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# Role Play on having advocacy action to convince government authorities to positioned humanitarian concerns in cc policy and position RC role respectively

Duration: 1 hour

Materials required: cut piece paper, board and paper marker.

Session objective: Develop knowledge and skills to carry out advocacy actions for profiling NSs contribution in the adaptation plan development and implementation process.

Scenario: You have checked the draft national “climate change adaptation policy”, which you think does not adequately address humanitarian challenges of climate change. You are now working with your Secretary General and the heads of the disaster management and health departments to prepare for a meeting with the government officials responsible for adaptation policy and planning. Your interests of the meeting are:

* **How can humanitarian concerns be better included in a revised draft of the national climate change policy?**
* **What role could your National Society could play in implementing a policy more focused on adaptation for vulnerable people?**

Process: The introduction of the role play will have five minutes. The entire participants will be divided in 5 groups using cut piece paper (different colors) and 3 groups will play a role of National Society representatives and 2 groups will be government authority. Each group will get responsibility of role to be played by using lottery. The NS groups will be placed in one place and prepare for answering the above questions and government groups will be another side and prepare little bit difficult/ more reluctant role as in many cases government authorities are busy with their regular jobs and may not familiar on what Red Cross could contribute. The preparation time will be ten minutes.

After preparation there will be designated seats for both government and NS members who will be sitting face to face and continued for 5 minutes role play. One of the government team will be dealing with two NS delegation and another only one NS delegation. While having role play rests of the participants are requested to observe carefully and make a note on: what you have seen, what went well, what could have been done better? Once these meetings are over, they will be requested in respective chairs and start feedback session which will be continued for around 20 minutes. The feedbacks will be provided by observer participants and facilitators. Finally, there will be a wrap up session.