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Initial Meeting of the Interim ExCom of the WIM for Loss and Damage

**UNFCCC Secretariat**

Bonn, Germany

**REF: INPUT FOR THE 2-YEAR WORK PROGRAMME OF THE EXCOM**

Dear Co-facilitators,

ACT Alliance submit for your consideration the following input for the Excom's draft initial 2-year workplan for the implementation of the functions of the Warsaw International Mechanism for L&D.

We appreciate the opportunity to contribute to such relevant work and we renew our commitment to keep in supporting the progress and consolidation of the mechanism.

Sincerely,

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**Inputs and suggested actions**  
**Two - year Workplan Initial Draft**  
**Implementation of Functions of the Warsaw International Mechanism**



Function/Mandate	Suggested Action	Milestone/Deliverable	Period	Responsible	Comment
<b>a) Enhancing knowledge and understanding of comprehensive risk management approaches to address loss and damage</b>					
(i) Action to address gaps in the understanding of and expertise in approaches to address L&D	<p>1. To establish an expert/panel group to be task with the elaboration of a concept framework and guidelines for the WIM to integrate the work of L&amp;D into:</p> <p>a) National Adaptation Plans with particular focus on displacement and human mobility due to climate change slow onset events, adverse effects and impacts, also considering resilience and recovery</p> <p>b) Comprehensive risk management approaches including risk transfer and risk sharing</p> <p>c) Comprehensive approaches to establishes Value At Risk (VAR) of strategic national assets which are not subject to adaptation</p> <p>d) Private sector activities with particular focus on insurance schemes</p>	Expert/Panel Report (technical recommendation) to be reported/presented during intersessionals Guidelines document to be reported/presented during intersessionals	Q2 2015	Excom with the assistance of the Secretariat and the Adaptation Committee	The Adaptation Fund supported the elaboration of NAPs to most of the LDCs and many of them stressed the need of better addressing L&D when referring to recovery and recomposition of loss social structures (non economic losses)

	<p>2. To call for submissions by Parties, observers and relevant bodies and organisations to better understand how vulnerable population are/were affected by slow onset events and how the implementation of different approaches within WIM to address L&amp;D can benefit those population</p>	<p>Submissions provided to the Secretariat</p>	<p>Q3 or Q4 2015</p>	<p>Excom with the assistance of the Secretariat</p>	<p>Parties can act as a first filter to local and regional knowledge on different approaches to address L&amp;D to advance quicker and efficiently to address gaps in understanding.</p>
<p>(ii) Collection, sharing, management and use of relevant data and information, including gender-disaggregated data;</p>	<p>1. To develop ToR, as appropriate channel to interact and to work along other relevant organisations and expert bodies outside the convention</p>	<p>ToR including modalities to interact with relevant organisations at all levels, should consider regional centres, multilateral and bilateral institutions and international networks</p>	<p>Q4 2014</p>	<p>ExCom</p>	<p>UN Regional Economic Commissions developed and maintain databases of economic and non-economic losses, also develop methods and techniques for valuing L&amp;D and it would be useful to work in an integrated manner with them. Also multilateral institutions such as the World Bank conducted assessment of the potential but avoidable losses of "strategic assets" of the countries economic superstructure. ToR will allow the ExCom and its potential working groups to access that kind of information for framework development</p>

<p>(iii) Provision of overviews of best practices, challenges, experiences and lessons learned in undertaking approaches to address loss and damage;</p>	<p>1. To organise an annual forum bringing together leading thinkers, experts, and practitioners institutions to share experiences, lessons learned and best practices in addressing loss and damage</p>	<p>Expert meeting with key stakeholders and institutions, including practitioners Sistematisation (summary report) for the ExCom</p>	<p>Q3 2015</p>	<p>ExCom with the assistance of the Observers</p>	<p>One product could be a summary report regarding lessons learnt, good practices and recommendations related to the most vulnerable population</p>
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<b>b) Strengthening dialogue, coordination, coherence and synergies among relevant stakeholders</b>					
(i) Providing leadership and coordination and, as and where appropriate, oversight under the Convention, on the assessment and implementation of approaches to address loss and damage	1. To asses through a cross cutting approach (considering e.g. particular contexts such as migration, displacement and non-economic losses) the current and future situation of potential losses and damages in LDCs, AOSIS and Most Vulnerable Countries (MVCs)	Summary report with recommendations for actions and next steps	1Q 2016	ExCom with the assistance of the Secretariat and the UN Representative on DRR	It is important to start measuring and sizing the needs of those countries in a non-desire scenario if the Paris agreement is not ambitious enough. There is already a recurrence on affected countries by extreme events
(ii) Fostering dialogue, coordination, coherence and synergies among all relevant stakeholders, institutions, bodies, processes and initiatives outside the Convention, with a view to promoting cooperation and collaboration across relevant work and activities at all levels	1. To identify options for designing and implementing within WIM Country-driven risk management strategies (including risk reduction, risk transfer and risk-sharing mechanisms) for achieving disaster resilience and to reduce disaster losses in coordination with the UN Representative of DRR and the HFA	Special Report to be consider under SBI and COP	2Q 2016	ExCom with the assistance of the Secretariat and the UN Representative on DRR	Need to consider the Review of the Implementation of the HFA and the adoption of the successor framework

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<b>c) Enhancing action and support, including finance, technology and capacity building to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change,</b>					
(i) Provision of technical support and guidance on approaches to address loss and damage associated with climate change impacts, including extreme events and slow onset events;	To call for submissions by Parties, observers and relevant bodies and organisations specifying particular needs and expectations how the WIM could and should provide technical support and guidance in order to strengthen national strategies of Parties addressing loss and damage associated with climate change	Submissions provided by the Secretariat and synthesis report elaborated by the ExCom	Q1-2 2016	ExCom with the assistance of the Secretariat	Parties should be encouraged to develop or strengthen national strategies to address and limit losses and damages and specify their concrete expectations regarding technical support and guidance provided by the WIM

<p>(ii) Provision of information and recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties when providing guidance relevant to reducing the risks of loss and damage, where necessary, addressing loss and damage, including to the operating entities of the financial mechanism of the Convention, as appropriate;</p>	<p>To establish an expert group (including SCF, and other expert bodies) to be tasked to present a common technical report exploring and assessing different option to mobilise financial resources to enhancing action and providing support to vulnerable countries in addressing loss and damage; this should include existing as well as new financial mechanisms, e.g. including World Bank and Regional Developing Banks, GCF, green/blue/ disaster bonds, disaster insurance facilities</p>	<p>Expert group report with technical recommenadations to be presented and discussed during COP 22</p>	<p>Q3 2016</p>	<p>ExCom in cooperation with SCF and assisted by the Secretariat</p>	<p>The report can provide information on feasible financing solutions and thereby a basis for further discussions and decisions on providing financial rressources adequate to fulfil the functions of WIM</p>
<p>(iii) Facilitating the mobilization and securing of expertise, and enhancement of support, including finance, technology and capacity-building, to strengthen existing approaches and, where necessary, facilitate the development and implementation of additional approaches to address loss and damage</p>	<p>To establish an expert group to be tasked with the elaboration of a technical synthesis report (based on all the inputs elaborated under the workplan), how to structure a functional task force/response unit with operational capacities under the WIM in order to enhance action and provide support to Parties, including finance, technology and capacity building, to address losses and damages associated with climate change</p>	<p>Expert group report with technical recommenadations to be presented and discussed duting COP 22</p>	<p>Q4 2015</p>	<p>ExCom with the assistance of the Secretariat and in cooperation with the SCF, the AC and the TEC</p>	<p>The report can provide a basis to develop operative capacities under the WIM which have the capacity to enhance action and support to address loss and damage in the next phase; a close co-operation with other bodies under the UNFCCC can help to ensure coherence and to mobilize synergies</p>