

Multi-stakeholder process legality assurance

GROUP I (Canada room)

Issues

- Why do we need an LAS?
- MSPs on LAS need to part of wider processes (nfps)
- MSP need to be seen in national and local CONTEXT (democratic culture, etc.)
- Should have clear mandate, rules of engagement, accountability and commitment to implementation

Issues

- We seek EFFECTIVE dialogues, not just dialogues
- MSPs need leadership in all stages
- What is legal is not necessarily legitimate
- Decisions need to be based on validated and credible facts

Purpose (strengths):

- Reaching a sustainable agreement
- Enhance credibility and efficiency
- MSPs should not replace failing governments but enhance governance and equity/justice
- Define and agree on roles and responsibilities

Weaknesses

- Time consuming
- Costly with costs increasing with SH numbers
- Hard to keep continuity
- Who selects who participates?
- How do you deal with asymmetric powers?
- Unequal access to knowledge and information

Legitimacy

- Helpful to have clear criteria for inclusion (e.g., representativeness, accountability, shared urgency, agreement to rules of engagements, commitment to results, embrace democratic principles)