



**Twenty-second meeting of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for  
Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts, Bonn, Germany**

**13–15 May 2025**

**Note by the expert group on non-economic losses for item 8**

1. The table below sets out a draft second plan of action of the expert group on non-economic losses, covering 2025-2027, which identifies the work of the group that will contribute to the implementation of the work of the ExCom related to non-economic losses, including by maximizing synergies among relevant stakeholders and processes.
2. The ExCom may wish to consider the proposed desired impacts, activities, deliverables, leads and indicative timeframe contained in the table, and provide further guidance, if any, to the expert group with a view to finalizing the draft plan of action for endorsement by the ExCom.

**Draft second plan of action of the expert group on non-economic losses (2025-2027) as of 9 May 2025**

Desired Impact	Activities and activity numbers	Deliverables	Lead(s)	Indicative time frame
Describe the impacts aimed to be achieved by undertaking suggested activities (this column can be deleted at a later stage)	Describe activity(ies) that directly contribute to the desired impacts and concrete outputs (deliverables) arising from undertaking the activity(ies)			Time frame for [initiating][completing] the activity
Increased integration of the consideration of cascading impacts of NELs into planning and policy processes, as well as support systems to facilitate the implementation of relevant plans and policies	<p>Exact types, forms, and the number of outputs/deliverables to be determined based on consultation with stakeholders (e.g. new technical guides/knowledge products, hands-on workshops/events for application of knowledge into action, etc.)</p> <p>Possible activities/approaches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Consultations with the SN members (OBNEs) and country representatives to identify the knowledge needs of developing countries particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change in relation to responding to NELs</li> <li>- Based on the outcomes of the consultations, identify topics/focus that inform the creation of additional knowledge products and further activities</li> <li>- Raise awareness of the information/resources available under the WIM/ExCom/NELs EG</li> <li>- ...</li> </ul>	<p>Finalization of the technical guide, jointly with the TFD, on averting, minimizing and addressing NELs in the context of human mobility would be one of the outputs to contribute to achieving this Desired Impact</p> <p>Placeholder for a paper on the loss of cultural heritage associated with climate change impacts, proposed by Jyoti/UNESCO under PoA 1</p> <p>Low-hanging fruit products: short fact sheets based on the information gathered from activities in the first PoA in easily sharable and accessible form</p>	<p>For the technical guide that rolled over from PoA 1: Eustace Crispin d' Auvergne (tbc), Caroline Zickgraf (tbc)</p> <p>For the paper on cultural heritage: UNESCO</p>	<p>2025 onward</p> <p>For the products carried over from PoA 1: complete by COP 30/ end of 2025</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Co-create <b>living technical guides</b>, with Indigenous knowledge holders and local-community experts, on use of Indigenous Peoples' relational values, spiritual ties, kinship obligations, and local cultural perspectives into loss assessment and decision-making.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- practical guides that show Parties how to make use of the mentioned elements These guides would support the implementation of the GGA framework and feed into GST2.</li> </ul>		
Enhanced engagement of the most vulnerable and marginalized communities affected by NELs, such as women, Indigenous Peoples and local communities, in responding to NELs	<p>Exact types, forms, and a number of outputs/deliverables to be determined based on consultation with stakeholders (e.g. policy briefs, online comms materials, visual materials, e-learning module, hands-on sessions/workshops, etc.</p> <p>Possible activities/approaches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Based on the outcomes of the consultation with the OBNEs of the SN and country representatives (referred to under the 1<sup>st</sup> broad Desired Impact) and on the results of the survey under Activity 20 of the ExCom's workplan, identify topics for and develop new knowledge products that respond to knowledge needs and gaps related to implementing approaches to respond to NELs</li> <li>- A dedicated <b>Seventh-Generation</b> Round Table (would correspond with the LCIPP Baku workplan and its Collective Approach 3) <b>on NELs</b> to center intergenerational considerations by Indigenous Peoples in the global narratives on NELs.</li> </ul>	(products x, y, z to be determined...)	tbc	2025 onward
Increasing awareness and understanding of NELs and effective ways to respond to them	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Based on the NELs paper published and information collected under PoA 1, develop short, user-friendly products tailored to different and specific target audiences at the global, regional and national levels, such as:</li> </ul>	<p>Key messages on the integration of NELs into policy and planning processes</p> <p>Set of recommendations on how to engage X, Y, Z (specific target</p>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Developing a framework for assessing climate and disaster-related losses of biodiversity and ecosystem services (UNU-EHS, in collaboration with UNEP and UNDRR)</li> <li>- Engagement with FEBA-PEDRR working group on Loss and Damage: (1) Defining and promoting the role of ecosystem-based and nature-based solutions in addressing climate- and disaster-induced loss and damage, including non-economic dimensions. (2) Strengthen the integration of ecosystem-based approaches into loss and damage policy and decision-making by fostering informed collaboration between scientific, policy, and practitioner communities.</li> </ul>	<p>group) that are at the forefront of climate change to respond to NELs.</p> <p>Communications and outreach products on x, y, z. (e.g. what are NELs, examples of effective approaches to respond to NELs etc.)</p> <p>Conceptual framework for assessing climate and disaster-related losses of biodiversity and ecosystem services, Call for championing this with countries to explore the application of the framework for loss assessment</p> <p>Policy brief/ Discussion paper on ecosystem resilience and ecosystem-based approaches in the absence or despite of adaptation actions, post-disaster recovery, for climate resilience</p>	<p>Yvonne Walz (UNU-EHS)</p> <p>Yvonne Walz (UNU-EHS)</p>	
Increased coordination, coherence and synergies across the ExCom's work	Advise the ExCom and provide expert input on topics related to NELs and assist the Executive Committee in identifying recommendations to be included in the ExCom annual report.		ExCom champions	On a rolling basis as necessary
	Placeholder for follow-up activities/deliverables in response to future guidance from the ExCom			

Note: potential yearly thematic focus shared at the champions' meeting

- 2025:
  - o SLR to relate to the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030) and the United Nations Ocean Conference to be held in June 2025. This could build on the NELs paper and the technical guide on sea level rise, and the NELs group's work can be undertaken jointly with the SOEs expert group.
  - o Glacial retreat to relate to the United Nations International Year of Glaciers' Preservation. This could also be a joint activity with the SOEs expert group as its PoA includes the development of a technical guide on glacial retreat this year.
- 2026:
  - o Agriculture and food security to relate to the United Nations International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists, and the United Nations International Year of the Woman Farmer
  - o Water management and sanitation to relate to the United Nations Water Conference, to be held in December 2026.
- 2027: Tourism to relate to the United Nations International Year of Sustainable and Resilient Tourism.
- Others: Biodiversity and ecosystem services, to relate to the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021–2030).