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Mainstreaming at Local Level

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Discussion Structure

1. **What factors have enabled** (strengths and opportunities) **mainstreaming EPM into daily local practices?**

2. **What factors have hindered** (weakness and threats) **mainstreaming EPM into daily local practices?**

3. **What national** support is required to facilitate mainstreaming of EPM at the local level?

3. **What changes are required in National, Regional and Global programs to facilitate mainstreaming of EPM at local level?**

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Discussion Tasks

1. Policy & Legislation Aspects

2. Institutional & Organizational Aspects

3. Awareness & Capacity-building Aspects

4. Information Management Systems Aspects

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DISCUSSION CONCLUSSIONS:

ENABLING FACTORS:

{Events that trigger action leading to need to mainstream EPM}

- Public pressure,
- preparation of the Environmental Profile,
- Health threats – epidemics
- Disasters - flooding, Fires, Tsunami

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FACTORS:
Internal factors . (Policy, Institutional/organizational)

. - Cities viewed as a national concern

. - Keep policy makers informed of the EPM process and local
    needs that can be addressed through the EPM.

. - Institutionalization to be understood as a process that starts
    at
    the beginning of the programme.

. - Project should be managed within a broad structure - not
    limited
    to stand alone programme/project management units.

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External factors: (Information management, awareness and capacity building).

. - Creating space for understanding the EPM process: documentation and information dissemination and sharing.

. - Strong peer campaign to ensure awareness at all levels.

. - Facilitate capacity building with clear focus on EPM through anchor institutions

. - Provide a comprehensive monitoring and evaluation system

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WEAKNESS   :   THREARS   to mainstreaming

Policy

- No coordination at national level
- Policies not integrated
- Lack of national framework

Institution/organizational

- Lack of Ownership – decision makers not interested
- Over-reliance on external assistance.
- Lack of understanding – Economic/Planning interface.
- Lack of public/private partnership.

Information Management

- Information flow – not effective – decision makers
  not informed.
- Lack of documentation.

Awareness of capacity building:

- Lack of genuine stakeholder involvement

- Lack of ,

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NATIONAL SUPPORT

- Policy : Establish supportive policy
    Harmonize existing legislative instruments
    Effective Decentralization
    Declare EPM a national Policy
  . Institutional/Organization:
    Ensure national level coordination
    Establish and support Institutional framework
    Formalize Public/private sector involvement
  . Information Management System:
    Inform national level of innovations supporting the EPM
                 Establish national data bank
    Ensure national level documentation and sharing of info.
  Awareness and capacity building:
    Facilitate stakeholder involvement as a national norm.
    Organize donor and development partners meting for
     information and commitment

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CHANGES REQUIRED

- **Donor and development support should be balanced to facilitate local leadership of programmes**
- **Work within and with local systems to ensure EPM integration.**
- **EPM activities should be within the broad development framework of PRSP, UNDAF and MDGs**
- **Provide tools for capacity building and facilitate their use taking into account the local situation.**