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Dear Sir, Madam,

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts (hereinafter referred to as the Executive Committee) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and in our capacity as its co-chairs, we are pleased to present you with an opportunity to enhance synergies between your work and that of the Executive Committee in the areas related to **preparing for, responding to and building resilience against loss and damage associated with climate change impacts**.

Background. The Conference of the Parties (COP), at its nineteenth session, established the Warsaw International Mechanism to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change through its three main functions: enhancing knowledge and understanding of comprehensive risk management approaches; strengthening dialogue, coordination, coherence and synergies among relevant stakeholders; and enhancing action and support, including finance, technology and capacity building. The Executive Committee is mandated to guide the implementation of these functions. The COP, at its twentieth session, approved an initial two-year workplan of the Executive Committee.

Action Area 5 of the initial two-year workplan focuses on enhancing 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.

In this context, the Executive Committee is inviting you, as an organization that assists/supports regional, national and/or sub-national governments to conduct climate risk analyses/management, to provide the Executive Committee with your inputs, knowledge and experience in this field for the completion of this task. To facilitate this, we have provided you with the **attached questionnaire**, which we kindly ask you **to complete and return** to <loss-damage@unfccc.int> **by 1 November 2016**.

The information provided will serve as an input into the work of the Executive Committee, in particular, the **preparation of a paper that consolidates experiences and lessons learned and identifies priority areas for increasing capacity and investment**. Please indicate your interest in contributing to this paper. We would be very grateful if you could also cite any publications that you believe might help us with the preparation of this paper.



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Thank you in advance for your effort to complete the questionnaire. We are happy to answer any questions you may have as you consider this invitation.

Yours sincerely,

(signed by)

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Co-chairs of the Executive Committee

Attachment: Questionnaire to be completed by international, regional, bilateral, non-governmental actors.