



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

11–13 September 2024

Note by the Co-Chairs

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¹ In response to Decision 1/CMA.5, para 133.

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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 21st meeting of the ExCom (ExCom 21) on 11 September 2024 at 09:00 CEST.

2. Adoption of agenda.

2. The provisional agenda for ExCom 21 will be presented for adoption.

<i>EXCOM/2024/21/1</i>	<i>Provisional agenda and annotations</i>
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3. Organizational matters.

Meeting proceedings

3. ExCom 21 will be held from 11–13 September 2024. The open meeting will be preceded by the 2nd meeting of all expert groups of the ExCom on 9–10 September.⁴ Relevant documents, an indicative schedule and other relevant information of ExCom 21 are posted on the meeting page on a rolling basis.⁵ The working language of the meeting is English, and there will be no translation.

Observer participation

4. Registered observers for ExCom 21 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 recordings will be available after the meeting on the meeting page.

4. Preparation of voluntary guidelines for enhancing collection and management of data and information to inform the preparation of biennial transparency reports.⁶

³ Operationalized by decisions 1/CP.28 and 5/CMA.5.

⁴ [2nd meeting of all thematic expert groups of the WIM Executive Committee | UNFCCC](#)

⁵ [21st meeting of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage | UNFCCC](#)

⁶ In response to Decision 1/CMA.5, para 133.

5. As part of the outcome of the first global stocktake,⁷ Parties requested the ExCom to prepare, building on the work of its expert groups, technical expert group and task force, voluntary guidelines for enhancing the collection and management of data and information to inform the preparation of biennial transparency reports (hence forth referred to as “voluntary guidelines”).
6. In response and in the context of activities 16 and 17 of the five-year rolling workplan, ExCom 20 tasked its members serving as the focal points for the Consultative Group of Experts (CGE) to learn from 1) the experience in preparing the loss and damage chapter of its training material on reporting information related to climate change impacts and adaptation, and 2) relevant activities that may inform ExCom’s efforts in preparing the voluntary guidelines. It also decided to promote this training material in ExCom’s communications ahead of the first BTR submission deadline.
7. Further, ExCom 20 decided to initiate work on the development of the voluntary guidelines by requesting its thematic expert groups to identify and compile tools, methodologies and gaps that could inform the guidelines, and to make use of the 2nd meeting of all expert groups in this regard. Accordingly, the meeting will be held on 8 and 9 September with participation by members of all thematic expert groups.⁸

Action:

8. ExCom will be invited to consider the information shared at the 2nd all-expert group meeting, and decide on the next steps for responding to the mandate from the first global stocktake and undertaking activities 16 and 17 of the five-year rolling workplan.

<i>EXCOM/2024/21/2</i>	<i>Compilation of relevant mandates and ExCom’s engagement with the relevant work by CGE</i>
<i>Further information</i>	<i>Five-year rolling workplan</i> <i>Decision 1/CMA 5 on the outcome of the first global stocktake</i> <i>Meeting of the 2nd all expert groups webpage</i>

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

9. In accordance with para 4(b) of decision 19/CMA 3,⁹ the ExCom has a standing item at its regular meetings to keep abreast with the latest climate science and how it can inform policymaking. Per decision at the last meeting, the gender dimension of averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage will be the focus of this agenda item at ExCom 21. Accordingly, the co-chairs are making arrangements for external speaker(s).

Action:

10. The ExCom will be invited to discuss how the information presented can inform the undertaking of its activities in assisting developing countries in averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse impacts of climate change. The ExCom will also be invited to determine possible topic(s) for ExCom 22 under this agenda item.

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

⁷ As contained in decision 1/CMA.5.

⁸ <https://unfccc.int/event/2nd-meeting-of-all-thematic-expert-groups-of-the-wim-executive-committee>.

⁹ Noted in decision 17/CP.26.

11. The five-year rolling workplan contains two activities to enhance cooperation and facilitation in relation to slow onset events.¹⁰ The expert group on slow onset events, *inter alia*, assists the ExCom in undertaking these activities.¹¹
12. The ExCom endorsed the second Plan of Action (2024–2026) of the expert group in March 2024. It focuses on the development of three technical guides on sea level rise, desertification and glacial retreat, as well as on increasing awareness and sharing information on slow onset events at the global, regional and national levels.
13. These technical guides were identified as part of the Committee’s priority knowledge products at ExCom 18 (March 2023), and the teaser was presented at COP 28.¹² The expert group has been advancing the drafting work for technical guides on sea level rise and desertification throughout the year. A draft version of the sea level rise technical guide was shared with the ExCom and all of its thematic expert groups for review on 7 August 2024.

Action:

14. The ExCom will be invited to consider:
 - (a) The current status of the technical guides on sea level rise and desertification and provide further guidance, as necessary;
 - (b) The implementation status of the activities of strategic workstream (a) and agree on next steps as appropriate.

<i>EXCOM/2024/21/3</i>	<i>Implementation Monitor: activities under the strategic workstream (a) of the five-year rolling workplan</i>
<i>Further information</i>	<i>Draft technical guide on sea level rise</i>
	<i>Draft technical guide on desertification</i>
	<i>Status of the implementation of the 2nd Plan of Action of the Expert Group on Slow Onset Events</i>
	<i>Information on the work related to enhancing cooperation and facilitation in relation to slow onset events</i>

7. Work related to strategic workstream (b) on non-economic losses.

15. The five-year rolling workplan contains four activities to enhance cooperation and facilitation in relation to non-economic losses.¹³ The expert group on non-economic losses, *inter alia*, assists the ExCom in undertaking these activities.¹⁴ The activities of the current Plan of Action (PoA) 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.
16. ExCom 18 (March 2023) identified an update to the 2013 technical paper on non-economic losses (NELs paper)¹⁵ and the technical guide on averting, minimizing and

¹⁰ Activities 21–22.

¹¹ 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.

¹² https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/WIM_TEASER_3.pdf.

¹³ Activities 23–26.

¹⁴ See the [terms of reference](#) of the expert group on non-economic losses.

¹⁵ https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/WIM_TEASER_1.pdf
https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/WIM_TEASER_4.pdf

addressing non-economic losses in the context of human mobility (NELs-TFD joint technical guide) – Activity 1 and Activity 7 of the PoA, respectively, as priority knowledge products for production in 2024. The teasers of these products were presented at COP 28.¹⁶

17. A first draft of the NELs paper was shared with the ExCom and all of its thematic expert groups as well as external reviewers for review on 19 July 2024. The ExCom endorsed the outline of the NELs-TFD joint technical guide in March 2024. As part of the process of developing its content, a survey to Loss and Damage contact points and key informants’ interviews are being conducted, and a stakeholder consultation with experts within and across expert groups is being planned on 9 September by experts from the NELs expert group and the Task Force on Displacement who are co-leading the development of this technical guide.

Action:

18. The ExCom will be invited to consider:
- (a) The current status of the NELs paper and provide further guidance, as necessary;
 - (b) The current status of the NELs-TFD joint technical guide and to provide further guidance, as necessary;
 - (c) The implementation status of the activities of strategic workstream (b) and agree on next steps as appropriate.

<i>EXCOM/2024/21/3</i>	<i>Implementation Monitor: activities under the strategic workstream (b) of the five-year rolling workplan</i>
<i>Further information</i>	<i>Draft paper on non-economic losses</i>
	<i>Outline of the joint technical guide on non-economic losses in the context of human mobility</i>
	<i>Status of the implementation of the Plan of Action of the Expert Group on Non-economic losses</i>
	<i>Information on the work related to enhancing cooperation and facilitation in relation to non-economic losses</i>

8. Work related to strategic workstream (c) on comprehensive risk management approaches.

19. The five-year rolling workplan contains three activities to enhance cooperation and facilitation in relation to comprehensive risk management approaches to address and build long-term resilience of countries, vulnerable populations and communities to loss and damage from the impacts of climate change. The technical expert group on comprehensive risk management (TEG-CRM), *inter alia*, assists the ExCom in undertaking these activities. The current Plan of Action of the TEG-CRM has catalyzed the production of three knowledge products, which were endorsed by the ExCom.¹⁷
20. ExCom 18 (March 2023) identified the Compendium on Comprehensive risk management approaches vol.2 (Activity 5 of the PoA, Activity 29 of the five-year rolling workplan) as a priority knowledge product for production in 2024. The teaser

¹⁶ https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/WIM_TEASER_1.pdf, and https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/WIM_TEASER_4.pdf.

¹⁷ See the section on ‘Resources endorsed by the WIM ExCom’ for these knowledge products: <https://unfccc.int/process/bodies/constituted-bodies/WIMExCom/TEG-CRM#Technical-Expert-Group-on-Comprehensive-Risk-Management>

was presented at COP 28.¹⁸ ExCom 19 approved the approach for developing the Compendium.¹⁹ The outline of the Compendium was shared with the ExCom for endorsement on 30 August.

Action:

21. The ExCom will be invited to consider:
 - (a) The current status of the Compendium and provide further guidance, as necessary;
 - (b) Consider the implementation status of the activities of the strategic workstream and agree on the next steps as appropriate.

<i>EXCOM/2024/21/3</i>	<i>Implementation Monitor: activities under the strategic workstream (c) of the five-year rolling workplan</i>
<i>Further information</i>	<p><i>Working outline of the Compendium as at 6 September</i></p> <p><i>Status of the implementation of the Plan of Action of the technical expert group on comprehensive risk management</i></p> <p><i>Information on the work related to enhancing cooperation and facilitation in relation to comprehensive risk management approaches</i></p>

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

22. The five-year rolling workplan contains two activities to enhance cooperation and facilitation in relation to human mobility, including migration, displacement and planned relocation.²⁰ The Taskforce on Displacement (TFD), *inter alia*, assists the ExCom in undertaking these activities.
23. ExCom 18 (March 2023) identified the three technical guides²¹ to be produced under the current Plan of Action (2022–2024) as part of the Committee’s priority knowledge products for 2024, and the teasers were presented at COP 28.²² ExCom endorsed the content of the first technical guide on 2 July 2024, which will be published before COP 29. See under item on workstream (b) for further information on the NELs-TFD joint technical guide.
24. ExCom 20 welcomed the progress in the development of the technical guide on accessing finance for averting, minimizing, and addressing the impacts of displacement associated with climate change impacts. The analysis of the information collected via a survey administered by the TFD since ExCom 20 will be presented at the 2nd meeting of all expert groups to inform ExCom’s feedback on the draft guide.
25. In addition, ExCom held a session at the 2024 NAP Expo, with the support of the TFD, to highlight how integrating mobility considerations can contribute to adaptation strategies and, specifically, how NAPs can be used in enhancing action in this regard.²³

¹⁸ https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/WIM_TEASER_2.pdf.

¹⁹ See the note by the comprehensive risk management champions for activity 29, available at <https://unfccc.int/event/WIMExCom19>.

²⁰ Activities 30–31.

²¹ One of which is being developed jointly with the NELs expert group. See further details under item 7.

²² https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/WIM_TEASER_5.pdf.

https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/WIM_TEASER_6.pdf.

²³ <https://unfccc.int/WIM-ExCom/NAP-Expo-2024-session>

Action:

26. The ExCom will be invited to:
- (a) Consider the current status of the technical guide on accessing finance for averting, minimizing, and addressing the impacts of displacement associated with climate change impacts, and provide further guidance, as necessary; and
 - (b) Consider the implementation status of the activities of this strategic workstream and agree on the next steps as appropriate.

<i>EXCOM/2024/21/3</i>	<i>Implementation Monitor: activities under the strategic workstream (d) of the five-year rolling workplan</i>
<i>Further information</i>	Status of the implementation of the Plan of Action of the Taskforce on Displacement. Information on the work related to enhancing cooperation and facilitation in relation to human mobility <i>Technical guide on integrating human mobility</i> <i>Draft technical guide on accessing finance for averting, minimizing, and addressing the impacts of displacement associated with climate change impacts</i> <i>Outline of the joint technical guide on non-economic losses in the context of human mobility</i>

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

27. 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.²⁴
28. The action and support expert group has been in operation since 2021, and expert members of the group were appointed for an initial period of 2 years. At ExCom 20, its action and support champion members were invited to review the membership of the expert group, being mindful of the evolving loss and damage support landscape, ExCom 20 tasked the action and support champion members to review the membership of the expert group and to initiate work on the development of a Plan of Action for the next phase.

Action:

29. The ExCom will be invited to consider:
- (a) The status of the intersessional work of its action and support champion members and decide on the next steps, as appropriate;
 - (b) The implementation status of the activities under strategic workstream (e) and agree on next steps as appropriate.

<i>EXCOM/2024/21/3</i>	<i>Implementation Monitor: activities under the strategic workstream (e) of the five-year rolling workplan</i>
<i>Further information</i>	Information on the work related to enhancing cooperation and facilitation in relation to action and support

²⁴ Activities 32–36.

11. Cross-cutting activities of the second five-year rolling workplan.

2024 annual outreach event and COP 29 side event.

30. ExCom 14 (September 2021) 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.²⁵ Accordingly, ExCom, in developing the current five-year rolling workplan in 2022, incorporated the work concerning annual outreach as an activity.²⁶
31. ExCom 20 decided to hold its 2024 outreach event in the 4th quarter of the year and discussed focusing the event on integrating loss and damage into national planning processes. ExCom 20 also decided to hold side events at SB 60 and COP 29 and discussed one of these events to focus on the role of the WIM in action and support relevant to the evolving loss and damage landscape. ExCom 20 established a group of champions to advance relevant work interessionally concerning these events, including exploring opportunities to collaborate with youth to increase visibility of its activities as well as loss and damage associated with the adverse impacts of climate change, responses, lessons learned, and experiences on the ground.
32. At SB 60, ExCom held a side event entitled “*Learning from countries and communities responding to non-economic loss and damage: Implementation updates by the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage Executive Committee.*”²⁷

Action:

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

Update on the evaluation of progress in implementing the second five-year rolling workplan.²⁸

34. Activity 20 of the second five-year rolling workplan focuses on evaluating progress in implementing ExCom’s workplan and the plans of action of the thematic expert groups.
35. ExCom 20 requested the group of champions, established to take the lead in organizing the 2024 annual outreach event and side events (referred to in para 31 above), to also initiate work on Activity 20 to inform discussions at ExCom 21.

Action:

36. The ExCom will be invited to consider the progress of the work by the intersessional group of champions and agree on the next steps as appropriate.

Other activities.

37. The cross-cutting section of the second five-year rolling workplan contains a total of 20 activities. Any other matters not addressed in subitems (a) and (b) above will be taken up under this subitem.

²⁵ ExCom 14 summary of decisions, para 10.

²⁶ See possible approach section of Activity 2.

²⁷ <https://unfccc.int/event/wimexcomSB60>.

²⁸ In the context of activity 20 of the five-year rolling workplan.

12. Collaboration with the Advisory Board of the Santiago network.

38. 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 the ExCom, nominated by the ExCom from among its members.²⁹
39. CMA 5³⁰ 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.
40. ExCom 20 decided to include an item in the provisional agenda of ExCom 21 to continue considering collaboration and synergies with the Santiago network Advisory Board.
41. ExCom 20 requested ExCom's representatives to the Advisory Board to:
 - (a) Present the five-year rolling workplan, identifying possible areas of collaboration for the Advisory Board's consideration in its discussions regarding its workplan. This could include details on timelines to promote joint reviews and preparation of future workplans;
 - (b) Showcase the expertise and reach of the ExCom's thematic expert groups and offer facilitating outreach to members of these groups;
 - (c) Invite the Advisory Board to consider holding joint 2024 outreach and side events and collaborate on joint communications strategies in order to enhance dissemination of technical products, promote synergies in liaising with country focal points and capitalize on the convening powers of the ExCom and its thematic expert groups.
 - (d) Report back on the deliberations of the Advisory Board where relevant to the work of the ExCom.
42. In addition, ExCom 20 decided to collaborate with the Santiago Network Advisory Board in selecting their representatives in the high-level dialogue.³¹

Action:

43. The ExCom will be invited to consider the next steps, if any, regarding collaboration and synergies with the Santiago network Advisory Board, based on the report back from the ExCom's representatives to the Advisory Board.

Further information

[Santiago Network \(santiago-network.org\)](https://santiago-network.org)

13. Collaboration with the entities that form the funding arrangements, including the fund.³²

44. ExCom 20 decided to include an item in its preliminary agenda for ExCom 21 on exploring ways to continue collaborating with the entities that form the funding

²⁹ 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.

³⁰ Decision 7/CMA.5, para 7(a), endorsed by decision 3/CP.28.

³¹ Decisions 1/CP.28 and 5/CMA.5, Annex II, 2-B.

³² Operationalized by decisions 1/CP.28 and 5/CMA.5.

arrangements for loss and damage, including the Fund established by decisions 2/CP.27 and 2/CMA.4,³³ taking into account the outcomes of the 3rd Glasgow Dialogue (GD 3).³⁴ Accordingly, the co-chairs are making arrangements for external speaker(s).

45. The discussions at GD 3 highlighted the importance of complementarity, coherence and coordination in the work of the loss and damage entities under the Convention and the Paris Agreement to ensure the provision of support to developing countries for anticipating and responding to loss and damage from the impacts of climate change. In this context, there was a suggestion for holding regular meetings between the Co-Chairs of the three loss and damage entities.

Action:

46. The ExCom will be invited to deliberate on ways in which it can effectively collaborate with the entities that form the funding arrangements for loss and damage, including the Fund for responding to loss and damage, and agree on the next steps, if any.

14. Recommendations to be included in the 2024 ExCom annual report.

47. The ExCom reports annually to Parties through the subsidiary bodies and makes recommendations as appropriate. Due to the timing of ExCom 21, the 2024 report will be published in multiple parts, similar to the approach used for the 2022 and 2023 ExCom reports. In addition, from this year onward, the ExCom and the Santiago network will jointly be reporting on the progress of their respective work.
48. The first part of the 2024 report, published on 30 August, mostly focuses on organizational and procedural matters, including meetings and events, relating to the ExCom and its thematic expert groups and the Santiago network up to 31 July 2024.
49. This will be followed by two addenda, one focusing on the ExCom and one on the Santiago network. The former will contain the outcomes of ExCom 21 and information on progress in implementing the five-year rolling workplan of the ExCom, including through the work of its thematic expert groups, from October 2023 to September 2024. The outline of this addendum was/will be circulated to the members prior to ExCom 21. To facilitate efficient deliberations at ExCom 21, the Co-Chairs sent a message on 27 August 2024 to members inviting them to share their inputs by 6 September 2024 for possible recommendations for consideration under this item for inclusion in this addendum.

Action:

50. The ExCom will be invited to agree on recommendations arising from the implementation of its work and through its thematic expert groups during the reporting period and other content, if any, as appropriate, for inclusion in an addendum to the 2024 ExCom report.

15. Any other business.

51. The ExCom meets at least twice a year. The meetings were held in conjunction with the Santiago network in response to Decision 12/CMA.4, Annex I, paragraph 12.³⁵

Action:

³³ Decisions 2/CP.27 and 2/CMA.4.

³⁴ Summary report on the third Glasgow Dialogue: <https://unfccc.int/documents/640029>

³⁵ Annex I, para 12 of [Decision 11/CP.27](#), Add 1 and [Decision 12/CMA.4](#), Add 3.

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52. The ExCom will be invited to agree on the tentative dates and number of its regular meetings for 2025. Further, any other matters arising during the meeting will be taken up under this item.

16. Closing of the meeting.

53. ExCom 21 is scheduled to close on 13 September 2024.
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