

Policy & Legislative Systems

for

Sustainable Disaster Risk Reduction



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Policy & Legislation

- **Sets out (a) the legal rights of citizens and (b) the duties of the state towards them**
- **To be effective they require regulatory frameworks/ mechanisms**

...they are key elements for creating an enabling environment for DRR...



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*...are key elements of building
sustainable institution for DRR...*

- **Financial & political commitment
essential for effective
implementation**



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Mainstreaming

- **Policy and legislation are key entry points to engage line ministries.**
- **When linked with financial mechanisms can serve as incentives for sectors to get involved in DRR.**



Local perspective in national frameworks

- **Crucial to engage effectively with local level in both formulation & implementation**
- **Strengthened systems and local level are end result**



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Key points:

- **Ensuring national ownership**
- **Avoid ‘one size fits all approaches’**
- **Engaging policy champions**
- **Sustained long-term engagement**



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Key points:

- **Participatory processes and ownership**
- **Feasibility assessment**
- **Stakeholder engagement and capacity in implementation**



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Outstanding issues and challenges:

- **How to generate the political will for reform?**
- **How to achieve participation in and ownership of the legislative and policy process by a wide-range of stakeholders?**
- **What capacities and financial resources are required for implementation at local level?**



Activities and Priorities:

- **Generate political will at highest political level.**
- **Generate financial resources to facilitate reform process.**
- **Ensure support for nationally driven processes.**
- **Promote and build on lessons learnt from other contexts.**
- **Monitor the progress**



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