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

28 February–3 March 2023

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¹ In the context of activity 35 of the 2nd workplan of the ExCom and decision 1/CMA.3, para 74. See also ExCom 17 decision related to the Glasgow Dialogue.

² In the context of activities 32 and 33 of the 2nd workplan of the ExCom and decision 19/CMA.3, para 12 (b).

³ Activities 1 through 20 of the five-year rolling workplan.

⁴ For the full title of the strategic workstream, refer to the five-year rolling workplan.

⁵ Including updates from the expert group on slow onset events.

⁶ Including updates from the expert group on non-economic losses.

⁷ Including updates from the technical expert group on comprehensive risk management.

⁸ Including updates from the task force on displacement.

⁹ Including updates from the expert group on action and support.

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 18th meeting of the ExCom (ExCom 18) on 28 February 2023 at 14:30 PHT (GMT+8).

2. Adoption of the agenda.

2. The provisional agenda for ExCom 18 will be presented for adoption.

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3. Election of new co-chairs.

3. Pursuant to decision 2/CP.20, ExCom 15 (April 2022), elected its co-chairs to serve for a term of one year, with one being a member from an Annex I Party and the other being a member from a non-Annex I Party.

Action

4. The ExCom will be invited to elect its co-chairs, in accordance with its rules of procedure, to serve for a term of one year, effective immediately.

4. Organizational matters.

Meeting proceedings

5. ExCom 18 will be held from 28 February to 3 March 2023.¹⁰ The open meeting will be preceded by an informal gathering of ExCom members and an expert briefing session, to take place on 27 February.
6. Relevant documents and updates will be posted on the ExCom 18 webpage¹¹ for observers. The working language of the meeting is English, and there will be no translation.

Observer participation

7. Registered observers for ExCom 18 will be welcome to attend the meeting unless otherwise decided by the Committee. They will be invited to make interventions under substantive agenda items and participate in parallel working group discussions during the meeting if such are established. The plenary proceedings can also be followed live and on-demand. The recordings will be available after the meeting via the ExCom 18 webpage.

5. Matters relating to the Santiago network, including the designation of members for the evaluation panel.

8. CMA 2 established, as part of the Warsaw International Mechanism (WIM), the Santiago network to catalyse technical assistance for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, and invited those engaged in providing this technical assistance to report on their progress

¹⁰ See indicative schedule of work for the details.

¹¹ <https://unfccc.int/event/WIMExCom18>.

to the ExCom for inclusion of relevant information in the annual reports of the ExCom.¹²

9. CMA 4/COP 27 decided on the institutional arrangements of the Santiago network, which, among others, will have a hosted secretariat, to be known as the Santiago network secretariat, and adopted the terms of reference of the Santiago network.¹³ A call for proposals to host the Santiago network secretariat was issued by the UNFCCC secretariat to invite interested organizations, including consortiums of organizations, to submit their proposals in response to the call by 31 March 2023.¹⁴ The ExCom was invited to designate four of its members to serve, among others, as members on the evaluation panel to consider the proposals,¹⁵ while ensuring that there is a balanced representation of developed and developing country Parties. The evaluation panel will be convened by the UNFCCC secretariat by 7 April 2023.

Action

10. The ExCom will be invited to elect four members to serve in the evaluation panel.

6. Cooperation with the SBI in the organization of the second Glasgow Dialogue.¹⁶

11. The Glasgow Climate Pact requested the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) to organize, in cooperation with the ExCom, the Glasgow Dialogue to discuss the arrangements for the funding of activities to avert, minimize and address loss and damage associated with the adverse impacts of climate change.¹⁷ The 1st Glasgow Dialogue took place at SBI 56 (June 2022).
12. ExCom 17 (September 2022) established an intersessional group of champions and encouraged the group to reflect on suggestions for speakers, potential themes, guiding questions, and possible format of the dialogue, with a view to cooperating with the SBI Chair in his preparation for the organization of the 2nd Glasgow Dialogue, to take place at SBI 58 (June 2023).¹⁸ Accordingly, the invitation was extended to the SBI Chair to join ExCom 18 under this agenda item to create an opportunity to hear preliminary thoughts that the SBI Chair may share on the 2nd Glasgow Dialogue.
13. COP 27 and CMA 4 (November 2022) invited Parties and relevant organizations to submit by 15 February 2023 views on, *inter alia*, topics for and the structure of the 2nd Dialogue.¹⁹ At the same time, it was also decided that the 2nd Dialogue will 1) build on the 1st Dialogue, 2) focus on the operationalization of the new funding arrangements and the fund established by COP 27 and CMA 4, as well as on maximizing support from existing funding arrangements relevant for, *inter alia*, responding to economic and non-economic losses, slow onset events and extreme weather events, and 3) inform the work of the Transitional Committee.²⁰

¹² Activity 15 of the new five-year workplan of the ExCom encourages relevant organizations et al. to submit information on their progress in providing technical assistance to developing countries relevant to the Santiago network for inclusion in the annual report of the ExCom. The cut-off date for inclusion in this year's report is 31 August 2023.

¹³ https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cma4_auv_7_WIM.pdf. Annex I

¹⁴ https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/message_to_parties_and_observers_hosting_sn_secretariat.pdf.

¹⁵ https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/cma4_auv_7_WIM.pdf, para 20.

¹⁶ In the context of activity 35 of the 2nd workplan of the ExCom and decision 1/CMA.3, para 74. See also ExCom 17 decision related to the Glasgow Dialogue.

¹⁷ [Decision 1/CMA.3](#), paras 73 and 74.

¹⁸ In response to the mandate as contained in decision 1/CMA.1, para 74, and in the context of Activity 35 of its five-year rolling workplan.

¹⁹ Decisions 2/CP.27 and 2/CMA.4 paragraph 7(c).

²⁰ Decisions 2/CP.27 and 2/CMA.2, paragraph 9.

Action:

14. The ExCom will be invited to reflect on the preliminary thoughts by the SBI Chair and updates from the intersessional group of champions, and provide further guidance to the group on the next steps, as appropriate.

Further information	<p>The mandate relating to the Glasgow Dialogue is contained in the Glasgow Climate Pact (paras 73–74)</p> <p>The event page of the first Glasgow Dialogue</p> <p>UNFCCC Submission portal (type Glasgow Dialogue in the search field) for view on, inter alia, topics for and the structure of the 2nd Glasgow Dialogue</p>
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7. Collaboration with the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism.²¹

15. The ExCom guides the implementation of the functions of the WIM, one of which is to enhance action and support to enable countries to undertake actions referred to in [Decision 3/CP.18, paragraph 6](#) via “facilitating the mobilization and securing of expertise, and enhancement of support, including... finance, to strengthen existing approaches and, where necessary, facilitate the development and implementation of additional approaches to address loss and damage associated with climate change impacts, including extreme weather events and slow onset events.”
16. COP 25 requested the ExCom, in collaboration with the Green Climate Fund (GCF), as an operating entity of the Financial Mechanism, to clarify how developing country Parties may access funding from the GCF for the development of funding proposals related to the strategic workstreams of the ExCom’s five-year rolling workplan. COP 26 encouraged the ExCom to commence, continue and/or explore potential ways to enhance, as appropriate, collaboration with the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism to inform the work of the ExCom and its expert group on action and support.²²
17. ExCom 17 decided to continue to pursue strengthening its collaboration with the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism.²³ The same meeting also decided to invite the co-chairs of the GCF Board and the GEF Secretariat to ExCom 18, with a view to informing ExCom’s work, including its work in relation to the 2nd Glasgow Dialogue. Accordingly, the co-chairs have invited the co-chairs of the GCF Board and the GEF secretariat to join ExCom 18 under this agenda item.

Action:

18. The ExCom will be invited to reflect on the information provided by the co-chairs of the GCF Board and the GEF Secretariat and to consider ways in which it can assist developing countries in enhancing their access to funding from the GCF and to the services and trust funds available through the GEF, in responding to economic and non-economic losses associated with slow onset events and extreme weather events, and agree on its next steps in the context of undertaking activities of its five-year rolling workplan, as appropriate.

8. New five-year rolling workplan: next steps on cross-cutting activities.²⁴

19. ExCom 17 adopted a new five-year rolling workplan of the ExCom (its 2nd five-year rolling workplan) with 36 activities and outcomes to be delivered in the next five years (2023–2027). The workplan retains the five strategic workstreams from the first

²¹ In the context of activities 32 and 33 of the 2nd workplan of the ExCom and decision 19/CMA.3, para 12 (b).

²² [Decision 19/CMA.3](#), para 12(b).

²³ As shown in activities 32 and 33 of the five-year rolling workplan.

²⁴ Activities 1 through 20 of the five-year rolling workplan.

workplan, and in addition, contains 20 activities that are either cross-cutting/relevant to all workstreams or fulfil the reporting mandates of the ExCom.

Action:

20. The ExCom will be invited to consider the implementation status of the cross-cutting activities of the workplan, contained in document EXCOM/2023/18/2, and agree on the next steps where appropriate.

EXCOM/2023/18/2	<i>Status of implementation: cross-cutting activities of the five-year rolling workplan</i>
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9. Work related to strategic workstream (a)²⁵ on enhancing facilitation and cooperation in relation to slow onset events.²⁶

21. The five-year rolling workplan contains two activities to enhance cooperation and facilitation in relation to slow onset events,²⁷ one of which provides an entry point for collaboration with another UNFCCC constituted body, the Technology Executive Committee. An expert group on slow onset events, inter alia, assists the ExCom in undertaking activities in its five-year rolling workplan relating to slow onset events.²⁸
22. The Expert group on slow onset event developed its Plan of Action in 2021 with the focus on the following themes: glacial retreat, sea level rise, and desertification. At ExCom 17, the expert group clarified its intended deliverables with associated timeframes and reported on their plan to develop technical guide(s) on the three priority themes, including to finalize a draft technical guide(s) for ExCom 19.

Action:

23. The ExCom will be invited to hear the update of the work of the expert group on slow onset events and provide further guidance, if any. The ExCom will also be invited to consider the implementation status of the activities under strategic workstream (a) of the workplan, contained in document EXCOM/2023/18/3, and agree on the next steps where appropriate.

EXCOM/2023/18/3	<i>Status of implementation: activities under the strategic workstream (a) of the five-year rolling workplan</i>
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10. Work related to strategic workstream (b) on enhancing facilitation and cooperation in relation to non-economic losses.²⁹

24. The five-year rolling workplan contains four activities to enhance cooperation and facilitation in relation to non-economic losses, one of which provides an entry point for collaboration with another UNFCCC constituted body, the Facilitative Working Group of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform.³⁰ An expert group on non-economic losses assists the ExCom in undertaking activities in its five-year rolling workplan relating to non-economic losses associated with climate change impacts.³¹
25. The Expert group on non-economic losses developed its Plan of Action³² in 2021 whose activities aim to stocktake current knowledge, raise awareness and outreach,

²⁵ For the full title of the strategic workstream, refer to the five-year rolling workplan.

²⁶ Including updates from the expert group on slow onset events.

²⁷ Activities 23– 26.

²⁸ 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.

²⁹ Including updates from the expert group on non-economic losses.

³⁰ Activities 21 and 22.

³¹ 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.

³² https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/POA_NELs.pdf.

enhance technical guidance and catalyse support, in the context of non-economic losses. At ExCom 17, the group reported on a need for accelerating its implementation, and on its plan for administering a survey to take stock of relevant organizations working on areas related to non-economic losses and interested in contributing to the work of the group.

Action:

26. The ExCom will be invited to hear the update of the work of the expert group on non-economic losses and provide further guidance, if any. The ExCom will also be invited to consider the implementation status of the activities under strategic workstream (b) of the workplan, contained in document EXCOM/2023/18/4, and agree on the next steps where appropriate.

EXCOM/2023/18/4	<i>Status of implementation: activities under the strategic workstream (b) of the five-year rolling workplan</i>
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11. Work related to strategic workstream (c) on enhancing facilitation and cooperation in relation to comprehensive risk management.³³

27. The five-year rolling workplan contains three activities to enhance cooperation and facilitation in relation to comprehensive risk management (including assessment, reduction, transfer and retention) to address and build long-term resilience of countries, vulnerable populations and communities to loss and damage, including in relation to rapid and slow onset events, inter alia, through emergency preparedness, including early warning systems; measures to enhance recovery and rehabilitation and build back/forward better; social protection instruments, including social safety nets; and transformational approaches.³⁴
28. A technical expert group on comprehensive risk management, in operation since 2019, assists the ExCom in undertaking activities in its five-year rolling workplan relating to assisting developing countries manage climate risks comprehensively.³⁵ The current (its 2nd) plan of action of the technical expert group was endorsed at ExCom 17. Envisaged outputs include primers, policy briefs, workshops, and a compendium, among others.

Action:

29. The ExCom will be invited to hear the update of the work of the technical expert group on comprehensive risk management and provide further guidance, if any. The ExCom will also be invited to consider the implementation status of the activities under strategic workstream (c) of the workplan, contained in document EXCOM/2023/18/5, and agree on the next steps where appropriate.

EXCOM/2023/18/5	<i>Status of implementation: activities under the strategic workstream (c) of the five-year rolling workplan</i>
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12. Work related to strategic workstream (d) on enhancing facilitation and cooperation in relation to human mobility.³⁶

30. The five-year rolling workplan contains four activities to enhance cooperation and facilitation in relation to human mobility, including migration, displacement and planned relocation.³⁷ COP 21 established a task force on displacement to develop integrated approaches to avert, minimize and address displacement associated with

³³ Including updates from the technical expert group on comprehensive risk management.

³⁴ Activities 27–29.

³⁵ 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.

³⁶ Including updates from the task force on displacement.

³⁷ Activities 30 and 31.

climate change impacts. Since its second phase, the task force assists the ExCom in undertaking activities in its five-year rolling workplan relating to human mobility and climate change nexus.

31. The current (its 3rd) plan of action of the task force on displacement was endorsed shortly before ExCom 17. It is structured around three desired impacts: 1) fostering a shared understanding of approaches to avert minimise and address displacement; 2) making user-friendly, practical tools available for countries to implement the recommendations of the task force, adopted at COP 24, and 3), increasing the visibility and impacts of the work of the task force.
32. The task force on displacement held its 8th regular meeting on 2 February to plan practical approaches in undertaking its activities for this year.

Action:

33. The ExCom will be invited to hear the update of the work of the task force on displacement and provide further guidance, if any. The ExCom will also be invited to consider the implementation status of the activities under strategic workstream (d) of the workplan, contained in document EXCOM/2023/18/6, and agree on the next steps where appropriate.

EXCOM/2023/18/6	<i>Status of implementation: activities under the strategic workstream (d) of the five-year rolling workplan</i>
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13. Work related to strategic workstream (e) on enhancing facilitation and cooperation in relation to action and support.³⁸

34. 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.³⁹ Two activities provide entries for collaboration with other UNFCCC constituted bodies, namely the Standing Committee of Finance and the Paris-Committee for Capacity-Building. The workstream activities also call for engagement with the GCF, GEF and the SBI, all of which are considered under provisional agenda items 6 and 7 at the present meeting.
35. An expert group on action and support, in operation since 2021, assists the ExCom in undertaking activities in its five-year rolling workplan relating to action and support in the context of loss and damage associated with climate change impacts.⁴⁰

Action:

36. The ExCom will be invited to hear the update of the work of the expert group on action and support, and provide further guidance, if any. The ExCom will also be invited to consider the implementation status of the activities under strategic workstream (e) of the workplan, contained in document EXCOM/2023/18/7, and agree on the next steps where appropriate.

EXCOM/2023/18/7	<i>Status of implementation: activities under the strategic workstream (e) of the five-year rolling workplan</i>
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14. How the latest climate science can inform policy-making relevant to averting, minimizing, and addressing loss and damage.

37. CMA 3/COP 26 (Nov–Dec 2021) encouraged the ExCom to consider including a standing item on how the latest climate science can inform policymaking in the

³⁸ Including updates from the expert group on action and support.

³⁹ Activities 32–36.

⁴⁰ 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.

agendas for its regular meetings.⁴¹ The ExCom has a practice of inviting external expert speakers to inform its deliberations. Regular meetings of the ExCom in 2021 welcomed inputs on science-policy nexus under this item.

38. Under this item, the Co-Chairs are making arrangements for external speaker(s) to inform ExCom's work, based on the latest climate science, to enhance knowledge, coherence, action and support, relevant in loss and damage context in developing countries.⁴²
39. Action: The ExCom will be invited to exchange views on the information presented and possible next steps, if any, in exploring how the latest climate science can inform policymaking at relevant levels, as appropriate.

15. Organization of intersessional work.

40. Action: The ExCom will be invited to agree on leads/co-leads for the intersessional working groups established during the meeting and on the guidance to those groups in relation to their corresponding intersessional work.

16. Any other matters, including emerging needs and cross-cutting issues.

41. Action: Any other matters arising during the meeting will be taken up under this item.

17. Closure of the meeting.

42. ExCom 18 is scheduled to close on 3 March 2023.
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⁴¹ [Decision 19/CMA.3](#), para 4(b), and noted in [Decision 17/CP.26](#), para 4(b).

⁴² The World Food Programme will provide input into ExCom's deliberations at the outset of this sub-item for this meeting.