Technical meeting on Migration, Displacement and Human Mobility

In the context of Action Area 6 of the initial two-year workplan of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage

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Loss and damage associated with climate change impacts

- Slow onset events
- Extreme events

ECONOMIC LOSSES
- INCOME
- PHYSICAL ASSETS

NON-ECONOMIC LOSSES
- INDIVIDUALS
- SOCIETY
- ENVIRONMENT

Examples of impacts:
- Drought
- Desertification
- Sea level rise
- Tropical cyclone
- Storm surge
What are the Warsaw International Mechanism & its Executive Committee?

**Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss & Damage**

To address loss and damage associated with impacts of climate change, including extreme events and slow onset events, in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change (Decision 2/CP.19)

**Three Functions:**

1. Enhancing understanding
2. Enhancing dialogue, coordination, coherence, synergies
3. Enhancing action and support

**Executive Committee**

Guides the implementation of the functions of the Mechanism.
Composed of 20 members

Expert groups, technical panels, etc.

To help execute the work of the Executive Committee
Chronology and milestones

2010 - 2013
- COP 16 (2010)
  Work programme on loss and damage established

2011
- COP 17 (2011)
  Role of the COP in addressing loss and damage agreed

2012
- COP 18 (2012)
  Role of the COP in addressing loss and damage agreed

2013
- COP 19 (2013)
  Warsaw International Mechanism and its Executive Committee established

2014
- COP 20 (2014)
  Workplan and the organization of the Executive Committee approved

2015 - 2016
- COP 21 (2015)
  Paris Agreement and the accompanying Decision

2017 - 2022
- COP 22 (2016)
  Review of the Warsaw International Mechanism
  Adoption of a five-year rolling workplan
The initial 2-year workplan of the Executive Committee provides for nine Action Areas (AA) for initial work on loss and damage:

- **AA1|** Particularly vulnerable developing countries, populations, ecosystems
- **AA2|** Comprehensive risk management approaches
- **AA3|** Slow onset events
- **AA4|** Non-economic losses
- **AA5|** Resilience, recovery & rehabilitation
- **AA6|** Migration, displacement & human mobility
- **AA7|** Financial instruments & tools
- **AA8|** Complement, draw upon the work of and involve other bodies
- **AA9|** Development of a 5-year rolling workplan

For details of the initial two-year workplan, see [unfccc.int/8805](http://unfccc.int/8805)
Enhance the understanding of and expertise on how the impacts of climate change are affecting patterns of migration, displacement and human mobility; and the application of such understanding and expertise.

INVITE (a) Invite relevant organizations and experts to provide scientific information on projected migration and displacement based on projected climate and non-climate related impacts in vulnerable populations.
Inputs received in the form of:
- Letters
- Journal articles
- Reports
- Papers, etc.

Inputs contain rich information, including:
- Case studies
- Current practices
- Lessons learned
- Recommendations, etc.

All submissions received are available at unfccc.int/9508
Some current practices contained in the inputs:

**Disaster preparedness**
- Early warning systems *(Bangladesh)*
- “Culture of prevention” campaigns *(Chile)*
- “Life-saving activity” preventing unsafe migration *(Haiti)*
- Special Guide on Assistance *(Mexico)*

**Planned relocation programs**
- National guidelines on planned relocation *(Fiji)*
- Planned, voluntary relocation program *(Papua New Guinea)*

**Regularization requirements**
- Post-earthquake programs for Haitians *(Ecuador, Venezuela, Brazil)*
- “Transitory resident” status *(Argentina)*
- Consular documents *(Mexico)*
- Review of migration laws (Peru, Brazil, Bolivia, Paraguay)

**Institutional structures**
- Committee for Assistance to Nationals Abroad established to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs *(Colombia)*
- Plan Sismo *(Mexico)*
- Emergency Internal Committee to the Int’l Aid Unit *(Chile)*

**Non-return policies**
- Suspension of involuntary return *(UK, Germany, Netherlands)*
- Fast-track visa applications *(Canada, Australia)*
- Ad-hoc visa categories *(Australia)*

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**Background**

Under Action Area 6 of its Initial two-year workplan ‘Enhance the understanding of and expertise on how the impacts of climate change are affecting patterns of migration, displacement and human mobility, and the application of such understanding and expertise,’ the Executive Committee invites UN organizations, expert bodies and relevant initiatives to collaborate with the Executive Committee to distil relevant information, lessons learned and good practices from their activities.

In this context, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) will hold a technical meeting, on 27-29 July in Morocco, to bring together members of the Executive Committee, national and regional experts, representatives from International and United Nations organizations as well as the academic community.

Visit the technical meeting webpage at [unfccc.int/9682](http://unfccc.int/9682)
• Recognition of importance of averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage

• Overarching areas of cooperation and facilitation to enhance understanding, action and support

• Establish a **task force** to complement, draw upon the work of and involve, as appropriate, existing bodies and expert groups under the Convention including the Adaptation Committee and the LDC Expert Group, as well as relevant organizations and expert bodies outside the Convention, to develop recommendations for integrated approaches to avert, minimize and address displacement related to the adverse impacts of climate change
EXPECTATIONS FROM THE MEETING

The Excom looks forward to leave the meeting with:

• **A set of synthesized documents** containing information on the relevant information, lessons learned and good practices from the activities of organizations and experts → Excom will make available online

• **Enhanced understanding**, based on sound science, of migration and displacement, including of characteristics of vulnerable populations that may become mobile owing to factors related to climate change impacts

• **Enhanced collaboration**: identify/establish relationships at multiple levels to foster partnership, dialogue, synergy

• A set of initial inputs/recommendations to support the work of the task force on displacement

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For further information on loss and damage under the UNFCCC

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Thank you!