



**CONSULTANCY
ADAPTATION PROGRAMME**

Impacts, Vulnerability and Risks Sub-programme

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CONSULTANCY:	Preparation of a technical paper on non-economic losses in the context of the work programme on loss and damage
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DUTY STATION:	Consultant's home

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is the focus of the international political process to address climate change. The UNFCCC secretariat supports the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol through a range of activities, including substantive and organizational support to meetings of the Parties.

The Adaptation programme supports Parties, in particular developing country Parties, in assessing, developing and implementing adaptation plans, policies and actions aimed at reducing vulnerability and building resilience and in improving the scientific basis for international climate policy and action, including through the review of the adequacy of the long-term global goal.

Background

The Conference of the Parties (COP) adopted the Cancun Adaptation Framework (CAF) as part of the Cancun Agreements (decision 1/CP.16) at the 2010 Climate Change Conference in Cancun, Mexico (COP 16/CMP 6). The objective of the CAF is to enhance action on adaptation in order to reduce vulnerability and build resilience in developing country Parties, taking into account the urgent and immediate needs of those developing countries that are particularly vulnerable. Under the CAF, the COP established a work programme to consider approaches to address loss and damage associated with climate change impacts in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change (Decision 1/CP.16, paragraphs 25–29).¹

The elements for consideration in the context of the work programme include:

- Possible development of a climate risk insurance facility to address impacts associated with severe weather events;
- Options for risk management and reduction, risk sharing and transfer mechanisms such as insurance, including options for micro-insurance, and resilience-building, including through economic diversification;
- Approaches for addressing rehabilitation measures associated with slow onset events;
- Engagement of stakeholders with relevant specialized expertise.

The COP, then, requested the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI):

- To agree on activities to be undertaken under the work programme;
- To make recommendations on loss and damage to the COP for its consideration at COP 18 (November/December 2012)

¹ Details on the work programme are available at <<http://www.unfccc.int/6056.php>>.

At the thirty-fourth session of the SBI (June 2011), Parties agreed on the following three broad thematic areas in the implementation of the work programme on loss and damage:²

- Thematic area 1: Assessing the risk of loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change and the current knowledge on the same;
- Thematic area 2: A range of approaches to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, including impacts related to extreme weather events and slow onset events, taking into consideration experience at all levels;
- Thematic area 3: The role of the Convention in enhancing the implementation of approaches to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change.

At the thirty-fifth session of the SBI/COP 17 (November–December 2011), Parties agreed on a number of activities to be undertaken in the course of 2012 in order to generate a knowledge-base to facilitate informed decision-making on the issue of addressing loss and damage associated with adverse effects of climate change at COP 18.

Taking into account the results of the implementation of the work programme during the course of 2012, Parties, at the thirty-seventh session of the SBI/COP 18 (November–December 2012), decided to establish, at COP 19, institutional arrangements, such as an international mechanism, as well as agreed, among others, to develop a technical paper on non-economic losses in the context of the work programme on loss and damage. The service of an individual consultant is sought to prepare this technical paper.

Objective and scope

In line with the relevant provisions of the decision made at COP 18, the technical paper on non-economic losses under the work programme on loss and damage aims to advance the understanding of and expertise on loss and damage associated with climate change impacts.

Building on the relevant existing literature and practical case studies from different regions, the technical paper should analyse the types of non-economic losses associated with climate change impacts, practical approaches and good practices to address these losses, gaps, challenges and priorities to advance the understanding of and action to address non-economic losses.

The paper should not be longer than 40 pages (excluding annexes) and contain an executive summary of 2–3 pages.

Requirements and qualifications

Education: Advanced university degree, in climate change science, adaptation, development, economics or related field;

Experience:

- At least 7 years of experience in research into climate change adaptation related issues, including impact assessment including economic and non-economic analysis, linkages with sustainable development, and analysis on a range of adaptation options at different levels across the region, and a range of sectors and ecosystems;
- Demonstrable expertise in climate change adaptation including impact assessments, economic and non-economic analyses;
- At least two peer reviewed publications on a subject relating to climate change adaptation, particularly impact assessments;
- Understanding of the UNFCCC intergovernmental process desirable.

Language requirements: Excellent proficiency in English-language and writing skills essential, and familiarity with the UN editorial style an asset.

To apply

Candidates whose qualifications and experience match the requirements for this consultancy should use the on-line application system available at <http://unfccc.int/secretariat/employment/recruitment>.

² FCCC/SBI/2011/7, paragraphs 109 and 111.