Preconference workshop on national DRR strategies
Item C. Legislative and Regulatory Frameworks

Namibia’s experience in establishing a National DRM Framework based on a sound legislative system
Context: Namibia’s disaster risk challenge

• High vulnerability to disaster and climate risk

• Prolonged El Nino-induced drought, followed by floods

• Sensitivity of strategic development sectors to weather and climate conditions
Context: Namibia’s national DRM system

- Namibia’s national DRM system
- The Constitution of the Republic of Namibia
- Strategy for Mainstreaming DDR and CCA (2017-2021)
- National and Regional Convening / Response Plans

Institutional structure (est. by DRM Act)
Rising to the challenge: Namibia’s DRM legal framework

Disaster Risk Management Act (2012) and Regulations (2013)

• Enabling factor for DRM implementation
• Roles and responsibilities of national institutions: DRM is everybody’s business
• DRM coordination mechanisms at all levels
• Budgetary provisions for DRM including at sectoral level
• Greater integration of DRR issues across sectors
Lessons learned

• Political commitment, leadership and vision
• Everyone needs to contribute
• Allocation of resources is essential
• Awareness needs to be built in every step of the way