

**NATIONAL REPORT AND INFORMATION ON DISASTER REDUCTION
FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON DISASTER REDUCTION KOBE –
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1.0 POLITICAL COMMITMENT AND INSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS

1.1 Yes, there is national policy, strategy and legislation addressing disaster risk reduction in the country. The Act 517 of 1996, established the National Disaster Management Organisation (NADMO) and mandated it to manage disasters and similar emergencies in the country. (See Annex 1)* Strategic Disaster Management Plans have been drawn at the National, Regional and District levels to manage disaster risk reduction.

Mechanisms for Implementation of Legislation include:

- Establishment of NADMO offices at National, Regional, District and Zonal levels.
- Drawing of Disaster Management Plans at National, Regional and District levels.
- Establishment of Technical Committees on disaster-types.
- Co-ordinating the activities of collaborating agencies for disaster management.

1.2 Yes, the National Disaster Management Organisation is the national body for multi-sectoral co-ordination and collaboration in disaster risk reduction.

Structure

The National Disaster Management Organisation (NADMO) is under the Ministry of the Interior. Its governing council is the National Security Council.