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Joint submission to the Excom of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change on the Excom's draft initial two-year workplan for the implementation of the functions of the Mechanism, in accordance with paragraph 5 of Decision 2/CP.19

From the Advisory Group on Climate Change and Human Mobility:

**The International Organization for Migration (IOM)
The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
The United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS)
The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and its Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (NRC/IDMC)
Centre d'études et de recherches internationales de Sciences Po (Sciences Po -CERI)
Refugees International**

Recalling decision 3/CP.18 paragraph 7 (a) (vi) which invites Parties for “further work to advance the understanding of and expertise on loss and damage, which includes [...] Enhancing the understanding of [...] How impacts of climate change are affecting patterns of migration, displacement and human mobility”.

Also recalling that the task entrusted to the Excom by the COP in Warsaw is to develop its initial two-year workplan for the implementation of the functions outlined in paragraph 5 of Decision 2/CP.19, taking into account the issues outlined in decision 3/CP.18, paragraphs 6 and 7, for consideration at the 41st sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (December 2014).

Considering that the Excom invites inputs on behalf of government/organization into the drafting of its initial two-year workplan meant to outline measures required for the implementation of the functions of the Mechanism, in accordance with paragraph 5 of Decision 2/CP.19.

The Advisory Group on Climate Change and Human Mobility suggests that the Excom's workplan contributes to the articulation of the Warsaw International Mechanism by **establishing a suitable group (expert group, task force, forum) in order to advise the Warsaw International Mechanism regarding the impacts on, needs of, and solutions for populations vulnerable to climate change including those affected by climate-related human mobility**. Such a body should include relevant climate change and human mobility experts including from governments, UN organizations, operational organizations, non-governmental organizations, and research institutions.

The Advisory Group on Climate Change and Human Mobility is also pleased to provide in the table below its views on **activities, and other elements for the Excom's workplan on how the group mentioned above could support the further articulation of the Warsaw International Mechanism on the issue identified in decision 3/CP.18, paragraph 7, (a) (vi)** on “Enhancing the understanding of how impacts of climate change are affecting patterns of migration, displacement and human mobility” for the consideration of the Excom, including at its next meeting planned for the 31 July and 1 August 2014.

Enhancing the understanding of how impacts of climate change are affecting patterns of migration, displacement and human mobility decision 3/CP.18, paragraph 7, (a) (vi)		
Aim / Objective	Actions	Responsible Actors
Examine current knowledge of climate-related migration, displacement and human mobility and lessons learned	• Consolidate and make available global disaster-related displacement risks data and analysis, including data on historical and current scenarios as well as future situations (incl. regional data analysis & simulation models) • Provide a comprehensive assessment of the costs and benefits of climate-related migration, displacement and human mobility • Identify vulnerable populations and compile standardised hazard maps • Conduct a knowledge gap analysis: Establish database on ongoing initiatives by countries and existing research • Take stock and examine lessons learned on climate-induced migration, planned relocation, and internal and cross-border displacement based on project implementation, ongoing research and national experiences • Compile knowledge on migration, planned relocation, and cross-border and internal displacement linked to climate change into material to inform Parties to the UNFCCC	• UNFCCC (call for proposal) • The Advisory Group on Climate Change and Human Mobility composed of IOM, UNDP, UNHCR, UNU-EHS, NRC/IDMC, Sciences Po - CERI and Refugees International • Research Institutions • Governments

Enhancing the understanding of how impacts of climate change are affecting patterns of migration, displacement and human mobility decision 3/CP.18, paragraph 7, (a) (vi)		
Aim / Objective	Actions	Responsible Actors
Design policy responses related to different forms of human mobility (displacement, migration, planned relocation) that include, in specific contexts, measures to reduce exposure to the impacts of climate change	• Conduct workshops with appropriate stakeholders to build capacities based on existing guidance (e.g. IOM mainstreaming migration into National Adaptation Plans – regional training for policy development in South America in fall 2014, Brookings/UNHCR/Georgetown guidance on planned relocation, the Nansen Initiative protection agenda for cross-border displacement, IASC guidance on internal displacement) • Provide a human mobility "toolkit" with steps to develop & implement a country-driven approach to human mobility in the context of responses to climate change • Conduct pilots country-level implementation of a comprehensive human mobility management approach based on the "toolkit" with dedicated government branch / national officer oversight in the context of responses to climate change • Analyse pilots and distill lessons learned to enhance and refine implementation of guidelines (toolkit) in the context of responses to climate change • Implement enhanced guidelines and tools • Track best practices and lessons learned in ongoing implementation • Review NAP guidelines that include approaches to address L&D • Pool resources, expertise and compile best practices, and ensure access to information through such initiatives as global online expert networks or platforms • Analyse costs and map possible funding mechanisms and sources to enable activities that enhance understanding and partnerships on impacts of climate change on human mobility • Foster bilateral and multilateral arrangements through the promotion of best local practices	• UNFCCC (call for proposals) • Governments • The Advisory Group on Climate Change and Human Mobility composed of IOM, , UNDP, UNHCR, UNU-EHS, NRC/IDMC, Sciences Po - CERI and Refugees International • Research Institutions • Civil society: vulnerable communities and populations