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**Eighth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International  
Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts Bonn,  
Germany, 18–21 September 2018**

**Provisional agenda and annotations**

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## II. Annotations

### 1. Opening of the meeting

1. The co-chairs of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts (Excom), Mr. Vhalinavho Khavhagali and Mr. Erling Kvernevik, will open the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Excom (Excom 8) on 18 September 2018.

### 2. Adoption of the agenda

2. The provisional agenda for Excom 8 will be presented for adoption.

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### 3. Organizational matters

3. An indicative schedule of work will be made available prior to the meeting. In order to best organize the work, the co-chairs propose that all items will initially be addressed in plenary. Items that the Excom cannot conclude within the foreseen time slot will either be considered in a parallel working setting and subsequently concluded in plenary, or continued intersessionally with a view to addressing them at the next meeting.
4. Prior to the official opening of Excom 8 on 18 September, the co-chairs will convene an informal gathering of Excom members on 17 September, which will include a technical briefing by the Task Force on Displacement on the outcomes of its work.
5. Representatives of the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) will be invited for the discussion under provisional agenda item 7.
6. Observers are welcome throughout the meeting. Audio recording of the plenary discussions will be made available online after the meeting with a view to ensuring transparency of the proceedings.

### 4. Collaboration and interlinkages with other bodies and work programmes under the UNFCCC:

7. Excom 7 established a number of focal points for liaising with other bodies in an efficient and effective manner during the intersessional periods<sup>1</sup>. The Excom nominated members to liaise with these bodies and institutional arrangements under the Convention. Those members who represented the Excom in various intersessional activities will be invited to briefly report on progress made and on any further action for the Excom, including in relation to:
  - (a) Paris Committee on Capacity-Building

The Excom participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Paris Committee on Capacity-Building, held from 3 to 5 May 2018, during the 48<sup>th</sup> sessions of the subsidiary bodies.
  - (b) Gender

The Excom participated in the Gender Dialogue, held on 5 May 2018, during the 48<sup>th</sup> sessions of the subsidiary bodies.

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<sup>1</sup> For the information on the designated liaison members, see  
<[https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/summary\\_decision\\_points\\_excom\\_7\\_\\_190318\\_v2.pdf](https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/summary_decision_points_excom_7__190318_v2.pdf)>.

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(c) Science and research

During the 48<sup>th</sup> sessions of the subsidiary bodies, the Excom participated in the poster session of the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Research Dialogue held on 3 May 2018, as well as in the informal meeting with representatives from the research community, hosted by the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Science and Technological Advice and held on 4 May 2018.

8. Action: The Excom will be invited to take note of the oral reports and discuss any further guidance as necessary.

(d) Technology Executive Committee

9. Excom 7, in consultation with the Technology Executive Committee (TEC), agreed on the general scope of the joint policy brief in the context of activity 3 of strategic workstream (c). The Excom and TEC established a joint working group comprising members from the Excom and the TEC to elaborate a draft concept note for the development of the policy brief, with a view to reporting back at the next meetings of the respective committees.
10. A draft concept note, developed by the joint working group, is contained in document Excom/2018/8/2.
11. Action: The Excom will be invited to endorse the draft concept note, and discuss any further guidance as necessary.

Excom/2018/8/2	Draft concept note for the collaboration with the Technology Executive Committee on the development of a joint policy brief on technologies for coastal zones
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**5. Report by the expert groups:**

12. COP 20 decided that the Excom may establish expert groups, subcommittees, panels, thematic advisory groups or task-focused ad hoc working groups (thematic expert groups) to help execute the work of the Excom in guiding the implementation of the Warsaw International Mechanism, as appropriate, in an advisory role, and report to the Excom.
13. Thematic expert groups play a major role in carrying out the activities of the five-year rolling workplan of the Excom. The Excom currently has four thematic expert groups.

(a) Task force on displacement, including recommendations on displacement

14. The COP, in its decision 1/CP.21, requested the Excom to establish a task force to develop recommendations for integrated approaches to avert, minimize and address displacement related to the adverse impacts of climate change (Task Force).
15. The Task Force will hold its second meeting on 13 and 14 September with which it will have completed the implementation of its workplan. It will also hold a technical briefing on 17 September for the members of the Excom on the technical outputs of the activities of its workplan.
16. The Task Force will be invited to present the recommendations arising from the results of its workplan for consideration by the Excom.
17. Action: The Excom will be invited to adopt a set of recommendations for integrated approaches to avert, minimize and address displacement related to the adverse impacts of climate change, and any other relevant provisions as appropriate, to be included in its annual report.

Technical outputs from the implementation of the workplan of the Task Force	<a href="https://unfccc.int/wim-excom/sub-groups/TFD#eq-1">https://unfccc.int/wim-excom/sub-groups/TFD#eq-1</a> . See under 'Workplan'
The report of the stakeholder consultations meeting	<a href="https://unfccc.int/wim-excom/sub-groups/TFD">https://unfccc.int/wim-excom/sub-groups/TFD</a>
Excom/2018/8/4	Report of the Task Force on Displacement

(b) Slow onset events

(c) Non-economic losses

(d) Comprehensive risk management approaches

18. Excom 7 established the three expert groups (b)–(d) mentioned above by adopting the terms of reference for these groups, and elected members who serve in these groups respectively.
19. At the same meeting, the Excom also established a roster of experts under the Warsaw International Mechanism (roster of experts). The purpose of the roster is to identify external individuals who would be engaged in different activities mandated to the expert groups as per the five-year workplan of the Excom.
20. In accordance with the terms of reference, for each activity for which the work of the expert groups is envisioned, the Excom members of the respective expert groups are to recommend technical specialists with appropriate expertise from the roster of experts referred to in paragraph 19 above for approval by the co-chairs of the Excom.
21. The members of these groups will be invited to report on the status of the selection of experts and on preliminary plan for the implementation of respective activities.
22. Action: The Excom will be invited to take note of the progress made on the work of the expert groups, and provide any further guidance, as appropriate.

## 6. **Guidance for the Technical Expert Group on Comprehensive Risk Management to facilitate stakeholder engagement and capacity-building in the context of strategic workstream (c), activity 4**

23. As possible approaches to implement this activity, the workplan of the Excom calls for Technical Expert Group on Comprehensive Risk Management (TEG-CRM):
  - To work with the Excom to identify an initial list of relevant regional and global research programmes and organizations that provide capacity-building for observation and risk assessment and to take stock of current capacity-building efforts on observation and risk assessment; and
  - To collaborate with the relevant research programmes and organizations to facilitate capacity-building for observation and risk assessment.
24. Intersessionally, the Excom members who serve in the TEG-CRM are developing an initial plan of work to carry forward this activity. They will be invited to report on the status of their intersessional consideration.
25. Action: The Excom will be invited to consider possible guidance for the TEG-CRM in initiating the implementation of activity 4, strategic workstream (c), as appropriate.

## 7. **Scoping of the technical paper on sources of financial support**

26. The COP, by decision 4/CP.22, recommended that:

- A technical paper be prepared by the secretariat elaborating the sources of financial support as provided through the Financial Mechanism and finance available outside the Financial Mechanism, for addressing loss and damage as described in relevant decisions, as well as modalities for accessing such support;
  - The secretariat be assisted by the Executive Committee in determining the scope of the technical paper, with a view to making the paper available to Parties by the 50<sup>th</sup> sessions of the subsidiary bodies (June 2019).
27. The Excom agreed to support the secretariat in the matter referred to in paragraph 26 above as an activity under Strategic workstream (e) of its five-year rolling workplan.<sup>2</sup> As an approach to undertaking this activity, the Excom:
- Called for submissions, in December 2017, on the type and nature of actions to address loss and damage for which finance may be required.<sup>3</sup> 21 sets of inputs from Parties and organizations were received and a synthesis of these inputs were made available online on 12 March 2018; and
  - Invited the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) to support the Excom in defining the scope of the technical paper at Excom 8.
28. Indicative inputs needed to deliver this activity in accordance with the five-year rolling workplan of the Excom include: detailed terms of reference for the technical paper; and resources for production of the paper.<sup>4</sup>
29. To further inform the preparation of the technical paper, the Suva expert dialogue<sup>5</sup> was held during the 48<sup>th</sup> sessions of the subsidiary bodies (May 2018) under the guidance of the Excom and the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation. The COP requested the secretariat to prepare a report on this dialogue for consideration by the Excom at Excom 8. The report was made available online on 2 August 2018.
30. Action: The Excom will be invited to consult the SCF and consider submissions mentioned in paragraph 27 above and the report of the Suva expert dialogue in order to define the scope of the technical paper, with a view to developing terms of reference of the technical paper, and agree on intersessional work as appropriate.

Submissions	<a href="https://unfccc.int/node/63296">https://unfccc.int/node/63296</a>
Synthesis part I: Views on the types and nature of actions address loss and damage for which finance may be required	<a href="https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Item_9_Summary_views_on_actions_12_Mar.pdf">https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Item_9_Summary_views_on_actions_12_Mar.pdf</a>
Synthesis part II: Views on the Suva expert dialogue, the technical paper and ways to mobilize additional resources	<a href="https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Item_9_Summary_views_on_SUVA_TP_UNFCCCInstituions_12_Mar.pdf">https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Item_9_Summary_views_on_SUVA_TP_UNFCCCInstituions_12_Mar.pdf</a>
Report of the Suva expert dialogue	<a href="https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/010818%20REPORT%20OF%20THE%20SUVA%20EXPERT%20DIALOGUE.pdf">https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/010818%20REPORT%20OF%20THE%20SUVA%20EXPERT%20DIALOGUE.pdf</a>

<sup>2</sup> Strategic workstream (e): 'Enhanced cooperation and facilitation in relation to action and support, including finance, technology and capacity-building, to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change.'

<sup>3</sup> <https://unfccc.int/process/bodies/constituted-bodies/executive-committee-of-the-warsaw-international-mechanism-for-loss-and-damage-wim-excom/areas-of-work/financial-instruments/call-for-submissions-on-type-and-nature-of-actions-to-address-loss-and-damage-for-which-finance>.

<sup>4</sup> See Strategic workstream (e), activity 1.

<sup>5</sup> <https://unfccc.int/topics/adaptation-and-resilience/workstreams/loss-and-damage-ld/workshops-meetings/suva-expert-dialogue>.

## 8. Report of the Executive Committee

31. The COP, by decision 2/CP.19, requested the Excom to report annually to the COP, through the subsidiary bodies and make recommendations, as appropriate.<sup>6</sup> The outline of the report was circulated to members in June based on which the draft report was prepared. The draft report will be circulated to members before the meeting.
32. Action: The Excom will be invited to agree on a set of recommendations, including those developed under item 5 (a) above, and other content, if any, to be inserted to its annual report as appropriate.

## 9. Communication strategy of the Executive Committee

33. Noting the importance of enhancing the effectiveness of Excom's outreach and communication, Excom 5 initiated discussion on this matter. Excom 7 considered an initial set of elements for a draft communication strategy, and agreed that a working group continues developing the draft communication strategy intersessionally, with a view to sharing their outcome of work at Excom 8.
34. The outcome of the intersessional work by the working group is contained in document Excom/2018/8/3.
35. Action: The Excom will be invited to consider the draft communication strategy and agree on further work, as appropriate.

Excom/2018/8/3	Draft communication strategy of the Executive Committee
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## 10. Engagement of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

36. Background: Excom 7 nominated liaison members with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) with a view to fostering engagement with the IPCC. Liaison members will be invited to briefly report on the status of the intersessional work and recommendations on a way forward, if any.
37. Action: The Excom will be invited to take note of the brief oral report and provide further guidance to the liaison members, as appropriate.

## 11. Emerging needs and cross-cutting issues

38. Excom 6 decided to include an agenda item in future Excom meetings to consider emerging needs and cross-cutting issues. The co-chairs will introduce relevant issues, if any, for consideration.

## 12. Organization of intersessional work

39. The Excom will be invited to endorse the champion members for the working groups established, and co-/coordinators for respective groups who will lead the intersessional implementation of activities.

## 13. Any other matters

40. During the intersessional period, a member proposed to consider at Excom 8 the inclusion of the issue of wildfires to the work of the Excom on a basis that the issue is related to the Excom's mandate.

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<sup>6</sup> Decision 2/CP.19, paragraph 3.

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41. The Excom will be invited to consider its stance on the issues related to wildfires in the context of the work of the Excom, as well as any other matters arising during the meeting.

**14. Closure of the meeting**

42. Excom 8 is scheduled to close on Friday 21 September 2018.