



Note by the co-facilitators of the initial meeting of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts¹

I. Summary of proceedings and interim outcomes of the initial meeting of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts

1. The initial meeting of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts (Excom) took place from 25 to 28 March 2014 in the United Nations Campus in Bonn, Germany.²

2. The meeting was opened by the Executive Secretary and the President of the Conference of the Parties, and co-facilitated by two members of the Excom, Mr. Thiago de Araujo Mendes and Mr. Matti Nummelin.³

1. The task set out by the COP for the Excom was to develop its initial two-year workplan for the implementation of the functions of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts,⁴ taking into account issues outlined in decision 3/CP.19, paragraphs 6 and 7, for consideration at the forty-first sessions of the subsidiary bodies (December 2014).

3. In addition to the ten interim members of the Excom, the meeting was attended by 47 observers from Parties, and relevant organizations and stakeholders engaged in work related to addressing loss and damage associated with climate change impacts.

4. The discussion took place in the plenary and breakout groups where the observers actively participated in the discussions in the latter setting and provided comments in the plenary. In addition, some of the drafting work was undertaken by designated small groups of the members. The following section describes the proceedings of the discussions during the meeting.

5. Following general introductions and discussions on strategies for organizing the work for the meeting on Day 1, participants initiated, on Day 2, consideration of the draft workplan by brainstorming in two breakout groups, which resulted in some clustering of elements into possible work streams/areas as well as possible actions/activities.

6. The deliberations continued in a different set of two breakout groups on Day 3. One group focused on the following issue areas: migration and displacement, slow onset events, extreme events, non-economic losses, risk assessment and management, humanitarian assistance, and social protection and safety nets; while the other group took up issues related to means of implementation as well as emerging and strategic issues.

¹ Revision of 3 June 2014.

² For further details on the meeting, see <<http://unfccc.int/8107>>.

³ For the interim membership of the Excom, see <<http://unfccc.int/8018>>.

⁴ Decision 2/CP.19, paragraph 9.

7. The Excom advanced the consideration of different work areas mainly in small group settings on Day 4. However, there was not sufficient time to discuss the outcomes of the small group discussion in the plenary setting before the meeting was suspended late into the night.

8. The Excom expressed its appreciation for the active engagement by the observers, reiterated its firm commitment to fulfil the task entrusted by the COP, and agreed to resume its deliberations at a later time to be determined in due course. The material elaborated and shared among the members during the initial meeting (see Table 1 below) will be considered by the Excom when it continues its work.

9. The information on further work of the Excom will be made available on the UNFCCC website.⁵

Table 1

Outcomes of discussions made available in hard copy in the plenary during the initial meeting

	Outcomes of discussions made available in hard copy	Process
Day 2	a) Clustering of elements into possible work streams/areas as well as possible actions/activities	Two breakout groups
	b) Compilation of the outcomes of the two breakout groups into a single document	Designated small group of members
Day 3	c) A 16 page-table containing potential inputs for a draft workplan, on the following topics: migration and displacement; slow onset events extreme events; non-economic losses; risk assessment and management; humanitarian assistance; and social protection and safety nets	Breakout group
	d) A table containing potential inputs for a draft workplan, on means of implementation	Breakout group
Day 4	e) A 4 page-streamlined version of the table mentioned in (c) above	Designated small group of members
	f) A table with components related to means of implementation	Co-facilitators, based on the outcome of the breakout group on Day 3, with inputs provided by the members on related deliverables/milestone
	g) A table with components related to emerging and strategic areas	Co-facilitators with inputs provided by the members and a written input from an observer
	h) Re-formatted versions of the documents (e) and (f) mentioned above	Secretariat
	i) Two written textual proposals related to a finance component which were provided on Day 3 and Day 4	Individual member
	j) A textual message of a plea for change in direction	Individual member

⁵ <<http://unfccc.int/8018>>.

II. Way forward

17. The Excom plans to continue its work on the development of the draft initial two-year workplan in a three-day meeting to be held in July-August. The notifications will be made available on the UNFCCC website once details on the exact dates and venue are finalized.

18. The output of the meeting will be the Excom's draft initial two-year workplan, to be considered by Parties at the forty-first sessions of the subsidiary bodies (December 2014).

19. The Excom plans to resume its initial meeting with the following considerations relating to the modalities and the process of the meeting:

(a) The work continues mainly in the plenary setting with possibility of utilizing a breakout group setting as needed;

(b) Observers' inputs are welcomed for consideration by the Excom. Further information will be made available on the UNFCCC website in due course;

(c) To ensure transparency, a webcast will be established for the meeting, subject to practical feasibility.

20. Before the meeting, sufficient time will be allocated for the secretariat to brief observers about the mandate of the Excom and how observers can engage in the work process.
