

Information arising from the implementation of the work programme

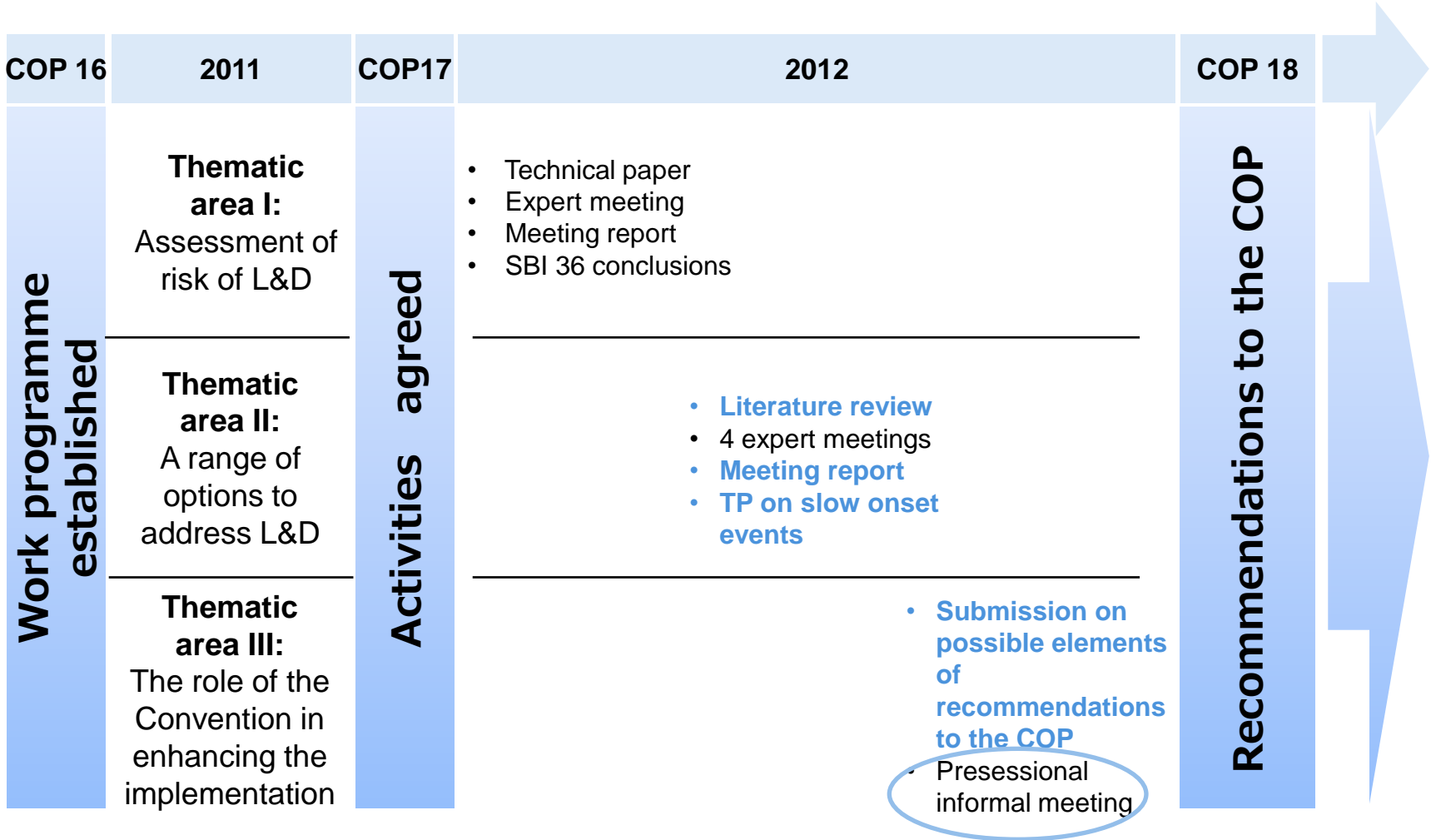
UNFCCC informal pre-sessional meeting of Parties to exchange further views on the possible recommendations on loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change

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Overview of the Work programme on loss and damage



- **TECHNICAL PAPER:** *Current knowledge on relevant methodologies and data requirements as well as lessons learned and gaps identified at different levels, in assessing the risk of loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change*

[FCCC/TP/2012/1]

- **SBI 36 CONCLUSIONS**

- Assessing climate-related risks is complex
- A range of approaches, M&T are available for assessing the risk of L&D, selection depends on the regional, national and local contexts
- Gaps in the assessment of risk of L&D can be addressed by an inclusive approach
- Local/indigeneous knowledge helps to fill gaps in info on exposure and vulnerability
- Addressing climate-related risks is context, capacity and circumstance dependent
- Data and knowledge gaps are often limiting factors, but actions can still be taken
- Access to, sharing and use of data/info is important to assess/manage climate risk
- Enhancing tech./ institutional capacities supported by tech. /financial assistance help developing countries to determine and prioritize their needs in risk assessment
- Involving decision makers at all levels strengthen design/dissemination of relevant info;
- Available estimates on losses typically lack numbers on non-economic losses

[FCCC/SBI/2012/15, paragraph 150]



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Thematic Area III

By **Decision 7/CP.17** Parties requested the secretariat:

- *To organize four expert meetings, three at the regional level and one for small island developing States [...] reflecting regional priorities and experiences [...] to address issues related to this thematic area[...].*
- **The regional expert meetings:**
 - African region, Addis Ababa, 13-15 June
 - Latin American region, Mexico City, 23-25 July
 - Asian and Eastern European region, Bangkok, 27-29 August
 - Small Island Developing States, Bridgetown, 9-11 October



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By **Decision 7/CP.17** Parties further requested the secretariat:

- *To conduct, in collaboration with relevant organizations and other stakeholders, and drawing on existing relevant work and documents, a **literature review of existing information and case studies** on the topics in the context of this thematic area, to feed into the expert meetings [...]*
- *To develop a **technical paper on slow onset events**, taking into consideration the outcomes of the regional expert meetings [...]*



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Key approaches and some examples of current practices discussed at the meetings

- **Risk reduction**

- *Integration of indigenous knowledge; Enhancement of national coping capacity; Programme for climate-resilient national development planning; Funding for disaster-preventive actions; Assessment of damage to river basin; Reduction of vulnerability to floods; Transboundary water management; Integrated risk management framework; Climate risk management at different levels and sectors; Early warning systems; Disaster loss databases*

- **Risk retention**

- *National food security strategy; Flood risk management; Contingency funding for natural disasters; Contingency loans*

- **Risk transfer**

- *Disaster risk financing, including Micro -/meso-level index insurance; Insurance scheme against El Niño; Catastrophe bonds; Catastrophe risk insurance facility*

- **Slow onset events**

- *Assessment and reduction of the risk of glacial lake outburst floods; Addressing sea level rise; Relocation; Integrated coastal management; Regional climate information systems*



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Possible areas for further action

- Slow onset events
 - Knowledge. Ways to address, incl. necessary inst. arrangements at different levels.
- Enhancing understanding on potential synergetic action between mitigation and adaptation from the sustainable development perspective
- Promoting the availability of and access to appropriate data/information
 - International protocol around data standardization. Database of good practices
- Enhancing support for capacity development
 - Identification of risk of L&D at the national level to develop comprehensive and tailored toolkits. Mainstreaming loss and damage. Cross-sectoral cooperation. Inclusive approach.
- Developing regional strategies
 - Assessing existing regional schemes. Enhancing regional facilities to provide tech. support to countries
- Developing a coherent, synergetic , long-term international strategy to enhance support
 - Consistent and systematic sharing of information. Sustainable finance. Coordination.
- Promoting and supporting pilot actions and innovative approaches



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SUBMISSIONS

- **PARTIES**

1. Nauru on behalf of AOSIS
2. Norway
3. Ghana
4. Gambia on behalf of LDC
5. Cyprus on behalf of EU and its member states
6. Bolivia on behalf of Bolivia, Ecuador, China, El Salvador, Guatemala, Thailand, Philippines and Nicaragua
7. The United States of America

- **IGOs** (2): UNDP; UNHCR et al.

- **NGOs** (5): BCAS and supporting organizations; BfdW; CEN; Gender CC; MCII

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Relevant documents are available at the meeting
webpage: unfccc.int/7157

Thank you 😊

