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

**12–15 March 2024**

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<sup>1</sup> In the context of decisions -/CMA.5 endorsed by and /CP.28, paragraphs 6–7.

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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 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of ExCom (ExCom 20) on 12 March 2024 at 09.00 CEST.

**2. Adoption of the agenda**

2. The provisional agenda for ExCom 20 will be presented for adoption.

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**3. Election of new co-chairs**

3. Pursuant to decision 2/CP.20, ExCom 18 (March 2023) 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. 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**

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<sup>4</sup> In the context of ExCom 19 decision point #26, activity 35 of the five-year rolling workplan, and decision 1/CMA.3, para 74.

<sup>5</sup> In the context of activity 2 of the of the five-year rolling workplan and ExCom 19 decision point #8.

<sup>6</sup> In the context of ExCom 19 decision point #13.

<sup>7</sup> In the context of ExCom 19 decision points #32 and 33.

### *Meeting proceedings*

5. ExCom 20 will be held from 12 to 15 March 2024.<sup>8</sup> The open meeting will be preceded by an informal gathering of ExCom members on 11 March.
6. Relevant documents and updates will be posted on the ExCom 20 webpage.<sup>9</sup> The working language of the meeting is English, and there will be no translation.

### *Observer participation*

7. Registered observers for ExCom 20 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 recordings will be available after the meeting via the ExCom 20 webpage.]*

## **5. Guidance from CMA 5/COP 28 arising from the 2023 report of ExCom<sup>10</sup> and the outcome of the first global stocktake<sup>11</sup>**

8. As part of the outcomes of the Dubai Climate Change Conference (November–December 2023), Parties, through decision 7/CMA.5,<sup>12</sup> provided guidance based on the 2023 annual report of ExCom. Further, a specific request for action by ExCom is provided as part of the outcome of the first global stocktake as contained in decision 1/CMA.5.

### Action

9. ExCom will be invited to consider the information contained in document EXCOM/2024/20/2 to inform its future work, as appropriate.

<i>EXCOM/2024/20/2</i>	<i>Background paper item 5</i>
<i>Further information</i>	<i>Five-year rolling workplan</i>
	<i>Decision 7/CMA.5 on the report of ExCom endorsed by decision 3/CP.28</i>
	<i>Decision 1/CMA 5 on the outcome of the first global stocktake</i>
	<i>Decisions 1/CP.28 and 5/CMA.5 on operationalization of the new few funding arrangements, including a fund, for responding to loss and damage</i>

## **6. Collaboration with the Advisory Board of the Santiago network and engagement in the work under the Santiago network**

10. 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. The composition of the Advisory Board of the Santiago network includes two members of ExCom, nominated by ExCom from among its members.<sup>13</sup>
11. ExCom 19 (September 2023) decided to include an item in the provisional agenda of ExCom 20 to consider collaboration and synergies in the context of the Santiago

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<sup>8</sup> see indicative schedule of work for the details.

<sup>9</sup> [20th meeting of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage | UNFCCC](#)

<sup>10</sup> In the context of decisions -/CMA.5 endorsed by and -/CP.28, paragraphs 6–7.

<sup>11</sup> In the context of decision -/CMA.5 (Global stocktake), para 133, para 186 and para 188.

<sup>12</sup> Endorsed by decision 3/CP.28.

<sup>13</sup> Decision 12/CMA.4, Annex I, para 8(c) endorsed by decision 11/CP.27. See the [2023 ExCom report, Add.2](#), annex xx for the names of ExCom representatives to the Advisory Board.

network, under which the discussions will be led by the ExCom members representing the Committee in the Santiago Network Advisory Board.

12. CMA 5<sup>14</sup> requested ExCom to engage actively in the work under the Santiago network and collaborate with the Advisory Board of the Santiago network through its representation on the Advisory Board of the Santiago network.

(b) Action

13. ExCom will be invited to consider the information contained in document EXCOM/2024/20/3 to inform its initial exchanges on how to engage in the work of the Santiago network and collaborate with its Advisory Board, as appropriate.

<i>EXCON/2024/20/3</i>	<i>Background paper item 6</i>
<i>Further information</i>	<i>Santiago network <a href="#">webpage</a></i>
	<i><a href="#">First meeting</a> of the Advisory Board of the Santiago network</i>

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

14. CMA 3/COP 26 (Nov–Dec 2021) encouraged ExCom to consider including a standing item on how the latest climate science can inform policymaking in the agendas for its regular meetings. ExCom invites expert speakers to inform its deliberations under the standing agenda item at its regular meetings. ExCom 19 decided to focus on traditional and indigenous knowledge under this agenda item at ExCom 20.
15. Under this item, the Co-Chairs are making arrangements, through the LCIPP FWG, for the external speakers to inform ExCom’s work related to science-informed policy-making relevant in the loss and damage context, with inputs on the possible role of traditional and Indigenous knowledge.

Action:

16. ExCom will be invited to exchange views on how traditional and indigenous knowledge presented are informing policymaking at relevant levels, and how it can increase the effectiveness of activities of ExCom or its thematic expert groups. ExCom will also be invited to consider possible topics for ExCom 21 under this item.

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

(a) Expert Group on Slow onset events

17. An expert group on slow onset events, inter alia, assists the ExCom in undertaking activities relating to slow onset events.<sup>15</sup> The first phase of the Plan of Action (2021–23) of the group focuses on the following priority themes: glacial retreat, sea level rise, and desertification. Technical guides on these themes are identified as part of the Committee’s priority knowledge products at ExCom 18 (March 2023). A teaser<sup>16</sup> was produced for COP 28 to introduce the products in the pipeline.
18. At ExCom 19 (September 2023), the group reported on its plan to update its Plan of Action in 2024 and the inclusion of activities focused on outreach and dissemination, including at the regional level.

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<sup>14</sup> Decision 7/CMA.5 endorsed by the COP by its decision 3/CP.28.

<sup>15</sup> 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](https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/TOR_slow_onset_events.pdf).

<sup>16</sup> [WIM TEASER 3.pdf \(unfccc.int\)](#).

Action:

19. ExCom will be invited to consider an update from the group, endorse its draft Plan of Action for the second phase of the work of the group, and provide any guidance as necessary.

<i>[EXCOM/2024/20/4]</i>	<i>[Draft rolling Plan of Action (2024–2026)]</i>
<i>Further information</i>	<i><a href="#">Information</a> on the work related to enhancing cooperation and facilitation in relation to slow onset events</i>

(b) Cooperation with the Technology Executive Committee<sup>17</sup>

20. Activity 21 of the five-year rolling workplan calls for ExCom to facilitate continued collaboration with the Technology Executive Committee (TEC) to highlight nationally relevant technologies for averting, minimizing and addressing slow onset events in coastal zones.
21. In the margins of ExCom 19, the Co-chairs and thematic champions held an initial discussion to identify synergies between the work of the two bodies in the context of the ongoing and planned relevant knowledge products under each body. ExCom 19 tasked the thematic champions to advance the relevant work intersessionally.

Action:

22. ExCom will be invited to take note of an update from the thematic champions and provide further guidance to the champions as needed.

(c) Other considerations, as needed

23. The five-year rolling workplan contains four activities to enhance cooperation and facilitation in relation to slow onset events.<sup>18</sup>

Action:

24. ExCom will also be invited to consider possible approaches for its work under strategic workstream (a) of the workplan that are not covered in the sub-item (a) and (b) above and agree on the next steps as appropriate.

<i>EXCOM/2024/20/5</i>	<i>Implementation Monitor: activities under the strategic workstream (a) of the five-year rolling workplan</i>
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## **9. Work related to strategic workstream (b) on non-economic losses**

(a) Expert Group on Non-economic losses

25. An expert group on non-economic losses assists the ExCom in undertaking activities relating to non-economic losses associated with climate change impacts.<sup>19</sup> The activities of the current Plan of Action of the group aim to stocktake current knowledge, raise awareness and outreach, enhance technical guidance and catalyze support in the context of non-economic losses.
26. At ExCom 18, the group reported on the progress in the development of an update to the 2013 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

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<sup>17</sup> In the context of activity 21 of the of the five-year rolling workplan and ExCom 19 decision point #15.

<sup>18</sup> Activities 21–22.

<sup>19</sup> See the [terms of reference](#) of the expert group on non-economic losses.

27. A knowledge product to update the 2013 technical paper on non-economic losses, published in 2013, was identified at ExCom 18 (March 2023) as a Committee’s priority knowledge product for 2024. A teaser<sup>20</sup> was produced for COP 28 to increase the visibility of the product to engage necessary experts and organizations to assist ExCom in finalizing the product.

Action:

28. 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.

(b) Other considerations, as needed.

29. The five-year rolling workplan contains four activities to enhance cooperation and facilitation in relation to non-economic losses.<sup>21</sup>

Action:

30. ExCom will 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/2024/20/5	<p><i>Implementation Monitor: activities under the strategic workstream (b) of the five-year rolling workplan</i></p> <p>Status of the implementation of the <a href="#">Plan of Action</a> of the Expert Group on Non-economic losses</p> <p><i><a href="#">Information</a> on the work related to enhancing cooperation and facilitation in relation to non-economic losses</i></p>
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## 10. Work related to strategic workstream (c) on comprehensive risk management approaches

(a) Technical Expert Group on Comprehensive risk management

31. A technical expert group on comprehensive risk management (TEG-CRM) helps ExCom in undertaking activities relating to assisting developing countries in managing climate risks comprehensively.<sup>22</sup> The implementation of the group's current (its 2<sup>nd</sup>) Plan of Action, endorsed at ExCom 17, is well underway with more than half of its envisioned outputs having been delivered.
32. At ExCom 19, ExCom encouraged WMO and UNDRR<sup>23</sup> to inform ExCom annually of the progress of their work concerning the Early Warnings for All Initiative, including in the context of the reporting back on the implementation of the Plan of Action of the TEG-CRM.

Action:

33. ExCom will be invited to consider an update on the work of the TEG-CRM and provide further guidance as needed.

(b) Compendium on comprehensive risk management

<sup>20</sup> [https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/WIM\\_TEASER\\_1.pdf](https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/WIM_TEASER_1.pdf).

<sup>21</sup> Activities 23–26.

<sup>22</sup> See the [terms of reference](#) of the technical expert group on comprehensive risk management.

<sup>23</sup> Both of which are active members of the technical expert group on comprehensive risk management (TEG-CRM).

34. ExCom 18 (March 2023) identified an update of the WIM compendium on comprehensive risk management approaches as a Committee’s priority knowledge product for 2024. ExCom 19 agreed on the roadmap for this work, as contained in the note prepared by the CRM champions.<sup>24</sup> A teaser was produced for COP 28 to increase the visibility of the product in the pipeline<sup>25,26</sup>

Action:

35. ExCom will be invited to consider an update on the work of the WIM Compendium on comprehensive risk management Vol.2 and provide further guidance as needed.

(c) Other considerations, as needed

36. The five-year rolling workplan contains three activities to enhance cooperation and facilitation in relation to comprehensive risk management .<sup>27</sup>

Action:

37. The ExCom will be invited to consider possible approaches for the activities, not addressed under sub-items (a) and (b) above under strategic workstream (c) of the workplan contained in document EXCOM/2024/20/5 and agree on the next steps as appropriate.

<i>EXCOM/2024/20/5</i>	<i>Implementation Monitor: activities under the strategic workstream (c) of the five-year rolling workplan</i>
<i>Further information</i>	<i>Status of the implementation of the Plan of Action of the Technical Expert Group on Comprehensive Risk Management</i>
	<i><a href="#">Information</a> on the work related to enhancing cooperation and facilitation in relation to non-economic losses</i>

## 11. Work related to strategic workstream (d) on human mobility

(a) Task Force on Displacement

38. 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 ExCom in undertaking human mobility and climate change nexus activities. Under the current (its 3<sup>rd</sup>) Plan of Action, the Task Force on Displacement is preparing the following technical guides with a view to finalizing them this year:

- (a) on integrating linkages between human mobility and climate change into relevant national climate change planning processes
- (b) on averting, minimizing and addressing non-economic losses in the context of human mobility
- (c) on accessing finance for averting, minimizing, and addressing the impacts of displacement associated with climate change impacts

Action:

39. ExCom will be invited to consider an update on the task force's work on displacement and provide further guidance as needed.

<sup>24</sup> [https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Item\\_9\\_compendium\\_notes-by-CRM-champions.pdf](https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Item_9_compendium_notes-by-CRM-champions.pdf).

<sup>26</sup> [https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/WIM\\_TEASER\\_2.pdf](https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/WIM_TEASER_2.pdf).

<sup>27</sup> Activities 27–29.

(b) Other considerations, as needed

40. The five-year rolling workplan contains four activities to enhance cooperation and facilitation in relation to human mobility, including migration, displacement and planned relocation.<sup>28</sup>

Action:

41. ExCom will be invited to consider possible approaches for the activities under strategic workstream (d) of the workplan contained in document EXCOM/2024/20/5 and agree on the next steps as appropriate.

<i>EXCOM/2024/20/5</i>	<i>Implementation Monitor: activities under the strategic workstream (d) of the five-year rolling workplan</i>
<i>Draft technical guide(s) on...if becomes available</i>	<i>Insert link</i>
<i>Further information</i>	<i>Status of implementation of the Third Rolling Plan of Action of the Task Force on Displacement</i>  <i><a href="#">Information</a> the work related to enhancing cooperation and facilitation in relation to human mobility</i>

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

(a) Expert Group on Action and support

42. 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.<sup>29</sup>

43. At ExCom 19 (September 2023), the group reported on the plan to update its Plan of Action, following COP 28.

Action:

44. ExCom will be invited to 1) consider its focus and priorities for its workstream on action and support in the light of the emerging landscape of loss and damage support under the UNFCCC process, and 2) provide guidance to the action and support champions for undertaking the intersessional work to develop the next phase of the rolling plan of action of the expert group on action and support.

(b) Cooperation with the SBI in the organization of the third Glasgow Dialogue<sup>30</sup>

45. The Glasgow Climate Pact<sup>31</sup> requested the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) to organize, in cooperation with ExCom, the Glasgow Dialogue between Parties, relevant organizations and stakeholders 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. The 1<sup>st</sup> Glasgow Dialogue took place at SBI 56 (June 2022). The 2<sup>nd</sup> Glasgow Dialogue, held at SBI 58 (June 2023), built on the 1<sup>st</sup> Glasgow Dialogue and focused 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,

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<sup>28</sup> Activities 30 and 31.

<sup>29</sup> See the [terms of reference](#) of the expert group on action and support.

<sup>30</sup> In the context of ExCom 19 decision point #26, activity 35 of the five-year rolling workplan, and decision 1/CMA.3, para 74.

<sup>31</sup> Decision 1/CMA.3, paras 73 and 74 endorsed by decision 1/CP.26, paragraph 43.



responding to economic and non-economic losses, slow onset events and extreme weather events, and inform the work of the Transitional Committee.<sup>32</sup>

46. ExCom 19 (September 2023) decided to invite the Chair of the SBI to ExCom 20, with a view to discussing ways in which ExCom could enhance its cooperation with the SBI in the preparation for the organization of a successful 3<sup>rd</sup> Glasgow Dialogue, to take place at SBI 60 (June 2024). Accordingly, the invitation was extended to the SBI Chair to join ExCom 20 under this agenda item to create an opportunity to hear preliminary thoughts that the Chair may share on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Glasgow Dialogue.

Action:

47. The ExCom will be invited to reflect on the SBI Chair's preliminary thoughts on the Glasgow Dialogue and, if needed, establish a group of champions to undertake relevant intersessional work, and provide guidance to champions.

(c) Other considerations, as needed

48. 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.

Action:

49. ExCom will be invited to consider possible approaches for the activities not addressed in subitems (a) and (b) above under strategic workstream (e) of the workplan contained in document EXCOM/2024/20/5 and agree on the next steps as appropriate.

<i>EXCOM/2024/20/5</i>	<i>Implementation Monitor: activities under the strategic workstream (e) of the five-year rolling workplan</i>
	<i>Information on the work related to enhancing cooperation and facilitation in relation to action and support</i>
<i>Further information</i>	<i>Information on the <a href="#">First Glasgow Dialogue</a></i>
	<i>Information on the <a href="#">Second Glasgow Dialogue</a></i>

### 13. Cross-cutting activities of the five-year rolling workplan

(a) 2024 annual outreach event<sup>33</sup>

50. ExCom 14 decided to organize outreach events annually and, in doing so, establish a group of champion members at its first meeting each year to coordinate these events under the guidance of the Co-Chairs.<sup>34</sup> Accordingly, ExCom in developing the current five-year rolling workplan in 2022, incorporated the work concerning annual outreach in its activity.<sup>35</sup>

Action:

51. ExCom will be invited to consider possible theme(s) for this year's outreach and establish a group of champions to advance relevant work interessionally.

(b) Visibility and communications<sup>36</sup>

52. Activities 2, 3, 4, 14 of the the five-year rolling concerns ExCom's work on enhancing communication and visibility of the outputs of ExCom and its thematic expert groups.

<sup>32</sup> Decisions 2/CP.27 and 2/CMA.2, paragraph 9.

<sup>33</sup> In the context of activity 2 of the of the five-year rolling workplan and ExCom 19 decision point #8.

<sup>34</sup> ExCom 14 summary of decisions, para 10.

<sup>35</sup> See possible approach section of Activity 2.

<sup>36</sup> In the context of ExCom 19 decision point #13.

ExCom 19 requested the secretariat to enhance the visibility of the relevant information on and knowledge products by the WIM and the ExCom and its thematic expert groups, including through issuing a newsletter.

53. ExCom 19 also adopted an updated communication strategy of ExCom and decided to include an item on visibility and communications at ExCom 20 with a view to gathering inputs for increasing the visibility of its work and reviewing the progress in the implementation of its communications strategy.

Action:

54. ExCom will be invited to hear an update from the secretariat on its work on enhancing the visibility of information and knowledge products of ExCom and its groups, and provide further guidance, as needed. Members will also be invited to share inputs for for increasing the visibility of ExCom’s work and review the progress in implementing its communications strategy.

(c) Consideration of other activities under the cross-cutting section of the workplan

55. In addition to the five strategic workstreams from the first rolling workplan, the current five-year rolling workplan (2023–2027) contains 20 activities that are either relevant to all workstreams or to fulfil the reporting mandates of the ExCom (‘cross-cutting activities’). Considering the indicative timeframe for implementation, ExCom 18 (March 2023) considered a sequential approach and decided to advance the following cross-cutting activities: 1, 4, 6, 7, 12 and 13, with ExCom 19 (September 2023) continuing with a similar approach. Activity 1, since then, has concluded.

Action

56. ExCom will be invited to consider the current status of the cross-cutting activities, as per the updated Implementation Monitor, contained in document EXCOM/2024/20/5, and agree on the next steps as appropriate.

EXCOM/2024/20/5	<i>Implementation Monitor: cross-cutting activities of the five-year rolling workplan</i>
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**14. Exploration of possible collaboration with sources, funds, processes and initiatives contributing to the implementation of relevant activities in the loss and damage context**

57. ExCom has been inviting operating entities of the Financial Mechanism of the Convention to its regular meetings to explore possible collaborations with them in guiding the implementation of the functions of the WIM.<sup>37</sup>
58. The Adaptation Fund was invited at ExCom 19 to brief ExCom on how its work contributes to the thematic workstreams of ExCom. ExCom welcomed the presentation and decided to continue collaborating the Adaptation Fund, for example, by considering using case studies from the Adaptation Fund in developing knowledge products under the five strategic workstreams, and considering organizing joint events during COPs, Regional Climate Weeks and/or other relevant occasions.
59. At the same meeting, ExCom decided to continue inviting, at its future regular meetings, representatives from sources, funds, processes and initiatives under and outside the Convention and the Paris Agreement, that are contributing to the implementation of activities to avert, minimize and address loss and damage associated with climate change impacts, with a view to exploring possible collaboration.

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<sup>37</sup> Activities 32 and 33 of workstream (e) calls for specifically collaboration with the GCF and the GEF.

60. The Co-chairs invited the members to propose possible entities to invite under this agenda item, and they are making arrangements for briefing by the International Labour Organization and the Global Shield against Climate Risks to inform ExCom 20 deliberations on this matter.

Action:

61. ExCom will be invited to consider the information presented and consider ways in which collaboration with the respective entities could help ExCom guide the implementation of the functions of the WIM.

**15. Organization of intersessional work**

Action:

62. 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. Any other matters**

Action:

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

**17. Closure of the meeting**

64. ExCom 20 is scheduled to close on 15 March 2024.
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