

**Fourth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and
Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts
Bonn, Germany, 19–23 September 2016**

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¹ For the full title of each Action Area, see FCCC/SB/2014/4, annex II.



II. Annotations to the agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

1. The co-chairs of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts (Excom), Ms. Pepetua Election Latasi and Ms. Shereen D'Souza, will open the 4th meeting of the Excom (Excom 4) on 19 September 2016.

2. Organizational matters:

(a) Adoption of the agenda

2. The agenda for Excom 4 will be presented for adoption.

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(b) Organization of the work of the meeting

3. An initial schedule of the work will be communicated to the Excom members prior to the meeting. With a view to increasing efficiency of the work of the Excom during the meeting, members are kindly requested, to the extent possible, to share comments and suggestions on the matters included in the agenda prior to the meeting.
4. Observers are welcome throughout the meeting. Audio recording of the plenary discussions will be made available after the meeting with a view to ensuring transparency of the proceedings.

3. Consideration of relevant requests arising from COP21:

(a) Establishing a clearing house for risk transfer that serves as a repository for information on insurance and risk transfer

5. The COP, by decision 1/CP.21, requested the Excom to establish a clearing house for risk transfer that serves as a repository for information on insurance and risk transfer, in order to facilitate the efforts of Parties to develop and implement comprehensive risk management strategies.²
6. The Excom initiated its consideration of this matter at Excom 2 (February 2016). At Excom 3 (April 2016), the Excom established a working group to advance, intersessionally, a concept for the development of a web-based repository of information on insurance and risk transfer in the context of this mandate. The outcome of this intersessional work is contained in Reference document 3(a).

Action

7. The Executive Committee will be invited to consider the information contained in Reference document 3(a) and agree on possible immediate next steps.

Reference 3(a)	Draft concept paper: clearing house on insurance and risk transfer
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(b) Establishing a task force to develop recommendations for integrated approaches to avert, minimize and address displacement related to the adverse impacts of climate change

² Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 48.

8. The COP, by decision 1/CP.21, requested the Excom to 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.³
9. The Excom initiated its consideration of this matter at Excom 2. Excom 3 established a working group to further develop, intersessionally, draft terms of reference (ToRs) for this task force. The outcome of the intersessional work is contained in Reference document 3(b).

Action

10. The Excom will be invited to consider the draft ToRs contained in Reference document 3(b), with a view to finalizing it and request the secretariat to proceed with necessary arrangements towards the first meeting of the task force.

Reference 3(b)	Draft terms of reference of a task force
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4. Issues for follow-up actions arising from the events and technical meeting:

(a) Side event on non-economic losses, in the context of Action Area 4, activity (a)

11. The Excom at its second meeting agreed to hold a side event with the aim of achieving wider dissemination of information related to non-economic losses, in accordance with the expected results of Action Area 4 of its initial two-year workplan.
12. The side event titled 'Shining the light on non-economic losses: challenges, risks and lessons learned' took place on 18 May 2016 at SB44, accompanied by a three-day photo campaign, titled 'What do non-economic losses mean to you?'.⁴ The summary note of the event and the campaign is contained in Reference document 4(a). The note will also be made available to the expert group, established in the context of activity (b) of this Action Area, as agreed at Excom 3.

Action

13. The Excom will be invited to take note of the issues for further consideration contained in Reference document 4(a). The Excom will also be invited to consider, as appropriate, further action on the topic under this Action Area, including in the context of its five-year rolling workplan (see item 5(b) below) and/or recommendations to be contained in its report to the COP, if applicable (see item 5(a) below).

Reference 4(a)	Summary note of the side event
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(b) Technical meeting on displacement, migration and human mobility, in the context of Action Area 6, activity (b)

14. The Excom, at its last meeting, agreed to organize a technical meeting with the aim of synthesizing relevant information and making it widely available, in accordance with the expected results of Action Area 6 of its initial two-year workplan.
15. The Excom collaborated with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in organizing

³ Decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 49.

⁴ Agenda, presentations and other details of the side event, and the results of the photo campaign, are available at <<http://unfccc.int/9431>>.

the technical meeting, as well as in distilling relevant information, lessons learned and good practices from the activities of UN and international organizations, expert bodies and relevant initiatives.

16. The technical meeting, hosted by IOM, was held on 27–29 July 2016 in Casablanca, Morocco, along with a study tour. The synthesis documents of relevant information, lessons learned and good practices are contained in Reference document 4(b).

Action

17. The Excom will be invited to take note of the synthesis documents contained in Reference document 4(b). The Excom will also be invited to consider, as appropriate, further action on the topic under this Action Area, including in the context of its five-year rolling workplan (see item 5(b) below) and/or, if applicable, recommendations to be contained in its report to the COP (see item 5(a) below).

Reference 4(b)	Synthesis of relevant information
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(c) 2016 SCF Forum on financial instruments that address the risks of loss and damage, in the context of Action Area 7, activity (e)

18. In response to the invitation by the Excom in the context of Action Area 7, activity (e), the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) dedicated its 2016 annual forum to financial instruments that address the risks of loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change. The Forum was held on 5–6 September 2016, Manila, Philippines.⁵ Several members of the Excom, in various capacities, participated in the Forum.

Action

19. The Excom will be invited to take note of key points discussed at the Forum, with a view to considering any additional action as needed, including in relation to developing its five-year rolling workplan.

5. Report of the Executive Committee to the Conference of the Parties at its 22nd Session:

20. The COP, by decision 2/CP.19, requested the Excom to report annually to the COP, through the subsidiary bodies and make recommendations, as appropriate.⁶
21. The co-chairs requested the secretariat to prepare a draft report, containing information on the work of the Executive Committee between November 2015 and September 2016. The structure of the report was shared with the members on 16 August 2016 for their inputs.

(a) Recommendations to the Conference of the Parties

Action

22. The Excom will be invited to agree on a set of recommendations, to be contained in its report to the COP, including those developed under items 3 and 4 above, as well as item 6 below.

(b) A draft five-year rolling workplan of the Executive Committee

23. At its last meeting the Excom dedicated one day to the exchange of views on, inter alia, vision, guiding principles, and thematic areas/ workstreams/ action areas of its five-year rolling workplan in the context of Action Area 9 of its initial two-year workplan. Experts and relevant organizations also provided their inputs into the five-year rolling workplan.

⁵ Information on the 2016 SCF Forum is available at <<http://unfccc.int/9410>>.

⁶ Decision 2/CP.19, paragraph 3.

24. Based on these deliberations, the co-chairs developed an initial note. The note was shared with the Excom on 7 June 2016, serving as the basis for intersessional work by the Excom towards advancing under this Action Area.
25. Based on the feedback by the members, the co-chairs prepared a revised note as contained in document Excom/2016/4/2.

Action

26. The Excom will be invited to elaborate and agree on its draft five-year rolling workplan, based on the information contained in document Excom/2016/4/2, for inclusion in its report to the COP.

Excom/2016/4/2 Note on the draft five-year rolling workplan

6. The two-year workplan of the Executive Committee and the delivery of activities:⁷

(a) Workplan of the Expert Group on non-economic losses

27. The Excom at its last meeting adopted the terms of reference (ToRs) for an expert group on non-economic losses, in the context of activity (b) of Action Area 4, and selected the four members of the Excom to serve in the Expert Group.
28. In line with the ToRs, eight institutions were invited to nominate technical experts, of which seven institutions have responded to date.⁸ The first meeting of the Expert Group is planned to take place on 15–16 September 2016 in order to develop its workplan for approval by the Excom at Excom 4.

Action

29. The Excom will be invited to approve the workplan and modalities of work, to be presented by the Expert Group. The Excom will also be invited to consider amending the ToRs of the Expert Group in order to extend its term beyond the end of the initial two-year workplan, noting the timeframe of the operationalization of the Expert Group.

(b) Side event at COP22

30. The Excom at its last meeting agreed to hold a side event at COP22 on issues related to financial instruments and tools. A slot for the event has been reserved for Tuesday 8 November 2016, 13:15–14:45.

Action

31. The Excom will be invited to consider the concept for the side event and agree on next steps.

(c) Updates from the ongoing intersessional work

32. In addition to the tasks referred to in the previous items, the Excom, at its last meeting, requested the secretariat to continue, intersessionally, to advance various activities of the initial two-year workplan. Information on the current status of these activities is contained in document Excom/2016/4/3.
33. In addition to the tasks referred to in the previous items, the Excom, at its last meeting, also agreed on a number of specific intersessional tasks to be undertaken, and established working groups accordingly. Co-/Coordinators of these working groups will be invited to provide an oral report, as appropriate, on the current status of the intersessional activities.

⁷ For the full title of each Action Area, see FCCC/SB/2014/4, annex II.

⁸ See <<http://unfccc.int/9694>> for the current membership of the Expert Group.

Action

34. The Excom will be invited to consider the current status of the activities reported, and agree on the next steps, as appropriate.

Excom/2016/4/3 Intersessional activities of the initial two-year workplan

(d) Any other issues

35. Any other issues not mentioned in items 4, 5(b) and 6 (a)–(c) above, and related to the implementation of the initial two-year workplan will be taken up under this sub-item.

7. Date and venue of the meetings in 2017

36. The COP, by decision 2/CP.20, decided that the Excom shall meet at least twice per year, while retaining its flexibility to adjust the number of meetings, as appropriate.

Action

37. The Excom will be invited to consider and agree on the dates and venues of its meetings in 2017.

8. Organization of intersessional work

38. Action: The Excom will be invited to endorse the champions, including (co-)coordinators, for the established working groups to lead the implementation of activities intersessionally.

9. Any other matters

39. Any other matters arising during the meeting will be taken up under this item.

10. Closure of the meeting

40. Excom 4 is scheduled to close on Friday 23 September 2016.
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