

Oral report by the co-chair of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage

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- Thank you, Chair, for giving me the opportunity to update you and the SBI on the work of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage.
- At this session the Executive Committee presents to the COP, through the SBs, the report on its work undertaken between December 2015 and September 2016.
- The report, in addition to organizational and procedural information, showcases key achievements of the Committee as well as substantive recommendations for consideration by the COP, based on the outcomes of the work of the Committee this year.
- The Executive Committee is happy to report that the Committee successfully operationalized two mandates entrusted by the COP through decision 1/CP.21 as follows:
 - ✓ In relation to a clearing house on risk transfer, that serves as a repository for information on insurance and risk transfer, the Committee finalized the indicative implementation plan for launching an initial online platform by COP 23;
 - ✓ In relation to a task force on displacement to develop recommendations for integrated approaches to avert, minimize and address displacement related to the adverse impacts of climate change, the Committee adopted a set of terms of reference, which sets a timeline for the task force to deliver the recommendations by no later than COP 24.
- Mr. Chair, the Committee also made exceptional progress in advancing the implementation of its initial two-year workplan.
 - ✓ In relation to laying foundation for *facilitating support of actions to address loss and damage, the Executive Committee instituted two expert groups, namely:*
 - A technical expert group to provide technical support and guidance on comprehensive risk management and transformational approaches;
 - An expert group to develop inputs and recommendations to enhance data on and knowledge of reducing the risk of, and addressing non-economic losses.
 - ✓ In relation to *improving coordination of the relevant work of existing bodies under the Convention:*
 - The Executive Committee liaised with the SBSTA in order to promote topics related to slow onset events on the research agenda at the 8th SBSTA Research Dialogue;
 - The Committee engaged and will continue to engage with other constituted bodies in the implementation of relevant activities. For instance, this year the Committee particularly

enjoyed close collaboration with the Standing Committee on Finance in raising awareness of financial instruments to address the risks of loss and damage.

- The Committee has also been keeping close communication with the Technology Executive Committee in order to explore entry points for further collaboration between the two committees.
- ✓ In relation to *promoting the development of and compilation, analysis, synthesis and reviewing information*, the Executive Committee delivered knowledge products in the areas of:
 - Slow onset events;
 - Non-economic losses;
 - Financial instruments and tools that address the risks of loss and damage; and
 - Migration, displacement and human mobility.
- ✓ In terms of *convening meetings of relevant experts and stakeholders*, the Committee organized:
 - The first meeting of the expert group on non-economic losses;
 - A technical meeting to bring together national and regional experts, representatives of international and United Nations organizations and the academic community, to distil relevant information, lessons learned and good practices on migration, displacement and human mobility;
 - A side event and photo campaign to raise awareness and to engage experts from key sectors related to non-economic losses.
- More details on the progress made in the implementation of work of the Committee is available in the written report and on the UNFCCC website.
- Mr. Chair, while the Committee made exceptional progress in the implementation of the current two-year workplan, the work is not completed. To that end, the Committee recommends that provisions be made for the further implementation of relevant activities from the initial two-year workplan of the Committee.
- In the report, the Executive Committee also presents the indicative framework for the Committee's five-year rolling workplan, for which the Committee seeks approval by the COP.
- This indicative framework is to serve as the basis for our five-year rolling workplan, with corresponding activities to be elaborated starting at its first meeting in 2017, taking into account relevant inputs provided by Parties and relevant organizations.
- In developing corresponding activities for our five-year rolling workplan, the Committee notes the importance of ensuring built-in flexibility to respond to new and emerging needs, as well as the need to be able to build upon, and be responsive to, the further outcomes resulting from the implementation of its initial two-year workplan.

- To conclude my oral report, on behalf of the Executive Committee I would like to thank all organizations, institutions and experts who contributed in various ways to the work of the Executive Committee this year. Please rest assured that the Executive Committee will continue to count on your support and collaboration in the future.
- Thank you.