

# Guidance for the working group 4: Clearinghouse on Risk Transfer

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## Content

### Ideas of ExCom members and observers that were brought into the discussion on:

- General: How to move forward with the process within this meeting and beyond?
- Question 1: Range/scope of information to be repositied and what type of information
- Question 2: Modalities for the clearinghouse
- Question 3: Modalities/ways to updating/maintaining the web portal/ webiste. Who does this?

## General: How to move forward with the process?

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### 1. How to bring the work forward? Where should we be with the clearinghouse at the end of the session?

- **a. Problems/Gaps in the existing roadmap:**
  - Not clear what we are committing to in the document. In reading through - not clear how this leads to endorsement or agreement. How do we use the content of the document to actually design and implement a clearinghouse
  - Consistency of language in the document
- **b. WHAT document can drive the process?**
  - What does the document need to address?
    - What are the concrete steps to establish the clearinghouse?
    - What do we need to actually implement the clearinghouse?
    - What are the objectives of the clearinghouse?
    - What are the requirements in terms of substance - what should be in there?
    - Until when do we want to set it up?
    - If Sec will set it up - what is the guidance we give them?
    - Can we take initial steps before we have a full picture of all elements that the clearinghouse encompasses? Technical information by Secretariat: project requirement for project. Difficult to add on functions from a later stage. If requirements are not clear from the outset - difficult to change in the process
  - What kind of documents could be appropriate?
    - Implementation plan
    - Revised roadmap
    - No ToR: We do not establish an expert group so we don't need ToR
- **c. WHO could bring the work forward?**
  - **Establish special expert group for design of the clearinghouse.** Not informal group. Experts that have knowledge in designing and managing of clearinghouses to be tasked to operationalize the clearinghouse based on guidance by ExCom and Secretariat
  - **Group of champions** to work on it intersessional

### 2. Next steps after the ExCom meeting

- **a. Get input from Parties** - what kind of information do they want to have in the clearinghouse
  - Idea: **Submission with a template** to allow to collect feedback so that it is not overwhelming
  - Problem: How should the ExCom react to conflicting views?
- **b. Learn from other clearinghouses:**
  - Learn from inhouse clearinghouse examples - TEC TTClear regarding questions like: how much effort it is to set up the clearinghouse?
  - Get TEC People in the ExCom meeting to share their experiences.
  - List of clearinghouses attached in discussion paper by MCII.
- **c. Discuss:**
  - What is the role of the WIM with regards to comprehensive climate risk management and risk transfer as one tool
- **d. Provide basis for discussion:**
  - Revise roadmap according to above inputs (a-c)/Develop implementation plan/Mock up version of the clearinghouse
- **e. Status quo of clearinghouse to be included in report** of ExCom to COP open for discussion for Parties during COP
- **f. Clearinghouse as part of 5 year workplan**
  - How to channel results of this session to discussion about 5-year workplan?

## Question 1: Range/scope of information to be repositied and what type of information

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### 1. What should be the scope of the clearinghouse?

- **a. What could the clearinghouse catalyze without providing it itself?**
  - The clearinghouse itself is a web portal.
  - **But it can link to many existing support channels and various helpdesks that can provide support, eg. Link to GCF readiness program**, ideas within G7 of providing such support
- **b. Possibility to go from general mandate to details:** TEC clearinghouse started with a quite general mandate, the Parties extended this mandate over time

### 2. What should guide what kind of information should be on the clearinghouse

- **a. Needs based approach:** Need to define the users of the clearinghouse!
  - Who would use the clearinghouse? Find out what the users need before defining clearinghouse. What information would they find useful?
    - Find out: What are FAQ in that area?
- **b. Use what is out there**
  - Massive resource out there with regards to platform, lot of climate information platform are in existence
  - Link clearinghouse with other platforms, seek alliances, use information that is already out there
- **c. Serve the functions of the WIM, embed in functions of WIM**
  - What is the role in the clearinghouse in contributing to the functions of the WIM?
  - What is the role of the WIM with regards to comprehensive climate risk management and insurance as a tool?

- **d. Fulfil the clearinghouse's mandate** in facilitating the efforts of parties to develop and implement comprehensive risk management strategies

### 3. Type of information and topics that the clearinghouse is to cover

- **a. Information regarding how to set up climate risk insurance schemes**
  - Guide the countries through the process of developing insurance schemes in steps.
  - Open question: could it support the countries in going different steps? > ExCom: Role of clearinghouse is serve as repository of information
  - What are resources that a party can access if they have questions regarding insurance?
  - Preparatory measures - what info should be available to establish risk insurance - Data
  - Technical guidelines
- **b. List of Institutions working on the topic**
  - Comprehensive listing of all of the institutions that provide support for some aspect of an insurance system.
  - From: setting up system, governance aspects necessary, risk data needs, CTC - provdies assistance for countries in TNA they can access support from CTCN
- **c. Insurance Instruments at various levels**
  - Sovereign level, non-sovereign insurance.
  - Mapping of different levels - having a map with different initiatives from various regions.
  - Adjust platform to potential users by providing a filter for different users
- **d. General ideas**
  - Build on Paper on financial instruments - they list instruments - could be used as framework

### 4. Level and structure of information

- **a. Provide tailor made information for target audience**
  - **Adjust platform to potential users by providing a filter for different users**
  - Filter for different users:
    - Consumer
    - Government/policy maker
    - Regulator, designer at country level
- **b. Provide information**
  - Make it easy for people what are the issues that they should consider.
  - Levels (supranation, regions national, submnation, local, micro) - Map
- **c. Provide key words that they can search/Key word search: Research that has been done, policy documents, where you could get advice**
  - Needs to be a user friendly system

## Question 2: What topics the clearing house is to cover

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### Question 3: Modalities for the clearinghouse

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- **a. Guiding platform**
  - **Guiding platform** for countries, support for parties. If you want to do x - help could be found here. An interface is needed, be guided in the implementation. Goes beyond pure dataplance. Guided to get to solution
  - Not a list but an annotation - description of different websites. Decision tree - leading people to the things that might be most useful
- **b. Navigation**
  - Navigate to things that you need.
  - Technical solution (link open data) to use existing information on the website
- **c. Links to various help desk for countries**
  - Not just web based information. Link to people to respond on what the applicability of information is. How to apply information in different context
  - Way to report back ideas to clearinghouse to make it more useful
- **d. Interactiveness** is important
  - costly - spend even more money. You need facilitators that are checking

### Question 4: Modalities/ways to updating/maintaining the web portal/webiste. Who does this?

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#### 1. Problems

- links go out of date quickly - very resource driven process

#### 2. Budget

- Open questions: How much budget is needed. Does COP decide. System that requires a full time employee to maintain it.
- Information on: TTC started long time ago as website - info for technology needs assessments.

### Additional comments on roadmap paper

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#### Rational

- it does not mention end users in the document. Audience. Groups of beneficiaries
- what is a consumer - members of vulnerable population, purchasers