

Japan's submission on the work program to consider approaches to address loss and damage

Japan welcomes its opportunity to submit its view on the work program to consider approaches to address loss and damage associated with climate change impacts in developing countries.

1. Japan believes that, in order to build strategies for addressing losses and damages, it is necessary to gather scientific information related to possible effects of climate change. Therefore, the work plan needs to include analysis and organization of necessary information, (e.g. meteorological data such as rainfall data), its availability, necessary infrastructure (e.g. monitoring stations) in both quality and quantity aspects, and corresponding methodology (e.g. insurance mechanisms).

2. Recognizing the timeline of the work program, which will be considered at the COP18, and available resources and capabilities, the work program should focus on substantial discussion by experts, avoiding discussion with political nature.

3. Finally, Japan would like to reaffirm that it is important not only to consider approaches to address losses and damages but also to promote preventive measures.