

Policy Agenda of Local Government Associations

** Current status / assumptions:*

- *Most of LGAs have developed their Strategic Plans and Annual Work Programs*
 - *There are only few examples of separate POLICY Agenda with specified policy topics / legislations which the association plans to address in a defined timeline*
 - *There is a correlation between presence of policy agenda which clearly defines legislation priorities and the number of successful negotiations on changing policies in favour of local government*
 - *Policy AGENDA should be the main instrument to link the political will of majority of members of associations through association board in the one hand and the work of technical committees in the other side of the policy process*
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Purpose:

- Identify common policy topics which will be the bases for NALAS future policy priorities and possible actions through quick response programs and Task Force activities.
- Discuss and compare different policy development process.

Recommended workshop setting:

A table for the facilitator and key note speakers in the centre. 6 -7 roundtables for the other participants. All tables are equipped with microphones.

Facilitator: Kelmend Zajazi

Possible discussion questions:

1. Which are the three priority topics / policy issues / legislation projects in which your association will be involved during 2009 / 2010?
2. How do you decide on which legislation projects your association will be involved in the next 1 to 2 years?
3. How are your members involved in this process (both political and technical levels)?
4. Share examples of situations when you have prepared your policy positions in advance and approached government; and other situations when the government approached you with a draft law and ask for your comment.
5. How can NALAS network support your association in the policy development field?