



17 August 2026

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

14–18 September 2026, Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands

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¹ In response to decision 1/CMA.5, para 133.

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II. Annotations

1. Opening of the meeting

1. The 25th meeting of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts (ExCom 25) will be opened on 14 September 2026 at 11:00 MHT (GMT+12) in Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands.

2. Adoption of agenda

2. The provisional agenda for ExCom 25 will be presented for adoption.

EXCOM/2026/25/1	<i>Provisional agenda and annotations</i>
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3. Organizational matters

3. ExCom 25 will be held from 14 to 18 September 2026 in Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands. Relevant documents are available on the meeting page, and the indicative schedule will be updated on a rolling basis.

4. Registered observers for ExCom 25 will be welcome to attend the meeting, make interventions under substantive agenda items, and participate in parallel group discussions during the meeting, unless otherwise decided by the Executive Committee (ExCom). The working language of the meeting is English with no translation. The recordings of the plenary proceedings will be available after the meeting on the meeting page.

4. Preparation of voluntary guidelines for enhancing collection and management of data and information to inform the preparation of biennial transparency reports²

5. As part of the outcome of the first global stocktake, the CMA 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 (hereafter referred to as “Voluntary Guidelines”).³

6. At the 2nd annual meeting of all expert groups, held in conjunction with ExCom 21, key existing data sources and collection processes relevant to the loss and damage context, as well as gaps in existing guidelines, were identified. These informed the outline of the Voluntary Guidelines, which ExCom 21 (Sep 2024) adopted. ExCom 21 subsequently established a group of champion members to lead the work intersessionally and invited thematic expert group members to form a core drafting group to assist with this work.

7. At SB 62 (June 2025), the ExCom held a stakeholder consultation⁴ based on the adopted outline. The annotated outline of the Voluntary Guidelines was adopted on 1 October 2025,⁵ and a working draft document was shared with the ExCom on 17 April 2026. ExCom 24 (April 2026) agreed on the roadmap for the rest of the process of the preparation of the Voluntary Guidelines with a view to adopting the final draft document at ExCom 25.⁶

8. In line with the roadmap, the first round of review was held in June 2026 by the champion members, volunteering experts and the CGE. The champion members held meetings on 13 and 15 July 2026 to consider all review comments and provided further guidance to the core drafting group.

² In response to decision 1/CMA.5, para 133.

³ Decision 1/CMA.5, para 133.

⁴ See <https://unfccc.int/event/stakeholder-consultation-on-draft-voluntary-guidelines-for-loss-and-damage-information-to-inform-the>.

⁵ See https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Item_4_BTR_annotations_01102025_as_adopted.pdf.

⁶ See ExCom 24 decision point 5.1.5 for the agreed roadmap to finalize the Voluntary Guidelines [Decision points as adopted ExCom 24.pdf](#).

9. Per roadmap, a round of review by the ExCom is scheduled for August and the final draft Voluntary Guidelines are expected to be made available prior to the meeting for consideration and endorsement at ExCom 25.

Action:

10. ExCom will be invited to consider the final draft Voluntary Guidelines, contained in document EXCOM/2026/25/2, for endorsement for publication.

EXCOM/2026/25/2	<i>Draft Voluntary Guidelines for enhancing collection and management of data and information to inform the preparation of biennial transparency reports</i>
Further information	Decision 22/CMA.7, endorsed by decision 11/CP.30, on the 3rd review of the WIM, para 18 Annotated outline of the voluntary guidelines, as adopted on 1 October 2025 Outline of the voluntary guidelines and process for development, as adopted at ExCom 21 Event page of the stakeholder consultation held at SB 62 Decision 1/CMA.5 on the outcome of the first global stocktake, para 133

5. How the latest climate science can inform policymaking relevant to averting, minimizing, and addressing loss and damage

11. In line with para 4(b) of decision 19/CMA.3, the ExCom has a standing item at its regular meetings to keep abreast of the latest climate science and how it can inform policymaking. ExCom 24 requested the secretariat to engage Pacific-based scientific and technical experts on loss and damage to inform deliberations under this item at ExCom 25.

12. The Co-Chairs are making arrangements for an expert briefing accordingly.

Action:

13. The ExCom will be invited to discuss how the information presented can inform its future work and agree on next steps as necessary.

6. Implementation of the five-year rolling workplan

(a) Work related to strategic workstream (a) on slow onset events

14. The five-year rolling workplan contains two activities to enhance cooperation and facilitation in relation to slow onset events (SOEs).⁷ The expert group on SOEs assists the ExCom in undertaking these activities⁸ through a plan of action (PoA) of the group.

15. The current PoA (2024–2026) focuses on three type A deliverables - technical guides on sea level rise, glacial retreat and desertification, and on raising awareness and sharing information on slow onset events at the global, regional and national levels.

16. The first technical guide, on sea level rise, was published in February 2025, followed by webinars on 13 June 2025 to support its uptake. The outline of the second technical guide, on glacial retreat, was adopted at ExCom 24, and the publication is expected by the beginning of 2027.

17. ExCom 24 requested the Secretariat to put out a call for expression of interest to help ExCom expedite the development of the third technical guide, focusing on desertification. 98

⁷ Activities 21–22.

⁸ See the terms of reference of the expert group on slow onset events.
https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/TOR_slow_onset_events.pdf.

experts and organizations responded to the call,⁹ and subsequently United Nations Environment Programme was invited to the expert group to lead this work.

18. In the context of Activity 21¹⁰ of the five-year rolling workplan, ExCom 24 requested its SOEs champion members to identify possible joint work with the Technology Executive Committee to highlight nationally relevant technologies for averting, minimizing and addressing slow onset events in coastal zones, for consideration at ExCom 25.¹¹

Action:

19. The ExCom will be invited to consider:

(a) The progress of the implementation of the PoA and provide further guidance to the expert group on slow onset events, as necessary; and

(b) The implementation status of the activities of the strategic workstream (a) and agree on the next steps, as appropriate.

EXCOM/2026/25/3	<i>Implementation Monitor: activities under the strategic workstream (a) of the five-year rolling workplan</i>
EXCOM/2026/25/4	<i>Implementation monitor of the current PoA of the SOEs expert group (2024–2026)</i>
Further information	<i>Information on the work related to enhancing cooperation and facilitation in relation to slow onset events</i>

(b) Work related to strategic workstream (b) on non-economic losses

20. The five-year rolling workplan contains four activities to enhance cooperation and facilitation in relation to non-economic losses (NELs).¹² The expert group on NELs¹³ assists the ExCom in undertaking work related to NELs through the implementation of a PoA of the group.

21. The current PoA (October 2025–October 2027) focuses on four type A deliverables under activities 7–10, alongside other outputs and activities.

22. Under Activity 7 of the PoA, a draft technical guide on averting, minimizing and addressing non-economic losses in the context of human mobility, was shared with the ExCom for review on 21 July 2026, and the final draft document is planned to be made available on 21 August 2026 with a view for endorsement at ExCom 25 for publication. The development of this technical guide is a joint activity with the TFD, and it will be considered under sub-agenda item (d) on the strategic workstream (d).

Action:

23. The ExCom will be invited to consider:

(a) The progress of the implementation of the PoA and provide further guidance to the expert group on NELs, as necessary; and

(b) The status of the implementation of the activities of strategic workstream (b) and agree on next steps, as appropriate.

EXCOM/2026/25/3	<i>Implementation Monitor: activities under the strategic workstream (b) of the five-year rolling workplan</i>
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⁹ Opened on 5 June and closed on 1 July 2026.

¹⁰ Activity 21 “Facilitate continued collaboration with the Technology Executive Committee to highlight nationally relevant technologies for averting, minimizing and addressing slow onset events in coastal zones”.

¹¹ [ExCom 24 decision point](#) 9.2.

¹² Activities 23–26.

¹³ See the [terms of reference](#) of the expert group on non-economic losses.

EXCOM/2026/25/5	<i>Implementation Monitor of the current PoA of the expert group on NELs (October 2025–October 2027)</i>
EXCOM/2026/25/6	<i>Draft joint technical guide on non-economic losses in the context of human mobility (Output from Activity 7 of the NELs PoA and Activity 2.1 of the TFD PoA)</i>
Further information	<i>Information</i> on the work related to enhancing cooperation and facilitation in relation to non-economic losses

(c) Work related to strategic workstream (c) on comprehensive risk management approaches

24. The five-year rolling workplan contains three activities to enhance cooperation and facilitation in relation to comprehensive risk management approaches to address and build long-term resilience of countries, vulnerable populations and communities to loss and damage from the impacts of climate change.¹⁴ The technical expert group on comprehensive risk management (TEG-CRM) assists the ExCom in undertaking work related to comprehensive risk management through the implementation of a PoA of the group.

25. The current PoA (October 2025–October 2027) focuses on five type A deliverables, including a “How to” series of knowledge products, alongside other outputs and activities.

26. ExCom 24 requested the TEG-CRM, at its next meeting, to incorporate in its PoA an activity to develop knowledge products focused on enhancing understanding of approaches to managing compound risks and impacts associated with climate change and responding to loss and damage arising from cascading impacts associated with the adverse effects of climate change,¹⁵ and provide an update on the progress at ExCom 25 and subsequent meetings of the ExCom.

27. Accordingly, TEG-CRM, at its 8th and 9th meetings held on 24 July 2026 and 21 August 2026, respectively, considered possible approaches for incorporating this work into its current PoA. An updated PoA is planned to be shared with ExCom on 28 August 2026 for endorsement by the ExCom.

Action:

28. The ExCom will be invited to consider:

- (a) The progress of the implementation of the PoA and provide further guidance to the TEG-CRM, as necessary;
- (b) An updated Plan of Action of the TEG-CRM, as contained in document EXCOM/2026/25/8, for endorsement; and
- (c) The status of the implementation of the activities of strategic workstream (c) and agree on next steps, as appropriate.

EXCOM/2026/25/3	<i>Implementation Monitor: activities under the strategic workstream (c) of the five-year rolling workplan</i>
EXCOM/2026/25/7	<i>Implementation Monitor of the current PoA of the TEG-CRM (October 2025–2027)</i>
EXCOM/2026/25/8	<i>Updated 3rd Plan of Action of the TEG-CRM (October 2025–2027)</i>

¹⁴ Activities 27–29.

¹⁵ In the context of decision 22/CMA.7, endorsed by decision 11/CP.30, on the 3rd review of the WIM, para 17(e).

<i>Further information</i>	<i>Information</i> on the work related to enhancing cooperation and facilitation in relation to comprehensive risk management approaches
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(d) Work related to strategic workstream (d) on human mobility

29. The five-year rolling workplan contains two activities to enhance cooperation and facilitation in relation to human mobility, including migration, displacement, and planned relocation.¹⁶ The task force on displacement (TFD) assists the ExCom in undertaking work related to human mobility through the implementation of a PoA of the task force.

30. The current PoA (October 2025–October 2027) focuses on seven type A deliverables, including a technical guide on NELs in the context of human mobility, jointly developed with the expert group on NELs. See paragraph 22 above for details.

Action:

31. The ExCom will be invited to consider:

(a) A draft technical guide on NELs in the context of human mobility, contained in document EXCOM/2026/25/6, for endorsement;

(b) The progress of the implementation of the PoA and provide further guidance to the TFD, as necessary; and

(c) The status of the implementation of the activities of strategic workstream (d) and agree on next steps, as appropriate.

EXCOM/2026/25/3	<i>Implementation Monitor: activities under the strategic workstream (d) of the five-year rolling workplan</i>
EXCOM/2026/25/9	<i>Implementation monitor of the PoA of the TFD (October 2025–October 2027)</i>
EXCOM/2026/25/6	<i>Draft technical guide on non-economic losses in the context of human mobility (Output from Activity 7 of the NELs PoA and Activity 2.1 of the TFD PoA)</i>
<i>Further information</i>	<i>Information</i> on the work related to enhancing cooperation and facilitation in relation to human mobility

(e) Work related to strategic workstream (e) on action and support

32. The five-year rolling workplan contains five activities to enhance 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.¹⁷

33. In response to requests arising from the 3rd review of the WIM, completed at COP 30 (November 2025), the ExCom updated the ASEG terms of reference, adopted them at ExCom 24, and invited nine new technical experts to join the group. The group is scheduled to convene meetings on 20 August and 2 September 2026 to develop its new PoA for endorsement at ExCom 25.

34. The draft PoA includes the development of two newly mandated knowledge products as part of the outcomes of the 3rd review of WIM,¹⁸ and is planned to be shared with the ExCom for endorsement on 4 September 2026.

Action:

35. The ExCom will be invited to consider:

¹⁶ Activities 30–31.

¹⁷ Activities 32–36.

¹⁸ Decision 22/ CMA.7, para 17(f) and (i), endorsed by decision 11/CP.30.

- (a) The draft second Plan of Action of the ASEG for endorsement; and
- (b) The status of the implementation of the activities of strategic workstream (e) and agree on next steps, as appropriate.

EXCOM/2026/25/3	<i>Implementation Monitor: activities under the strategic workstream (e) of the five-year rolling workplan</i>
EXCOM/2026/25/10	<i>Draft second Plan of Action of the expert group on action and support</i>
Further information	<u>Information</u> on the work related to enhancing cooperation and facilitation in relation to action and support

(f) Cross-cutting activities of the second five-year rolling workplan

36. The current ExCom workplan includes 20 cross-cutting activities. Members are encouraged to inform the Co-Chairs, well in advance of the meeting, of any activities that may require consideration under this subitem. Members who represented the ExCom at relevant intersessional events and meetings are welcome to report back under this subitem to inform the Committee's broader work.

EXCOM/2026/25/3	<i>Implementation Monitor: activities under the cross-cutting section of the five-year rolling workplan</i>
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7. Collaboration with the Advisory Board of the Santiago network, funding arrangements, including the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage

(a) Updates from and guidance to the liaison members to the SNAB

37. CMA 2 established, as part of the WIM, the Santiago network to catalyze technical assistance for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change (Santiago Network). The composition of the Advisory Board of the Santiago network (SNAB) includes two members of the ExCom, nominated by the ExCom among its members.¹⁹

38. CMA 5 requested the ExCom to engage actively in the work under the Santiago network and collaborate with the SNAB through its liaisons on the SNAB. The liaisons will report back on their intersessional engagement with the SNAB.

Action:

39. The ExCom will be invited to take note of the report back from its liaisons to the SNAB on their work with the SNAB, and provide further guidance to its liaisons, as necessary.

Further information	<u>Santiago network (santiago-network.org)</u>
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(b) Synergies with and complementary across the loss and damage support architecture under the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement

40. The 3rd review of the WIM resulted in,²⁰ *inter alia*:

(a) Requesting ExCom and the SNAB to undertake joint outreach to UNFCCC national focal points, loss and damage contact points, national liaisons to the Santiago network, and national authorities or national focal points for the FRLD to promote synergies in their work;

¹⁹ Decision 12/CMA.4, endorsed by decision 11/CP.27, Annex I, para 8(c).

²⁰ Decision 22/CMA.7, para 34, endorsed by decision 11/CP.30.

(b) Encourage the ExCom and the SNAB to collaborate in the development of each other's knowledge products and technical products;

(c) Encouraging the ExCom and the Santiago network, in collaboration with the FRLD, to enhance the coherence and complementarity of their work,²¹ including by:

- (i) Holding regular meetings of the Co-Chairs of the bodies;
- (ii) Enhancing collaboration between the UNFCCC secretariat and the secretariats of the Santiago network and the FRLD, including through regular meetings;
- (iii) Considering holding back-to-back meetings of the bodies, particularly for meetings of the ExCom and the Advisory Board, taking into consideration the value that this would add and the budgetary implications thereof;
- (iv) Considering identifying ways to enhance coordination and promote best practices among national contact points, liaisons and national focal points and/or authorities.

41. During the intersessional period, the SNAB convened a structured dialogue²² with the ExCom to continue consulting on the development of the terms of reference (ToR) of a report on loss and damage,²³ following which ExCom members were invited to provide written comments on draft 1.0 of the ToR for consideration by the SNAB for its finalization.

42. ExCom 24 requested the secretariat to create a document that contains key messages regarding complementarity between the work of the ExCom and the Santiago network, and that with the FRLD, for consideration by ExCom at ExCom 25. A draft document will be shared with the ExCom prior to the meeting to inform the discussion under this subitem.

43. ExCom 24 invited the Santiago Network secretariat to share, at future meetings of the ExCom, the insights on how the ExCom's knowledge products are being utilized in the operation of the Santiago network, to inform future work of the ExCom. Accordingly, the Santiago Network secretariat has been invited to ExCom 25 to inform the discussion under this subitem.

Action:

44. The ExCom will be invited to:

- (a) Consider ways in which key messages regarding complementarity between the work of the ExCom and the Santiago network, and that with the FRLD, can inform broader work of the ExCom;
- (b) Explore how to enhance the usability of ExCom's knowledge products in the operation of the Santiago Network, and agree on next steps as appropriate; and
- (c) Exchange views on any other aspects of collaboration between ExCom and the SNAB with respect to communication and outreach, and agree on the next steps, as needed.

<i>EXCOM/2026/25/11</i>	<i>Background document containing key messages regarding complementarity between the work of the ExCom and the Santiago network, and that with the FRLD</i>
<i>Further information</i>	<i>Decision 22/CMA.7, paras 34–35, endorsed by decision 11/CP.30</i>

(c) Collaboration with the entities that form the funding arrangements

45. ExCom 20 decided to include an item on the ExCom 21 agenda on exploring ways to continue collaborating with the entities that form the funding arrangements for loss and damage, including the FRLD. ExCom 21 decided to continue using this agenda item to engage with funding arrangements in future meetings of the ExCom. Accordingly, the Co-

²¹ Decision 22/CMA.7, para 34, endorsed by decision 11/CP.30.

²² Held in a hybrid manner on 16 June 2026 in the margins of SB 64.

²³ In line with decision 12/CMA.4, para 22, endorsed by decision 11/CP.27.

Chairs are making arrangements for representatives from the Republic of the Marshall Islands and New Zealand to inform the ExCom's deliberations under this subitem.

Action:

46. The ExCom will be invited to:
- (a) Take note of the information presented, with a view to informing the undertaking of its future work; and
 - (b) Consider possible focus and/or topics that can be taken into consideration, if any, under this agenda item in future meetings of the ExCom.

8. Information collection and preparation for the second global stocktake

47. As with each global stocktake cycle, the second global stocktake will comprise three components: information collection and preparation, technical assessment and consideration of outputs.

48. Similar to the first global stocktake, relevant constituted bodies (including the ExCom) and forums and other institutional arrangements under or serving the Paris Agreement and/or the Convention are invited to prepare for the technical assessment, with the assistance of the secretariat, synthesis reports on the information identified in paragraph 36 of decision 19/CMA.1 in their areas of expertise.²⁴ ExCom's synthesis report for the technical assessment of the first global stocktake is available on the GST information portal and the ExCom landing page.²⁵

49. For each cycle of the global stocktake, the Chairs of the SBSTA and the SBI are requested to issue a call for the inputs referred to in paragraphs 36 and 37 of decision 19/CMA.1, taking into account that such inputs should be submitted at least three months before their consideration in the technical assessment (around March 2027 in the case of the second global stocktake).

Action:

50. The ExCom will be invited to consider whether to submit a synthesis report that will serve as input to the technical assessment of the second global stocktake.

51. If needed, the ExCom will also be invited to:

- (a) Exchange views on possible focus and structure of the report;
- (b) Establish an intersessional working group of members to lead this work intersessionally; and
- (c) Request the secretariat and the intersessional working group to prepare a draft report for consideration and endorsement by the ExCom intersessionally.

EXCOM/2026/25/12

Background paper on information collection and preparation for the second global stocktake

Further information

[*Decision 19/CMA.1 on the modalities for undertaking the global stocktake and sources of input*](#)

[*ExCom's synthesis report for the technical assessment of the first global stocktake*](#)

9. Recommendations to be included in the 2026 ExCom annual report

52. The ExCom reports annually to Parties through the subsidiary bodies and makes recommendations as appropriate. Due to the timing of ExCom 25, the 2026 report will be published in multiple parts, similar to the approach used since the 2022 report.

²⁴ Decision 19/CMA.1, para 24.

²⁵ https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/ExCom_SR_GST_cleared.pdf.

53. The first part of the 2026 report, to be published in August 2026, focuses on organizational and procedural matters relating to ExCom and its thematic expert groups and the Santiago Network and its members between October 2025 and July 2026.

54. This will be followed by three addenda: one on the outcomes of ExCom 25 and progress in implementing the five-year rolling workplan, including through the thematic expert groups; one on the Santiago network; and one containing the voluntary guidelines referred to under item 4.

Action:

55. The ExCom will be invited to agree on recommendations arising from the implementation of its work and through its thematic expert groups during the reporting period and other content, if any, as appropriate, for inclusion in an addendum to the 2026 ExCom report.

10. Dates of the next meetings

Action:

56. The ExCom will be invited to agree on the dates and location of its meetings for 2027.

11. Organization of intersessional work

Action:

57. The ExCom will be invited to designate its members who will lead/co-lead the intersessional activities of the working groups established during the meeting and clarify, as needed, the corresponding work of the groups.

12. Any other business

Action:

58. Any other matters arising during the meeting will be taken up under this item.

13. Closing of the meeting

59. ExCom 25 is scheduled to close on 18 September 2026.
