

Initial 2-year workplan of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts (Excom) in accordance with decisions 3/CP.18 and 2/CP.19

1. Enhance the understanding of how loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change affects particularly vulnerable developing countries; segments of the population that are already vulnerable owing to geography, socioeconomic status, livelihoods, gender, age, indigenous or minority status or disability; and the ecosystems that they depend on, and of how the implementation of approaches to address loss and damage can benefit them

| Activities | Indicative Timeline ¹ | Expected results |
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| a) Invite the AC and the LEG, and other relevant constituted bodies of the Convention, to take into consideration efforts to reduce and avert losses and damages among particularly vulnerable developing countries, vulnerable populations and the ecosystems that they depend on, as these bodies undertake their work, and to share the outcomes with the Excom | Jul-Dec 2015 | Consideration of particularly vulnerable developing countries, vulnerable populations and the ecosystems that they depend on, becomes a cross-cutting topic, and becomes integrated across the relevant work under the Convention |
| b) Develop recommendations for actions and next steps, including consideration throughout implementation of this workplan of how loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change affects particularly vulnerable developing countries, vulnerable populations and the ecosystems that they depend on, and how approaches to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change can be designed and implemented to benefit these populations | Jan-Jun 2016 | Recommendations for actions and next steps considered for report to COP Consideration of particularly vulnerable developing countries, vulnerable populations and the ecosystems that they depend on, becomes a cross-cutting topic, and becomes integrated across this workplan |

2. Enhance understanding of and promote comprehensive risk management approaches (assessment, reduction, transfer, retention), including social protection instruments and transformational approaches, in building long-term resilience of countries, vulnerable populations and communities

| Activities | Indicative Timeline | Expected results |
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| a) Identify tools, technologies, good practices and lessons learned, including with respect to policies and data standards, instruments like insurance and social protection, and transformational approaches, to facilitate comprehensive risk management | Jul-Dec 2015 | Identification of good practices and lessons learned |

¹ Timeline included in this workplan is indicative to give a basis for scheduling of meetings and overall work of the Excom.

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| b) Identify gaps and identify or develop methodologies to be used by national governments to enhance knowledge and understanding about comprehensive risk management approaches, including issues related to finance, data, technology, regulatory environments, and capacity-building, which may feed into the NAP and other relevant processes, as appropriate | Jul-Dec 2015 | Identification and/or development of methodologies to enhance knowledge and understanding of comprehensive risk management approaches to inform planning and implementation |
| c) Engage UN Agencies, multilateral financial institutions, bilateral channels, and the private sector, to identify how to enhance the implementation of comprehensive risk management approaches related to addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change | Jan-Jun 2016 | Enhanced understanding of how comprehensive risk management can contribute to transformational approaches |
| d) Establish a technical expert panel or group, extending invitation to relevant bodies under the Convention, and relevant UN organizations, the private sector, expert bodies and relevant initiatives, that could provide technical support and guidance on comprehensive risk management and transformational approaches (which could include issues related to Action areas 5 and 7 of this workplan) | When appropriate | Development and approval by the Excom of Terms of Reference Establishment of an expert panel or group to provide technical support and guidance |
| e) Identify follow up actions, as appropriate | When appropriate | Appropriate follow up actions identified |
| 3. Enhance data and knowledge on the risks of slow onset events and their impacts, and identify ways forward on approaches to address slow onset events associated with the adverse effects of climate change with specific focus on potential impacts, within countries and regions | | |
| Activities | Indicative Timeline | Expected results |
| a) Take stock of organizations that are working on slow onset events and the scope of their current efforts | Jan-Jun 2015 | Mapping of organizations and efforts done |
| b) Foster the establishment or strengthening of collaborative channels, building from existing efforts, to strengthen dialogue, coordination, coherence and synergies to enhance, share and manage knowledge and understanding of slow onset events and approaches to address them | Jul-Dec 2015 | Collaborative channels for collecting and sharing relevant information established or strengthened |
| c) Invite relevant organizations and experts to collaborate with the Excom to facilitate access to information, including through collaborative channels or databases, and | When appropriate | Collaboration on access to information enhanced |

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| technologies to track the impacts, and enable approaches to address loss and damage associated with associated with the adverse effects of climate change, including slow onset events | | |
| d) Assess and develop recommendations to improve state of knowledge to understand and capacity to address slow onset events and their impacts, including capacity of regional agencies | When appropriate | State of knowledge and capacity assessed Recommendations, taking into account regional dimension, developed |
| e) Identify follow up action, as appropriate | When appropriate | Identification of follow up action |
| 4. Enhance data and knowledge on non-economic losses associated with the adverse effects of climate change and identify ways forward on reducing the risk of and addressing non-economic losses with specific focus on potential impacts within regions | | |
| Activities | Indicative Timeline | Expected results |
| a) Raise awareness of the nature and extent of non-economic losses and how to integrate measures to reduce the risk of non-economic losses in comprehensive approaches to addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change | Jul-Dec 2015 | Wider dissemination of information related to non-economic losses |
| b) Establish an expert group to develop inputs and recommendations to enhance data and knowledge on reducing the risk of and addressing non-economic losses, including how to factor these into planning and elaboration of measures to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change | Jul-Dec 2015 When appropriate | Development and approval by the Excom of Terms of Reference for the expert group Development of inputs and recommendation |
| 5. Enhance understanding of capacity and coordination needs to prepare for, respond to, and build resilience, including through recovery and rehabilitation, against losses and damages associated with extreme and slow onset events | | |
| Activities | Indicative Timeline | Expected results |
| a) Invite relevant national disaster risk management and international humanitarian organizations and their partners, taking into account extreme and slow onset events, with a view toward comprehensive climate risk management: i. To develop and conduct country specific analysis of climate risk and associated loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate | Jan-Jun 2015 | Information provided by relevant national disaster risk management and international humanitarian organizations and their partners, documented and disseminated |

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| <p>change in different sectors; and</p> <p>ii. To identify institutional requirements to prevent, minimize, or otherwise manage loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change</p> | | |
| <p>b) Invite relevant organizations at all levels to collaborate with the Excom to assess, including based on existing relevant data and knowledge, the capacity of humanitarian and disaster risk management systems for:</p> <p>i. Emergency preparedness and response;</p> <p>ii. Taking anticipatory action to reduce risks; and</p> <p>iii. Explicitly increasing resilience during post- climate-related disaster recovery, rebuilding and rehabilitation</p> | Jan-Jun 2015 | Assessment of capacity of humanitarian and disaster risk management systems documented |
| <p>c) Invite relevant institutions to collaborate with the Excom to prepare a paper for Activity (d) below, based on 5a) and b) above, including on methods for scenario analysis and stress testing, which can illustrate the potential challenges and requirements for preparedness and response, as well as resilience building</p> | Jan-Jun 2016 | <p>Information made available to the Parties and relevant Convention bodies and others, such as at the Global Humanitarian Summit, with a view to incorporating, as appropriate into the NAPs and other relevant processes</p> <p>Improved application of this knowledge in national planning processes, including supporting the development of improved analysis and planning frameworks</p> |
| <p>d) Consult with experts to review the results, consolidate experiences and lessons learned, and identify priority areas for increasing capacity and investment</p> | Continuous | Review of results, consolidation of experiences, lessons learned, and identification of priority areas and recommendations |
| <p>6. Enhance understanding and expertise - and their application - of how impacts of climate change are affecting patterns of migration, displacement and human mobility</p> | | |
| Activities | Indicative Timeline | Expected results |
| <p>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</p> | Jan-Jun 2015 | Enhanced understanding, based on sound science, of migration and displacement, including of characteristics of vulnerable populations who may become mobile related to |

| b) Invite UN organizations, expert bodies, and relevant initiatives to collaborate with the Excom to distil relevant information, lessons learned, and good practices from their activities | Jan-Jun 2016 | climate change impacts Enhanced understanding and collaboration Synthesized information made available on the relevant information, lessons learned, and good practices from their activities |
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| c) Identify follow-up actions, as appropriate | Jul-Dec 2016 | Identification of follow up actions |
| 7. Encourage comprehensive risk management by the diffusion of information related to financial instruments and tools that address the risks of loss and damage associated with adverse impacts of climate change, to facilitate finance in loss and damage situations in accordance with the policies of each developing country and region, taking into account necessary national efforts to establish enabling environments. These financial instruments and tools may include: Comprehensive risk management capacity with risk pooling and transfer; Catastrophe Risk Insurance; Contingency Finance; Climate-themed Bonds and their certification; Catastrophe Bonds; and financing approaches to make development climate-resilient, among other innovative financial instruments and tools. ² | | |
| Activities | Indicative Timeline | Expected results |
| a) Encourage public bilateral and multilateral institutions and funds, and private investors, to incorporate climate risk and resiliency in development projects, and in investment criteria and decisions | Jan-Jun 2015 | Improved understanding by public bilateral and multilateral institutions and funds, private financial institutions, and developed and developing countries on the range of financial instruments and tools to enhance action and support, including finance, technology and capacity-building to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change |
| b) Encourage, promote, and coordinate with research and development processes on financial instruments and tools that address the risks of loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change | Jan-Jun 2016 | |
| c) Invite the SCF, in their next Biennial Assessment of Climate Finance Flows, to include information on financial instruments that address the risks of loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change | Jan-Jun 2016 | |
| d) Invite Parties and relevant organizations to provide information on best practices, challenges and lessons learned from existing financial instruments at all levels that address the risk of loss and damage associated with adverse effects of | Jul-Dec 2015 | |

1. Specific examples of relevant institutions and instruments include, but are not limited to: the [African Risk Capacity](#) Insurance Company Limited; the [Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility](#); the [Inter-American Development Bank Contingency Loans](#); the [European Union Solidarity Fund](#); the [Climate Bonds Initiative](#); the [Green Bond Principles](#); [Mexico's National Disaster Fund](#); the [IDA-17 Special Theme on Climate Change](#); the [Pacific Disaster Risk Financing and Insurance Program](#); the [Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery](#).

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| e) Facilitate diffusion of comprehensive information through a section of the UNFCCC website, reports of the Excom to the COP, side event(s), and an invitation to the SCF to dedicate the 2016 Forum to financial instruments that address the risks of loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change | Continuous | |
| 8. Complement, draw upon the work of and involve, as appropriate, existing bodies and expert groups under the Convention, as well as relevant organizations and expert bodies outside the Convention at all levels as the Excom executes the above elements of the workplan | | |
| Activities | Indicative Timeline | Expected results |
| a) Analyse relevant mandates and work plans such as those of AC, NWP, CGE, TEC, LEG, SCF, with a view to identifying linkages and areas for dialogue, coordination, coherence and synergies | Jul-Dec 2015 | An analysis of mandates and workplans of relevant Convention bodies Identification of entry points for dialogue, coordination, coherence and synergies |
| b) Identify and establish appropriate channels and modalities to foster relevant partnerships, dialogue, coordination, coherence and synergies with public and private sectors, at the international, regional, and national levels | Jul-Dec 2016 | Relationships developed at multiple levels |
| c) Consider the establishment of expert groups, panels, etc., to execute its work, as appropriate | Continuous | Development and approval by the Excom of Terms of Reference. Expert groups, panels, etc., established as appropriate |
| 9. Develop a 5-year rolling workplan for consideration by COP 22 building on the results of this 2-year workplan to continue guiding the implementation of the functions of the Mechanism | | |