

Significance of addressing loss and
damage for Africa
and important elements of WP for
COP18

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Agenda

- Background
- Importance of addressing L&D
- Implementation of the programme
- Appropriate approaches

Background

- COP 16 established a work programme 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 para 26***)

Importance of loss and damage

- Adaptation is an essential priority for the region and that there is a need for urgent and immediate actions
- Need to avoid further loss and damage arising from the adverse effects of climate change.

Droughts, hunger, floods in East Africa etc



Somalia...hunger..now floods
causing 330,000 people moving to
Kenya, Ethiopia, Yemen & Djibouti



Implementation of the WP on loss and damage

- The work programme on loss and damage (see FCCC/SBI/2011/L.35/Add.1).... **decision 7/CP.17.**
- SBI requested to continue the implementation of the work programme and report to COP 18.
- Three thematic areas established:
 - 1: Assessing the risk of L&D
 - 2: A range of approaches
 - 3: The role of the Convention in enhancing the implementation of approaches to L&D

Implementation of the WP on loss and damage

- In COP 17.....Parties included in Annex II to the Convention and other developed country Parties & organizations in a position to do so were invited to provide financial and technical support as appropriate, for the implementation of the work programme.

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- Draft conclusion...FCCC/SBI/2012/L.12
- Existing relevant knowledge, IPCC *Special Report on Managing the Risks of Extreme Events and Disasters and the United Nations Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction* are key tools.

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- The assessment of climate-related risk is complex
- Selection of appropriate approaches, methods and tools depends upon regional, national and local capacity, and circumstances and engagement of all relevant stakeholders including vulnerable groups is important;
- Local and indigenous knowledge and observations are useful;

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- Enhanced technical and institutional capacities supported by technical and financial assistance and other resources will help developing countries to implement the WP

Approaches to address loss and damage

- ❑ The institutional arrangements for adaptation shall comprise an international mechanism to address the unavoidable loss and damage associated with climate change including lost opportunities for development,
- ❑ A clear definition of international mechanism is needed
- ❑ Non economic losses (approaches & methods needed)

Approaches to address loss and damage.....

- Global programme to address loss and damage is required (eg. Experience of adaptation programmes.....)
- Pilot projects/programmes
- The role of the Convention (Article 11-Financial mechanism & Article 4 –Commitments i.e. 4.7, 4.9) is very important to implement the programme.
- Reseaches, capacity building and awareness etc

An aerial photograph showing a vast expanse of cracked, dry earth. The ground is covered in a dense network of irregular, polygonal cracks, creating a mosaic-like pattern. Sparse, small green plants are scattered across the cracked surface. The overall color palette is dominated by shades of brown, tan, and olive green.

Thank You!
Merci!