

Background information

**Initial meeting of the Executive Committee of
the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage**

25-28 March 2014

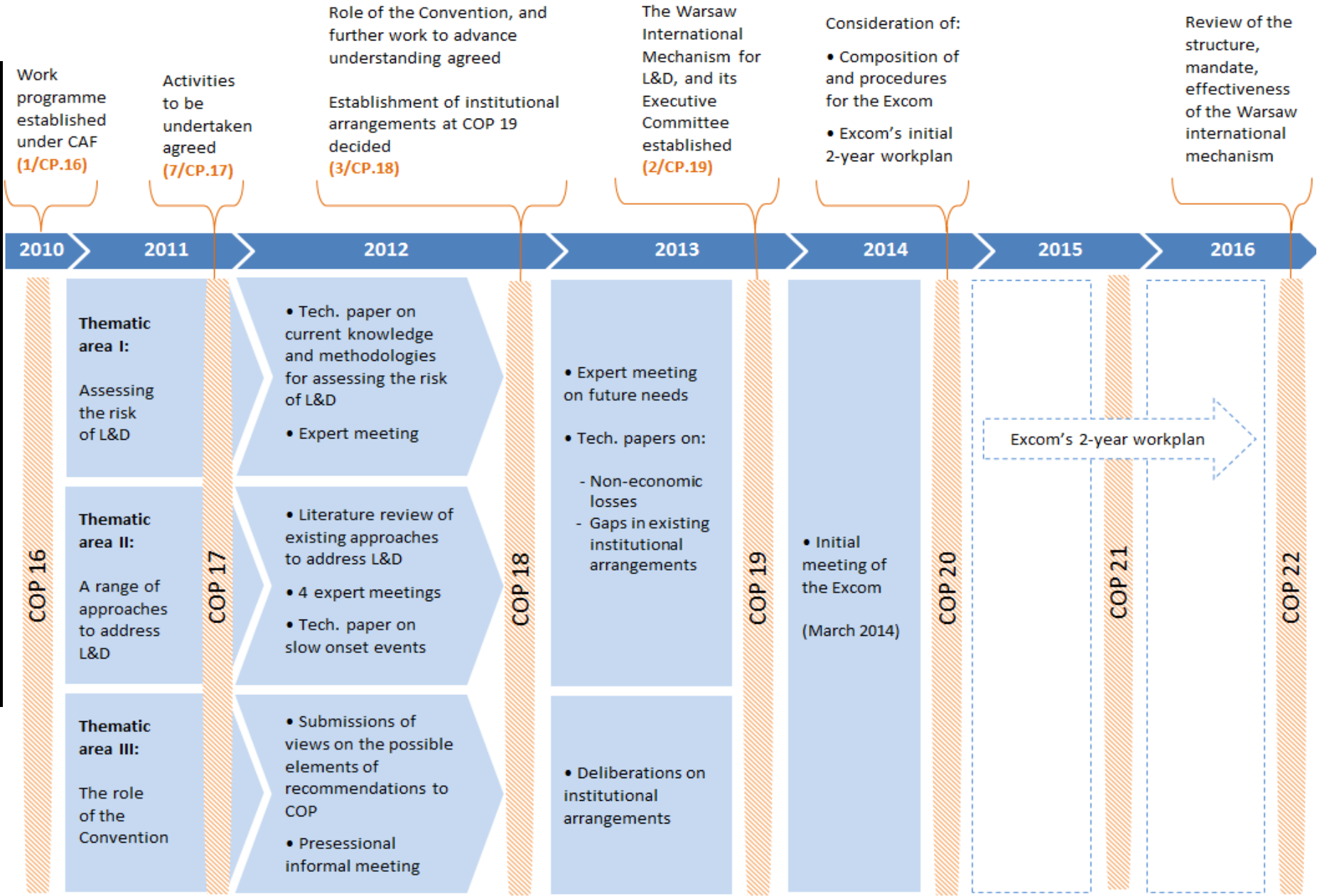
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Timeline of milestones and activities on L&D



The path to the Warsaw International Mechanism for L&D

COP 18 (December 2012) in Doha:

- Acknowledged the need for **further work to advance the understanding of and expertise** on L&D (decision 3/CP.18, para.7);
- Agreed on the **role of the Convention** in promoting the implementation of approaches to address L&D (decision 3/CP.18, para.5);
- Invited all Parties to **enhance action on addressing L&D** associated with the adverse effects of climate change (decision 3/CP.18, para.6);
- Decided to **establish, at COP 19, institutional arrangements**, such as an international mechanism, to address L&D associated with impacts of climate change in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change (decision 3/CP.18, para.9).



The Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage

- COP 19 (November 2013) established the **Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts** 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.
- The Warsaw international mechanism should complement, **draw upon the work of and involve**, as appropriate, **existing bodies and expert groups under the Convention**, as well as on that of **relevant organizations and expert bodies outside the Convention**, at all levels;
- To be reviewed (structure, mandate and effectiveness) at COP 22.



Functions of the L&D Mechanism

1. Enhancing knowledge and understanding of comprehensive risk management approaches to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, including slow onset impacts;
2. Strengthening dialogue, coordination, coherence and synergies among relevant stakeholders;
3. Enhancing action and support, including finance, technology and capacity-building, to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, so as to enable countries to undertake actions pursuant to decision 3/CP.18, paragraph 6.



The Executive Committee of the L&D Mechanism

- Guides the implementation of the functions of the L&D Mechanism;
- Functions under the guidance of, and is accountable, to the COP;
- Reports annually to the COP through SBSTA and SBI;
- Organization and governance of the Excom to be finalized at COP 20 (December 2014);
- As interim measure, consists of two representatives of the AC, LEG, SCF, TEC, CGE.



Task of the Executive Committee at this meeting

- To develop its initial two-year workplan for the implementation of functions of the L&D Mechanism, including the scheduling of meetings, taking into account the issues outlined in decision 3/CP.18, para. 6 & 7, for consideration at SB 41 (December 2014).



Thank you!

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