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# Role of Telecommunications / ICTs for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management for the Americas 14 Sept 2021



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### What is the IMPACCT project?

A network of strategic partners  
Collective and coordinated approaches to  
support national coordination mechanisms  
to facilitate and speed up the importation  
and customs clearance of emergency relief  
goods.

# IMPACCT: WHAT IS THE GOAL AND DESIRED OUTCOMES?

Goal

Preparedness measures are in place that minimize bureaucratic Customs access impediments and enable rapid humanitarian response

Objectives

Enhance readiness of the international humanitarian system

Enhance readiness of Member States to respond to disaster

Strategies

Support preparedness for humanitarian actors through capacity building in the role and processes of Customs

Enhance collaboration and co-ordination at Regional level

Support mechanisms for data and Information Exchange

Policy: advocate for ratification of international Customs conventions and adoption into national legal frameworks

Advocate for clearly communicated Customs procedures for humanitarian settings

Provide capacity building support to Customs administrations

Strengthen collaboration and co-ordination at National Level and Regional Level

Advocate for use of information technology to simplify Customs procedures for humanitarian response



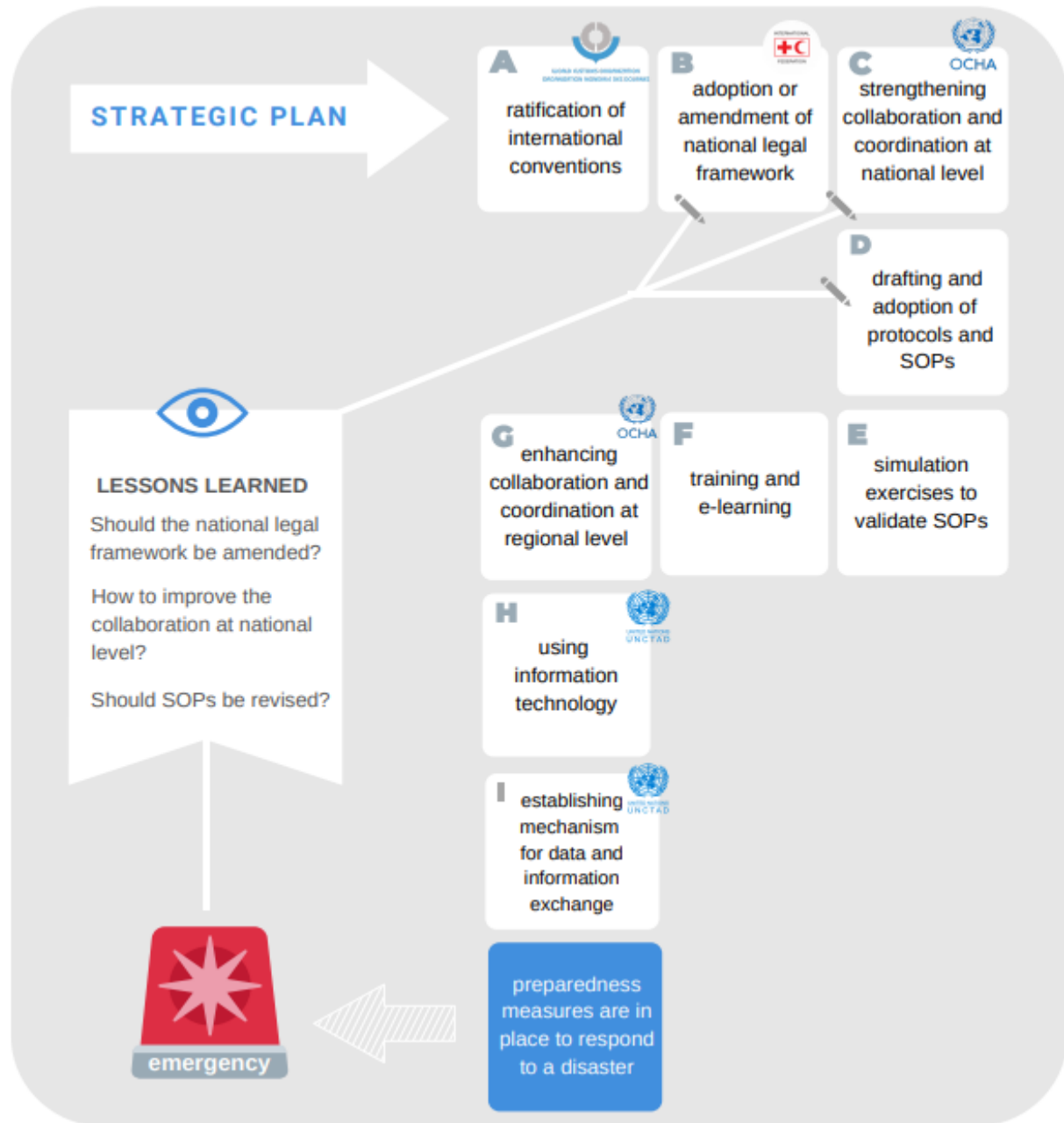
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# What happens when a disaster strikes?

- Communications, mobile networks are down
- Immediate deployment of UNDAC, INSARAG and EMTs
- Establishment of an osocc and a one-stop-shop
- Activation of the coordination mechanisms (ERC, logistics cluster, telecommunication cluster etc)

# IMPACCT: ADVOCACY AND CO- ORDINATION OF THE GLOBAL STRATEGY





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## International instruments

- International Convention on the Simplification and Harmonization of Customs procedures – annex J-5 (Revised Kyoto convention) – Custodian: WCO
- Convention on Temporary Admission, also known as the Istanbul Convention (Custodian: WCO)
- Convention On the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations (Tampere convention) – Custodian: ITU



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Adoption or amendment of the national law

- Guidelines for the domestic facilitation and regulation of international disaster relief and initial recovery assistance (IFRC)
- Guidelines for developing national emergency telecommunication plans (ITU)
- Recommendation for Cross border facilitation measures for disaster relief (UNECE)



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Collaboration and Coordination

Activation of coordination mechanisms

Coordinated Border Management





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# During the emergency response phase

Activation of the mechanisms

Information sharing

Clear messages

## Haiti



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