

## Summary of proceedings of the first meeting of the Expert Group on non-economic losses

1. The first meeting of the Expert Group on non-economic losses took place on 15–16 September 2016 in Bonn, Germany.<sup>1</sup>
2. It was attended by the four Excom members to the Expert Group and four technical expert members:
  - Mr. Antonio Canas
  - Ms. Ama Essel
  - Ms. Monika Antosik
  - Ms. Karla Juranek
  - Mr. Walter Kaelin (*Platform on Disaster Displacement*)
  - Ms. Jennifer Rubis (*UNESCO*)
  - Ms. Petra Tschakert (*University of Western Australia*)
  - Ms. Diane McFadzien (*SPREP*)
  - Mr. Diarmid Campbell-Lendrum (*WHO*)<sup>2</sup>
3. The remaining three organisations were not represented at this meeting for one of two reasons: in the case of Indigenous Peoples Organizations, the nominated expert, Mr. Estebancio Castro Diaz, was unable to attend. In the case of the Africa Climate Policy Centre/ United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) – these organizations are still to nominate an expert to join this group.
4. Following an introduction of the experts and introduction of the mandates of the Warsaw International Mechanism, the Excom and the Expert Group,<sup>3</sup> the members of the Expert Group brainstormed on the development of a draft inputs and recommendations. The output of brainstorming served to provide the building blocks of a draft inputs and recommendations. On the second day, the group reflected on the progress on the draft inputs and recommendations (see Annex), and draft workplan which contains next steps (see table below).
5. The outputs of the meeting can be found on <<http://unfccc.int/9694>>.

### Draft workplan

| # | Step  | Deliverable   | Timeframe                   |
|---|---|---|-----------------------------|
| 1 | First meeting of the Expert Group   | Initial set of draft inputs and recommendations     | 15-16 September             |
| 2 | Presentation to the Excom   | Presentation  | Excom 4                     |
| 3 | Feedback from the Excom to the Expert Group   | Feedback via email                                  | In the week of 26 September |
| 4 | Comments from experts intersessionally on the document  | E-mail/ Telecon                                     | 15 October                  |
| 5 | Revised version of the document based on comments by experts  | Revised document                                    | 31 October                  |
| 6 | Identifying preliminary modalities for collaboration opportunities (internal consultations of technical experts within their organizations) | Modalities for collaboration                        | Until 7 November/ ongoing   |
| 7 | Potential ad hoc meeting at COP22   | Ad hoc meeting with technical experts attending COP | COP22                       |
| 8 | Consideration of draft inputs by the Excom at Excom 5   | Final set of recommendations                        | Excom 5                     |
| 9 | Face-to-face meeting (tbc)  |   |                             |

<sup>1</sup> Information and background documents for the meeting are available at <<http://unfccc.int/9694>>.

<sup>2</sup> Joined via Skype for the entire duration of the meeting.

<sup>3</sup> Presentation is available at <[http://unfccc.int/files/adaptation/groups\\_committees/loss\\_and\\_damage\\_executive\\_committee/application/pdf/nels\\_expert\\_meeting.pdf](http://unfccc.int/files/adaptation/groups_committees/loss_and_damage_executive_committee/application/pdf/nels_expert_meeting.pdf)>.

| ACTION AREA 4: 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 NELs WITH SPECIFIC FOCUS ON POTENTIAL IMPACTS WITHIN REGIONS |   |  |   |  |  |  |
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| DEVELOP INPUTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: PROVIDING ADVICE TO THE EXCOM, IF REQUESTED, ON STRATEGIES, EMERGING QUESTIONS AND ISSUES RELATED TO NON-ECONOMIC LOSSES   |   |  |   |  |  |  |
| Strategic themes   | RAISING AWARENESS   | GATHERING AND MAKING KNOWLEDGE AVAILABLE   |   |  | MAINSTREAMING KNOWLEDGE INTO PLANNING  |  |
|  | Raise awareness of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The nature and extent of NELs</li> <li>How to integrate measures to reduce the risk of non-economic losses in comprehensive approaches to addressing loss and damage</li> </ul>  | Enhance data on and knowledge of reducing the risk of and addressing non-economic losses   |   |  | How to factor non-economic losses into the planning and elaboration of measures to address loss and damage   |  |
| <b>Deliverables</b>  | (a) Excom awareness raising strategy on NELs<br>(b) List of Expert Group members' NELs related events (e.g. side events, pavilion, papers. etc.)<br>(c) Excom awareness raising strategies on measures to address and reduce non-economic losses<br>(d) NELs narrative conveyed by creatives (e.g. film makers, musicians, artists, etc.)   | (a) Inventory of actors and their areas<br>(b) Report on gaps and recommended actions  | (a) Literature review of top down and bottom up approaches conducted, and gaps and limitations identified<br>(b) Report on AR5 WG2 Risk table analysis<br>(c) Report on NELs in loss databases and identification of gaps<br>(d) Syntheses on NELs in the categories of expertise<br>(e) Reports from regional consultations  | (a) Collection and analysis of case studies<br>(b) Recommended process developed for eliciting additional case study input from local communities<br>(c) Recommended process that identifies indicators/ social tipping points for better understanding NELs and the relationships between different categories of NELs  | (a) Collection of assessment methodologies, including bottom up and top down approaches<br>(b) Information shared with relevant UNFCCC constituted bodies, including the LEG and the AC  | (a) TOR developed  |
| <b>Activity</b>  | 1. Assisting the Executive Committee in developing an awareness raising strategy, in accordance with the Workplan (AA4(a)) and related knowledge products   | 2. Fostering partnerships, by:<br>(a) Developing an inventory of institutions, organizations and experts, working on issues related to NELs at all relevant levels (community to global).<br>(b) Identifying opportunities for collaboration   | 3. Enhancing the understanding of what NELs (in climate, biodiversity, and other fora) are, by:<br>(a) examining different approaches to NELs; and<br>(b) Gathering and reviewing data and analysis on NELs, in different sectors and regions, at all relevant levels (community to global)   | 4. Identifying NELs-related case studies from various regions  | 5. Enhancing the understanding of how to evaluate/assess NELs  | 6. Identifying effective practices and gaps on the planning and implementation of measures and monitoring of efforts to address NELs   |
| <b>Implementation Plan</b><br><br><i>Owners/ Modalities/ Process, Including Milestones</i>   | <b>Short term</b><br>(a) Contribute key messages to the creation of an Excom communication/ awareness raising strategy in collaboration with communication experts, and targeting the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parties to UNFCCC</li> <li>Policy makers, including ministries of Interior</li> <li>Practitioners</li> <li>General public</li> <li>Agencies of different sectors</li> </ul> (b) Track events and products related to NELs of each member (e.g. side events, pavilion, papers. etc.)<br>(c) Promote the issues related to NELs through the Expert Group members' networks<br><br><b>Long term</b><br>(d) Contribute to the development of awareness raising strategies on measures to address and reduce non-economic losses<br>(e) Contribute to a workshop with creatives (e.g. film makers, musicians, artists, etc.) to convey narrative and key messages – tailored to thematic areas of NELs | <b>Short term</b><br>(a) Define the purpose of the inventory, types of inputs (including sources of data, scope of projects, methodologies) and timelines<br>(b) Create and analyse an inventory<br><br><b>Long term</b><br>(c) Recommendations for needed action to address gaps in terms of available institutions/ organizations/ experts | <b>Short term</b><br>(a) Conduct literature review on different approaches to NELs (top down and bottom up). <sup>4</sup><br>(b) Go through risk tables AR5, WG2, to identify where scope for adaptation is likely to be limited, in relation to NELs for different regions and sectors<br>(c) Loss Databases: identification and systematic review of loss databases for NELs relevant information<br>(d) Summarise and synthesise expert group members' relevant NELs documents<br><br><b>Long term</b><br>(e) Regional workshops and consultations to gather information on NELs and enhance understanding | <b>Short term</b><br>(a) Define criteria for reviewing existing case studies (capturing the many different dimension of NELs), and elaborate a template to be sent out<br>(b) Call for submissions at all relevant levels (community to global) based on the above template<br>(c) Propose alternative process(es) for eliciting additional case study input from local communities, including indigenous peoples<br>(d) Commission a systematic comparative analysis of bottom up NELs studies<br><br><b>Long term</b><br>(e) Regional workshops and consultations with local communities and indigenous peoples to elicit additional case study inputs<br>(f) Convene a process to identify indicators/ social tipping points for better understanding NELs and the relationships between different categories of NELs | <b>Short term</b><br>(a) Collect and share assessment methodologies (including bottom up and top down approaches) to better distinguish between likely intolerable and unavoidable losses, on the one hand, and potential losses to be minimised through effective adaptation action on the other hand<br>(b) Share complementary assessment methods with other relevant UNFCCC constituted bodies, including the LEG and the AC | <b>Long term</b><br>(a) Develop the TOR for a study, or other modalities, on how planning and implementation of NELs measures are addressed at all relevant levels (community to global) |

<sup>4</sup> Top down: driven by climate projections, risk assessments and cost estimates, largely quantitative.

Bottom up: driven by place-specific and value-based approaches to adaptation, risk tolerance, and loss, largely qualitative.