
Third meeting of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts

Agenda item 4(c)

Action Area 3: Slow onset events

Activity 3(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

Process from Excom 2 to date

*During
Excom 2*

- The Excom decided to propose slow onset events (SOEs) as a topic for the 8th Research Dialogue (RD8) or for future research dialogues.

*Inter-
sessionally*

- A group of champions developed a [draft letter and information note to the Chair of the SBSTA](#), and shared it with the Excom for comments on 2 March

11 March

- The letter, as cleared by the co-chairs, was sent to the Chair of the SBSTA (*Available online <www.unfccc.int/9430>*).
- An acknowledgement was received subsequently, with an invitation for the Excom to participate in the **poster session** to be held one hour before RD8.

* Slow onset events is on the agenda at RD8 as a topic for presentations and discussion.

Details of RD8 to be updated on a rolling basis at:

<http://unfccc.int/science/workstreams/research/items/9475.php>

Group of champions: Antonio, Dawn, Idy, Shereen

Specific Content on RD8 on SOEs

- **Risks and impacts of slow onset events as a result of climate change**, particularly including temperature and those that occur in the cryosphere (sea level rise and ocean acidification) and hydrological cycle (drought). This includes:
 - **Latest scientific knowledge, and information gaps**, in regards to impacts and impact assessment within countries and regions, particularly vulnerable countries such as SIDS, and impacts that may occur beyond 2100, large-scale tipping points and related risks;
 - **Progress in the development and delivery of climate services to enable countries to prepare for slow onset events**, based on emerging scientific findings and capacity building activities, such as impact assessments, monitoring networks, early warning systems, modeling of impacts under future emission scenarios, and climate data including visualization tools and downscaled information.
- **Agenda includes:**
- **Poster Session** (1 hour)
- **Part 1: Conveying new scientific findings and emerging needs** - presentations and discussion (1h15m)
- **Part 2: Supporting scientific knowledge and capacity building** - presentations and discussion (1h15m)

Next steps

The Excom may wish:

- To provide feedback on the draft poster, with a view to the secretariat making available the final version in time for RD8;
- To assign members to participate in the RD8 on slow onset events and report back to the group using the established template;
- To encourage all of its members to attend the RD8 on slow onset events in order to foster the establishment or strengthening of collaborative channels to strengthen dialogue, coordination, coherence and synergies to enhance, share and manage knowledge and understanding of slow onset events and approaches to address them (*activity (b) of Action Area 3*).