

**Fourteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts, 7–24 September 2021****Co-Chairs' note for item 5: The role and contribution of the ExCom in the global stocktake as contained in decision 19/CMA.1****I. Background**

1. The CMA, in its decision 19/CMA.1, decided that the global stocktake will consist of the following components:<sup>1</sup>

- **Information** collection and preparation, focusing on gathering, compiling and synthesizing information and preparing for conducting the technical assessment (CMA 2021 to June 2023);
- **Technical assessment**, focusing on taking stock of the implementation of the Paris Agreement to assess the collective progress towards achieving the purpose and long-term goals of the Paris Agreement, as well as opportunities for enhanced action and support to achieve its purpose and goals (June 2022 to June 2023);
- **Consideration of outputs**, focusing on discussing the implications of the findings of the technical assessment with a view to achieving the outcome of the global stocktake of informing Parties in updating and enhancing, in a nationally determined manner, their actions and support, in accordance with relevant provisions of the Paris Agreement, as well as in enhancing international cooperation for climate action (CMA 2023).

2. The CMA requested the Chairs of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to develop guiding questions for all components of the global stocktake, including specific thematic and cross-cutting questions, one session of the subsidiary bodies prior to the relevant activities under the global stocktake being carried out.

3. The CMA invited, among other bodies, the ExCom 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.

**II. Process to date**

4. ExCom 9 (April 2019) agreed to consider the role and contribution of the ExCom in its future meetings, starting with the first meeting of 2020.<sup>2</sup> ExCom 11 (March 2020) initiated its consideration.

5. ExCom 12 (October 2020) established an intersessional group of members<sup>3</sup> to prepare a draft table of contents of the synthesis report for consideration by the ExCom at ExCom 13, taking into account initial views shared during ExCom 12 on

<sup>1</sup> Decision 19/CMA.1.

<sup>2</sup> 2019 ExCom report, paragraph 18 (e)(iii) as contained in document FCCC/SB/2019/5/Add.1. Also see 2/CMA.2, paragraph 1.

<sup>3</sup> Champion members: Alpha Kaloga, Le-Anne Roper, Farhan Akhtar, Kajsa Fernström Nåtby.

the possible scope of information in response to para36(e) of decision 19/CMA.1, indicative timeframe and milestones as well as ways to liaise with other constituted bodies.

6. ExCom 13 (April 2021):

- Considered the draft table of contents and invited members to provide, by 30 June 2021, the intersessional group of champions, specific suggestions on how to further improve it; and
- Requested the intersessional group of champions to update the draft table of contents, as appropriate, considering the suggestions made by members and sharing it with the ExCom for consideration and electronic adoption by 24 July 2021.

7. The outcome of the work of the intersessional group of champions was shared with the members on 4 September 2021, which they subsequently considered in Part 1 of ExCom 14 and provided further input electronically in the lead up to Part 2 of ExCom 14.

### **III. Co-Chairs proposal**

8. The co-chairs propose that ExCom 14:

- (a) Endorse the draft annotated table of contents as contained in the annex;
- (b) Establish an intersessional group of champions to proceed with the preparation of a draft report by February 2022, with the assistance of the secretariat, for finalization in March 2022.

9. The co-chairs also propose that the ExCom:

- (a) Consider organizing an event in December 2021 titled “Preparing for the GST”, which will be composed of the following three parts:
  1. Sharing of the information on the progress in preparing its input to the GST by the ExCom;
  2. Sharing of the information on the progress made by other constituted bodies in preparing their inputs to the GST, and identification of areas for cooperation, coherence and synergy;
  3. Round of reflection by Parties and non-Party stakeholders on their efforts to avert, minimize and address loss and damage, including lessons learned and remaining gaps;
- (b) Invite other constituted bodies, Parties, and non-Party stakeholders to the event referred to in paragraph 9(a) and capture the reflections shared in #3 above in an annex to the synthesis report of the ExCom, as appropriate.

## Annex: Annotated Outline

Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage  
Considerations for the Table of Content for the Global Stocktake Synthesis Report

### Resources for consideration:

- Documents from [WIM review](#)
- [Paris Agreement, Article 14](#)
- [19/CMA.1](#)
- [SBs Chair's Non-Paper in preparation for the 1<sup>st</sup> GST](#)
- [Co-chairs notes](#) from Excom 12
- Decisions by Parties
- Future decisions by the ExCom<sup>4</sup>
- Summary Report of the event titled, “Preparing for the GST”

### Timelines

- Adoption of the Annotated Outline at Excom 14
- Event on “Preparing for the GST” in December 2021
- Draft report for Excom review by February 2022
- Final report done by Feb/March 2022

### Overarching theme

Progress of work under the WIM/ExCom to enhance understanding, action and support, on a cooperative and facilitative basis, related to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, with a view to serving as a source of information referred to in para 36(e) of 19/CMA.1.

### Recommendations for Table of Contents (with Annotations)

- **Introduction and mandate for the GST** – In this section, the relevant mandates will be presented. It will also briefly outline the mandate and the history of the ExCom and the WIM to set the context for the information that will be provided. The 5YRWP and outputs/mandates of the WIM review will be included.
  - **Brief history of the WIM and the role of its ExCom**  
This section will recall the mandate and functions of the WIM. It will also explain the role of its ExCom and its entitlement to establish expert groups, subcommittees, panels, thematic advisory groups or task-focused ad hoc working groups, and the current operational status of the groups established to date. It will refer to the two workplans of the ExCom developed to date, and also summarize the mandates for and outcomes of the WIM reviews undertaken at COP 22 and COP 25 (CMA 2).
  - **5-yr rolling workplan**  
The current ExCom’s 5-year rolling workplan, including its five thematic areas and cross-cutting issues, will be described in greater detail.
  - **Invitation by CMA for the WIM ExCom to prepare a synthesis report as an input to the GST pursuant to decision 19/CMA.1, para. 24.**

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<sup>4</sup> Contents under each section will be further elaborated in an annotated outline.

The section will recall the invitation to prepare a synthesis report as input to the GST, pursuant to decision 19/CMA.1, paragraph 24.

- **Approach** – this will outline the approach agreed by the ExCom to undertake the work i.e., arrange information by the areas SOEs, NELs, CRM, TFD and A&S

This section will shed light on the approach taken to draft and structure the synthesis report, as agreed by the ExCom, including using information identified in ‘Resources for consideration’ section above. It will also refer to the event that is planned to be organized by the ExCom in preparation for the GST which will allow for coordination and the identification of synergies among the contributions of the constituted bodies as well as for additional reflections by Parties and non-Party stakeholders (see Co-Chair’s proposal).

- **Thematic area chapters** – for each of **SOEs, NELs, CRM, human mobility, A&S**, outline strategic approach, present key results designed to enhance understanding, action and support related to a.m.a L&D

- **Enhanced cooperation and facilitation in relation to slow onset events**

The overall approach taken under this thematic area has been to improve the state of knowledge to understand, and capacity to address, SOEs and their impacts, with a special focus on regional impacts and the capacity of regional agencies.

Further details of the strategic approach of this thematic area will be described as outlined in relevant decisions as well as under action area 3 of the ExCom’s initial two-year workplan, thematic area (a) of the five-year rolling workplan and in the plan of action of the expert group on slow onset events.

Key results will be extracted from outputs and products developed under these streams of work.

- **Enhanced cooperation and facilitation in relation to non-economic losses**

The overall approach taken under this thematic area has been to enhance data on and knowledge of reducing the risk of and addressing non-economic losses, including how to factor these into the planning and elaboration of measures to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, with a special focus on impacts within regions.

Further details of the strategic approach of this thematic area will be described as outlined in relevant decisions as well as under action area 4 of the ExCom’s initial two-year workplan, thematic area (b) of the five-year rolling workplan and in the plan of action of the expert group on non-economic losses.

Key results will be extracted from outputs and products developed under these streams of work.

- **Enhanced cooperation and facilitation in relation to comprehensive risk management**

This thematic area has focused on enhancing knowledge and understanding of comprehensive risk management approaches, including issues related to finance, data, technology, regulatory environments and capacity-building.

Further details of the strategic approach of this thematic area will be described as outlined in relevant decisions as well as under action area 2 and 5 of the ExCom’s initial two-year workplan, thematic area (c) of the five-year rolling workplan and in the plan of action of the technical expert group on comprehensive risk management.

Key results will be extracted from outputs and products developed under these streams of work.

- **Enhanced cooperation and facilitation in relation to human mobility**

Overall, this thematic area has focused on integrated approaches to avert, minimize and address human mobility related to the adverse impacts of climate change, including migration, displacement and planned relocation.

Further details of the strategic approach of this thematic area will be described as outlined in relevant decisions as well as under action area 6 of the ExCom’s initial two-year workplan, thematic area (d) of the five-year rolling workplan and in the plan of action of the task force on displacement.

Key results will be extracted from outputs and products developed under these streams of work.

- **Enhanced cooperation and facilitation in relation to action and support**

The overall approach taken under this thematic area is the implementation of the function of the WIM set out in decision 2/CP.19, para 5(c).

Further details of the strategic approach of this thematic area will be described as outlined in relevant decisions as well as under action area 7 of the ExCom’s initial two-year workplan, thematic area (e) of the five-year rolling workplan and in the plan of action of the expert group on action and support. It will also capture all activities of the Excom which relate to action and support, and will draw on the “resources for consideration” and other relevant resources as appropriate.

Key results will be extracted from outputs and products developed under these streams of work.

- **Cross-cutting issues**– In this section, the report would detail how cross-cutting issues such as the best available science, gender responsiveness (in keeping with the Gender Action Plan), etc., have been integrated in the work of the ExCom as fulfils its mandate of implementing the functions of the WIM:

- Use of best available science

This section will outline how science has been referenced in loss and damage-related decisions as well as the way it has been taken into account when implementing activities and developing products under the WIM. It will also describe the forums through which the ExCom has engaged with scientific bodies and experts.

- Gender responsiveness

This section will allude to the gender composition of the ExCom and its five thematic expert groups as well as of the participants that have attended events organized under the WIM. It will also describe how gender considerations have been taken into account in the development of the ExCom’s workplans and the roll-out of its thematic expert groups.

- Others, including relevant information not addressed in the thematic chapter

This section will include cross-cutting issues relating to each of the thematic areas presented above but not yet covered by them, and including equity as appropriate.

- **Cooperation, Stakeholder involvement and Partnerships** – The experts and entities which have contributed to the work of the WIM ExCom will be presented here. These will include the bodies and expert groups under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, as well as relevant external

organizations and expert bodies.

This section will describe the bodies, experts, contact points, entities and other stakeholders from within and outside the Convention and the Paris Agreement that have contributed to the implementation of the functions of the WIM. It will describe the ways in which they have been mobilized, the forms of their contributions as well as forms through which the ExCom has cooperated with them. It will also refer to the event that the ExCom is planning to organize in preparation for the GST, which will reserve space for Parties and non-Party stakeholders to share reflections on their efforts to address loss and damage, including lessons learned and remaining gaps (see Co-Chairs' proposal for the event).

- Santiago Network

The section will highlight how the technical assistance of relevant organizations, bodies, networks and experts has been catalyzed through the Santiago Network, as reported by them, for the implementation of relevant approaches for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage at the local, national and regional level, in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change.

- **Challenges, opportunities, best practices and lessons learned** – where available, this section will outline where the ExCom has experienced challenges in implementing the functions of the WIM. For example, responsiveness to calls, etc.

- Challenges towards implementing/achieving the functions of the WIM and lessons learned

This section will point to conceptual and practical challenges encountered by the ExCom in its efforts to implement the functions of the WIM, as well as lessons learned thus far.

- Best practices, opportunities and major work areas being launched, e.g. through new expert groups

Best practices and opportunities will be highlighted that have either informed other activities under the WIM and/or its ExCom that are promising in improving the effectiveness of the WIM and its ExCom based on recent developments and lessons learned.

- **Reference to inputs not covered in any chapters above, for loss and damage considerations in the GST**

The section will allude to activities and products developed by relevant constituted bodies, work programmes or other processes not covered in any of the chapters above, but which are considered as relevant inputs to the loss and damage considerations under the GST, including in the context of decision 19/CMA.1, para 6(b)(ii).

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