**, Jamaica, Chile, Mexico)
- ▶ Middle East: Lebanon (Palestine)







RITC & changing global landscape  
-utilizing partners and its own comparative advantage via  
collaboration and coordination -

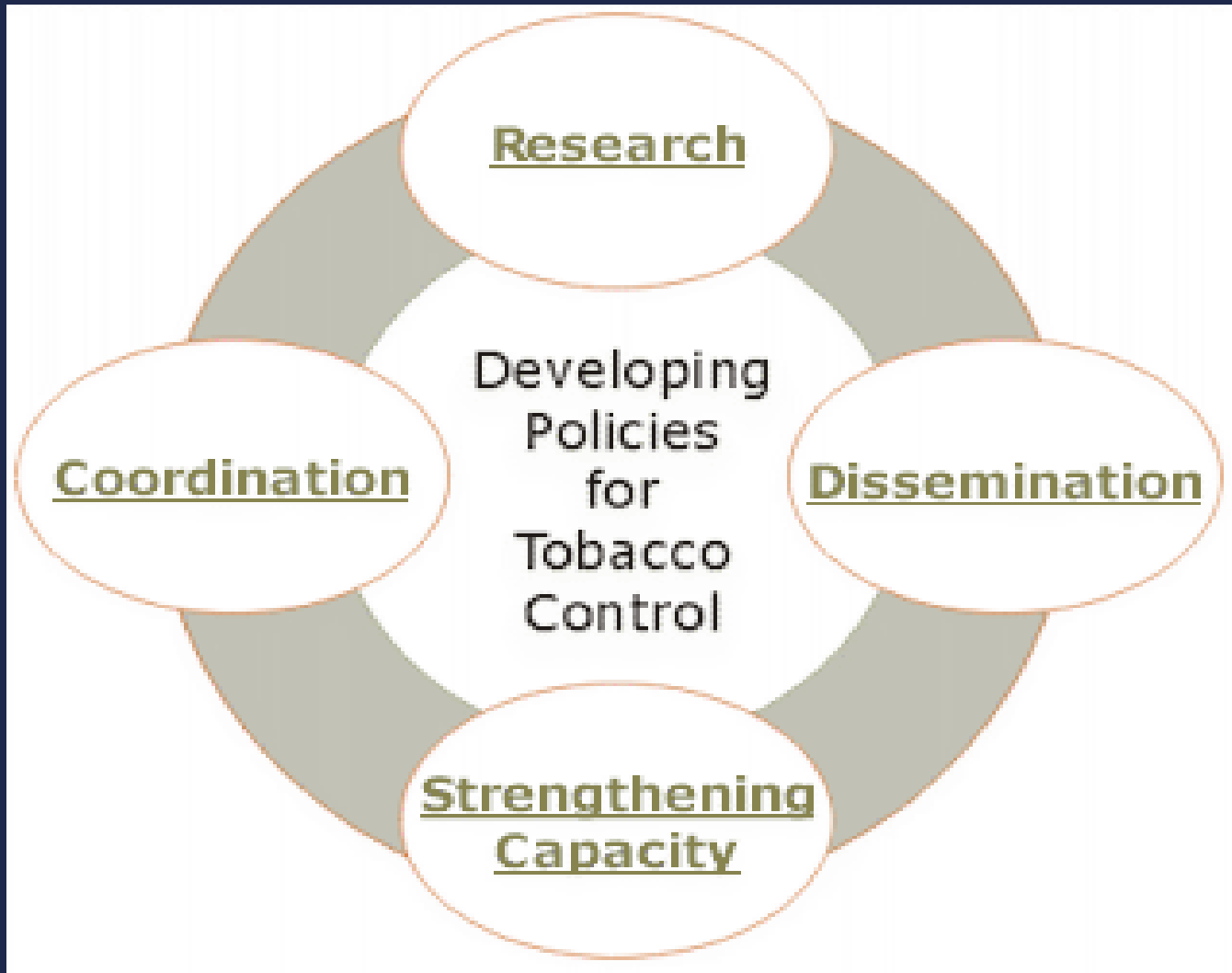
## Research for International Tobacco Control (RITC):

1. No longer a Secretariat – integrated into the IDRC & functions under the Governance, Equity & Health (GEH) umbrella.
2. Receives higher core budget than before.
3. Leading organization on supporting global TC research in the South
4. Still tries to raise funding to support its mission.

# Research for International Tobacco Control (RITC): Mission

To create a strong research, knowledge and funding base for the development of effective tobacco control policies that will minimize the threat of tobacco production and consumption to health and human development in developing countries.

# RITC's Strategic Priorities



# RITC's Priorities & Partnerships

## Developing Policies for TC

### Potential/Ongoing

#### Research

**Canadian Partners:**  
HC; CIDA; CIHR;  
CPHA; CCGHR  
**Bloomberg** (Econ.)  
**Gates; Hewlett; CDC**  
**World Bank; WHO**  
**DFID; ACS**  
**Universities incl.**  
Emory U; JHopkins;  
Tobacco Academy; U.  
Waterloo & Toronto;  
US & South  
**NGOs** (Canadian, US,  
UK, and South)

#### Strengt. capacity

HC  
CDC & CPHA  
Hewlett  
Emory Univ.  
WHO-FCTC, COP2  
NGOs

#### Coordination

IDRC  
Departments;  
Partners in  
South; NGOs

#### Dissemination

Partners in  
South  
WHO  
WB  
Bloomberg  
NGOs

# New Directions for RITC: Strong Partner Collaboration

Focus on priority countries and regions & continue on:

- ▶ **Research by;**
  - ▶ Responding to local needs and emerging topics globally;
  - ▶ Focusing on Tobacco & Development Issues
  - ▶ Filling policy relevant research gap to help countries on implementing FCTC;
- ▶ **Capacity building;**
  - ▶ **Among researchers, advocates and NGOs in the South**
    - ▶ Allocate funding for fellowships to promote new researchers
    - ▶ Train them via RITC mentorship program
  - ▶ **Collaborate and coordinate partnership with Canadian partners; researchers and NGOs with the South to carry Canadian success to Southern countries**
- ▶ **Dissemination &**
- ▶ **Networking**
  - ▶ Domestic and International Organizations, donor agencies