Success Factors for Sustainable & Institutionalised CBDRM – Africa

**Sustainability**

**Permanence**
1. Establish mechanisms to facilitate consultation of stakeholders
2. Ensure active participation of vulnerable groups

**Effectiveness**
1. Ensure that activities are driven by the community (community needs)
2. Encourage collaboration between CSOs, government and communities

**Ownership**
1. Encourage communities to be the main implementers of CBDRM activities
2. Rely on local knowledge as much as possible for shaping CBDRM activities

**Adaptiveness**
1. Take into consideration cultural knowledge in designing activities (eg ensure you consider aspects of cultural heritage, religious beliefs, etc.)
2. Encourage self-organisation (eg establishment of local committees, CBOs, etc.)

**Inclusion**
1. Marginalised groups should be identified before starting the project to ensure they are all included
2. Social mobilisation: Social groups (women, youth, elders, etc.) should raise their voices and share any concerns they may have

**Institutionalisation**

**Policy environment**
1. Create governance mechanisms that encourage inclusion of all groups and communities
2. Ensure that DRR frameworks are decentralised, as activities are often implemented at the rural level

**Structures & mechanisms**
1. Promote synergies and linkages between different strategies, policies (eg SDGs, climate change, food security, etc.)
2. Adapt the existing structures (or create new ones) to enable community participation

**Capacities**
1. Local resources and capacities need to be leveraged
2. Capacity development activities for communities should be planned alongside the CBDRM activities

**Culture**
1. Promote a spirit of solidarity and mutual support among stakeholders
2. Local practices of CBDRM should be integrated into newly developed practices

**Funding**
1. Ensure transparency in budget allocation and funding of community-level projects
2. Build on existing mechanisms for resource mobilisation at the community level (encourage community-level financial contributions to the project)

**Accountability**
1. Encourage the creation of local bodies that would act as watchdogs to keep institutions accountable
2. Leverage existing community structures to increase transparency and honesty in resource management by budget holders