



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

7–24 September 2021 (discontinuous)

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II. Annotations

1. Opening of the meeting.

1. The Co-Chairs of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts (ExCom) will open the 14th meeting of the ExCom (ExCom 14) on 7 September 2021 at 06:00 CEST.

2. Adoption of the agenda.

2. The provisional agenda for ExCom 14 will be presented for adoption.

EXCOM/2021/14/1	<i>Provisional agenda and annotations</i>
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3. Organizational matters.

3. ExCom 14 will take place in two parts. The ExCom will meet for two hours each day from 7 to 10 September, starting at 06:00 CEST, and from 20 to 24 September, starting

at 13:00 CEST.¹ Before the official opening of ExCom 14, the co-chairs will convene an informal gathering of ExCom members on 6 September.

4. Relevant documents and updates will be posted on the ExCom 14 [webpage](#). The working language of the meeting is English, and there will be no translation.
5. Given the fixed duration of time slots in the virtual format of the meeting, the Co-Chairs encourage all members to actively engage in exchanging views on topics for consideration by the committee under different agenda items prior to and during the meeting via other electronic modalities.
6. Live sessions will be broadcasted, and recordings will be made available after the meeting. Registered observers are invited to provide comments through chat throughout the meeting or via email to loss-damage@unfccc.int. As time allows, they will also be invited to make verbal interventions in the context of the agenda items being considered.

4. Work of the expert groups of the Executive Committee.

7. The ExCom has five expert groups in operation, three of which were launched this year. The Plans of Action of these three expert groups were endorsed at ExCom 13 (April 2021) and in the subsequent intersessional period.
8. Under this provisional agenda item, all expert groups will update the ExCom on the status of the implementation of their work.

Action:

9. The ExCom will be invited to take note of the progress of the work and information provided by the five expert groups and provide further guidance as necessary.

<i>Further information</i>	<i>Plan of Action of the Expert Group on Slow onset events</i>
	<i>Plan of Action of the Expert Group on Non-economic losses</i>
	<i>Plan of Action of the Technical Expert Group on Comprehensive risk management – status update as at 31 August 2021</i>
	<i>Plan of Action of the Task Force on Displacement – status update as at 31 August 2021</i>
	<i>Plan of Action of the Expert Group on Action and support</i>

5. The role and contribution of the ExCom in the global stocktake as contained in decision 19/CMA.1.

10. Information collection and preparation is the first component of the global stocktake, followed by a technical assessment and the subsequent consideration of outputs. Inputs to the global stocktake should be submitted at least three months before their consideration in the technical assessment.
11. The CMA invited the relevant constituted bodies (including the ExCom) and forums and other institutional arrangements under or serving the Paris Agreement and/or the Convention to prepare, with the assistance of the secretariat, synthesis reports in their areas of expertise for the technical assessment.

¹ See indicative schedule of work for the details.

12. 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. Accordingly, ExCom 11 (March 2020) initiated its consideration.
13. ExCom 12 (October 2020) established an intersessional group of members to prepare a draft table of contents (ToC) of the synthesis report for consideration. ExCom 13 (April 2021) considered the draft ToC presented.² It requested the aforementioned group to update the draft ToC and share it by 24 July 2021 for consideration and electronic adoption by the ExCom.
14. The updated draft ToC was shared with the ExCom electronically on 3 September 2021. The group plans to annotate the draft ToC with a view to further developing elements indicated in section headers.

Action:

15. The ExCom will be invited to consider the updated draft ToC of the ExCom's synthesis report for the first global stocktake, contained in the document and agree on the next steps.

<i>Further information</i>	<p>Decision 19/CMA.1</p> <p>Non-paper by the Chairs of the SBSTA and SBI (version 27/05/2021)</p> <p><i>Global stocktake</i></p> <p>https://unfccc.int/topics/science/workstreams/global-stocktake</p>
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6. Updating of the ExCom 5 year-rolling workplan.

16. The indicative implementation time frame of the activities contained in the current five-year rolling workplan (Workplan) ranges from ExCom 7 (March 2018) to 2021.³
17. At ExCom 11 (March 2020), the members shared their reflections on the successes, shortcomings, and lessons learned from implementing the current Workplan. ExCom 12 (October 2021) took note of these reflections for informing ExCom's deliberations on the development of new activities under the Workplan.
18. ExCom 13 initiated the deliberations by exchanging views on the timing and guiding principles to be considered for updating the Workplan with the view to completing the updates at ExCom 14, taking into account deliverables by the expert groups through the implementation of their respective Plans of Action. It established an intersessional group of members to prepare draft elements for updating the Workplan for consideration at ExCom 14, taking into consideration the initial views shared at ExCom 13, including:⁴
 - (a) What the ExCom has achieved and how to take it forward;
 - (b) Input from Parties, expert groups and other stakeholders, as appropriate;
 - (c) The relevance of the ExCom's work, noting any views and inputs which may be submitted;
 - (d) The work of expert groups, avoiding duplication.

Action:

² https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/excom13_5_gst_bckgr.pdf.

³ https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/5yr_rolling_workplan.pdf.

⁴ See ExCom 13 summary of decision points part 2 at https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Co-chairs_proposal_decision_points_ExCom13_part-2_15062021.pdf.

19. The ExCom will be invited to take note of the outcome of the intersessional work and agree on the next steps.

7. Engagement and outreach.

(a) 2021 outreach events.

20. ExCom 13 agreed to hold outreach events in 2021, virtually, as proposed in document [EXCOM/2021/13/3](#) and established an intersessional group of members to advance work intersessionally and organize the events with the assistance of the secretariat.
21. Through the events, the ExCom aims to engage with loss and damage contact points and country representatives nominated by the national focal points and present selected work concerning ExCom's three priority themes for 2021 to increase awareness on averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage at the national level.
22. The events⁵ will take place in two time zones on 14 September 2021 to maximize the participation of interested Parties.⁶

Action:

23. The ExCom will be invited to take note of the information reported by the intersessional group of members on key takeaways from the organization of the events and discuss further action, if any.

(b) Provision of input to the SCF in the context of Decision 2/CMA.2, paragraph 37.

24. Parties requested the ExCom to further engage and strengthen its dialogue with the Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) by providing input in line with decision 2/CP.19, paragraph 5(c)(ii), to the SCF when, in accordance with its mandate, it provides information, recommendations and draft guidance relating to the operating entities of the financial mechanisms under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, as appropriate.⁷ It also requested the ExCom to establish an expert group whose activities include, inter alia, supporting the ExCom in preparing the input in this regard.
25. The expert group (widely known as the expert group on action and support, ASEG) held its first meeting in May 2021 to develop its plan of action, which the ExCom endorsed intersessionally in June 2021.⁸
26. Activity (a.1) of the ASEG Plan of the Action focuses on preparing written inputs to draft guidance relating to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, as appropriate, on financial matters related to loss and damage, for forwarding to the ExCom. While the progress of its technical work is limited thus far, the ASEG plans to prepare initial input for consideration under this agenda item by the ExCom.
27. The SCF invited, among others, the ExCom in April 2021 to provide submission to the SCF on the draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, based on 2020 and 2021 reports of these entities, no later than 15 September 2021. The SCF has prepared a template for this purpose.⁹

Action:

⁵ <https://unfccc.int/event/WIMExcom-outreach-loss-and-damage>.

⁶ Invitations to Parties' loss and damage contact points and UNFCCC national focal points (NFP) were sent on 9 August 2021.

⁷ Decision 2/CMA.2, para 37.

⁸ See the plan of action of the expert group on action and support, contained in [Annex III](#) of the 2021 ExCom report part 1.

⁹ https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Draft%20guidance_template.docx.

28. The ExCom will be invited to consider the input from the ASEG and other relevant views and input by members and agree on its submission to the SCF.

Further information

Input by the ASEG on draft guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism

The 2020 and 2021 annual [reports](#) of the Global Environment Facility

The 2020 [report](#) of the Green Climate Fund

(c) Other activities

29. The ExCom works with a broad range of organizations, networks and other stakeholders. The expert groups provide a key modality for collaboration. Further, the ExCom also partners with relevant organizations in implementing various mandates, for instance, on the [Fiji Clearinghouse for Risk Transfer](#) and its interactive component, RISK TALK.
30. The ExCom also collaborates with other constituted bodies on an activity basis. Currently, it engages the representatives from the following bodies as members of the expert groups of the WIM: Adaptation Committee, Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform, LDC Expert Group, Paris Committee on Capacity-Building, Technology Executive Committee, and SCF.

Action:

31. The ExCom will be invited to discuss opportunities for engagement and/or outreach, as appropriate, in carrying out its mandate to guide the implementation of the functions of the WIM.

8. 2021 Report of the Executive Committee

32. The ExCom reports annually to Parties through the subsidiary bodies and makes recommendations, as appropriate. Due to the early timing of the sessions of the COP/CMA and subsidiary bodies this year, the 2021 report will be published in multiple parts.
33. The main report was published in late August, focusing on organizational and procedural matters and progress in relation to the newly established expert groups, gender considerations and a report on the status of the information submitted by organizations in relation to the Santiago Network in response to Decision 2/CMA.2, paragraph 44. The plans of action of the new expert groups, developed by the groups and endorsed by the ExCom this year, are contained in the annexes of the report.
34. Details on the submissions related to the Santiago Network and outcomes of ExCom 14 will be published through an addendum to the main report. A draft version of the addendum (Add. 1), containing relevant information from the organizations, bodies, networks and experts that have reported on their progress in providing technical assistance under the Santiago Network of the Warsaw International Mechanism, will be made available ExCom members during the meeting.
35. The second addendum will be published in late October, containing the outcomes of ExCom 14 and information on progress in implementing the five-year rolling workplan of the ExCom, including through the work of its expert groups, from 21 November 2020 to 30 September 2021.

Action:

36. The ExCom will be invited to agree on recommendations arising from the implementation of its work and that through its expert groups during the reporting

period (21 November 2020 to 30 September 2021) and other content, if any, as appropriate, for inclusion in the second addendum to the 2021 ExCom report.

<i>Further information</i>	<i>2021 report of the ExCom, part 1 (FCCC/SB/2021/4)</i>
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9. Emerging needs and cross-cutting issues.

37. ExCom 6 decided to include an agenda item in future ExCom meetings to consider emerging needs and cross-cutting issues. ExCom 14 will use this item 1) to be briefed on latest scientific results/outcomes and 2) to exchange views on the information submitted by relevant organizations on their progress under the Santiago Network. Reflections on these issues by the ExCom, if any, will be reflected in the 2021 report of the ExCom, as appropriate.

10. Dates of the next meeting.

Action:

38. The ExCom will be invited to decide on the tentative dates or timing for ExCom 15.

11. Organization of intersessional work.

Action:

39. The ExCom will be invited to agree on leads/co-leads for the intersessional working groups established during the meeting and on the corresponding work of the groups.

12. Any other matters.

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

13. Closure of the meeting

41. ExCom 14 is scheduled to close on 24 September 2021.
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