

**Fourteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts, 7–24 September 2021 (discontinuous)**

**Co-chairs note for item 7(a): 2021 Outreach Events**

**I. Context**

1. Decision 4/CP.22 invited interested Parties to establish loss and damage contact points with a view to enhancing the implementation of approaches to address loss and damage at the national level.
2. Subsequently, Parties invited organizations and relevant stakeholders to collaborate with the Executive Committee (ExCom) in raising awareness on averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage, including through knowledge products.<sup>1</sup>
3. ExCom 12 agreed to promote the call for Parties to establish loss and damage contact points via appropriate communication channels.
4. Previously, ExCom 8 adopted a draft communications strategy which seeks to, inter alia:
  - (a) Increase the impact, visibility and raise awareness of both the ExCom itself as well as its work;
  - (b) Enhance the catalytic role of the ExCom and the WIM in promoting and facilitating the sharing of the implementation of approaches to avert, minimize and address loss and damage in a comprehensive, integrated and coherent manner;
  - (c) To ensure that the output of the ExCom can be easily accessed and used by decision-makers, policymakers and other relevant stakeholders.
5. To this end, ExCom 13 agreed to hold outreach events in 2021, virtually, that are interactive and facilitate a two-way exchange between ExCom and participants, tailored to regional contexts and interests (see [EXCOM/2021/13/3](#)).
6. Accordingly, the outreach events were held on 14 September 2021 at 05:00–06:30 CEST/ 11:00–12:30 Manila/ 16:00–17:30 Suva (for primarily countries in the Asia-Pacific time zones) and 15:00–16:30 CEST/ 08:00–09:30 Kingston/ 16:00–17:30 Nairobi (for primarily countries in the Americas, Africa and Europe time zones). Information presented is available on the [event page](#).

**II. Co-Chairs' Proposal**

7. Noting the above, the ExCom 14 may wish to consider the following:
  - (a) Organizing ExCom outreach events annually unless otherwise decided by the ExCom in future meetings, and in doing so, establishing a group of champions at its first meeting of each year to coordinate these events under the guidance of the co-chairs. The event should be scheduled to accommodate various time zones across the regions without any being unduly disadvantaged.
    - The events will facilitate greater visibility and use of the work of the ExCom and its Expert Groups, and also engagement with and feedback from loss and damage contact points and national focal points.

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<sup>1</sup> Decisions 2/CMA.2 and 2/CP.25

(b) Organizing an event at COP 26/CMA 3, should space become available as requested.<sup>2</sup>  
– The ExCom has the opportunity to continue outreach and engagement with partners and stakeholders in Glasgow, Scotland. The event could showcase the ongoing and/or planned activities of Expert Groups (as outlined in their plans of action). This includes capitalizing on the establishment of new Expert Groups and outputs of Expert Groups previously operational.

8. The ExCom may also wish to consider including the following in its recommendations to Parties:

(a) Encourage the nomination of loss and damage contact points for those Parties that have yet to do so;

(b) Appreciate the ExCom outreach events held on 14 September 2021 targeting loss and damage contact points and national focal points across various regions;

(c) Note the ExCom's decision to convene annual outreach events with the participation of loss and damage contact points and national focal points, with a view to increasing understanding of approaches to avert, minimize and address loss and damage at the local, national and regional levels.

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<sup>2</sup> The modality of the event is to be in line with overall guidance and approach by the secretariat (e.g., hybrid event that facilitates in-person and virtual participation.)