



4 September 2023

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

19-22 September 2023

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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 19th meeting of the ExCom (ExCom 19) on 19 September 2023 at 09.00 CEST.

2. Adoption of the agenda.

2. The provisional agenda for ExCom 19 will be presented for adoption.

3. Organizational matters.

Meeting proceedings

3. ExCom 19 will be held from 19 to 22 September 2023.¹ The open meeting will be preceded by an informal gathering of ExCom members on 18 September. The afternoon of 20 September will be reserved for briefings by and/or meetings of the expert groups of the ExCom, with no formal meeting taking place in parallel.
4. Relevant documents and updates will be posted on the ExCom 19 webpage.² The working language of the meeting is English, and there will be no translation.

Observer participation

5. Registered observers for ExCom 19 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 to 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 19 webpage.

4. Issues related to the Santiago network.

6. CMA 2 established, as part of the Warsaw International Mechanism (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, and invited those organizations, bodies, networks and experts engaged in providing technical assistance for the implementation of relevant approaches at the local, national and regional level to report on their progress to the ExCom for inclusion of relevant information in the annual reports of the ExCom.³
7. CMA 4/COP 27 decided 1) on the institutional arrangements of the Santiago network, which, among others, will have an Advisory Board,⁴ and 2) that the members of the Advisory Board will be elected at the next session of the governing body or bodies (November–December 2023), taking into account the need for gender balance, in accordance with decisions 36/CP.7, 23/CP.18, and 3/CP.25.⁵ The composition of the Advisory Board includes two members of the Executive Committee, nominated by the ExCom from among its members.⁶

Action

8. The ExCom will be invited to consider designating two members to serve on the Advisory Board

¹ See indicative schedule of work for the details.

² <https://unfccc.int/event/WIMExCom19>.

³ 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.

⁴ Decisions [12/CMA.4](#) and 11/CP.27, para 3.

⁵ Decisions [12/CMA.4](#) and 11/CP.27, para 10.

⁶ Decisions [12/CMA.4](#) and 11/CP.27, Annex I, para 8(c).

5. Engagement and outreach

(a) 10-year commemoration of the Warsaw International Mechanism.

9. 2023 marks 10 years of the establishment of the WIM and its ExCom. ExCom 17 decided to commemorate the 10th anniversary and established an intersessional group of champions to advance the related work. ExCom 18 decided to hold activities throughout the year, including the organization, with the assistance of the secretariat, of a photography competition and exhibition showcasing ongoing practices and solutions at COP 28 to promote engagement with stakeholders and reflect on 10 years of advances and opportunities for improvement in averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with climate change impacts.⁷

10. ExCom 18 also:⁸

(a) Decided that its annual outreach event in 2023 is to be held after SB 58 and prior to COP 28 with the theme “*10 years of Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage: Advances and Challenges in averting, minimizing and addressing Loss and Damage*”; and

(b) Requested the intersessional group of champions to identify and recommend high-level speaker(s) to the event to be organized at COP 28 to commemorate the 10-year anniversary of the WIM, with a view to increasing visibility and promoting overall participation.

Action:

11. The ExCom will be invited to consider the progress of the work by the intersessional group of champions and provide further guidance, as necessary.

(b) Cooperation with other constituted bodies.

12. The ExCom works with a broad range of organizations, networks and other stakeholders. As part of the results from the 2nd review of the WIM, CMA 2 requested the ExCom and its expert groups to draw upon the work of and involve, as appropriate, relevant constituted bodies in undertaking their work.

13. The second five-year rolling workplan⁹ of the ExCom identifies strengthened collaboration across constituted bodies as one of the cross-cutting elements to be taken into account in its implementation. *Activity 6* focuses on enhancing engagement and partnerships with relevant constituted bodies in general terms, with additional activities focusing on strengthening collaboration with specific constituted bodies, including the CGE (Activity 7), LCIPP FWG (Strategic workstream (b), Activity 25), TEC (Strategic workstream (a), Activity 21), SCF (Strategic workstream (e), Activity 34) and PCCB (Strategic workstream (e), Activity 36).

Action:

14. The ExCom will be invited to consider ways to further strengthen cooperation with other constituted bodies.

6. Second five-year rolling workplan: cross-cutting activities, including emerging needs in the implementation of the workplan.¹⁰

15. ExCom 17 adopted its second 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 workplan and, in addition, contains 20

⁷ <https://unfccc.int/wim-excom/L-and-D-in-focus#Guidelines-for-Submitting-Photos>.

⁸ ExCom 18 [summary of decision points](#), Item 8.

⁹ https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Second_5yrRWP_edited.pdf.

¹⁰ Activities 1 through 20 of the five-year rolling workplan.

activities that are either relevant to all workstreams or to fulfill the reporting mandates of the ExCom ('cross-cutting activities').

16. Considering the indicative timeframe for implementation, ExCom 18 considered a sequential approach and decided to advance the following cross-cutting activities: 1, 4, 6, 7, 12 and 13.

Action:

17. The ExCom will be invited to consider the current status of the cross-cutting activities, as per the updated Implementation Monitor, contained in document EXCOM/2023/19/2, and agree on the next steps as appropriate.

EXCOM/2023/19/2	<i>Implementation Monitor: cross-cutting activities of the five-year rolling workplan</i>
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7. Work related to strategic workstream (a)¹¹ on enhancing facilitation and cooperation in relation to slow onset events.¹²

18. The five-year rolling workplan contains two activities to enhance cooperation and facilitation in relation to slow onset events,¹³ one of which provides an entry point for collaboration with another UNFCCC constituted body, the TEC. An expert group on slow onset events, inter alia, assists the ExCom in undertaking activities relating to slow onset events.¹⁴
19. The Expert Group on slow onset events developed its Plan of Action in 2021 with a focus on the following themes: glacial retreat, sea level rise, and desertification. At ExCom 18, the expert group reported on its intended deliverables to be technical guide(s) on the three priority themes, with a plan to finalize the draft technical guide(s) for COP 28.

Action:

20. The ExCom will be invited to consider an update on the work of the expert group on slow onset events and provide further guidance as needed. The ExCom will also be invited to consider possible approaches for the activities under strategic workstream (a) of the workplan and agree on the next steps as appropriate.

EXCOM/2023/19/2	<i>Implementation Monitor: activities under the strategic workstream (a) of the five-year rolling workplan</i>
	<i>Plan of Action of the Expert Group on Slow onset events</i>

8. Work related to strategic workstream (b) on enhancing facilitation and cooperation in relation to non-economic losses.¹⁵

21. The five-year rolling workplan contains four activities to enhance cooperation and facilitation in relation to non-economic losses,¹⁶ 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.¹⁷ An expert group

¹¹ For the full title of the strategic workstream, refer to the five-year rolling workplan.

¹² Including updates from the expert group on slow onset events.

¹³ Activities 23–26.

¹⁴ 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.

¹⁵ Including updates from the expert group on non-economic losses.

¹⁶ Activities 23–26.

¹⁷ Activities 25.

on non-economic losses assists the ExCom in undertaking activities relating to non-economic losses associated with climate change impacts.¹⁸

22. The Expert Group on non-economic losses developed its Plan of Action¹⁹ in 2021. Its activities aim to stocktake current knowledge, raise awareness and outreach, enhance technical guidance and catalyze support in the context of non-economic losses. At ExCom 18, the group reported on the progress in the development of an update to the 2012 UNFCCC technical paper on non-economic losses, as well as on the technical guide on averting, minimizing and addressing non-economic losses in the context of human mobility, being developed jointly with the task force on displacement.

Action:

23. The ExCom will be invited to consider an update on the work of the expert group on non-economic losses and provide further guidance as needed. The ExCom will also be invited to consider possible approaches for the activities under strategic workstream (b) of the workplan contained in document EXCOM/2023/19/2, and agree on the next steps as appropriate.

EXCOM/2023/19/2	<i>Status of implementation: activities under the strategic workstream (b) of the five-year rolling workplan</i>
	<i>Plan of Action of the Expert Group on Non-economic losses</i>

9. Work related to strategic workstream (c) on enhancing facilitation and cooperation in relation to comprehensive risk management.²⁰

24. 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.²¹
25. A technical expert group on comprehensive risk management, in operation since 2019, assists the ExCom in undertaking activities relating to assisting developing countries in managing climate risks comprehensively.²² The technical expert group's current (its 2nd) plan of action was endorsed at ExCom 17. Envisaged outputs include primers, policy briefs, workshops, and a compendium. Since ExCom 18, the ExCom endorsed two technical knowledge products delivered by the technical expert group in the context of implementing its plan of action.

Action:

26. The ExCom will be invited to consider an update on the work of the technical expert group on comprehensive risk management and provide further guidance as needed. The ExCom will also be invited to consider possible approaches for the activities under strategic workstream (c) of the workplan contained in document EXCOM/2023/19/2, and agree on the next steps as appropriate.

¹⁸ 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.

¹⁹ https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/POA_NELs.pdf.

²⁰ Including updates from the technical expert group on comprehensive risk management.

²¹ Activities 27–29.

²² 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.

EXCOM/2023/19/2	<p><i>Status of implementation: activities under the strategic workstream (c) of the five-year rolling workplan</i></p> <p><i>2nd Plan of Action of the Technical Expert Group on Comprehensive Risk Management</i></p>
Technical products delivered under the PoA of the TEG-CRM	<p><i>Addressing Loss & Damage: What can we learn from countries' National Adaptation Plans (NAPs)?</i></p> <p><i>The Role of Early Warning Early Action in Minimizing Loss and Damage</i></p>

10. Work related to strategic workstream (d) on enhancing facilitation and cooperation in relation to human mobility.²³

27. The five-year rolling workplan contains four activities to enhance cooperation and facilitation in relation to human mobility, including migration, displacement and planned relocation.²⁴ COP 21 established a task force on displacement to develop integrated approaches to avert, minimize and address displacement associated with climate change impacts. The task force assists the ExCom in undertaking human mobility and climate change nexus activities.
28. 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, minimize 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.
29. At ExCom 18, the task force on displacement reported on its plan to finalize three technical guides before COP 28 on averting, minimizing and addressing non-economic losses in the context of human mobility, jointly with the expert group on non-economic losses, on integrating linkages between human mobility and climate change into relevant national climate change planning processes, and on accessing finance for averting, minimizing and addressing the impacts of displacement, in collaboration with the expert group on action and support.

Action:

30. The ExCom will be invited to consider an update on the task force's work on displacement and provide further guidance as needed. The ExCom will also be invited to consider possible approaches for the activities under strategic workstream (d) of the workplan contained in document EXCOM/2023/19/2, and agree on the next steps as appropriate.

EXCOM/2023/19/2	<p><i>Status of implementation: activities under the strategic workstream (d) of the five-year rolling workplan</i></p> <p><i>3rd Plan of Action of the Task Force on Displacement</i></p>
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²³ Including updates from the task force on displacement.

²⁴ Activities 30 and 31.

11. Work related to strategic workstream (e) on enhancing facilitation and cooperation in relation to action and support.²⁵

31. 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.²⁶ Two activities provide entries for collaboration with other UNFCCC constituted bodies, namely the SCF and the PCCB. The other two activities provide entries for collaboration with the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, the GCF and the GEF.
32. An expert group on action and support, in operation since 2021, assists the ExCom in undertaking activities relating to action and support in the context of loss and damage associated with climate change impacts.²⁷

Action:

33. The ExCom will be invited to consider an update on the work of the expert group on action and support and provide further guidance as needed. The ExCom will also be invited to consider possible approaches for the activities under strategic workstream (e) of the workplan contained in document EXCOM/2023/19/2, and agree on the next steps as appropriate.

EXCOM/2023/19/2

Status of implementation: activities under the strategic workstream (e) of the five-year rolling workplan

[Plan of Action](#) of the Expert Group on Action and Support

12. How the latest climate science can inform policy-making relevant to averting, minimizing, and addressing loss and damage.

34. 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 agendas for its regular meetings.²⁸ The ExCom invites expert speakers to inform its deliberations at its regular meetings. ExCom 18 decided that the following be considered as topics for ExCom 19:
 - (a) Work within the UN system on early warning systems;
 - (b) Exchange with the scientific community to advance Activity 10 of the ExCom’s five-year rolling workplan
35. Under this item, the Co-Chairs are making arrangements for the external speaker(s) to inform ExCom’s work based on the latest climate science to enhance knowledge, coherence, action and support relevant to loss and damage context in developing countries.²⁹

Action:

36. 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. The ExCom will also be invited to consider possible topics for ExCom 20 under this item.

²⁵ Including updates from the expert group on action and support.

²⁶ Activities 32–36.

²⁷ 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.

²⁸ [Decision 19/CMA.3](#), para 4(b), and noted in [Decision 17/CP.26](#), para 4(b).

²⁹ Invited external speakers will provide input into ExCom’s deliberations at the outset of this sub-item for this meeting, focusing on work within the UN system on early warning systems.

13. Collaboration with the Adaptation Fund.

37. 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.*”
38. COP 25 requested the ExCom, in collaboration with the 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.³⁰
39. ExCom 17 decided to continue to pursue strengthening its collaboration with the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism.³¹ ExCom 18 welcomed briefings by the secretariats of the GCF and the GEF to inform ExCom’s work. At the same meeting, the ExCom decided to invite the Adaptation Fund and to consider a similar invitation to other relevant funds to the next meeting (ExCom 19) under an appropriate agenda item.³² The Co-chairs are making arrangements accordingly.

Action:

40. The ExCom will be invited to reflect on the information provided by the representatives of the Adaptation Fund and to consider ways in which the ExCom can assist developing countries in enhancing their access to funding from the Adaptation Fund in the context of averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with climate change impacts, as appropriate.

14. 2023 Report of the Executive Committee.

41. The ExCom reports annually to Parties through the subsidiary bodies and makes recommendations as appropriate. Due to the timing of the last meeting of the year (ExCom 19), the 2023 report will be published in multiple parts, similar to the approach used for the 2021 and 2022 reports.
42. The first part of the 2023 report focuses on organizational and procedural matters, including meetings and events. The information submitted by organizations, bodies, networks and experts in response to Decision 2/CMA.2, paragraph 44, will be published as an addendum to the report after ExCom 19. The cut-off date for inclusion of the information in this addendum is 31 August 2023.³³
43. The second addendum will be published prior to COP 28, containing the outcomes of ExCom 19 and information on progress in implementing the five-year rolling workplan of the ExCom, including through the work of its expert groups, from November 2022 to 30 September 2023. The outline of the second addendum will be circulated to the members of the ExCom prior to ExCom 19. To facilitate efficient deliberations at ExCom 19, the Co-Chairs sent a message on 15 August to members inviting them to share their inputs by 31 August for possible recommendations for consideration under this item for inclusion in this addendum.

³⁰ [Decision 19/CMA.3](#), para 12(b).

³¹ As shown in activities 32 and 33 of the five-year rolling workplan.

³² ExCom 18 summary of decision points, Item 7.

https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/decision_points_adopted.pdf#page=2.

³³ <https://unfccc.int/topics/adaptation-and-resilience/resources/santiago-network/announcements>

Action:

44. The ExCom will be invited to agree on recommendations arising from the implementation of its work and through its expert groups during the reporting period and other content, if any, as appropriate, for inclusion in the second addendum to the 2023 ExCom report.

<i>Further information</i>	<i>2023 report of the ExCom, part 1 (FCCC /SB/2023/4)</i> <i>UNFCCC Submission portal (type Santiago Network in the search field) for the information provided by organizations, bodies, networks and experts on their progress in providing technical assistance under the Santiago Network</i>
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15. Organization of intersessional work.

Action:

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

16. Dates of the next meeting.

Action:

46. The ExCom will be invited to agree on the tentative dates and number of its regular meetings for 2024.

17. Any other matters

Action:

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

18. Closure of the meeting.

48. ExCom 19 is scheduled to close at 13:00 hrs on 22 September 2023.
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