

Draft Terms of References for a technical expert group for providing technical support and guidance on comprehensive risk management and transformational approaches under AA2d (which could include issues related to action areas 5 and 7 of this workplan)

I. Background

1. The COP, at its nineteenth session, established:¹
 - a. The Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts in order 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 (hereinafter referred to as the Warsaw International Mechanism); and
 - b. An Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism, to guide the implementation of functions of the Warsaw International Mechanism (hereinafter referred to as Executive Committee).
2. The COP at its twentieth session, endorsed an initial two-year workplan² of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts, in accordance with decisions 3/CP. 18 and 2/CP.19 (hereinafter referred to as Workplan).
3. Action Area 2 of the Workplan aims to “Enhance the understanding of, and promote, comprehensive risk management approaches (assessment, reduction, transfer, retention), including social protection instruments and transformational approaches, in building long-term resilience of countries, vulnerable populations and communities”.
4. Activity d of Action Area 2 mandates the Executive Committee to “Establish a technical expert panel or group, extending invitations to relevant bodies under the Convention and relevant United Nations organizations, the private sector, expert bodies and relevant initiatives that could provide technical support and guidance on comprehensive risk management and transformational approaches (which could include issues related to action areas 5 and 7 of this workplan)”

II. Mandate

5. The mandate of the expert group is to assist the work of the Excom in guiding the implementation of the Warsaw International Mechanism, in an advisory role, specifically to provide technical support and guidance on comprehensive risk management and transformational approaches (which could include issues related to action areas 5 and 7 of this workplan).

III. Scope of work

6. In line with the mandate described above, the scope of the work of the expert group, as it relates to the Workplan, is to contribute to delivering expected results of Action Area 2 of the Workplan:
 - a. Analyzing and synthesizing existing knowledge, tools, technologies, good practices, knowledge and lessons learned, take stock of existing information of

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¹ Decision 2/CP. 19, paragraphs 1 and 2.

² 2/CP19 Annex

- comprehensive risk management and transformational approaches.
- b. Wider dissemination of information related to comprehensive risk management and transformational approaches;
 - c. Identify methodology and develop inputs and recommendations, in order to enhance data on and knowledge of comprehensive risk management and transformational approaches.

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AA2: Enhance the understanding of, and promote, comprehensive risk management approaches (assessment, reduction, transfer, retention), including social protection instruments and transformational approaches, in building long-term resilience of countries, vulnerable populations and communities

- (a) Identify tools, technologies, good practices and lessons learned, including with respect to policies and data standards, instruments such as insurance and social protection, and transformational approaches, to facilitate comprehensive risk management
- (b) Identify gaps and identify or develop methodologies to be used by national governments to enhance knowledge and understanding of comprehensive risk management approaches, including issues related to finance, data, technology, regulatory environments and capacity-building, which may feed into NAPs and other relevant processes, as appropriate

Reminder: more input needed.

IV. Activities, tasks, deliverables and associated timeline

7. Within the framework of the mandate and scope of work, the expert group is to prepare a draft list of activities and deliverables for the endorsement by the Executive Committee. The annex to this document includes a non- exhaustive indicative list of possible initial work.

Reminder: needs to be updated

V. Required qualifications and expertise

8. Selection of technical experts will be based on the following required qualifications and expertise:
 - a. Demonstrable and internationally recognized expertise relevant to the different types of comprehensive risk management approaches (assessment, reduction, transfer, retention), including social protection instruments and transformational approaches, in building long-term resilience of countries, vulnerable populations and communities;
 - b. Practical experience working on issues related to addressing the adverse effects of climate change, at different levels, across regions as well as in a range of sectors and ecosystems.

VI. Size and composition of the expert group

9. The expert group consists of: **need more work**
 - a. Balanced representation of Annex I and Non-Annex I members of the Excom;
 - b. Technical experts XXXX
10. The total number in the expert group should not exceed more than XXXX at a time.
11. The expert group will be co-facilitated by members from the Executive Committee, one from Annex I and one from Non-Annex I.
12. The technical expert members should be drawn from the following UNFCCC constituency groups, through the constituency focal points:

- a. Environmental non-governmental organizations (ENGO);
 - b. Research and independent non-governmental organizations (RINGO);
 - c. Intergovernmental organizations (IGO);
 - d. Other admitted observer organizations to the UNFCCC, as appropriate.
 - e. XXXX
13. The Executive Committee, at the request by the expert group can invite additional technical experts, as needed, to serve as members of the expert group.
14. Expert group members who are not members of the Executive Committee may not act as representatives of the Executive Committee at events.

VII. Mode of work

15. The mode of the work of the Expert group includes:
- a. Electronic modalities (primary modality);
 - b. In-person meetings, as needed. Support for participation applies to only those in-person meetings which the Executive Committee has approved in advance.

VIII. Reporting

16. The Expert group reports to the Executive Committee, on a regular basis, including, through its co-facilitators, at the meetings of the Executive Committee.
17. Progress related to the work of the expert group will be captured in the report of the Executive Committee.

IX. Timeframe (the group, and the membership)

18. The term of work of the expert group will be task-bound as it relates to the Workplan.

Annex need more work

A non-exhaustive indicative list of possible initial work:

- To develop a roster of organizations/experts;
- Enhance the understanding of comprehensive risk management approaches;
- To gather information and data on of comprehensive risk management approaches, including through analysis of programmes and projects, in various regions, that may not be climate specific; and identify any related gaps;
- To identify research institutions doing research in countries specifically, in different regions and opportunities for collaboration;
- To identify gaps and best practices on the planning and elaboration of measures to address of comprehensive risk management approaches;
- Develop awareness raising strategy (AA2) and related knowledge products
- Specify the target entity/entities for the recommendations;
- Provide advice to the Excom, as appropriate; on strategies, emerging questions and issues related of comprehensive risk management approaches.