

Compilation of relevant documents for Action Area 6, activity (a) of the Excom workplan

<p>Action Area 6: Enhance the understanding of and expertise on how the impacts of climate change are affecting patterns of migration, displacement and human mobility; and the application of such understanding and expertise</p>
<p>Activity (a): Invite relevant organizations and experts to provide scientific information on projected migration and displacement based on projected climate and non-climate related impacts in vulnerable populations</p>
<p>Expected results: Enhanced understanding, based on sound science, of migration and displacement, including of characteristics of vulnerable populations that may become mobile owing to factors related to climate change impacts</p> <p>Enhanced understanding and collaboration</p> <p>Synthesized information made available on the relevant information, lessons learned and good practices from the activities of organizations and experts</p>

This note compiles the following relevant documents in relation to Action Area 6, activity (a):

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1. Draft guideline for initial action as at the conclusion of Excom 1

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<p>Parameters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to WIM and ExCom (establishment, functions, two-year workplan, etc) • Description of action area 6, including expected results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o academic and professional networks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - key characteristics of vulnerable populations that may be particularly sensitive to climatic stressors and for whom mobility may be a likely climate risk management option. (NOTE: It would be of particular interest to have research on a) how affected populations perceive / think about mobility and b) what factors matter most to them in whether mobility is viewed as “positive” or “negative” to their welfare) - how climate stressors are affecting patterns of migration, displacement and human mobility (current and historic observations) - scientific information on projected migration and displacement based on projected climate and non-climate related impacts in vulnerable populations (modeling, discourse analysis, other future-oriented analysis) o for regional and operational organizations in particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - how this understanding is being applied in the policies and operations (or other areas of application of understanding and expertise) - distill relevant information, lessons learned and good practices from activities • Possible uses of inputs • Suggested format of inputs • Due date • Offer to clarify, provide additional guidance where required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o academic and professional networks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - key characteristics of vulnerable populations that may be particularly sensitive to climatic stressors and for whom mobility may be a likely climate risk management option. (NOTE: It would be of particular interest to have research on a) how affected populations perceive / think about mobility and b) what factors matter most to them in whether mobility is viewed as “positive” or “negative” to their welfare) - how climate stressors are affecting patterns of migration, displacement and human mobility (current and historic observations) - scientific information on projected migration and displacement based on projected climate and non-climate related impacts in vulnerable populations (modeling, discourse analysis, other future-oriented analysis) o for regional and operational organizations in particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - how this understanding is being applied in the policies and operations (or other areas of application of understanding and expertise) - distill relevant information, lessons learned and good practices from activities

Organizations	
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2. Co-chairs' proposal for a finalized guideline for initial action as shared with the members on 18 December 2015

Consolidated guidance for undertaking Action Area 6, activity (a) -- Invite relevant organizations and experts to provide scientific information on projected migration and displacement based on projected climate and non-climate related impacts in vulnerable populations

I. Parameters of guidance for the Secretariat in developing an open invitation in the form of a letter to organizations and entities working on migration and displacement.

- Introduction to WIM and Excom (establishment, functions, two-year workplan, etc.)
- Description of Action Area 6, including expected results:
 - academic and professional networks (*note by the secretariat: this part could be included as an annex as opposed to the main part of the communication*):
 - key characteristics of vulnerable populations that may be particularly sensitive to climatic stressors and for whom mobility may be a likely climate risk management option (it would be of particular interest to have research on a) how affected populations perceive / think about mobility and b) what factors matter most to them in whether mobility is viewed as “positive” or “negative” to their welfare);
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 - for regional and operational organizations in particular (*note by the secretariat: this part could be included as an annex as opposed to the main part of the communication*):
 - how this understanding is being applied in the policies and operations (or other areas of application of understanding and expertise);
 - distill relevant information, lessons learned and good practices from activities.
- Possible uses of inputs – information received will be synthesized, made available, and used for any purposes identified by the Excom
- Suggested format of inputs – Secretariat to create a simple template based on substantive bullets above, to be reviewed by the Excom
- Due date – three months from date letter is sent
- Offer to clarify, provide additional guidance where required

II. Organizations

- UN Advisory Group on Climate Change and Human Mobility:¹
 - United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
 - International Organization for Migration (IOM)
 - United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS)
 - United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
 - Norwegian Refugee Council/Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (NRC/IDMC)
 - Refugees International

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- Center for International Relations Studies de Sciences Po (Sciences Po CERI)
- Arab Network for Environment and Development (RAED)
- Nansen Initiative
- UN Women
- UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
- Global Migration Group
- International Labor Organization (ILO)
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- UNCBD Secretariat
- UNCCD Secretariat
- International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN)
- Secretariat of the Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)
- Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC)
- Institute for International Environment and Development (IIED)
- Overseas Development Institute (ODI)
- World Resources Institute (WRI)
- World Bank-based KNOMAD Working Group on Environment and Migration²
- Academic and professional networks: European Commission-funded COST Action on Climate Change and Migration³
- Transatlantic Forum on Migration and Integration⁴
- Georgetown University
- Columbia University Earth Institute
- MIT
- Brookings
- Other regional organizations (in Africa, Asia and Latin America)

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3. Co-chairs' proposal for a draft letter of invitation and a summary of further discussion points

(Excom letter head)

Dear xxx,

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts (hereinafter referred to as the Executive Committee) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and in our capacity as its Co-Chairs, we are pleased to present you an opportunity to enhance synergy between your work and that of the Executive Committee in the areas related to migration, displacement and human mobility.

The Conference of the Parties (COP), at its nineteenth session, established the Warsaw International Mechanism to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change through its three main functions: enhancing knowledge and understanding of comprehensive risk management approaches; strengthening dialogue, coordination, coherence and synergies among relevant stakeholders; and enhancing action and support, including finance, technology and capacity building. The Executive Committee is mandated to guide the implementation of these functions. The COP, at its twentieth session, approved an initial two-year workplan of the Executive Committee (Workplan).

Action Area 6 of the Workplan focuses on enhancing the understanding of and expertise on how the impacts of climate change are affecting patterns of migration, displacement and human mobility; and the application of such understanding and expertise.

In this context, the Executive Committee invites relevant organizations and experts to provide, by x date, **scientific information on projected migration and displacement based on projected climate and non-climate related impacts in vulnerable populations**

Expected results of this activity are, as envisioned by the COP, enhanced understanding, based on sound science, of migration and displacement, including of characteristics of vulnerable populations that may become mobile owing to factors related to climate change impacts; and synthesized information made available on the relevant information, lessons learned and good practices from the activities of organizations and experts. The COP also envisions enhancing collaboration through undertaking this activity.

The Annex to this letter contains additional information that you may find helpful in considering the above invitation by the Executive Committee.

We are happy to answer any questions you may have as you consider this invitation.

Signed by: xxx

Annex: Additional information *(pending further consideration by the Excom)*

Useful links:

- <Information on the Executive Committee>.
- <Two-year workplan of the Executive Committee>.

Possible elements which the Excom may need to further consider (without prejudging its inclusion or final placement – i.e. annex or cover letter):

1. Consideration of possible linkage with the related Paris mandate (see comment #1 below)
2. Possible details/examples to be included in submissions by academic and professional networks (see comment #2 with relation to “*Key characteristics of vulnerable populations that may be particularly sensitive to climatic stressors and for whom mobility may be a likely climate risk management option*” in the guideline; and comment # 3 regarding “*Scientific information on projected migration and displacement based on projected climate and non-climate related impacts in vulnerable populations*” in the guideline)
3. Consideration of linkages of 6(a) and 6 (b) (see comments #2 and #4 below)
4. A possible submission template for regional and operational organizations (see comment #5 below)

Comment #1

It may be a good idea to draw reference to and quote para 50 of the Decision at COP 21 that speaks to a task force re displacement. It is important to make the linkages.

Comment #2

While lessons learned and good practices fall under AA6(b), noting the linkage between AA6(a) and (b), it would be useful here to draw on and highlight a few key examples such as the Migration with Dignity of Kiribati associated with SLR.

Comment #3

SLR is a key area that may require specific focus (modelling discourse analysis, other future-oriented analysis).

Comment #4

Note the linkage between AA6 (a) and (b). Information to be distilled should be useful to those displaced by climate change impacts. Outputs can therefore be solutions-oriented and include policies strategies and action plans to assist persons at national, regional and international levels to provide guidance to them on where to start, what assistance exists, what they would require, etc.

Comment #5

It would be useful to consider what currently exists in these institutions from the perspective of practice. This could inform a document outlining the challenges faced in the various regions and how they are currently being met. Consider the existing policies, strategies and action plans and how effective they have been, in preparing the template. This may help to identify gaps or shortcomings that can be used to inform good practices.