

# EXCOM SYNOPSES SERIES STOCKTAKING OF ORGANIZATIONS WORKING ON SLOW ONSET EVENTS AND THE SCOPE OF THEIR CURRENT EFFORTS

The Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage (Excom) guides the implementation of the following functions of the Mechanism:

- ⇒ Enhance knowledge and understanding
- ⇒ Strengthen dialogue, coordination, coherence
- ⇒ Enhance action and support

The Excom synopses series aims to provide a summary of the technical work carried out by the Excom.

This synopsis provides a snapshot as of December 2015 of the information contained in the online database available at [www4.unfccc.int/sites/NWP/Pages/soe.aspx](http://www4.unfccc.int/sites/NWP/Pages/soe.aspx)

## RELEVANT ACTIVITY OF THE EXCOM WORKPLAN

**Action area 3:** Enhance data on and knowledge of the risks of slow onset events and their impacts, and identify ways forward on approaches to address slow onset events associated with the adverse effects of climate change with specific focus on potential impacts, within countries and regions

**Activity (a):** Take stock of organizations that are working on slow onset events and the scope of their current efforts

**Expected result:** Mapping of organizations and their efforts carried out

## FACTS AND FIGURES OF THE MAPPING

**151** ORGANIZATIONS  
MAPPED

33 Intergovernmental organizations

28 Regional centers/networks/initiatives

28 Nongovernmental organizations

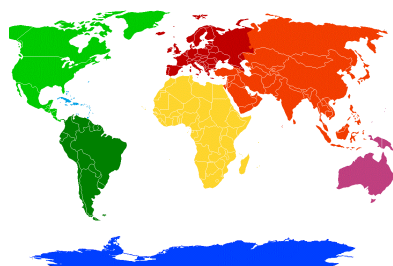
27 UN and affiliated organizations

19 Research institutions

11 University/academic institutions

5 Private sector organizations

**8** REGIONS



**7** TYPES OF SCOPE  
OF EFFORTS

Communication and outreach 76

Assessment 75

Data collection and management 62

Design of approaches 55

Stakeholder engagement 54

Investment 44

Implementation and support 38

**8** SLOW ONSET EVENTS \*



Rising temperatures



Loss of biodiversity



Glacial retreat and related impacts



Sea level rise



Desertification



Land and forest degradation



Ocean acidification



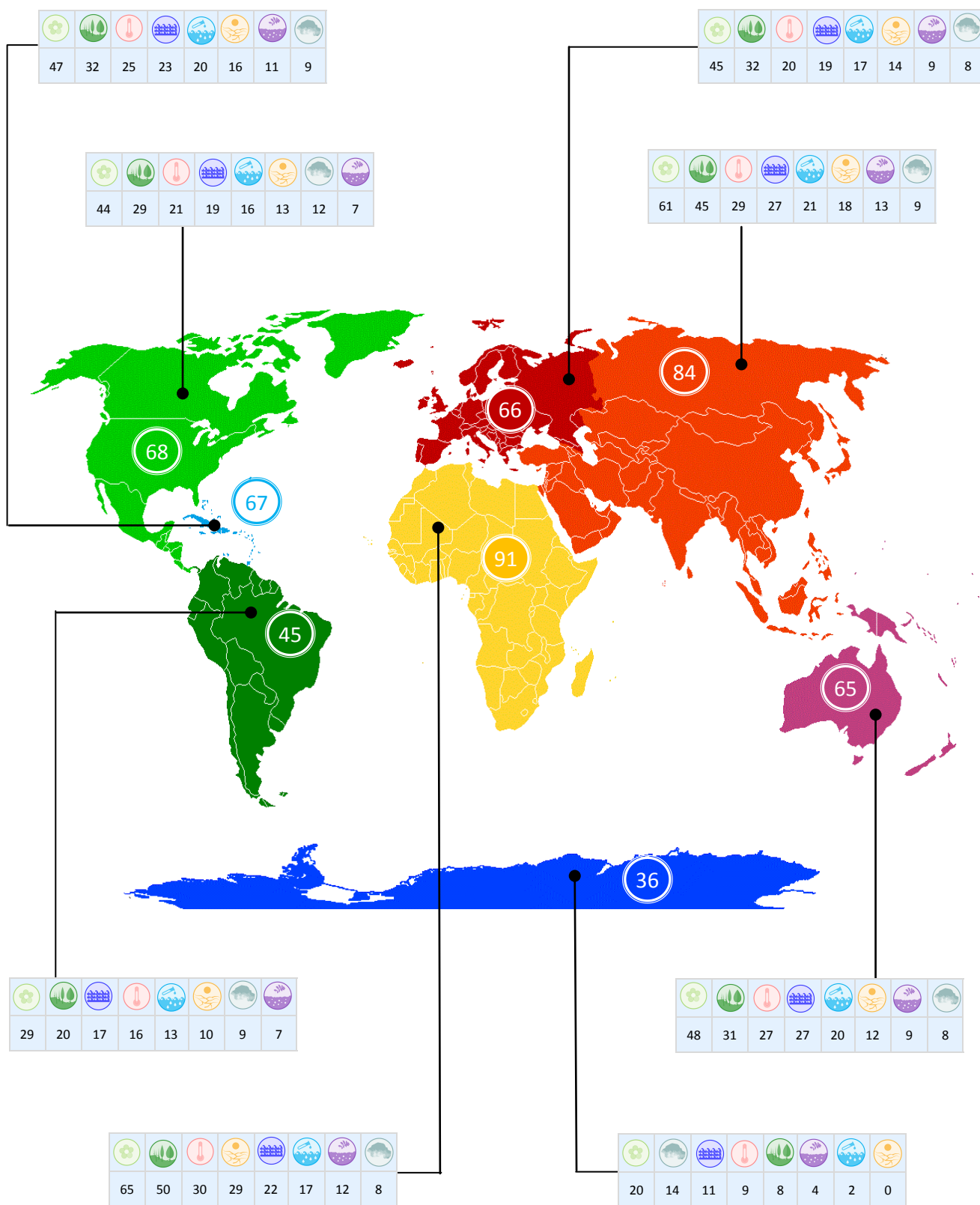
Salinization









\* as defined in decision 1/CP.16

An online database of the mapped organizations is available at [www4.unfccc.int/sites/NWP/Pages/soe.aspx](http://www4.unfccc.int/sites/NWP/Pages/soe.aspx)

To submit updates and additional information as well as new organizations in the database, please use the [template](#)>>

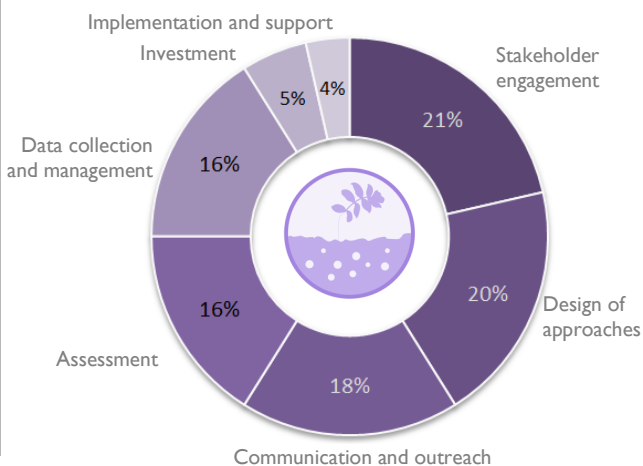
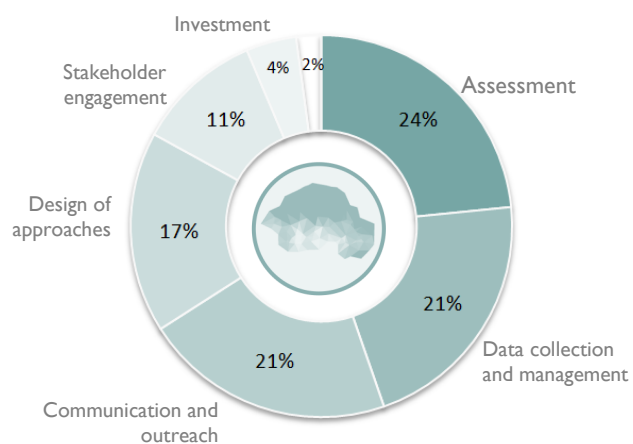
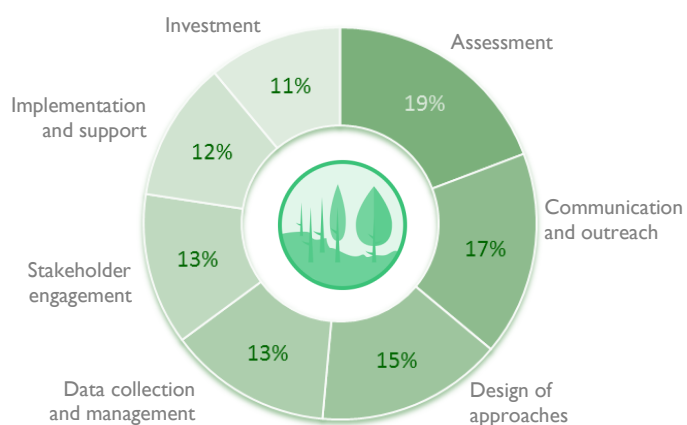
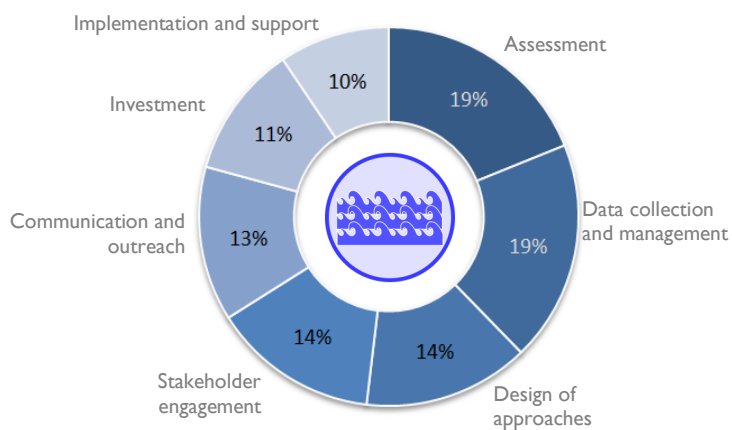
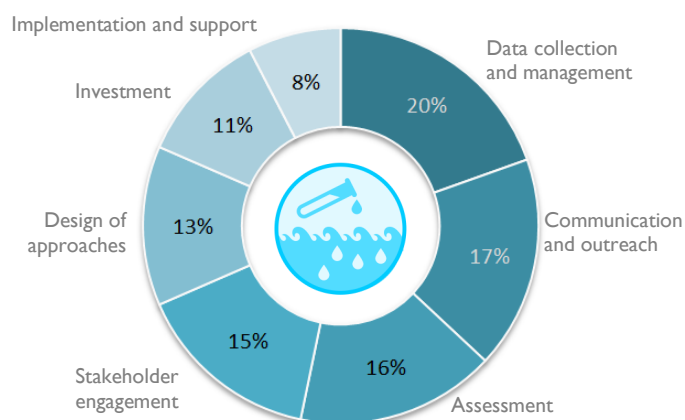
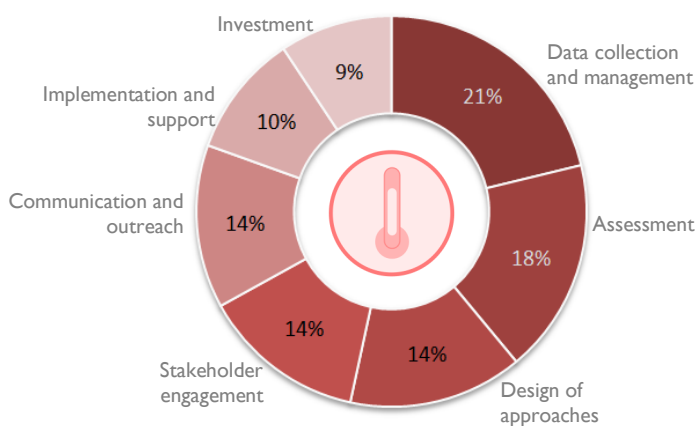
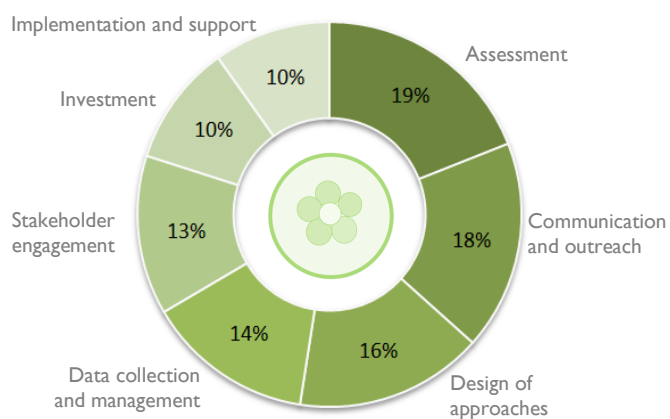
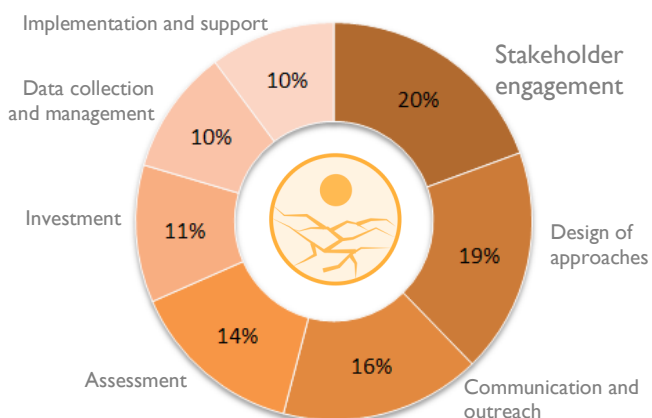
## MAPPING RESULTS BY REGION



-  Rising temperatures
-  Land and forest degradation
-  Sea level rise
-  Desertification
-  Glacial retreat and related impacts
-  Salinization
-  Loss of biodiversity
-  Ocean acidification

\* Some organizations work in more than one region or worldwide, and on more than one slow onset event.

## MAPPING RESULTS BY SCOPE OF EFFORTS



## DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE ONLINE DATABASE

The online database on the organizations working on slow onset events and their efforts also contains the following information:

Relevant institutional mandates and operational frameworks	General information on the mapped organizations, such as the type of their activities, mandates, objectives and organizational structure
Implementation modality, approaches used and delivery mechanism	Information on currently available modalities for external stakeholder engagement (e.g. platforms, regular meetings or fora, online tools, etc.) and existing channels for collaboration
Description of relevant efforts to address slow onset events	Detailed information on the scope of work (assessment, data collection and management, design of approaches, stakeholder engagement, communication and outreach, implementation and support, investment) and concrete activities addressing climate change impacts, and slow onset events in particular  It also includes an indication whether these efforts address related to non-economic losses
Outputs	Quick links to the most relevant resources and outputs of organizations (e.g. publications, reports, online tools, databases, etc.)
Relevant stakeholders and target beneficiaries	Academics and scientists, communities, policy makers, practitioners, private sector

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