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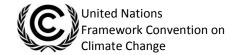
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#### About this document

This reference document contains the status of intersessional work on those activities of the initial two-year workplan for consideration by the Excom, implementation updates on activities of the initial two-year workplan for the intersessional period from the last meeting and an overview of the status of implementation of all activities of the initial two-year workplan.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All the Action Areas and activities mentioned in this document refer to those contained in the initial two-year workplan of the Executive Committee.



# Action Area 3, activity (d): Slow onset events

**Action Area 3:** Enhance data on and knowledge of the risks of slow onset events and their impacts, and identify ways forward on approaches to address slow onset events associated with the adverse effects of climate change with specific focus on potential impacts, within countries and regions

**Activity (d):** Assess and develop recommendations to improve the state of knowledge to understand, and capacity to address, slow onset events and their impacts, including the capacity of regional agencies

**Expected results:** State of knowledge and capacity assessed; Recommendations, taking into account regional dimensions, developed

#### I. Background

- 1. Excom 3 established an intersessional working group to develop a set of draft guidance/guiding questions in the context of activity (d) of this action area.
- 2. Excom 4 considered the outcome of intersessional work, as contained in Annex I of document Excom/2016/4/3<sup>2</sup> and decided to continue the work during intersessional period to Excom 5.
- 3. Accordingly, the co-coordinators of the intersessional working group carried the work forward, and shared, on 25 February, with the Excom for review, a proposal which includes a four-step approach on assessment of the state of knowledge. The co-coordinators' proposed approach is also contained in Annex I to this document.

#### II. Next steps

4. The Excom may consider the proposed approach on assessment of the state of knowledge as contained in Annex I and agree on the way forward, as appropriate.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Available at

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 $<sup>&</sup>lt; http://unfccc.int/files/adaptation/groups\_committees/loss\_and\_damage\_executive\_committee/application/pdf/background\_document\_6-c.pdf>.$ 

## Action Area 5, activities (c) and (d): Resilience, recovery, rehabilitation

**Action Area 5:** Enhance the understanding of the capacity and coordination needs with regard to preparing for, responding to and building resilience against loss and damage associated with extreme and slow onset events, including through recovery and rehabilitation

**Activity (c):** Invite relevant institutions to collaborate with the Executive Committee to prepare a paper for activity 5(d) below, based on activities 5(a) and (b) above, including on methods for scenario analysis and stress testing, which can illustrate the potential challenges and requirements for preparedness and response, as well as resilience building

**Expected results**: Information made available to Parties and relevant Convention bodies and others, at events such as the World Humanitarian Summit, with a view to incorporating it, as appropriate, into NAPs and other relevant processes.

Improved application of this knowledge in national planning processes, including supporting the development of improved analysis and planning frameworks

**Activity (d):** Consult with experts to review the paper mentioned in activity 5(c) above, consolidate experiences and lessons learned, and identify priority areas for increasing capacity and investment

**Expected results:** Review of results, consolidation of experiences and lessons learned, and identification of priority areas and recommendations

#### I. Background

5. In the context of activities (c) and (d) of this action area, Excom 4 affirmed the interlinkages of this action area with Action Area 2 'Comprehensive risk management approaches'.<sup>3</sup> It agreed to initiate consideration of the details of undertaking these activities intersessionally, and established a working group accordingly.

#### II. Next steps

6. The intersessional working group may wish to propose, for the consideration by the Excom, way(s) forward, including immediate steps that could be undertaken in the lead up to Excom 6, as well as those that could be undertaken by the technical expert group established in the context of Acton Area 2 of the initial two-year workplan.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> According to the terms of reference of an expert group established under Action Area 2, the technical expert group may also support the Excom in its efforts to undertake Action Area 5.

# Action Area 7, activity (e): Financial instruments and tools

Action Area 7: Encourage comprehensive risk management by the diffusion of information related to financial instruments and tools that address the risks of loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change to facilitate finance in loss and damage situations in accordance with the policies of each developing country and region, taking into account the necessary national efforts to establish enabling environments. These financial instruments and tools may include: comprehensive risk management capacity with risk pooling and transfer; catastrophe risk insurance; contingency finance; climate-themed bonds and their certification; catastrophe bonds; and financing approaches to making development climate resilient, among other innovative financial instruments and tools

**Activity (e):** Facilitate diffusion of comprehensive information through a section of the UNFCCC website, reports of the Executive Committee to the COP, side event(s) and an invitation to the SCF to dedicate its 2016 Forum to financial instruments that address the risks of loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change

**Expected results** (for all activities under this action area): Improved understanding by public bilateral and multilateral institutions and funds, private financial institutions and developed and developing countries on the range of financial instruments and tools to enhance action and support, including finance, technology and capacity-building, to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change

#### I. Background

7. Excom 4 established an intersessional working group to finalize a concept note for a side event to be held at COP22 on financial instruments and tools in the context of this action area. Due to the proximity to the COP, the Excom did not have sufficient time to fully develop the concept and as a result, postponed the organization of a side event to a subsequent session.

#### II. Next steps

8. The Excom may wish to consider added value of holding a side event at a future session, including possible topic area(s) and associated timing as well as modalities, and establish a working group to further the work, if needed.

## **Updates on ongoing activities**

9. The following section contains updates from the intersessional period between Excom 4 and 7 March 2017 on the ongoing activities of the initial two-year workplan:

#### Action Area 2,4 activity (a):

- 10. Excom 4 requested the secretariat to continue developing the initial compendium presented at Excom 4, in accordance with the guidance agreed at Excom 3,<sup>5</sup> in particular to 1) incorporate relevant information arising from the results of questionnaires to national entities and international organizations, conducted under Action Area 5, activities (a) and (b);<sup>6</sup> and 2) expand the regional coverage to Europe and North America.
- 11. In response, the secretariat updated the compendium with additional regional case studies and incorporated key relevant findings from the results of the questionnaires. The updated version of the compendium was shared with the Excom on 17 January 2017 and is also available at the Excom Collaboration Space.<sup>7</sup>

#### Action Area 3,8 activity (a)

- 12. Excom 4 also requested the secretariat to continue updating the database of organizations working on slow onset events and their current efforts, <sup>9</sup> created in January 2016 in the context of activity (a) of Action Area 3, and update the Excom on the status of the database, including statistics at future meetings of the Excom.
- 13. The database contains, as at 1 March 2017, information on 162 relevant organizations, of which 23 organizations updated their profile and information on 11 organizations was newly added. One new expression of interest for collaboration<sup>10</sup> in this area of work has been received since Excom 4.

#### Action Area 5,11 activities (a) and (b)

- 14. In the context of activities (a) and (b) of Action Area 5, the questionnaire to national entities was endorsed at Excom 3, and that to international organizations at Excom 4. The Excom requested at Excom 3 and 4, respectively, the secretariat to administer the questionnaires as per the guidance by the Excom.<sup>12</sup>
- 15. Excom 4 also requested the secretariat to follow up with national focal points of non-Annex I Parties to encourage responses to the questionnaire which had been sent prior to Excom 4. Accordingly, a reminder was sent on 27 September 2016 to the applicable national focal points.
- 16. A total of 28 responses from national entities and 8 responses from international organizations were received. 

  The secretariat developed two sets of summaries of responses from Parties and organizations, respectively, and shared them with the Excom on 17 January 2017. 

  In addition, relevant key findings were incorporated into the compendium on comprehensive risk management approaches as requested by the Excom in the context of Action Area 2, activity (a). 

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Action Area 2: 'Enhance the understanding of, and promote, comprehensive risk management approaches (assessment, reduction, transfer, retention), including social protection instruments and transformational approaches, in building long-term resilience of countries, vulnerable populations and communities'.

<sup>5</sup> Available in the Excom Collaboration Space at

<sup>&</sup>lt;a href="https://process.unfccc.int/sites/ECP/Documents%20shared%20during%20the%20meeting/Excom%203/Intersessional\_work/AA2\_a\_compendium/draft guidance AA2 a final.docx">https://process.unfccc.int/sites/ECP/Documents%20shared%20during%20the%20meeting/Excom%203/Intersessional\_work/AA2\_a\_compendium/draft guidance AA2 a final.docx</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> For details of the questionnaire, see the section on Action Area 5, activities (a) and (b) in this document.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Available at <a href="https://process.unfccc.int/sites/ECP/Documents%20shared%20during%20the%20meeting/Excom%205/AA2-Compendum/AA2\_Compendum\_March\_2017.pdf">https://process.unfccc.int/sites/ECP/Documents%20shared%20during%20the%20meeting/Excom%205/AA2-Compendum/AA2\_Compendum\_March\_2017.pdf</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Action Area 3: 'Enhance data on and knowledge of the risks of slow onset events and their impacts, and identify ways forward on approaches to address slow onset events associated with the adverse effects of climate change with specific focus on potential impacts, within countries and regions'

9 Available at <a href="http://www4.unfccc.int/sites/NWP/Pages/soesearch.aspx">http://www4.unfccc.int/sites/NWP/Pages/soesearch.aspx</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> From a research group at the University of Zurich.

<sup>11</sup> Action Area 5: 'Enhance the understanding of the capacity and coordination needs with regard to preparing for, responding to and building resilience against loss and damage associated with extreme and slow onset events, including through recovery and rehabilitation'

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> The guidance included a list of 35 organizations to whom the questionnaire was to be sent individually in addition to issuing a generic announcement at <a href="http://unfccc.int/9504"><a href="http://unfccc.int/9504">http://unfccc.int/9504</a>. Invitations to the 35 organizations were sent on 28 Sep 2016 and the announcement was issued on 13 Oct 2016.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> All individual responses are available in the Tracking Table in the Excom Collaboration Space.

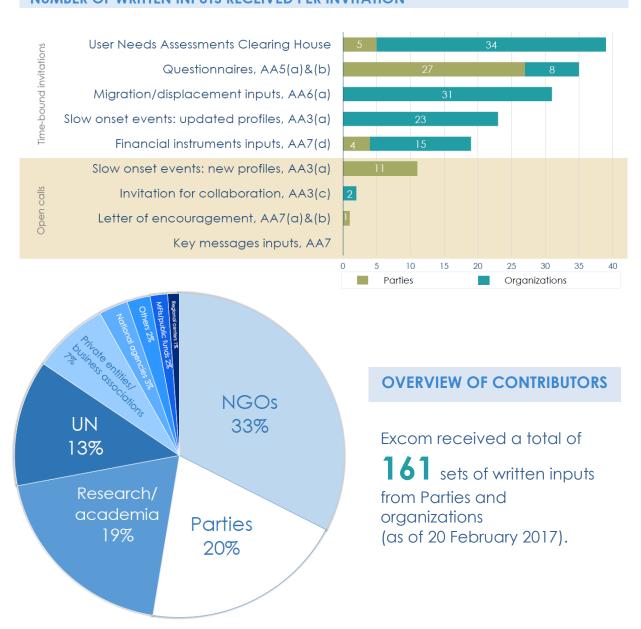
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Available at <https://goo.gl/P8zDfe>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> For details see the section on Action Area 2, activity (a) in this document.

17. Excom 4 requested the secretariat to update the Excom of the status of engagement of relevant organizations and stakeholders in response to various invitations for inputs and/or collaboration issued during the course of 2016, including:

- (i) The invitation to relevant organizations and experts to collaborate with the Excom to facilitate access to information, including through collaborative channels or databases, and technologies to track the impacts, and enable approaches to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, including slow onset events (Action Area 3, activity (b));<sup>16</sup>
- (ii) The call for inputs in response to the key messages in the context of Action Area 7 of the initial two-year workplan, including making recommendations for addressing any gaps and challenges (Action Area 7, activities (a) and (b)).<sup>17</sup>
- 18. The graphs below summarize the information on the involvement of relevant organizations and stakeholders in various activities by the Excom.

# NUMBER OF WRITTEN INPUTS RECEIVED PER INVITATION



 $<sup>^{16} \</sup> A vailable \ at < http://unfccc.int/files/adaptation/groups\_committees/loss\_and\_damage\_executive\_committee/application/pdf/invitation\_letter\_aa3c\_10\_may.pdf>.$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Available at <a href="http://unfccc.int/9727">http://unfccc.int/9727>.

# **Annex II and III**

19. As mentioned in the provisional annotated agenda, paragraph 17, Annex II of this document contains the current status of implementation of all activities of the initial two-year workplan; and Annex III contains a non-exhaustive list of potential future work, compiled at Excom 4 for review at subsequent meeting(s) of the Excom when considering its future work/activities.

#### Annex I: Output of the intersessional working group on Action Area 3, activity (d)

#### AA3d – background document on the process and considerations thus far

Action area 3: Enhance data on and knowledge of the risks of slow onset events and their impacts, and identify ways forward on approaches to address slow onset events associated with the adverse effects of climate change with specific focus on potential impacts, within countries and regions

(d) Assess and develop recommendations to improve the state of knowledge to understand, and capacity to address, slow onset events and their impacts, including the capacity of regional agencies

#### 1. Work shared so far

In addressing AA3d, the co-coordinators drafted a **guidance document** that was shared with the Excom in Annex I of **this** guidance background document.

The document says that AA3d needs to be split up in (1) assessment of knowledge and, based on this, (2) development of recommendations. The document provides guiding questions for (1) and suggested areas for (2).

#### 2. Proposed way forward

The following phased approach on (1), assessment of knowledge, is a result of exchanges between the co-coordinators and including questions and concerns raised by Miwa in response to the guidance document.

Plenary agreement would be needed on the steps proposed, as well as on the timing for completion of the work.

#### Step 1: Do we have comprehensive knowledge of the relevant SOEs in all regions?

Comment: Prepare an initial inventory of SOEs, e.g. beginning from the decision 1/CP.16 footnote list, to determine which SOEs relate to which region (i.e. Caribbean, Pacific, Indian Ocean, Africa, Asia, Latin America), which would have to be broad, but would still go a step further than AR5, by pulling out the SOEs from the larger "jumble" of climate change impacts.

There would need to be some agreement in advance as to which of the AR5 chapters information would be drawn from and perhaps even a loose agreement as to the format of the summary e.g. a table matching SOE to region along with a timeframe accompanied by a map. Perhaps, a table might be slightly preferable, as a map can only contain a limited amount of information. Perhaps the table can include a column on the societal effects of each SOE, accompanied by an illustrative map though.

#### Step 2: What are the sources of information on SOEs?

Comment: Put together a literature review organised by region to trigger more in-depth research at a later date, for which information provided during the Research Dialogue on SOEs could be a starting point. RD8 outcomes can be complemented by AR5 literature for global coverage.

Step 2 / 3: What information / technology / capacity is lacking at this point, identified by type of impact and region?

#### Step 3: Are there monitoring networks in place?

Comment: Bolster our understanding of data collection and risk management processes in place via the results of the AA5 questionnaires, analyzing to extract gaps where the answers to the questionnaires are incomplete or lack global coverage.

#### Step 4: What instruments / tools exist to address impacts from slow onset events?

Comment: Identify financial instruments and tools for addressing SOEs by way of the SCF Forum and outcomes, including a gap analysis/assessment in global coverage.

# Annex II: Overview of the status of implementation of activities of the initial two-year workplan

	Action Are	as and activities of the two-y ea	ar workplan of the Excom	Status to date
	n = Action undertaken e Excom	Yellow = Ongoing	Blue = Way forward agreed, but not undertaken	Red = Not undertaken
coun mino	tries, segments of the pop	pulation that are already vulner	ated with the adverse effects of climate chan able owing to geography, socioeconomic stat pend on, and of how the implementation of a	tus, livelihoods, gender, age, indigenous or
1(a)	Invite the Adaptation Co to consider making effor developing countries, vu	ts to reduce and avert losses an	evant constituted bodies of the Convention, d damages among particularly vulnerable osystems that they depend on, as these with the Executive Committee	Invitations to constituted bodies sent and responses received     TEC established a task force to engage with the Excom
1(b)	implementation of this w climate change affects pa ecosystems that they de	vorkplan of how loss and damag articularly vulnerable developin pend on, and how approaches t	cluding consideration throughout the te associated with the adverse effects of g countries, vulnerable populations and the o address loss and damage associated with nd implemented to benefit these populations	<ul> <li>Included in the framework for the 5- year rolling workplan as a cross-cutting element</li> </ul>
			ve risk management approaches (assessment, es, in building long-term resilience of countric	
2(a)	data standards, instrume		earned, including with respect to policies and I protection, and transformational nt	Guidance to create a paper-based compendium developed     A paper-based compendium developed and updated     Technical Expert Group to review the compendium
2(b)	knowledge and understa related to finance, data,	nding of comprehensive risk ma	be used by national governments to enhance enagement approaches, including issues ments and capacity-building, which may feed	To be undertaken by the Technical Expert Group
2(c)	Engage United Nations a sector to identify how to	gencies, multilateral financial in enhance the implementation o	stitutions, bilateral channels and the private f comprehensive risk management ciated with the adverse effects of climate	Those implementing risk transfer and/or retention schemes engaged through the SCF Forum, clearing house user needs assessments
2(d)	Establish a technical expo Convention and relevant initiatives that could pro-	United Nations organizations, t vide technical support and guida	vitations to relevant bodies under the he private sector, expert bodies and relevant ance on comprehensive risk management and s related to action areas 5 and 7 of this	Technical expert group established     Excom members to the Technical
2(e)	Identify follow-up action			
			events and their impacts, and identify ways for nange with specific focus on potential impacts	
3(a)	Take stock of organization	ns that are working on slow ons	set events and the scope of their current	Online database created; secretariat updates the database on a rolling basis
3(b)	Foster the establishment strengthen dialogue, coo		ve channels, building from existing efforts, to gies to enhance, share and manage approaches to address them	Request made to the Chair of the SBSTA; SOEs taken up as a key topic of RD8
3(c)	Invite relevant organizati access to information, in track the impacts, and er	ions and experts to collaborate cluding through collaborative ch	with the Executive Committee to facilitate hannels or databases, and technologies to s and damage associated with the adverse	Organizations/experts invited; secretariat updates the Excom on a rolling basis
3(d)	Assess and develop reco	mmendations to improve the st	ate of knowledge to understand and capacity g the capacity of regional agencies	Co-coordinators of champions developed a draft guidance, and prepared a briefing note
		ledge of non-economic losses a	ssociated with the adverse effects of climate a specific focus on potential impacts within re	
4(a)	reduce the risk of non-ed		nic losses and how to integrate measures to e approaches to addressing loss and damage	Side event on NELs held at SB44; summan note endorsed and shared with the Expert Group on NELs to be used in the work of the Expert Group
	knowledge of reducing the	he risk of and addressing non-ed boration of measures to addres e change	nendations to enhance data on and conomic losses, including how to factor these is loss and damage associated with the	Expert group established; held its first meeting; its workplan approved by the Excom; draft inputs and recommendations to be shared at Excom 5
4(b)		of the conscituend coordinatio	n needs with regard to preparing for, respon	ding to and building resilience against loss
5. En	hance the understanding		including through recovery and rehabilitation	1

	acceptant with the advance offsets of discovery	
5(b)	associated with the adverse effects of climate change Invite relevant organizations at all levels to collaborate with the Executive Committee to assess,	<ul> <li>Relevant findings incorporated in the compendium developed under Action</li> </ul>
3(0)	including through by use of existing relevant data and knowledge, the capacity of humanitarian and	Area 2, activity (a)
	disaster risk management systems for:	
	i. Emergency preparedness and response;	
	ii. Taking anticipatory action to reduce risks; iii. Explicitly increasing resilience during post climate-related disaster recovery, rebuilding and	
	rehabilitation	
5(c)	Invite relevant institutions to collaborate with the Executive Committee to prepare a paper for	A group of champions to start
	activity 5(d) below, based on 5(a) and (b) above, including on methods for scenario analysis and stress	consideration of details for undertaking
	testing, which can illustrate the potential challenges and requirements for preparedness and	the activities
5(d)	response, as well as resilience building  Consult with experts to review the paper mentioned in activity 5(c) above, consolidate experiences	1
2(2)	and lessons learned, and identify priority areas for increasing capacity and investment	
6. En	nance the understanding of and expertise on how the impacts of climate change are affecting patterns	of migration, displacement and human
-	ity; and the application of such understanding and expertise	
6(a)	Invite relevant organizations and experts to provide scientific information on projected migration and	Organizations/experts invited to provide
	displacement based on projected climate and non-climate related impacts in vulnerable populations	information; 69 sets of inputs received
6(b)	Invite United Nations organizations, expert bodies and relevant initiatives to collaborate with the	Synthesis of information developed through a technical meeting
	Executive Committee to distil relevant information, lessons learned and good practices from their activities	through a technical meeting
6(c)	Identify follow-up actions, as appropriate	Draft recommendations prepared,
		through the technical meeting
		<ul> <li>Secretariat, in collaboration with IOM,</li> </ul>
		to disseminate the synthesized information in a user-friendly format
7. En	courage comprehensive risk management by the diffusion of information related to financial instrume	
ı	amage associated with the adverse effects of climate change to facilitate finance in loss and damage s	
ı	developing country and region, taking into account the necessary national efforts to establish enabling	
ı	ments and tools may include: comprehensive risk management capacity with risk pooling and transfe	
ı	ce; climate-themed bonds and their certification; catastrophe bonds; and financing approaches to mal innovative financial instruments and tools	ke development climate-resilient, among
7(a)	Encourage public bilateral and multilateral institutions and funds and private investors to incorporate	Letter of encouragement sent, along
	climate risk and resilience into development projects and into investment criteria and decisions	with the key messages developed by
7(b)	Encourage, promote and coordinate with research and development processes on financial	Excom for this action area, and a
-(-)	instruments and tools that address the risks of loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of	request to provide relevant information
	climate change	<ul> <li>Call for submissions issued on the key messages; secretariat updates the</li> </ul>
		Excom on responses on a rolling basis
7(c)	Invite the SCF, in its next biennial assessment of climate finance flows, to include information on	SCF invited
	financial instruments that address the risks of loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of	
7(d)	climate change Invite Parties and relevant organizations to provide information on best practices, challenges and	Parties/organizations invited; 20 sets
/(u)	lessons learned from existing financial instruments at all levels that address the risk of loss and	of submissions received
	damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change	Info paper developed and updated,
		which served as an input to the 2016
-1.		SCF Forum
7(e)		SCF Forum on the requested topic took
	of the Executive Committee to the COP, side event(s) and an invitation to the SCF to dedicate its 2016.  Forum to financial instruments that address the risks of loss and damage associated with the adverse	place on 5-6 Sep 2016 Report of the SCF Forum to be
	effects of climate change	considered at Excom 5
		Info made available on UNFCCC
		webpages and updated on a rolling
		basis
		<ul> <li>Group of champions established to initiate work related to the side event</li> </ul>
8. Co	mplement, draw upon the work of and involve, as appropriate, existing bodies and expert groups unde	
organ	izations and expert bodies outside the Convention at all levels as the Executive Committee executes t	
work		
8(a)	Analyse relevant mandates and work plans such as those of the Adaptation Committee, the NWP, the CGE, the TEC, the LEG and the SCF with a view to identifying linkages and areas for dialogue,	Analysis of mandates carried out; suggested further work endorsed
	coordination, coherence and synergy	2086esten intrilet work endorsen
8(b)	Identify and establish appropriate channels and modalities to foster relevant partnerships, dialogue,	Excom to continue building relationships
	coordination, coherence and synergy with the public and private sectors, at the international,	at multiple levels across AAs
-7.	regional and national levels	
8(c)	Consider the establishment of expert groups, panels, etc., to execute the work of the Executive	Cross-cutting and continuous
9. De	Committee, as appropriate velop a five-year rolling workplan for consideration at COP 22 building on the results of this two-year	Framework for the 5-year workplan
	plan to continue guiding the implementation of the functions of the Warsaw International	developed; approved at COP 22
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# Annex III: A non-exhaustive list of potential future work, compiled at Excom 4

Slow onset events  Non-economic losses	<ul> <li>Assessment of state of knowledge and recommendations for further work</li> <li>Identification of gaps and needs based in part on inputs and outcomes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Research Dialogue and organizations capable of plugging gaps and fulfilling needs</li> <li>Awareness raising campaign</li> <li>Consideration of organizing an Expo on SOEs</li> <li>Considering the IPCC's special report on 1.5C and its findings and the implications for loss and damage</li> <li>Integration of assessment on SOEs into NAP processes</li> <li>Complementing the Sendai work on extreme events and SOEs (e.g. build upon a recently published compendium)</li> <li>Listing new research on loss and damage and volume of projects implemented, including definition of loss and damage</li> <li>Proposed activities by the Expert Group on NELs</li> <li>Use of the clearing house and other relevant modalities to disseminate experiences, knowledge, lessons learned and good practice</li> <li>Rising awareness of NELs</li> </ul>
	Consideration of the summary note (section containing recommendations) of the NELs side event (Expert Group on NELs)
Comprehensive risk management approaches	<ul> <li>Development and enhancement of the clearing house on risk transfer and proposed activities by the technical expert panel to:         <ul> <li>Oversee development of standardized guidelines for risk assessments at the national level including for the preparation of asset inventories</li> <li>Design pilot projects to test these guidelines and assist Parties in assessing and analyzing risks in one or two priority sectors</li> </ul> </li> <li>Coordination with regional and global research programmes to facilitate capacity building for the observation and risk assessment in the context of loss and damage</li> <li>Analysis of information gathered from the two questionnaires under Action Area 5 of the initial 2-year workplan and follow up activities to determine countries needs with respect to climate change and loss and damage risk assessments</li></ul>
Migration, displacement and human mobility	<ul> <li>Proposed activities by the task force on displacement</li> <li>Consideration of the recommendations flowing from the technical meeting on migration, displacement and human mobility and design appropriate activities to take these forward</li> </ul>
Financial instruments, tools and approaches	<ul> <li>Further collaboration with the SCF to take up the recommendations from SCF Forum         <ul> <li>Technical paper on challenges and needs arising from the Forum</li> </ul> </li> <li>Follow up to the SCF Forum to identify areas where there are gaps in financial products and services in developing countries vulnerable to climate change and make recommendations for filling these gaps, including the identification of institutions capable of filling these gaps</li> <li>Identification of costs and benefits of using the various financial tools / instruments available</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>Pilot projects to demonstrate the use of these tools in different contexts, in order to test approaches, identify good practice and reflect on lessons learned</li> <li>Exploring funding possibilities/mechanisms to implement measures to avert, minimize and address loss and damage under the Convention</li> <li>Exploring feasibility and requirements for a partnership system with the private sector to facilitate the implementation of measures to avert, minimize and address loss and damage under the guidance of the WIM</li> <li>Invite the SCF to undertake further work on financial tools to address the risks of L&amp;D, based on the outcome of the 2016 SCF Forum, including exploring ways of scaling up and replicating good practices</li> </ul>
Other	<ul> <li>Strategy to engage with other relevant bodies (objective) to guide our engagement (e.g. how to further engage with SCF)</li> <li>Platform to facilitate collaboration and coherence and to help draw on the work of other bodies and groups</li> <li>Technical paper that synthesizes ongoing work on L&amp;D</li> <li>Catalytic role of Excom to support processes (Sendai/SDGs); complement and draw upon the Sendai process</li> <li>Mapping extent of damages and losses; accounting systems for loss and damage</li> </ul>