

Cover Note

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Title: Voluntary guidelines for enhancing collection and management of data and information relevant to loss and damage to inform the preparation of BTRs

Mandate/Workplan Activity:

The outcome of the first global stocktake (1/CMA.5 para 133), “Requested the ExCom to prepare, building on the work of its expert groups, technical expert group and task force, voluntary guidelines for enhancing the collection and management of data and information to inform the preparation of biennial transparency reports.”

In addition, preparation of the guidelines relates to activities 16 and 17 of the five-year rolling workplan.

Leads: (Establish ExCom champions group and request expert leads from each EG)

Audience: National governments officials preparing BTRs

Timeline for producing a final document for ExCom endorsement:

Target endorsement in September 2025 at ExCom 23

Timeline:

- Development of outline: ExCom 21
- Initial Expert group input: October – December 2024
- Development of first draft: January-February 2025
- First ExCom review: March 2025
- Party consultation/ExCom outreach event: March 2025
- Development of second draft: by ExCom 22
- Expert group review: May 2025
- CGE review: May 2025
- Development of third draft: June 2025
- ExCom review of pre-ultimate draft: July 2025
- Development of fourth draft: August 2025
- Endorsement: ExCom 23

Outline

Introduction

- Background on enhanced transparency framework and modalities, procedures and guidelines for BTRs
- Mandate to the ExCom from the outcome of the first GST
- Approach
 - build on existing information and processes
 - practical recommendations on sources of data and information
 - Flexibility- menu of different options that countries can choose based on context
 - Include cross-referencing to useful guides
 - Case studies and examples
- Overview of guideline
- Understandings of loss and damage
 - information that is relevant for L&D is not labelled as such
- Process for developing the guidelines
 - Lessons from first BTRs

Observed and potential climate change impacts

- Potential data sources:
 - International, including reporting frameworks
 - Reporting under the UNFCCC;
 - The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, which reports on 7 targets and 37 indicators;
 - Global Biodiversity Framework;
 - UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD);
 - The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and in particular reporting on SDG 13;
 - UNESCO Thematic Indicators for Culture in the 2030 Agenda;
 - UNICEF Children's Climate Risk Index
 - etc.
 - Regional
 - Regional organisations/joint efforts (e.g: CDEMA, CEPREDENAC/CCAD)
 - Etc.
 - National
 - national statistics departments

- met offices
- sectoral ministries (eg. health, agriculture, infrastructure, etc)
- World Bank Country Profiles
- DesInventar Sendai
- Etc.
- Good practices for data management, including examples
 - consultations with Indigenous Peoples and local communities.
 - encourage both quantitative and qualitative data/information, informed by engagement and consultations with vulnerable communities
 - Collaboration should be encouraged across different data providers for a more comprehensive approach.
 - Lessons from national monitoring and reporting systems (e.g. on adaptation)
- Deep dives /framing that include storytelling and narratives
 - NELs
 - SOEs
 - Cascading risks

Activities related to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage

- Recommendations on framing: how to report activities from across areas of practice (adaptation, DRR, humanitarian, etc) under L&D
- Relevant activities of ex-post and ex-antes AMALD
- Data sources:
 - GGA targets and indicators
 - National monitoring mechanisms for NAPs, DRR and/or other plans/frameworks
 - Adaptation Communications
- Good practices:
 - Consultations with Indigenous Peoples and communities affected by climate change on measures they are taking

Institutional arrangements to facilitate the implementation of activities

- Review of types of arrangements reported in first BTRs
- Relevant national and regional legal, institutional and technical arrangements