

Elements for consideration for a Draft decision -/CMA.6 submitted by the European Union – single decision on:

Joint annual report of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts and the Santiago network for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, and

2024 review of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement,

Recalling the Paris Agreement and relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement, in particular decisions 3/CP.18, 2/CP.19, 2/CP.20, 1/CP.21, 2/CP.21, 3/CP.22, 4/CP.22, 5/CP.23, 10/CP.24, 2/CP.25, 1/CP.26, 17/CP.26, 1/CP.27, 11/CP.27, 1/CP.28, 2/CP.28, 3/CP.28 2/CMA.2, 1/CMA.3, 19/CMA.3, 1/CMA.4, 12/CMA.4, 5/CMA.5, 6/CMA.5 and 7/CMA.5

Further recalling Article 8 of the Paris Agreement,

Acknowledging that climate change is a common concern of humankind and that Parties should, when taking action to address climate change, respect, promote and consider their respective obligations on human rights, the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, the right to health, the rights of Indigenous Peoples, local communities, migrants, children, persons with disabilities and people in vulnerable situations and the right to development, as well as gender equality, empowerment of women and intergenerational equity,

Reaffirming the role of the Warsaw International Mechanism in promoting the implementation of approaches to avert, minimize and address loss and damage associated with climate change impacts in a comprehensive, integrated and coherent manner,

Also reaffirming the role of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism in guiding the implementation of the functions of the Mechanism,

Further reaffirming the role of the Santiago network for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage in catalyzing technical assistance,

Recognizing the current insufficient level of mitigation and that reducing greenhouse gas emissions reduces the risks associated with the adverse effects of climate change,

Recognizing that the best available science, Indigenous Peoples' knowledge and the knowledge systems of local communities should inform approaches to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with climate change impacts.

Having considered the effectiveness and efficiency of the Warsaw International Mechanism, as well as strengths, weaknesses, gaps, challenges, and opportunities, use and usefulness of the outputs and activities of the WIM, and improvements of the WIM and the implementation of its functions, on the basis of the terms of reference for the 2024 review of the Mechanism,

1. *Welcomes* the joint report of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts and the Santiago network for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, including the recommendations contained therein;
2. *Recognizes* that the functions of the WIM are inter-related, remain relevant and should be fulfilled in a balanced manner.
3. *Acknowledges* the progress, achievements and successful practices in implementing the Warsaw International Mechanism, since 2019, while noting areas for improvement;
4. *Acknowledges* that during the review period, the WIM actively contributed to enhancing the production and dissemination of in-depth as well as practical knowledge towards averting, minimising and addressing loss and damage, mobilised a wide range of expertise and created a community of knowledge and practice.
5. *Also acknowledges*, that the WIM has proven its strong convening power by co-convening the three Glasgow Dialogues together with the SBI Chair, and contributing to coherence and complementarity between the different bodies, including constituted bodies and relevant stakeholders both inside and outside of the UNFCCC and Paris Agreement.
6. *Further acknowledges* that the WIM has contributed to enhancing action and support by effectively collaborating with operating entities under the Financial Mechanism of UNFCCC and operationalizing the Santiago network for catalyzing technical assistance.
7. *Welcomes* the progress made in the operationalization of the Santiago network, including implementing its first work programme, approving the guidelines for the designation of organizations, bodies, networks and experts as members of the network, and the guidelines for responding to requests for technical assistance, guidelines for managing funding, and guidelines on preventing potential and addressing actual and perceived conflicts of interest;
8. *Adopts*, having considered them, the draft rules of procedure of the Advisory Board of the Santiago network.
9. *Appreciates* that, since the last review, the landscape of support for loss and damage has evolved substantially and now includes the Santiago network for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage as well as the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage and the funding arrangements inside and outside of UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement.
10. *Stresses* that the focus should now be on the full implementation of the mandates of these bodies.

Complementarity and coherence of the landscape both at the global and national level

11. *Calls for* stronger coherence and coordination between the ExCom, the Santiago Network Advisory Board, and the Board of the FRLD, especially through the annual High-Level Dialogue, as well as through regular meetings of the co-chairs, to ensure complementarity and avoid duplication of efforts, and further requests the WIM to

explore opportunities for aligning activities across these bodies to maximize the support provided to developing countries that are particularly vulnerable, in line with Annex II to the Decision 1/CP.28 and 1/CMA;

12. *Further stresses*, in this regard, the importance of seeking synergies with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.
13. *Encourages* the elements under the WIM to maintain and enhance their support for particularly vulnerable developing countries through tailored and practical knowledge products, technical assistance, including capacity-building activities, in coherence, complementarity, and coordination with other elements of the loss and damage support landscape, with particular attention to supporting the programmatic approaches in cooperation with the funding arrangements and the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage (FRLD) in line with provisions under Annex II of Decision 1/CP.28 and 5/CMA.5;
14. *Encourages* the Executive Committee and the Santiago network to collaborate on communication to relevant stakeholders by holding joint outreach and side events and collaborate on joint communications strategies to enhance dissemination of knowledge products, promote synergies in liaising with country contact and focal points and capitalize on the wide membership of the ExCom Expert Groups.
15. *Invites* parties to promote coherence in approaches to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage when formulating and implementing relevant national plans, strategies, frameworks, and national response systems, and creating enabling environments, including by considering future climate risk, reducing exposure and vulnerability, increasing resilience and coordinated action, and monitoring progress;
16. *Encourages* Parties, that have not yet done so, to nominate a loss and damage contact point through their respective national focal point, and to foster coordination between those loss and damage contact points with other relevant national focal points;

Focus on supporting the most vulnerable, including communities and segments of society such as women and girls, indigenous people and local communities

17. *Welcomes* the recent progress of the Executive Committee with regards to advancing gender equality, including the establishment of gender focal points, the request of its thematic expert groups to continue mainstreaming gender-climate change nexus;
18. *Welcomes* that, under the current workplan, the ExCom has expanded its engagement with the scientific community as well as with indigenous, traditional and local knowledge holders.
19. *Urges* the WIM to further intensify efforts to integrate gender considerations throughout the WIM's work, including the collection of gender-disaggregated data and increased participation of gender specialists as well as to further integrate the indigenous, traditional and local knowledge;
20. *Urges* the Advisory Board of the Santiago network to agree on the levels of minimum percentage of technical assistance funded directly by the Santiago network to be made

available to communities particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change.

Knowledge Products, usefulness, communication, dissemination/outreach and accessibility of information

21. *Appreciates and welcomes* the work of the experts and the progress made in all ExCom expert groups: the Technical Expert Group on Comprehensive Risk Management, Task Force on Displacement, Technical Expert Group on Non-Economic Losses, the Action and Support Expert Group and the Slow Onset-Event Expert Group.
22. *Encourages* the Executive Committee to increase the opportunities for exchange among experts in the Expert Groups, as well as increasing the visibility of their work.
23. *Calls* on the Executive Committee to ensure that the knowledge products developed under the WIM are practical, user-friendly, and targeted to meet the priorities of decision-makers, and practitioners at the national and local levels, including the Santiago network, the FRLD and the funding arrangements, with a focus on supporting particularly vulnerable developing countries' approaches for efficient response systems;
24. *Requests* the Executive Committee, when developing activities under its 5-year rolling workplan and the Plans of Action of the Expert Groups, to seek inputs from the Advisory Board of the Santiago network on which knowledge products would be most useful, which ones should be promoted to network partners and members.
25. *Encourages* the UNFCCC secretariat to improve the online presentation, visibility and accessibility of WIM's resources, making the information easier to navigate and providing translation of relevant outputs to official UN languages, while ensuring that these resources meet the priorities of stakeholders at the national and local levels, taking note of the estimated budgetary implications;
26. *Requests* the WIM to improve communication with loss and damage contact points to strengthen awareness and use of the knowledge products of the WIM to support national responses to loss and damage;
27. *Acknowledges* that the WIM has demonstrated its ability to enhance action and support, including by developing technical guidance, fostering dialogue and collaboration with GCF, SCF, GEF, the funding arrangements established at COP27/CMA4, facilitating mobilisation of expertise, contributing to the Glasgow Dialogues and catalysing technical assistance.
28. *Requests* the Executive Committee to update the Plan of Action of the Action and Support Expert Group and the membership list in light of the evolving landscape of support for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage.
29. *Encourages* the Executive Committee, in updating the Plan of Action of the Action and Support Expert Group (ASEG), to consider the role for ASEG in enhancing further collaboration between the ExCom and the funding arrangements, including the FRLD, enhancing the collaboration between the Executive Committee and the Santiago network, contributing to the coherence and complementarity of the funding

arrangements and supporting the other thematic Expert Groups in mainstreaming action and support into their work.

Budgetary implications

30. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraph(s) ...
31. *Requests* that the actions of the Secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.