

Draft Terms of References – task force on displacement

I. Background

1. The COP, at its twenty-first session, requested the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism to establish, according to its procedures and mandate, 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 Least Developed Countries 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;
2. Previously, the COP, at its nineteenth session, established¹:
 - 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).
3. The COP, at its twentieth session, endorsed an initial two-year workplan 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.19² (hereinafter referred to as Workplan).
4. Action area 6 of the initial two-year 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.

II. Mandate

5. The taskforce is to develop recommendations for integrated approaches to avert, minimize and address displacement related to the adverse impacts of climate change in a manner consistent with the COP 21 mandate described in para 1 above.

III Scope of Work

6. In addition to its activities related to its mandate, the task force may, at the request of the Executive Committee, assist the Executive Committee in guiding the implementation of the Warsaw International Mechanism, in an advisory role. Specifically, in line with the Executive Committee's initial two-year workplan action area 6, the task force may be requested by the Executive Committee to help it undertake activities related to „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“

Comment [A1]: Note that I don't believe we decided on the role of the TF in supporting the Excom in implementing AA6. I've, nevertheless, included reference to AA 6 below – to be kept, modified or deleted. The paragraphs are out of chronological order in an effort to give supremacy to the TF's work on the Paris mandate.

I have not included reference to the 5 year rolling workplan, as I don't believe we had a definitive conclusion on the potential relationship between the 5 year plan and the TF.

The paras 2-4 are modeled on the NELs TOR.

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

² FCCC/SB/2014/4, annex II.

IV Guiding Principles

7. In carrying out its mandate described above, the task force should:

- a. Ensure that recommendations build on the latest science, most recent evidence, findings and experience (including research, best practices, data, etc.);
- b. Consider the catalytic role of the Convention and the mandates of other UN and inter-governmental organizations
- c. Provide opportunities for parties to articulate their questions and needs, good practices, lessons learned
- d. Identify legal and institutional challenges, good practices, lessons learned

Comment [A2]: „Guiding principles“ is a placeholder until we decide on an appropriate header.

Bullets a-d are my understanding of the what we agreed to maintain from the „scope of work“ section of the roadmap document.

V. Target Audiences

8. Target audiences for the recommendations described in paragraph 1 above will include, inter alia:

- technical and scientific communities
- the Parties
- ?
- ??
- ???

Comment [A3]: One of the bullets from the „scope of work“ section of the roadmap document included a reference to sending signals to the scientific and technical communities. That sentiment is now captured in this section.

Comment [A4]: To be added pending discussion

VI. Activities, tasks, deliverables and associated timeline

8. Within the framework of the mandate and scope of work, the task force is to organize at least one face-to-face meeting and to prepare a draft Workplan, including a list of activities and associated deliverables by X date, subject to review and approval by the Executive Committee and prior to implementation of the Workplan by the task force. The annex to this document includes an indicative list of activities to be considered by the task force as it develops its Workplan.

VII. Required qualifications and expertise

9. **Selection** of technical experts for the task force will be based on the following required qualifications and expertise:

- a. Demonstrable expertise relevant for developing recommendation for averting, minimizing and addressing displacement.
- b. Practical international, regional, and / or national experience working on issues related to addressing the adverse effects of climate change, at a range of different levels, is preferred.

Comment [A5]: This section is based on the version of the NELs TOR from the start of Excom 3. It should be updated based on the version we agreed to today (i don't yet have it electronically)

IX. Size and composition of the task force

10. The task force consists of:

- a. Balanced representation of Annex I and Non-Annex I members of the Executive Committee

Comment [A6]: Same comment as above

b. Technical experts reflecting regional diversity on issues related averting, minimizing and addressing displacement

11. The total number of individuals described in 8a above will not exceed 4 at a time. The total number of individuals described in 8b above will not exceed X.

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12. The task force will be co-facilitated by two of the members from the Executive Committee.

13. The technical expert members will be drawn from the following groups:

Comment [A7]: I've left this section blank because I'm not clear if we'd use the same process we are using for the NELs group or something distinct, altogether.

X. Mode of work

14. The mode of the work of the expert group includes:

- a. Electronic modalities (primary modality);
- b. In-person meetings, as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee. Support for participation applies to only those in-person meetings that the Executive Committee has approved in advance.

Comment [A8]: Also needs to be updated based on final version of NELs TOR

XI. Reporting

15. The task force reports to the Executive Committee, on a regular basis, through its co-facilitators, at the meetings of the Executive Committee and through written reports, as appropriate.

16. Progress related to the work of the task force will be captured in the annual report of the Executive Committee to the COP.

XII. Timeframe (the group, and the membership)

17. The term of work of the expert group will be ???

Comment [A9]: Not sure we discussed

Activities, Deliverables and suggested Timeframe

The Task Force on Displacement, in accordance with its mandate, shall conduct the following activities. A first meeting of the Task Force is envisaged for the second half of 2016 (preferably in July 2016 in order to enable first action before COP 22 in November 2016).

	Activities & Deliverables
1	With the assistance of the Secretariat, conduct a mapping of existing information, including different types of displacement, mandates, activities and initiatives to enhance policy coordination, facilitate dialogue and knowledge sharing as well as to identify future needs and action based on the invitation to organizations.
2	Based on the mapping and the report, develop a detailed workplan addressing priorities for the Task Force to fulfill its mandate and the WIM and the Convention to fulfill its functions and catalytic role.
3	Considering existing knowledge sharing platforms enhance and facilitate knowledge sharing while avoiding duplication.
4	Interaction with parties to give them the opportunity to articulate their questions and needs; <i>(to be placed in the Scope)</i>
5	Develop guidance and recommendations for integrated approaches to avert, minimize and address displacement related to the adverse impacts of climate change for different levels (sub-national, national, regional, international),
6	Enhance cooperation e.g. with existing regional organizations working in the field of displacement and facilitate regional approaches to avert, minimize and address displacement. <i>(more specific language requested by member)</i>
7	Guidance and recommendations on how to integrate averting, minimizing and addressing displacement into existing policies development planning/risk management strategies/NAP and other mainstreaming processes, as appropriate.

List of organizations:

- [Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development \(KNOMAD\)](#)
- Advisory Group on Climate Change and Human Mobility
- [Environmental Migration Portal](#)
- [Nansen Initiative](#)