

UNHCR submission on possible activities under strategic workstreams of the five-year rolling workplan of the of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts

COP 22 approved the indicative framework for the five-year rolling workplan of the Executive Committee as the basis for developing corresponding activities. The COP also invited Parties and relevant organizations to submit, by 28 February 2017, views and relevant inputs on possible activities under each strategic workstream as contained in the framework for the five-year rolling workplan of the Executive Committee.

UNHCR is herewith submitting its views on other workstreams than (d) Migration, displacement and human mobility, including the task force on displacement, which is covered by the joint submission from the Advisory Group on Climate change and Human Mobility¹ that includes UNHCR suggestions.

| | <i>Activities</i> | <i>Indicative timeline</i> | <i>Expected results</i> |
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| a) Slow onset events | | | |
| a | Call for submission on comprehensive and systematic data collection and analysis on displacement in the context of slow-onset events associated with the adverse effects of climate change. | 2019 | Contribute to address data gap on comprehensive and systematic data collection and analysis on displacement in the context of slow-onset events associated with the adverse effects of climate change. |

¹ The Advisory Group on Climate Change and Human Mobility (Advisory Group) is composed of the United Nations' High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS), the Norwegian Refugee Council and its Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (NRC/IDMC), Refugees International (RI), the Hugo Observatory, and the Arab Network for Environment and Development (RAED). The work of the Advisory Group is anchored in decisions of UNFCCC Parties to enhance understanding and action in the area of climate change induced displacement, migration and planned relocation (Paragraph 14(f) of the Cancun Decision 1/CP.16 and Doha decision 3/CP.18 paragraph 7 (a) (vi)). "Human mobility" is an umbrella term that encompasses displacement of populations, migration and planned relocation. The goal of the Advisory Group is to provide technical support to UNFCCC Parties on human mobility in the context of climate change, and to ensure that aspects of human mobility – including migration, displacement and planned relocation and other forms of mobility – that are addressed under the UNFCCC are coherent and based on the most recent evidence, findings and experience (research, best practices, data, etc.)

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| b | Invite experts and relevant organizations to submit inputs on how climate-related slow onset events may affect the potential for displaced persons to return to country of origin. | 2018 | Contribute to address knowledge gap on returnability in the context of climate-related slow onset events. |
| (b) Non-economic losses | | | |
| a | Prepare a technical paper on how displacement and human mobility can be a non-economic loss, identifying challenges. | 2018 | Recognition of human mobility as a non-economic loss and challenges identified. |
| b | Invite experts and relevant organizations to submit inputs on cultural heritage and associated challenges and opportunities in the context of human mobility-related to climate change, including planned relocation. | 2017 | Contribute to address knowledge gap on cultural heritage associated with human mobility-related to climate change |
| <p>(c) Comprehensive risk management approaches (including assessment, reduction, transfer, retention), to address and build long term resilience of countries, vulnerable populations and communities to loss and damage, including in relation to extreme and slow onset events, inter alia, through</p> <p>Emergency preparedness, including early warning systems</p> <p>Measures to enhance recovery and rehabilitation and build back/forward better;</p> <p>Social protection instruments including social safety nets; and</p> <p>Transformational approaches</p> | | | |
| a | Invite UNISDR and other relevant agency and stakeholders to a workshop on ensuring synergies between this workstream and the implementation of the Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction, including on human mobility issues (displacement, migration, planned relocation). | 2018 | Ensure policy coherence with the Cancun Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction and Words Into Action. |
| (e) Placeholder for finance-related topics | | | |
| a | Review modalities of climate change funding mechanism to ensure projects that aim to address loss and damage can be funded through these mechanisms. | 2018 | Contribute to address funding gap in relation to addressing loss and damage associated with climate change. |
| b | Call for submission on safeguards for funding projects on planned relocation. | 2019 | Provide submission to climate change funding mechanisms on safeguards for funding projects on planned relocation. |

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