

Executive Committee of the national commission (ECNC)

An Executive Committee is established by the president to review specific disaster threats and to recommend intervention to the National Commission. The president chairs this Executive Committee. An Executive Secretary based at the Emergency and Disaster Management office (EDMO) acts as the liaison and secretary to the ECNC. The members of the Executive Committee meet regularly with the Director General of Emergency and Disaster Management office to discuss major issues and recommend policy direction. The committee is chaired by the President or Vice President by Presidential assignment, and consists of the following ministries:

- ✓ Interior
- ✓ Agriculture
- ✓ MRRD
- ✓ Health
- ✓ Reconstruction
- ✓ Finance
- ✓ Defense
- ✓ Irrigation and Environment
- ✓ Planning
- ✓ Information and Communication
- ✓ Education
- ✓ Foreign Affairs
- ✓ Women's Affairs

The ECNC is intended to be a mechanism to help the effective management of a large National Commission membership by enabling its expansion or reduction on the needs of the government in the following manner:

- The peace time ECNC consists of lead ministries/department as listed above, it is expanded to include support ministries and provincial authorities from affected areas during times of emergencies.
- The president, following the declaration of a state of disaster calls the expanded ECNC depending on the scale of the emergency, and dissolves it at the end of the emergency period.

The 3 concurrent priorities agenda items for 2004-2006 of the ECNC are a) development of adequate emergency and disaster response capability and plans throughout the administrative structures at the national, regional and local level; b) preparedness and mitigation activities at the community –level; and c) risk and vulnerability reduction through national development programming