



LOSS AND DAMAGE

ONLINE GUIDE
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IN THIS ONLINE GUIDE, YOU WILL LEARN ABOUT...

WARSAW INTERNATIONAL MECHANISM FOR LOSS AND DAMAGE

Executive Committee

Guiding the implementation of the functions
of the Mechanism

(Technical arms of
the Committee)



(Initial two-year
workplan)



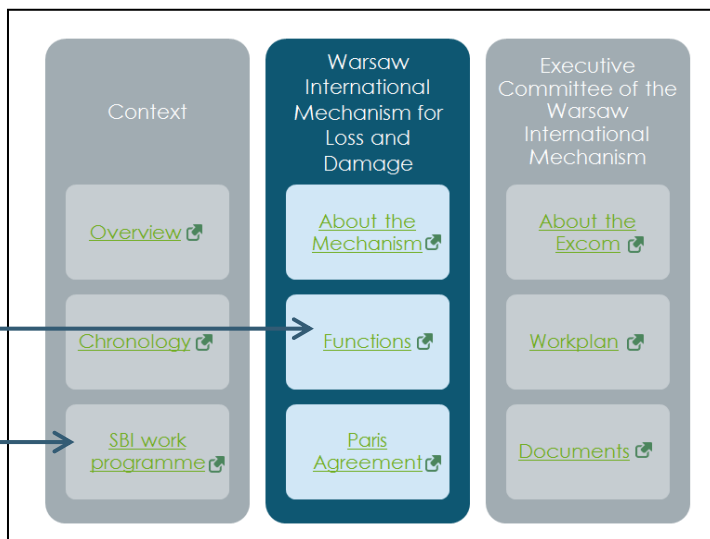
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COMPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Excom comprises 20 members, as follows:

- 10 members from [Annex I Parties](#);
- 10 members from [non-Annex I Parties](#), of which:
 - 2 members each from Africa, Asia-Pacific, and Latin American and Caribbean
 - 1 member from SIDS
 - 1 member from the LDCs
 - 2 additional members from non-Annex I Parties.

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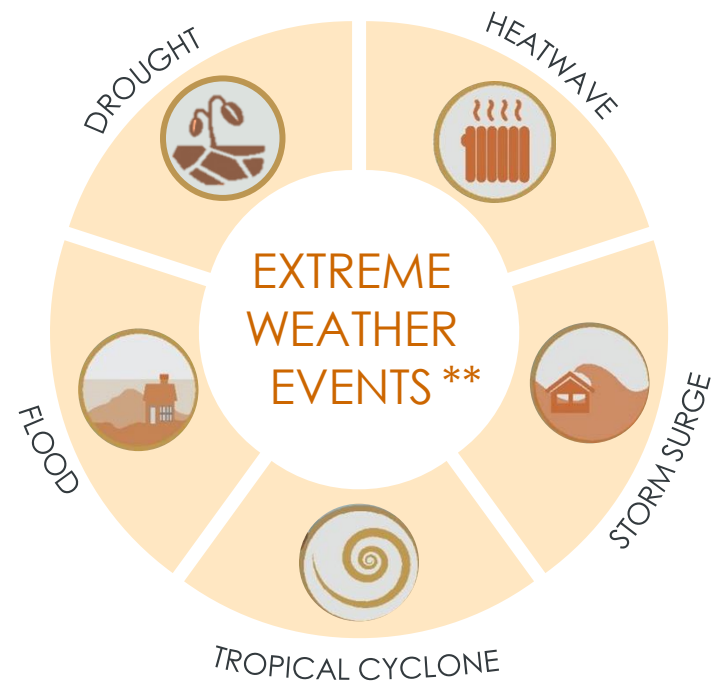
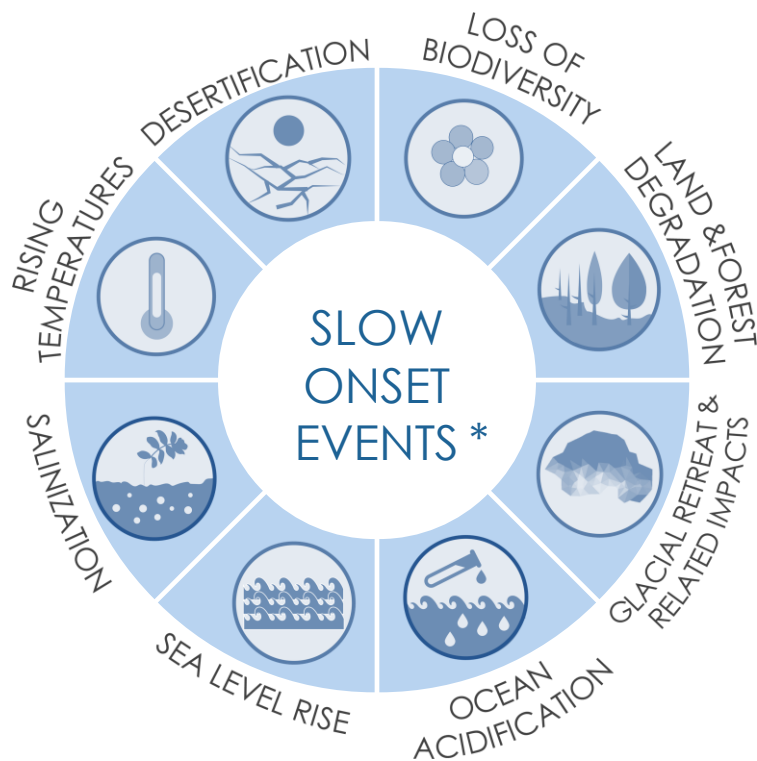
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IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Impacts of climate change include slow onset events* and extreme weather events which may both result in loss and damage.



* As referred to in [Decision 1/CP.16](#)

** Those presented are examples

NON-ECONOMIC LOSSES



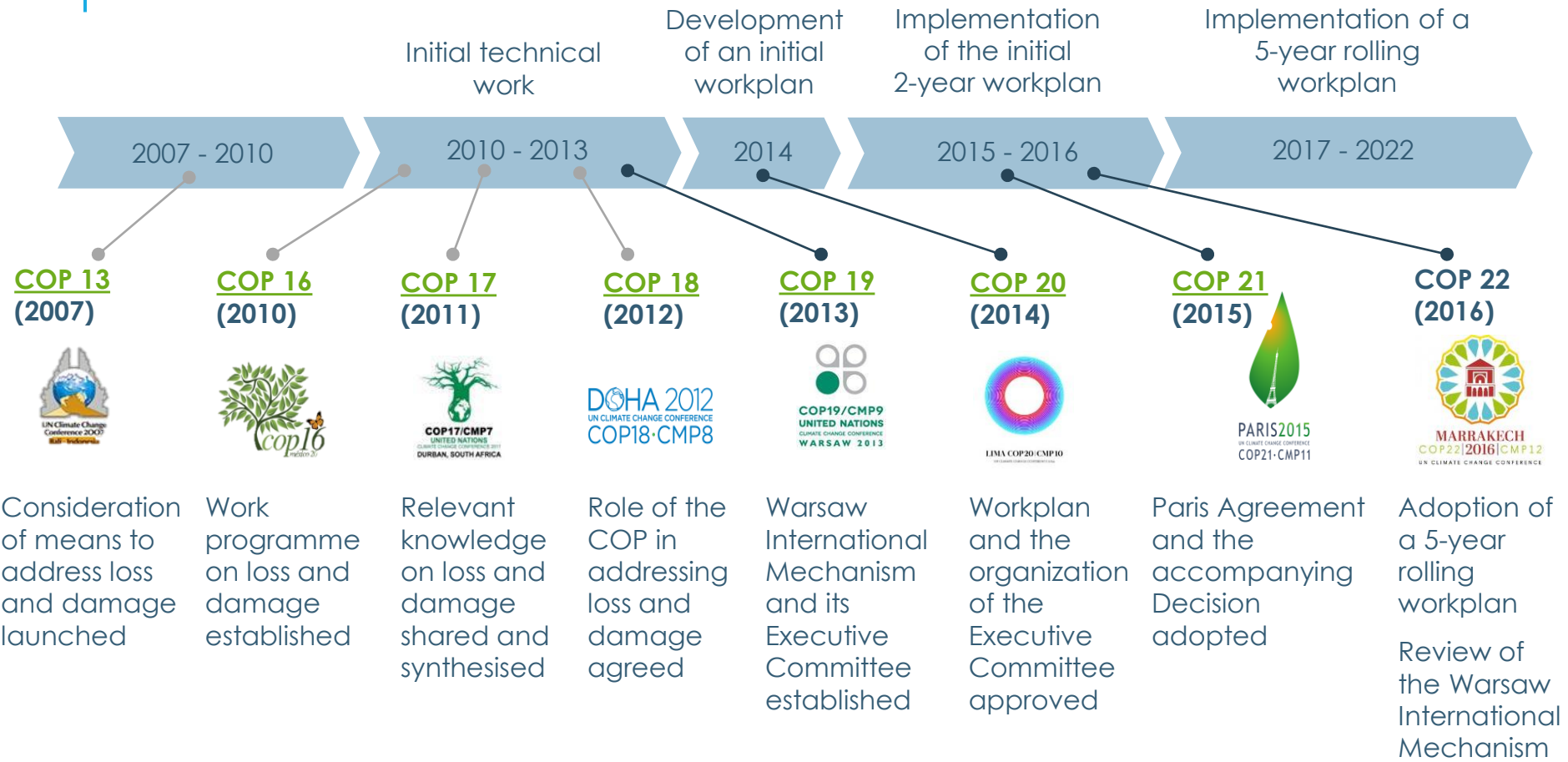
Economic losses can be understood as the loss of resources, goods and services that are commonly traded in markets.



Non-economic losses can be understood as the remainder of items that are not commonly traded in markets.



MILESTONES



[More on the multilateral process milestones on L&D](#)



SBI WORK PROGRAMME ON LOSS AND DAMAGE (2011-2013)

COP 16 (2010) established a work programme on loss and damage to:

- Consider approaches to address loss and damage, including impacts of extreme weather events and slow onset events in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable; and
- Strengthen international cooperation and expertise in order to understand and reduce loss and damage

The Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI) undertook technical work in the areas of:

- Assessing the risk of loss and damage;
- A range of approaches;
- The role of the Convention.

[More on the technical work under the work programme](#) 

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ABOUT THE WARSAW INTERNATIONAL MECHANISM FOR LOSS AND DAMAGE

The Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage (WIM) is the main vehicle in the UNFCCC process to address loss and damage associated with climate change impacts in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, in a comprehensive, integrated and coherent manner.

[FAQs on the Warsaw International Mechanism](#) 



Established by the COP at [COP19](#) (2013) in Warsaw, Poland

The WIM will, inter alia:

- Facilitate support of action to address loss and damage;
- Improve coordination;
- Convene meetings;
- Promote the development of, and compile, analyse, synthesize and review information;
- Provide technical guidance and support;
- Make recommendations.

[Decision 2/CP.19](#), paras. 1 and 7 



FUNCTIONS OF THE MECHANISM

The implementation of the functions of the WIM are guided by the Executive Committee of the Mechanism.

Enhancing knowledge and understanding of comprehensive risk management approaches

Strengthening dialogue, coordination, coherence and synergies among relevant stakeholders

Enhancing action and support, incl., finance, technology and capacity-building

PARIS AGREEMENT

- The Paris Agreement recognizes the importance of averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage.
- Overarching areas of cooperation and facilitation to enhance understanding, action and support:

- Early warning systems
- Emergency preparedness
- Slow onset events
- Events that may involve irreversible and permanent loss and damage
- Comprehensive risk assessment and management
- Risk insurance facilities, climate risk pooling and other insurance solutions
- Non-economic losses
- Resilience of communities, livelihoods and ecosystems



PARIS MANDATES

COP 21 in Paris 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
- **A task force to develop recommendations for integrated approaches to avert, minimize and address displacement**, related to the adverse impacts of climate change.
 - The task force is 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.



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ABOUT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WARSAW INTERNATIONAL MECHANISM

COP19 (2013) established the **Executive Committee** of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage (Excom) in order to guide the implementation of the functions of the Mechanism.

The Excom meets at least twice a year, and reports annually to the COP.

[More about the Excom](#) 

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 - 1 member from the least developed countries (LDCs)
 - 2 additional members from non-Annex I Parties.

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TECHNICAL ARMS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Excom may establish expert groups, subcommittees, panels, thematic advisory groups or task-focused ad hoc working groups, to help execute the work of the Excom in guiding the implementation of the Warsaw International Mechanism, as appropriate, in an advisory role, and that report to the Excom.

[Decision 2/CP.20](#), para. 8

The Excom established its first **expert group** to develop inputs and recommendations to enhance data on and knowledge of reducing the risk of and addressing **non-economic losses (NELs)**, including how to factor these into the planning and elaboration of measures to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change.

[More on the Expert Group on NELs](#)

INITIAL TWO-YEAR WORKPLAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

At COP 20 (2014) in Lima, Peru, the COP approved the initial two-year workplan of the Excom.



The initial two-year workplan comprises 9 Action Areas, associated activities and expected results.

[The initial two-year workplan](#) 



ACTION AREAS OF THE INITIAL TWO-YEAR WORKPLAN





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