



Relevant Inputs for the initial two-year draft workplan for the implementation of the functions of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts

Input by the G77 & China

The G77 and China welcomes the opportunity to present input to the interim Executive Committee on the initial two-year workplan for the implementation of the functions of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts. The mandate of the Mechanism, set out in paragraph 1 of decision 2/CP.19, is 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. By undertaking, inter alia, the functions set out in paragraph 5 of this decision, the Mechanism should ***fulfil the role under the Convention of promoting the implementation of approaches to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change in a comprehensive, integrated and coherent manner.*** A workplan must therefore comprehensively and coherently enable the breadth of the Mechanism's functions set out in paragraph 5; the test of a complete workplan will be the extent to which the Mechanism can fulfil this role.

Key considerations for linking the workplan for the implementation of the functions of the Mechanism with the mandate of the Mechanism

1. The workplan needs to begin to set a vision for how the Mechanism will begin to assess and address developing country needs with regard to the implementation of approaches to address loss and damage. Both the approach and the modalities must enable a systematic response to those needs through the Mechanism. A workplan with a set of activities appropriate to a committee will not be adequate to operationalize a Mechanism that is capable of comprehensively and systematically responding to country needs to address loss and damage.

In design of the workplan, the interim Executive Committee should examine systematically the entire set of functions of the Mechanism to determine the approaches and modalities of work that may be required to carry out each of the various and diverse functions, in the context of enabling developing country actions to address loss and damage.

2. The scope of the workplan must reflect how the Mechanism will facilitate addressing in an integrated and coherent manner all the elements of paragraphs 6 and 7 from decision 3/CP.18, which are embedded in paragraph 5 of decision 2/CP.19. These elements cannot be addressed completely separately and in isolation from each

other, as the work to address elements in paragraph 7 will create essential building blocks for the actions countries will take pursuant to paragraph 6.

Actions to address gaps in understanding are directly linked to the development of expertise in approaches to address loss and damage, and for which support from the developed country Parties will be required to strengthen those approaches. The workplan must take into account the necessary systemic interlinkages between the functions of the Mechanism, all focused towards *promoting the implementation of approaches to address loss and damage*.

Specific content in the workplan

We urge the interim Executive Committee to consider, *inter alia*, the following key issues for the content of the workplan:

1. methodologies to assess loss and damage, including methodologies to establish baselines, thresholds, and benchmarks, both with regard to loss and damage due to extreme events and to slow onset events
2. development and implementation of tools and approaches to assess loss and damage, including support required for their implementation
3. innovative approaches, building on the experience of other institutions, for the engagement of experts to address short-term and long-term needs for the fulfilment of the work of the Mechanism
4. a strategic approach to strengthening dialogue, coordination, coherence and synergies among relevant stakeholders, including on how to complement, draw upon the work of and involve, as appropriate, existing bodies and expert groups under the Convention as well as relevant organizations and expert bodies outside the Convention
5. development of approaches and modalities for the provision of technical support and guidance on comprehensive risk management approaches to address loss and damage, and for facilitating the support of actions undertaken by countries to address loss and damage
6. examination of the broad range of financial protection measures, from risk transfer to social protection systems to innovative financial instruments as approaches to address loss and damage, and country needs and support required to facilitate the development and implementation of climate risk finance approaches
