

Technical meeting on Migration, Displacement and Human Mobility

*In the context of Action Area 6 of the initial two-year workplan
of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International
Mechanism for Loss and Damage*

27–29 July 2016

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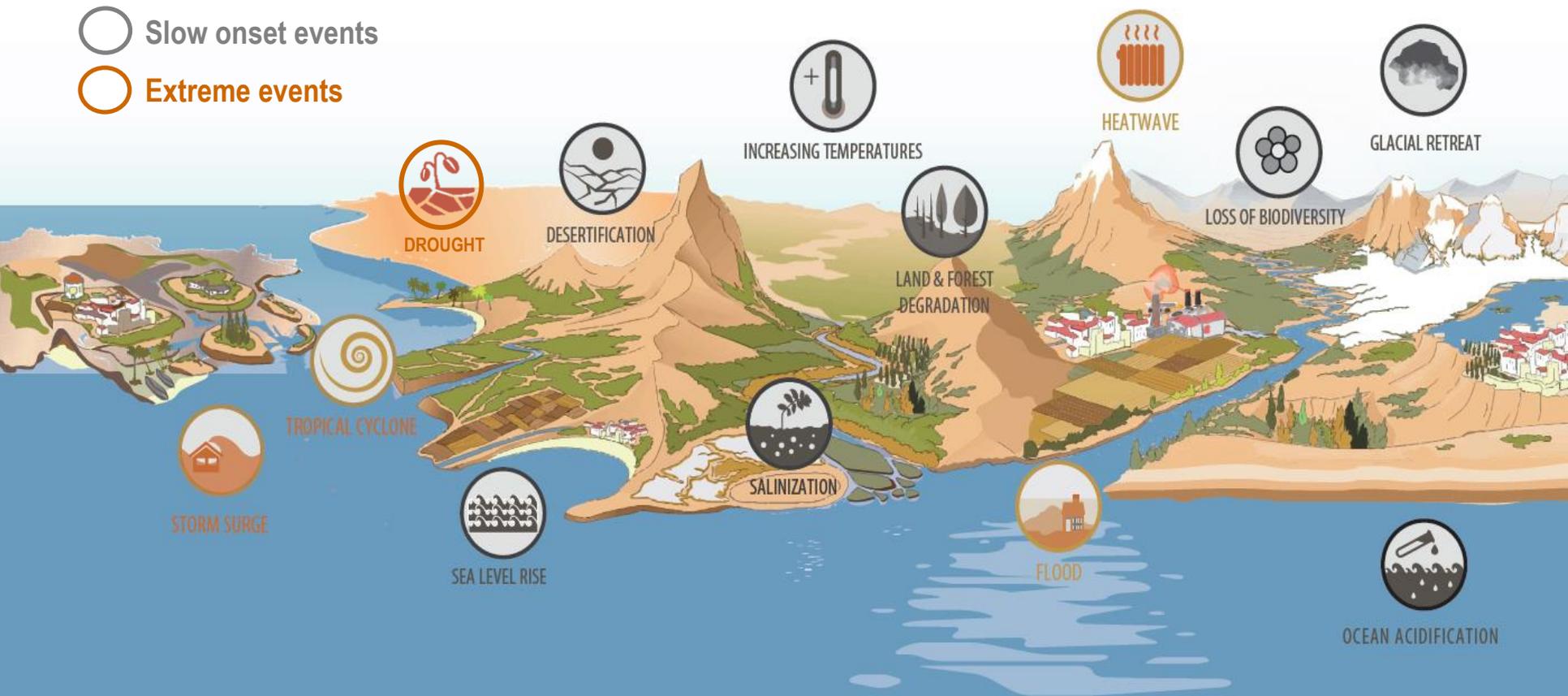
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Loss and damage associated with climate change impacts

○ Slow onset events

○ Extreme events



ECONOMIC LOSSES

INCOME

PHYSICAL ASSETS

NON-ECONOMIC LOSSES

INDIVIDUALS

SOCIETY

ENVIRONMENT



BUSINESS OPERATIONS



AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION



TOURISM



INFRASTRUCTURE



PROPERTY



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LIFE



HEALTH



HUMAN MOBILITY



TERRITORY



CULTURAL HERITAGE



INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE



SOCIETAL/CULTURAL IDENTITY



BIODIVERSITY



ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



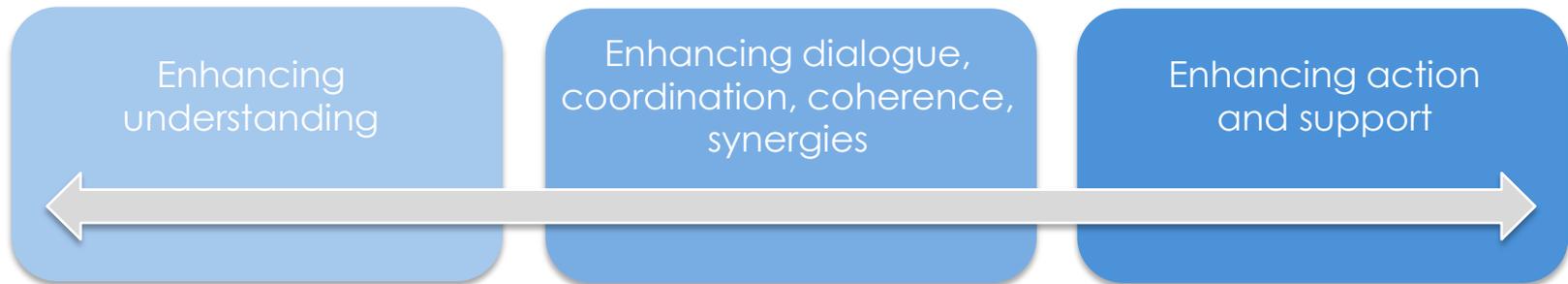
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What are the Warsaw International Mechanism & its Executive Committee?

WARSAW INTERNATIONAL MECHANISM FOR LOSS & DAMAGE

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)

THREE FUNCTIONS:



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Guides the implementation of the functions of the Mechanism.

Composed of 20 members

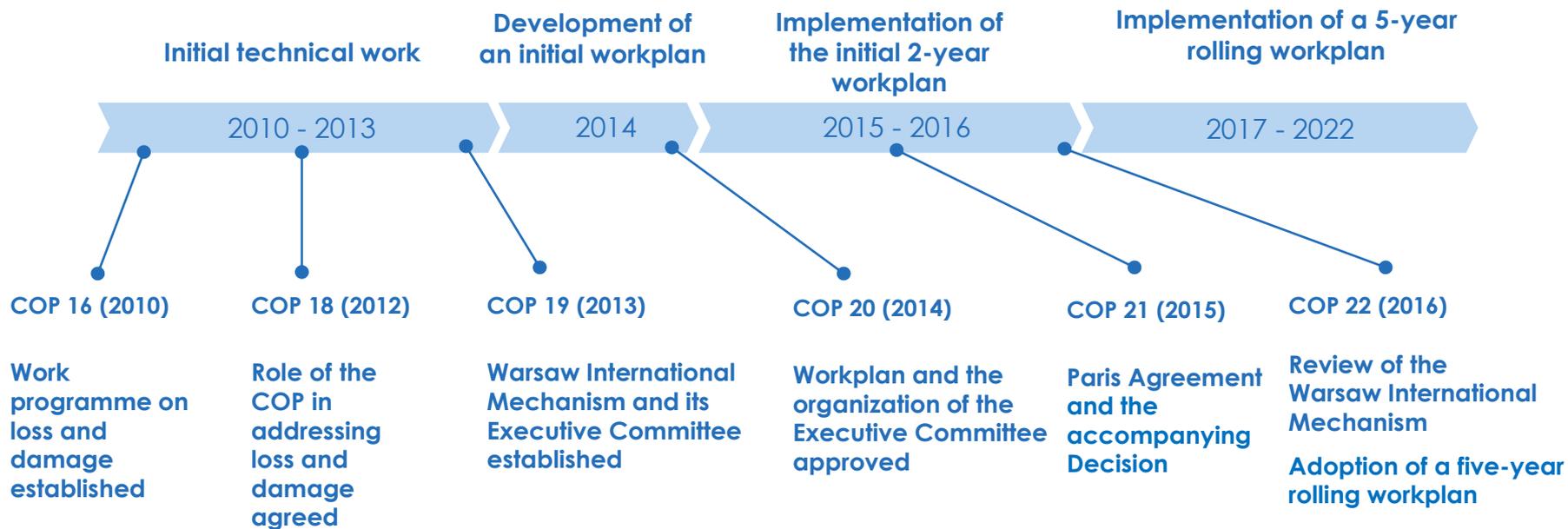


Expert groups, technical panels, etc.

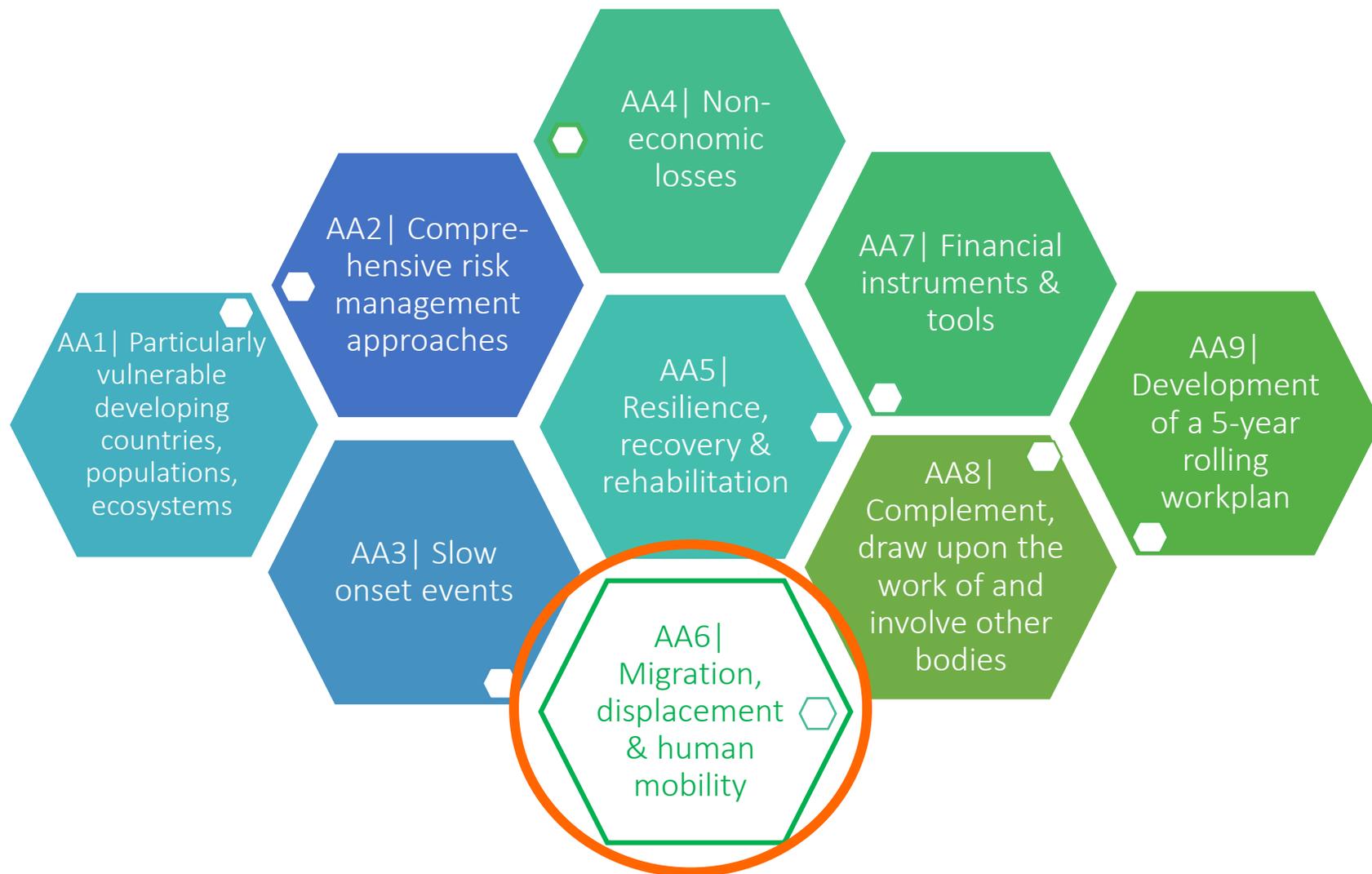
To help execute the work of the Executive Committee



Chronology and milestones



The initial 2-year workplan of the Executive Committee provides for nine Action Areas (AA) for initial work on loss and damage



For details of the initial two-year workplan, see unfccc.int/8805

Action Area 6: MIGRATION, DISPLACEMENT, HUMAN MOBILITY

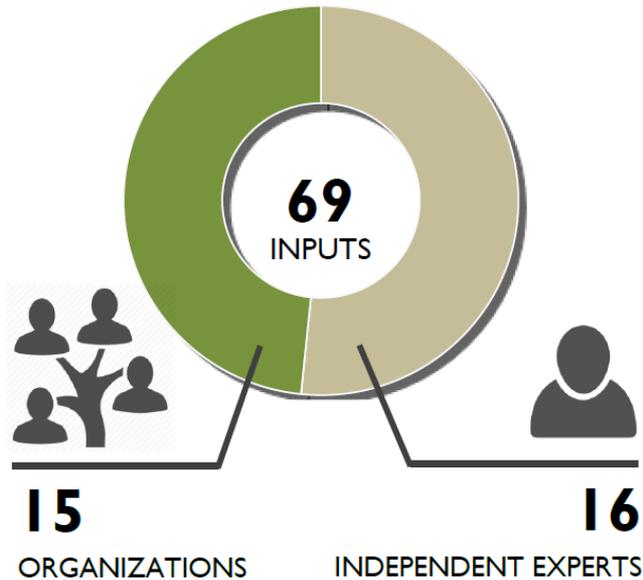
“ Enhance the **understanding of and expertise on** how the impacts of climate change are affecting **patterns of migration, displacement and human mobility**; and the application of such understanding and expertise ”

ACTIVITY (a)

Invite relevant organizations and experts to provide **scientific information** on projected migration and displacement based on projected climate and non-climate related impacts in vulnerable populations



INPUTS ON MIGRATION, DISPLACEMENT AND HUMAN MOBILITY (1)

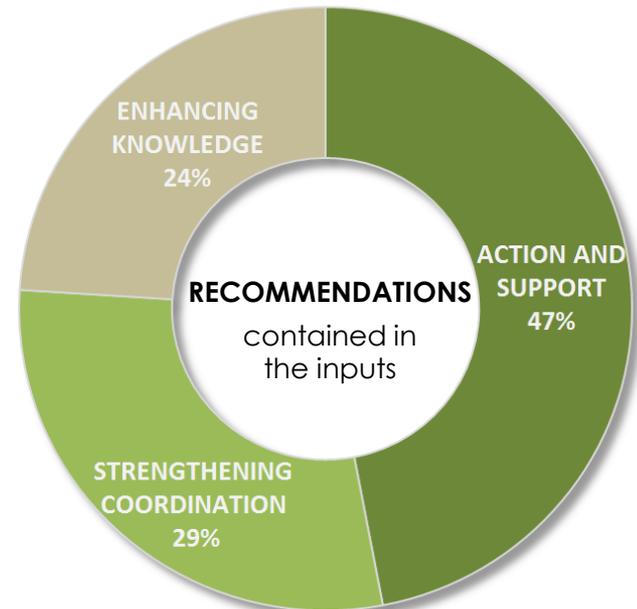


Inputs received in the form of:

- Letters
- Journal articles
- Reports
- Papers, etc.

Inputs contain rich information, including:

- Case studies
- Current practices
- Lessons learned
- Recommendations, etc.



All submissions received are available at unfccc.int/9508

INPUTS ON MIGRATION, DISPLACEMENT AND HUMAN MOBILITY (2)

Some current practices contained in the inputs

Disaster preparedness

- ⇒ Early warning systems (*Bangladesh*)
- ⇒ “Culture of prevention” campaigns (*Chile*)
- ⇒ “Life-saving activity” preventing un-safe migration (*Haiti*)
- ⇒ Special Guide on Assistance (*Mexico*)

Planned relocation programs

- ⇒ National guidelines on planned relocation (*Fiji*)
- ⇒ Planned, voluntary relocation program (*Papua New Guinea*)

Regularization requirements

- ⇒ Post-earthquake programs for Haitians (*Ecuador, Venezuela, Brazil*)
- ⇒ “Transitory resident” status (*Argentina*)
- ⇒ Consular documents (*Mexico*)
- ⇒ Review of migration laws (*Peru, Brazil, Bolivia, Paraguay*)



Institutional structures

- ⇒ Committee for Assistance to
- ⇒ Nationals Abroad established to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (*Colombia*)
- ⇒ Plan Sismo (*Mexico*)
- ⇒ Emergency Internal Committee to the Int’l Aid Unit (*Chile*)

Non-return policies

- ⇒ Suspension of involuntary return (*UK, Germany, Netherlands*)
- ⇒ Fast-track visa applications (*Canada, Australia*)
- ⇒ Ad-hoc visa categories (*Australia*)



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ACTIVITY (b)

Invite United Nations organizations, expert bodies and relevant initiatives to collaborate with the Executive Committee **to distil relevant information, lessons learned and good practices from their activities**

Technical meeting on migration, displacement and human mobility

27 - 29 July 2016
Casablanca, Morocco



Background

Under Action Area 6 of its [initial two-year workplan](#) 'Enhance the understanding of and expertise on how the impacts of climate change are affecting patterns of migration, displacement and human mobility; and the application of such understanding and expertise', the [Executive Committee](#) invites UN organizations, expert bodies and relevant initiatives to collaborate with the Executive Committee to distill relevant information, lessons learned and good practices from their activities.

In this context, the [International Organization for Migration \(IOM\)](#) will hold a technical meeting, on 27-29 July in Morocco, to bring together members of the Executive Committee, national and regional experts, representatives from international and United Nations organizations as well as the academic community.

[Meeting webpage by the IOM >>>](#)

Documents

[Agenda \(303 kB\)](#) | [Logistical Note \(1066 kB\)](#) | [Concept note \(503 kB\)](#)

Relevant UNFCCC resources

- [Inputs](#) submitted by experts and organizations further to the call for submissions of the Executive Committee

Zero draft syntheses

- [Pillar 1: Enhancing knowledge and understanding \(zero draft synthesis\)](#)
- [Pillar 2: Strengthening dialogue, coordination, coherence and synergies \(zero draft synthesis\) \(coming soon\)](#)
- [Pillar 3: Enhancing action and support \(zero draft synthesis\)](#)

THE PARIS AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR:

- Recognition of importance of averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage
- Overarching areas of cooperation and facilitation to enhance understanding, action and support
- Establish a **task force** to complement, draw upon the work of and involve, as appropriate, existing bodies and expert groups under the Convention including the Adaptation Committee and the LDC Expert Group, as well as **relevant organizations and expert bodies outside the Convention, to develop recommendations for integrated approaches to avert, minimize and address displacement** related to the adverse impacts of climate change



EXPECTATIONS FROM THE MEETING

The Excom looks forward to leave the meeting with:

- **A set of synthesized documents** containing information on the relevant information, lessons learned and good practices from the activities of organizations and experts → **Excom will make available online**
- **Enhanced understanding**, based on sound science, of migration and displacement, including of characteristics of vulnerable populations that may become mobile owing to factors related to climate change impacts
- **Enhanced collaboration:** identify/establish relationships at multiple levels to foster partnership, dialogue, synergy
- A set of initial inputs/recommendations to support the work of the **task force on displacement**



Visit the technical meeting webpage at
unfccc.int/9682

For further information
on loss and damage under the UNFCCC

Visit **www.unfccc.int/6056**

Contact the Executive Committee at
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Thank you!

