

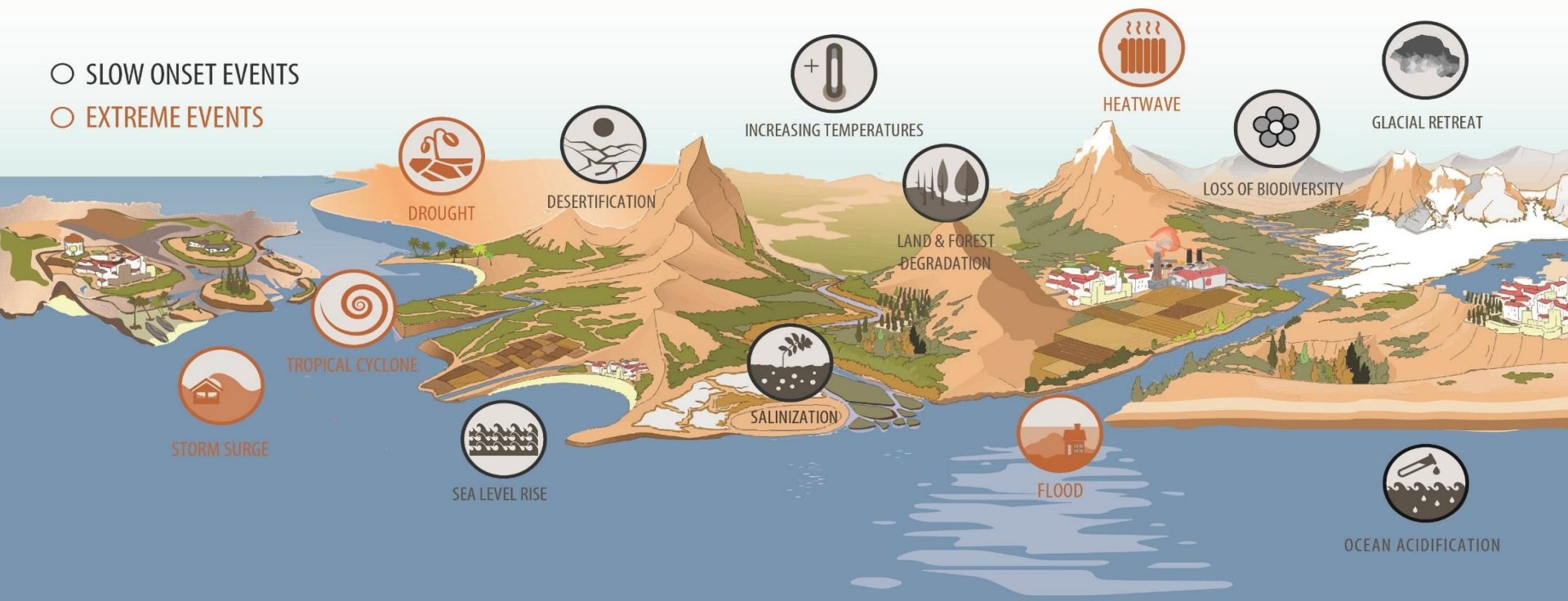
Action and support in the context of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage

First meeting of the Expert Group on Action and Support (ASEG)

17–27 May 2021



LOSS AND DAMAGE ASSOCIATED WITH THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE



ECONOMIC LOSSES

INCOME

BUSINESS OPERATIONS

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

TOURISM

TOURISM

PHYSICAL ASSETS


INFRASTRUCTURE

PROPERTY

PROPERTY


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NON-ECONOMIC LOSSES

INDIVIDUALS

LIFE


HEALTH

HEALTH

HUMAN MOBILITY

HUMAN MOBILITY


SOCIETY


TERRITORY


CULTURAL HERITAGE

CULTURAL HERITAGE

INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE

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SOCIETAL/ CULTURAL IDENTITY

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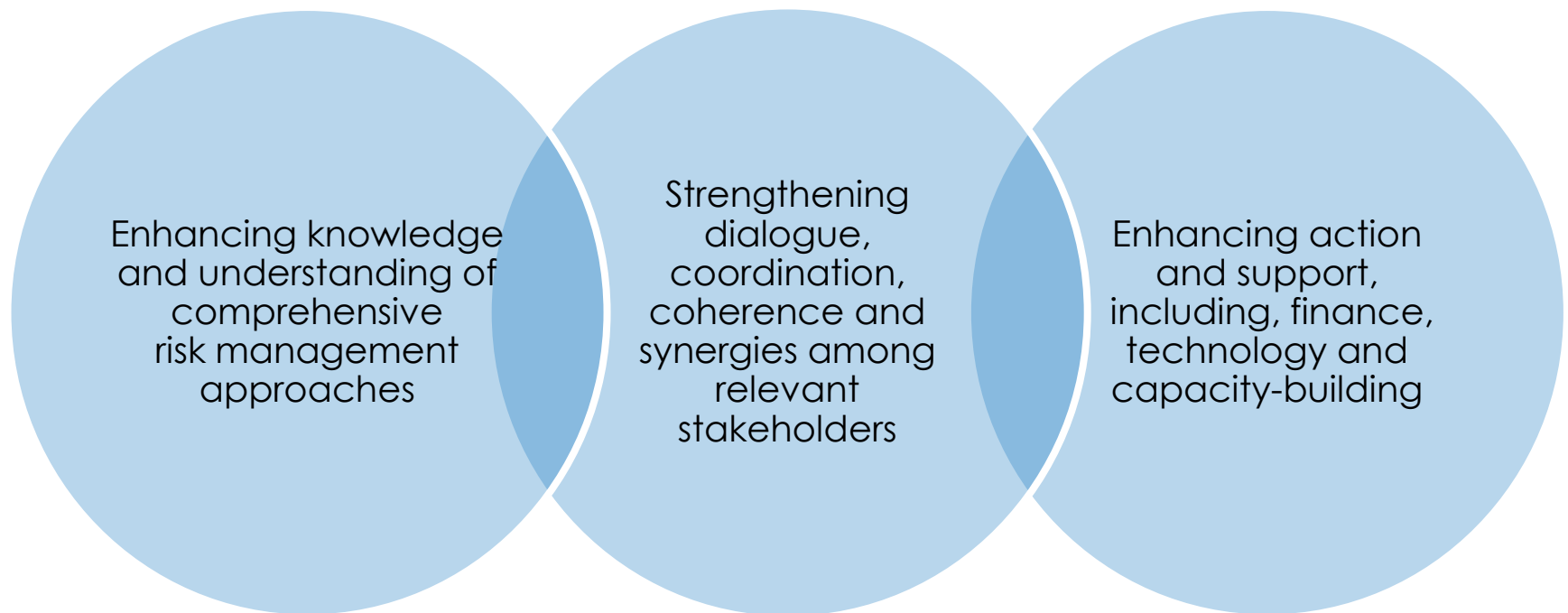
ENVIRONMENT

BIODIVERSITY

ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

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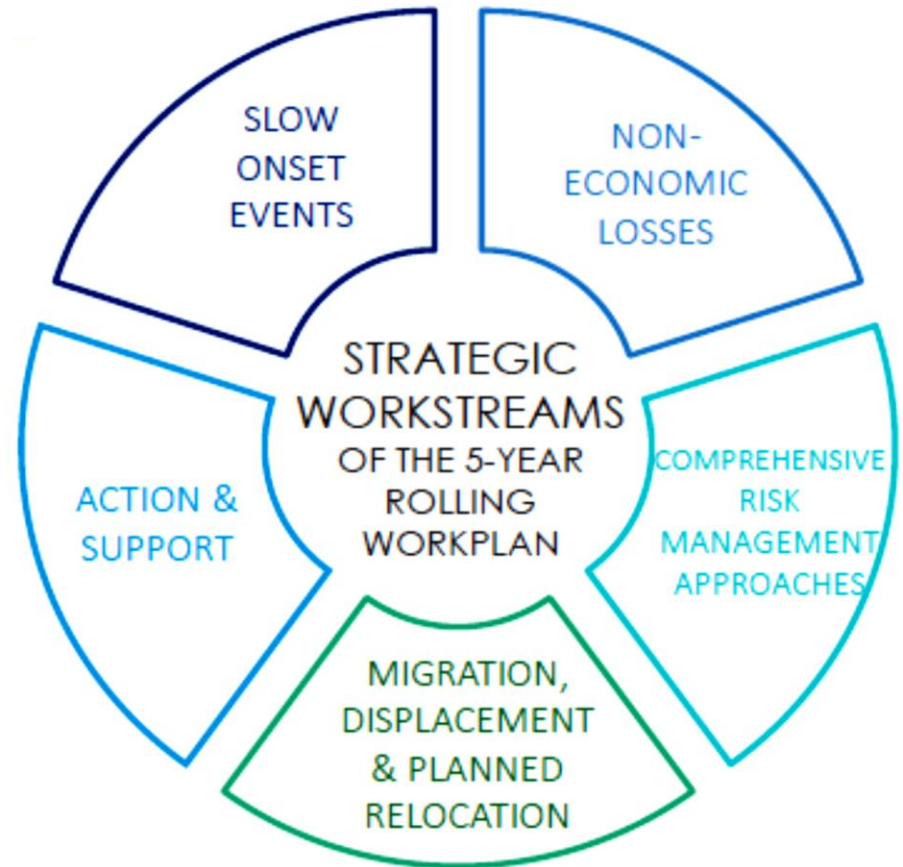
The Warsaw International Mechanism

- The **work programme on loss and damage** at COP 16 in 2010
- Establishment of the **Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage (WIM)** at COP 19 in 2013 as the main vehicle in the UNFCCC process to address loss and damage
- Three main **functions** of the WIM:



The Executive Committee of the WIM

- Also established at COP 19 in 2013
- Guides the implementation of the functions of the WIM through the five-year rolling workplan comprising five strategic workstreams

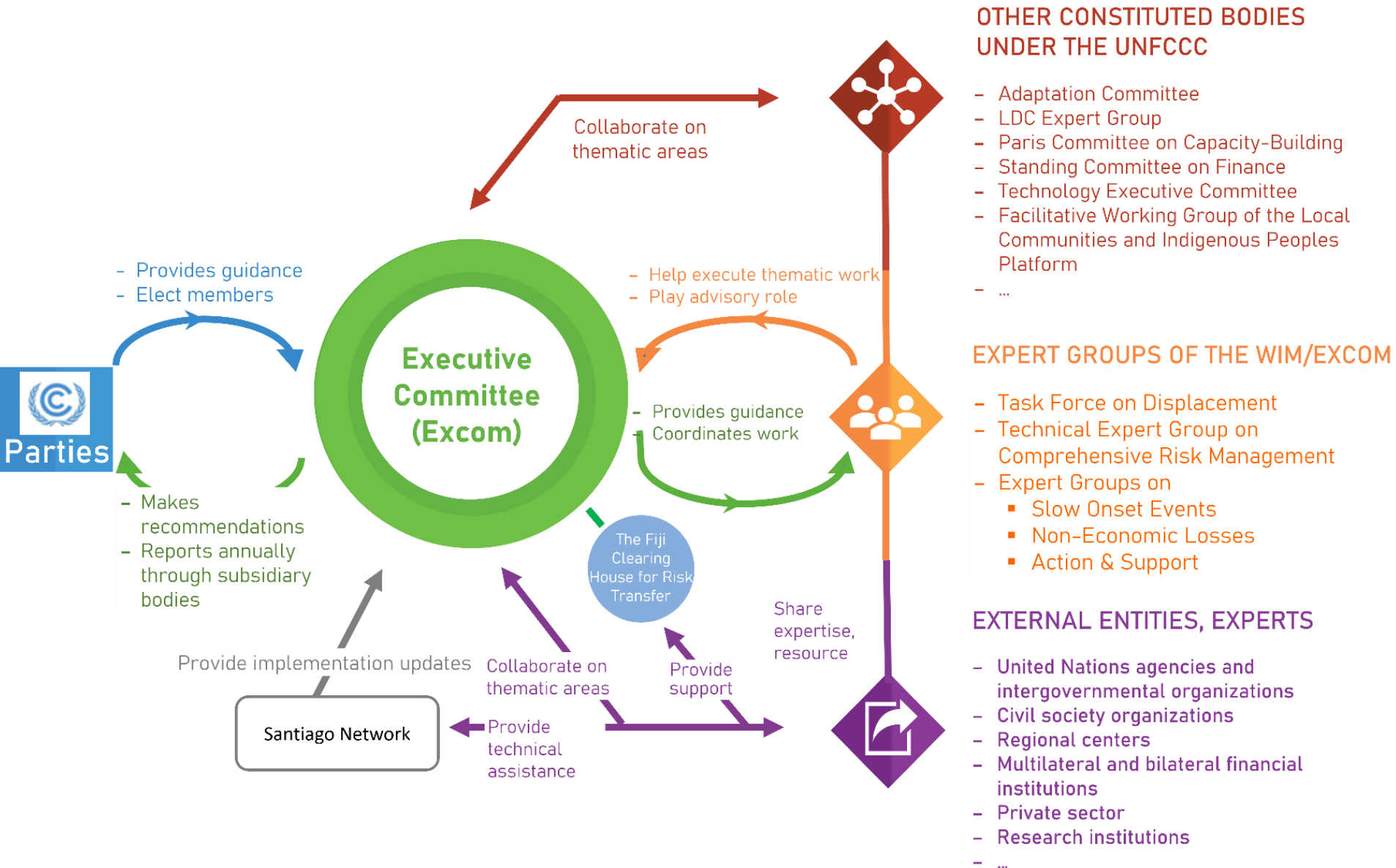


Expert groups as technical advisors to the ExCom

- ExCom is empowered to establish expert groups, sub-committees, panels, thematic advisory groups or task-focused ad hoc working groups **to help guide the implementation** of the functions of the WIM
- ExCom has established expert groups **on all five workstreams** of its five-year rolling workplan
- Membership of these groups comprise:
 - ❖ Thematic “**champions**” among the members of the ExCom (acting as facilitators);
 - ❖ **Technical experts** nominated by relevant organizations or invited on the basis of their thematic, regional or transdisciplinary expertise, upon consideration of gender, geographic and diversity;
 - ❖ Representatives from relevant UNFCCC **constituted bodies**.



WIM structure



The Expert Group on Action and Support

- The establishment of the **Expert Group on Action and Support (ASEG)** was mandated in December 2019 (decision 2/CMA.2) and the TOR were adopted in October 2020;
- The current membership of the ASEG represents regional perspectives from **Africa, Asia, LAC**, and from the international level, and channels technical expertise, including in the following areas:

- ✓ Use of **hazard and risk data** for risk management tools and risk financing instruments
- ✓ Various **financial tools** to address loss and damage, including insurance, reinsurance, forecast-based finance, microfinance and solidarity funds
- ✓ **Technology** to address loss and damage, including early warning systems and innovative technologies for coastal zone and water management as well as agriculture and agroforestry
- ✓ **Capacity-building, communication, knowledge-brokering**
- ✓ Post-disaster assessments and **recovery** planning
- ✓ Environmental management



Objectives of the ASEG and its first meeting 1/2

- ASEG's role is to **assist and advise the ExCom** in implementing COP and CMA decisions (current and future) and its five-year rolling workplan as it relates to action and support, including finance, technology and capacity-building (workstream (e))

This involves enabling countries to undertake enhanced actions including, for example, actions related to

- Risk assessments
- Risk management
- Systematic observation
- Establishment of enabling environments
- Involvement of relevant stakeholders
- Enhancement of access to data at all relevant levels

(Decision 2/CP.19, paragraph 5(c) and decision 3/CP.18, paragraph 6)



Objectives of the ASEG and its first meeting 2/2

- At its first meeting ASEG is requested to develop a **rolling Plan of Action (PoA)** on the activities contained in the scope of work section of its TORs

The standard time frame for the rolling plans of action of the ExCom's expert groups is two years

- Members of the ASEG are to act as important **catalyzers** within their broader communities for the activities the group will undertake and knowledge collated
- ASEG will strive to produce materials that can be **directly used by countries / stakeholders**



Progression of the work on action and support

2021 Expert Group on action and support
Plan of Action
Operationalization of mandates and the strategic workstream on action and support

Highlights of the relevant technical work

- 2016 SCF Forum on financial instruments that address the risks of L&D
- 2017 launch of the **Fiji Clearing House for Risk Transfer**
- 2018 **Suva expert dialogue** to explore a wide range of information, inputs and views on ways for facilitating the mobilization and securing of expertise, and enhancement of support for averting, minimizing and addressing L&D
- 2019 **technical paper**: Elaboration of the sources of and modalities for accessing financial support for addressing L&D
- 2020 **ExCom/TEC joint policy brief** on Technologies for averting, minimizing and addressing L&D in coastal zones

2016 Info paper on existing financial instruments

Identified best practices, challenges and lessons learned from existing financial instruments at all levels that address the risk of L&D

Initial
scoping

Launching technical work

Setting up institutional arrangements
and catalyzing support

Relevant recent developments

- Dialogue with the **Green Climate Fund (GCF) secretariat (at ExCom 12 and 13)** to start clarifying how developing country Parties may access funding from the GCF relating to approaches to address loss and damage, and with the **Standing Committee on Finance (SCF)** on the provision of input to draft guidance relating to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism
- **ExCom 13** initiated the consideration of potential **priority themes** to help increase the coherence and effectiveness of overall efforts under the WIM which may also, in the future, guide the development of technical products by the expert groups



Collaboration across expert groups under the WIM

In developing or updating their plans of action, the expert groups shall take into account, among others, the plans of action of the other expert groups of the ExCom to enhance **coherence, collaboration and synergies**, where relevant, and to avoid the duplication of efforts

- **The first joint session of the expert groups** was held in the margins of ExCom 13, providing a space for members to interact on common and complementary areas of work and discuss potential modalities of collaboration (ASEG champions attended)
- Outcomes of the joint session include, among others:
 - Strong call for collaboration, e.g., on joint messaging, organization of events, mapping of stakeholders, technical guides
 - Suggestions to enhance future collaborative work, e.g., by:
 - ✓ Periodic organization of similar meetings in the future
 - ✓ Mapping of areas of collaboration across all groups
 - ✓ Cross-participation of technical members in the meetings of other groups
 - ✓ Compilation of a list of events that could be used for joint messaging and outreach



Resource slides



Guiding questions

1. Is there additional information that you might need in advance to enhance your ability to contribute to the development of a rolling Plan of Action based on the ToR?
2. Under each activity contained in the scope of work section of the ToR, what could be critical deliverables by the ASEG in the following periods: 2021, 1st half of 2022, 2nd half of 2022, 2023 onward? One-off or standing deliverables?
3. What specific areas of expertise do you and/or your organization have vis-à-vis the activities contained in the ToR?
4. In what specific ways can you/your organization's current or planned work contribute to delivering any/each of the activities? What are the specific modalities and timeframes?



Scope of work of the ASEG as per the TOR 1/4

a) The activities referred to in paragraphs **37** and **39** of decision 2/CMA.2;

Para. 37: Requests the ExCom to further engage and strengthen its dialogue with the **Standing Committee on Finance** by providing input in line with decision 2/CP.19, paragraph 5(c)(ii), to the Standing Committee on Finance when, in accordance with its mandate, it provides information, recommendations and draft guidance relating to the **operating entities of the financial mechanisms** under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, as appropriate.

Para. 39: Requests the ExCom, in collaboration with the **GCF**, as an operating entity of the Financial Mechanism, to clarify how developing country Parties may **access funding from the GCF** for the development of funding proposals related to the strategic workstreams of the five-year rolling workplan of the ExCom, consistently with paragraph 38 of this decision, and to include information thereon in its annual reports.



Scope of work of the ASEG as per the TOR 2/4

- b) The collection, compilation and dissemination of information on the **available sources of support** under and outside the Convention and the Paris Agreement for activities relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage in developing country Parties;
- c) Collaboration with the thematic expert groups of the ExCom to undertake the work referred to in **paragraph 26 of decision 2/CMA.2**;

26. Also requests the ExCom and its thematic expert groups to develop technical guides within their work on their respective thematic areas, avoiding duplication of work across workstreams, which include sections on the following:

- (a) Risk assessments, including long-term risk assessments, of climate change impacts;
- (b) Approaches to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the risk assessments referred to in paragraph 26(a) above;
- (c) Resources available for supporting such approaches;
- (d) Monitoring systems for assessing the effectiveness of these approaches;



Scope of work of the ASEG as per the TOR 3/4

- d) Collaboration with relevant bodies and organizations under and outside the Convention and the Paris Agreement pursuant to decision **2/CP.19, paragraph 5(c)(iii)**;

5(c) Enhancing action and support, including finance, technology and capacity-building, to address L&D, so as to enable countries to undertake actions pursuant to decision 3/CP.18, paragraph 6, including by: (iii) Facilitating the mobilization and securing of expertise, and enhancement of support, including finance, technology and capacity-building, to strengthen existing approaches and, where necessary, facilitate the development and implementation of additional approaches to address loss and damage associated with climate change impacts, including extreme weather events and slow onset events;



- e) The organization of **events** in conjunction with relevant meetings and conferences, including the NAP Expo and regional events, to **share information** and experience relating to accessing available sources of support for averting, minimizing and addressing L&D, in collaboration with relevant constituted bodies and organizations under and outside the Convention and the Paris Agreement, as appropriate;
- f) The analysis and identification of **enabling conditions** for effective implementation of **risk transfer facilities** and **social protection** schemes in the context of comprehensive risk management, as appropriate

