

CAPACITY BUILDING FOR LAW AND POLICY-MAKING ON INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT

SESSION 0: INTRODUCTION

OVERVIEW

This training package aims to help law and policy-makers and others to develop a national instrument to address internal displacement in a planned and concerted way, and to improve responses to IDPs' rights and needs at both the national and local level.

This introductory session presents the aim of the package, and encourages the participants to get to know one another and agree on how they are to achieve the workshop's objectives, as set out in the agenda, ground rules and methodology. It also presents the rationale for the development and adoption of a national instrument on in country X.

Such an instrument is the state's responsibility and touches upon key elements of sovereignty. Members of a national institution will be asked to provide arguments in favour of its development and justify the organisation of a workshop to support an initiative that aims to improve the country's response to internal displacement.

OBJECTIVES

By the end of the session participants will:

- Better understand the workshop's aim
- Have committed themselves to a seven-step participatory process that leads to an action plan
- Be ready to represent their organisation or institution during group work and other activities
- Be aware of how a national instrument can help to improve responses to displacement
- Understand the rationale for developing such an instrument in country X.
- See its development as an element of sovereignty and an opportunity to engage all stakeholders in a consultative process

KEY MESSAGES

- This is a participatory workshop on a participatory law or policy-making process.
- A national law or policy is an instrument that sets out the government's responsibility for IDPs' protection and assistance.
- The development, adoption and implementation of such an instrument will help to tailor responses to specific displacement situations in country X.
- A national instrument increases the predictability of responses and accountability for them. It lays the ground for prevention mechanisms and a well-organised and collaborative response.
- Country X has an obligation to fulfil its international obligations.

DOCUMENTATION

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- Framework for national responsibility, Brookings-Bern, August 2005
- IASC operational guidelines on protection in situations of natural disasters, January 2011
- IASC framework on durable solutions for IDPs, April 2010