

Draft ToRs for an expert group on NELs



1: Background and mandate

- To 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 loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change



2: Scope of work

- Clarify data needs and gaps, develop methodologies, develop products on strategies and approaches; identify opportunities for collaboration; specify who the recommendations are for
- Enhancing the understanding of what NELs and how to evaluate/assess them;
- To engage at a strategic level, focusing on the big questions, be responsive to the needs of the Excom through specific questions and requests
- Linkage to activity AA4(a); in addition to provide advice



3: Activities, deliverables, associated timelines

General description vs. detailed tasks

Within the framework of the mandate and broad scope of work, task the EG to come up with a list of activities and deliverables for the consideration of the Excom.

Initial/possible tasks:

- to identify case studies including the 8 areas under the TP on NEL in regions;
- to identify, gather info/data including based on the 8 areas in regions – relate to programmes and projects orgs are undertaking in regions;
- to identify research institutions doing research in countries specifically, in diff regions.
- To identify gaps and best practices on the planning and elaboration of measures NELs;
- Develop awareness raising strategy (AA4(a))

Possible deliverable:

- a publication (based on case studies) and potential knowledge products



4: Competence requirements

- Expertise relevant to the different types of NELs (e.g. those referred to in the 2013 technical paper as a starting point but other themes may be also relevant)
- Senior level (not junior)



5: Size and composition

Size

- Small and manageable (around 10 members), additional resources could be tapped into through networks, communities, contacts of experts

Composition

- Reflect regional diversity of contexts and priorities;
- Equal number of AI and NAI members from the Excom
- Membership to be flexible (depending on the tasks/topics)
- Core team (senior level experts with catalytic role) + roster of experts



6: Mode of work

- Operating under the guidance and RoP of the Excom
- Advisory role
- Engagement of external members to be needs-based, while maintaining a core team of experts (e.g. through the maintenance of a roster of experts)
- Budget (only to support travel and subsistence allowance, not compensation for time)
- Electronic modes of work (e.g. email, tele-con etc)
- (At least one) face-to-face meeting(s)
- Work intersessionally



7: Reporting

- Report regularly to Excom (e.g., under a standing agenda item of Excom meetings)



7: Timeframe

Discussion was not conclusive

- Task-bound or ongoing (to advise the Excom)
- The membership within the timeframe of the current workplan
- 2-3 years (to mirror the term of office of Excom members)
- Within the 5-year rolling workplan



What would the process to “recruit” external experts?

- Draw experts from academic and research institutions, regional organizations, practitioners (e.g. IPCC working group II, IGES, etc)
- Excom could send out invitation for expression of interest
- Eols to be evaluated by the Excom
- Expert group up and running before Excom 4 (to be included in Excom report to the COP)



Annex. Institutions mentioned

- IPCC
- UNESCO
- WHO
- Red Cross
- Academia and Research institutions
- Regional, sub-regional organizations
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