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Declaration of the Global Network of Civil Society Organizations working together in disaster risk reduction.

- The DRR definition of governance is at the core of a preventive care strategy and is based on the integration and organisation of multiple actors.
- The Sendai Framework 2015-2030 suggests that governments should include groups living in vulnerable conditions and other actors in decision-making processes with the ultimate goal of policy planning.
- Civil society is made up of diverse groups and this is where inclusion is necessary. Where the voices of women and girls, people with disabilities, older people, indigenous populations and LGBTQ+ communities must be heard, with all their contexts and realities. Thus, governments must promote for these voices to be taken into account and have the power to decide on their destinies and their role in disaster risk management.
- We know that efforts are being made to include civil society perspective in different platforms, including the RP23. However, we also know that our contribution is not always at the decision-making table.
- Governance is a political concept, which requires clear rules of operation with the incorporation of civil society organisations in the whole process of risk management.
- The validation of public policies in DRR goes through the process of collective development, and civil society is an important ally not only in the process of development - which is what we aspire to - but also in the management and monitoring of these policies.
- We believe we should focus our efforts on governance within the field of DRR.



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- We believe that the process of building governance must have a concrete territorial perspective with clearly defined spaces. Such approach will exercise a community management that makes feasible a strategy of collaborative spirit, which governance undoubtedly promotes.
- We are ready to go through these collaborative processes.