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**First meeting of the Expert Group  
on Non-Economic Losses  
of the Executive Committee of the  
Warsaw International Mechanism  
for Loss and Damage**

15–16 September 2016

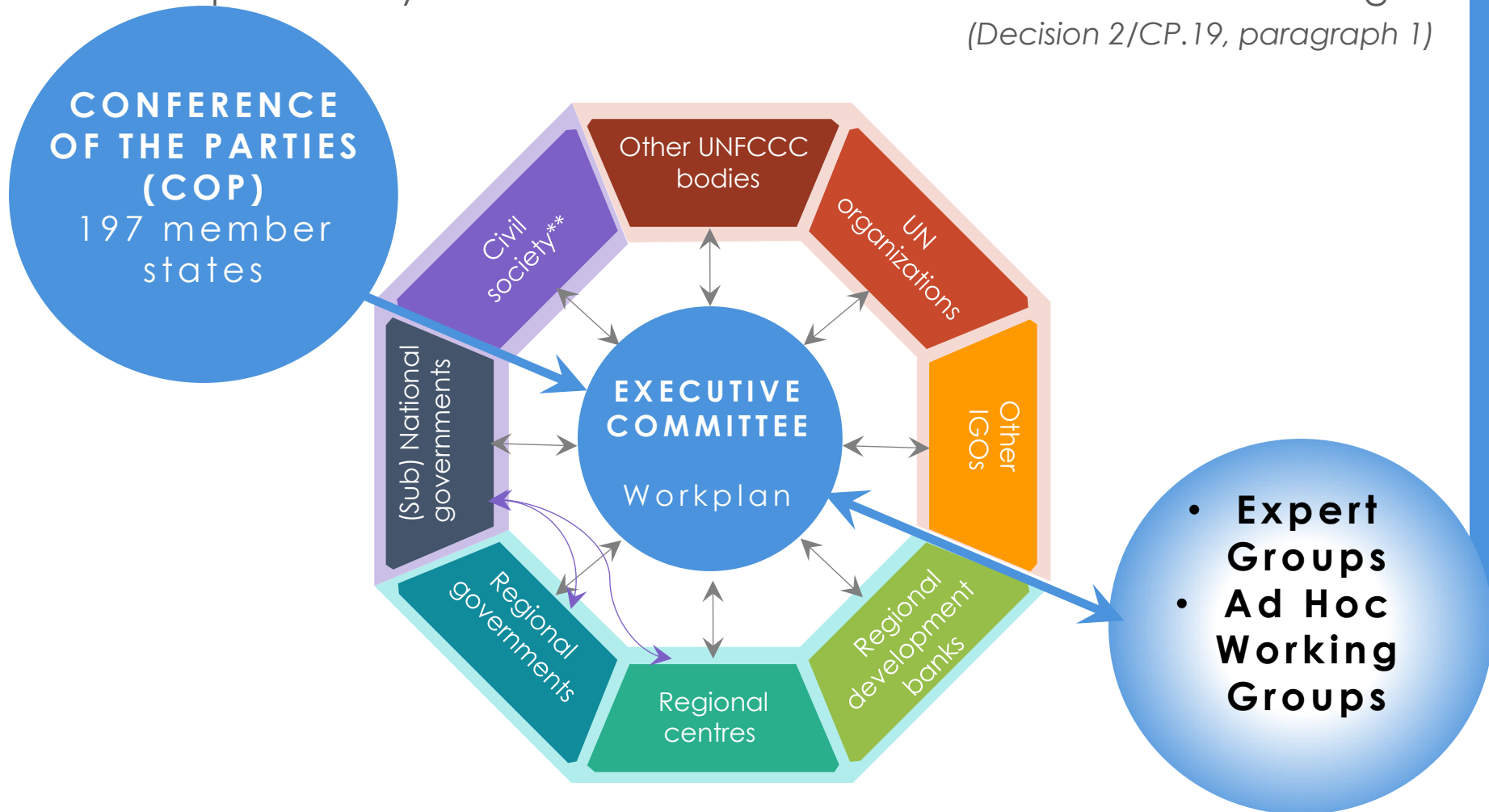
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# Mandate of the Warsaw International Mechanism

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

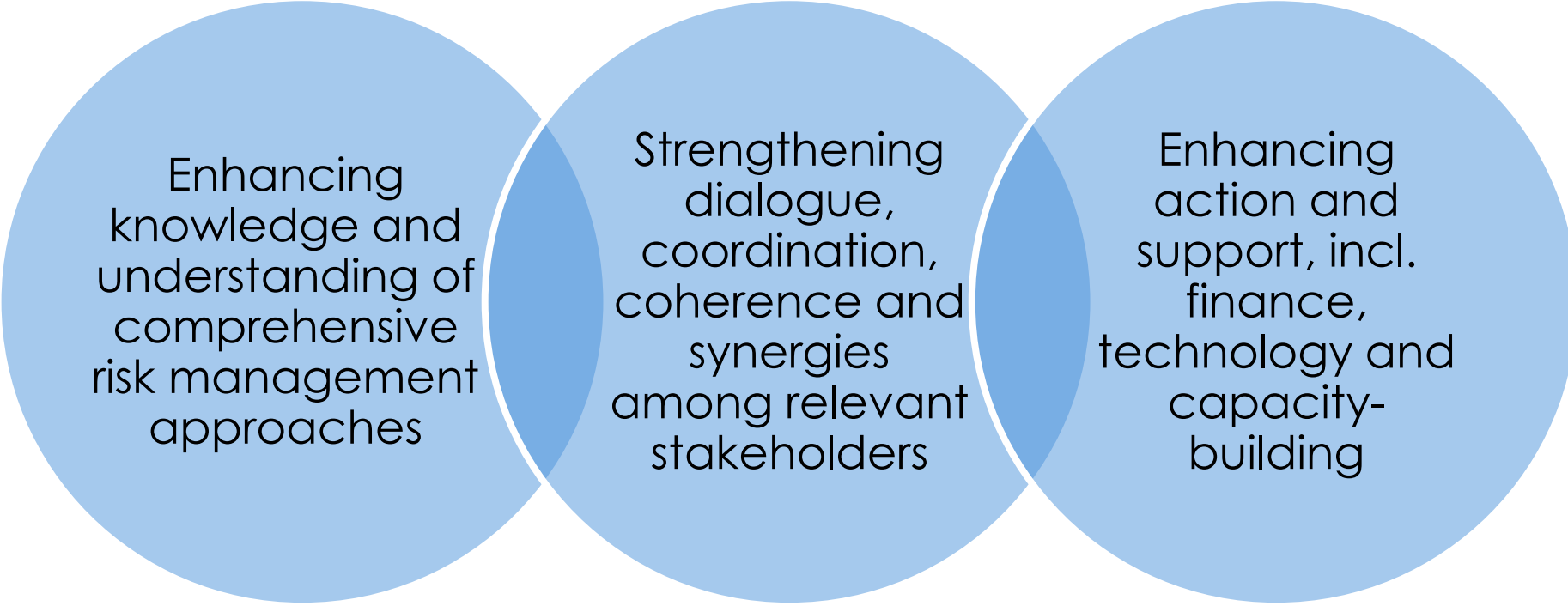
*(Decision 2/CP.19, paragraph 1)*



\*\*Civil society includes a wide range of actors including NGOs, academia, trade organisations, societies, etc.

# Functions of the Warsaw International Mechanism

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Enhancing knowledge and understanding of comprehensive risk management approaches

Strengthening dialogue, coordination, coherence and synergies among relevant stakeholders

Enhancing action and support, incl. finance, technology and capacity-building

## Relevant provisions from the Paris Agreement

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The Paris Agreement recognizes the importance of **averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage**, including extreme weather events and slow onset events, and the **role of sustainable development** in reducing the risk of loss and damage.

‘Non-economic losses’ is identified as an area of cooperation and facilitation to enhance understanding, action and support.

# Mandate of the Executive Committee

- Guide the implementation of the functions of the Warsaw Int'l Mechanism
- Report annually to the COP and make recommendations, as appropriate

9 Action Areas (AA) of the initial 2-year workplan



## Action Area 4: Non-economic losses

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Enhance data on and knowledge of non-economic losses associated with the adverse effects of climate change and identify ways forward for reducing the risk of and addressing non-economic losses with specific focus on potential impacts within regions

### ACTIVITY 4 (b)

Establish an expert group to develop **inputs and recommendations to enhance data and knowledge** of reducing the risk of and addressing non-economic losses, including **how to factor these into the planning and elaboration of measures** to address loss and damage

# Mandate of the Expert Group

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- Assist the work of the Excom in an advisory role, and report to the Excom.
- ‘Develop **inputs and recommendations** to enhance data on and knowledge of reducing the risk of and addressing non-economic losses, including how to factor these into the planning and elaboration of measures to address L&D.’
- The Expert Group may also support the Excom in its efforts to undertake Action Area 4, activity (a), namely to **raise awareness** of the nature and extent of non-economic losses and of how to integrate measures to reduce the risk of non-economic losses in comprehensive approaches to addressing L&D.

## Objectives of the meeting

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1. To **prepare a draft work plan**, including a list of activities and associated deliverables
  - Subject to review and approval at Excom 4
  - The annex to the ToRs of the expert group includes a non-exhaustive indicative **list of possible areas of work**
2. To agree on a **process and modalities of undertaking activities and next steps**