11. Whereas some progress in reducing losses has been achieved, a substantial reduction requires perseverance and persistence with a more explicit focus on persons and on measuring progress. Building on the HFA, the present framework aims to achieve the following outcome over the next 20 years:

*The substantial reduction of disaster losses, in lives, and in the social, economic and environmental assets of persons, communities and countries.*

The realization of this outcome requires the full stated commitment and involvement of the political leadership at every level in every country. Responsibilities should be shared *and clearly defined* by central governments and *local authorities* and all stakeholders, as appropriate to their national circumstances and system of governance.

14. The present framework applies to the risk of small and large-scale, frequent and infrequent, and slow-onset disasters caused by natural hazards and related environmental, technological *and biological* hazards and risks, and aims to guide the multi-hazard management of disaster risk in development at local, national, regional and global levels.