23 April 2025

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

13-15 May 2025

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II. Annotations

1. Opening of the meeting.

 The 22nd meeting of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts (ExCom 22) will be opened on 13 May 2025 at 09:00 CEST.

2. Adoption of agenda.

2. The provisional agenda for ExCom 22 will be presented for adoption.

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Provisional agenda and annotations

3. Election of new co-chairs

3. Pursuant to decision 2/CP.20, ExCom 20 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

- 5. ExCom 22 will be held from 13–15 March 2025.³ Relevant documents are posted on the meeting page.⁴ An indicative schedule of the meeting will be updated on a rolling basis. The working language of the meeting is English, and there will be no translation. The recordings of the plenary proceeding will be available after the meeting on the meeting page.
- 6. Registered observers for ExCom 22 will be welcome to attend the meeting, make interventions under substantive agenda items and participate in parallel working group discussions during the meeting, unless otherwise decided by the Committee.

5. Preparation of voluntary guidelines for enhancing collection and management of data and information to inform the preparation of biennial transparency reports.⁵

- 7. As part of the outcome of the first global stocktake, the CMA requested 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 (hereafter referred to as "Voluntary Guidelines").6
- 8. In response and in the context of activities 16 and 17 of the five-year rolling workplan, ExCom 20: 1) tasked its liaison members for the Consultative Group of Experts (CGE) to learn from CGE's experience in preparing a training material on reporting information related to adaptation⁷ and in undertaking other activities that may inform ExCom's efforts in preparing the Voluntary Guidelines; and 2) decided to collect a wide range of information on sources of relevant data and experience in supporting similar reporting processes from ExCom's thematic expert groups.

³ The open meeting will be preceded by an informal gathering of the members on 12 May 2025.

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

⁶ Decision 1/CMA.5, para 133.

UNFCCC Consultative Group of Experts. 2023. CGE Training Material on Reporting Information Related to Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation. Bonn: UNFCCC. Available at https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/CGE%20Training%20materials%20A-BTR.pdf.

- 9. Accordingly, ExCom held a session at the 2nd annual meeting of its thematic expert groups,⁸ held in conjunction with ExCom 21 and with the CGE engagement. The discussion identified some of the key existing data sources and data collection processes relevant to the loss and damage context and gaps in existing guidelines. The outcomes of the session informed the development of an outline of the Voluntary Guidelines, which subsequently ExCom 21 adopted.
- 10. ExCom 21 also agreed on a process for developing the Voluntary Guidelines with a view to finalizing them in advance of COP 30. ExCom 21 established a group of champions to advance the work intersessionally. ExCom invited members of its thematic expert groups to express interest in contributing to this work, based on the responses, the champions formed a core drafting team. The core drafting team advanced the work via online meetings and a shared document.

11. ExCom will be invited to consider the progress of the drafting of the Voluntary Guidelines thus far with a view to providing further guidance as necessary. ExCom will also be invited to discuss the details of the stakeholder consultation to take place at SB 62, including possible agenda of the event.

EXCOM/2025/22/2	Outline of the voluntary guidelines and process for development, adopted at ExCom 21
	Annotations to the outline of the voluntary guidelines
Further information	Five-year rolling workplan
	<u>Decision</u> 1/CMA 5 para 133 on the outcome of the first global stocktake

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

- 12. In accordance with para 4(b) of decision 19/CMA 3,9 ExCom has a standing item at its regular meetings to keep abreast with the latest climate science and how it can inform policymaking. ExCom 21 decided to focus on climate and health, and biodiversity and value of ecosystem services, at ExCom 22 and 23.
- 13. The co-chairs are making arrangements for expert briefings, broadly covering 1) non-economic losses of biodiversity and ecosystem services impact health and well-being, and 2) what can be done for public authorities to have greater capacity to anticipate and prevent climate-related threats to health in a timely manner.

Action:

14. ExCom will be invited to discuss how the information presented can inform the undertaking of its activities, and possible topic(s) for ExCom 23.

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

15. The five-year rolling workplan contains two activities to enhance cooperation and facilitation in relation to slow onset events. The expert group on slow onset events assists ExCom in undertaking these activities through a Plan of Action (PoA) of the group.

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

⁹ Noted in decision 17/CP.26.

¹⁰ Activities 21–22.

¹¹ See the terms of reference of the expert group on slow onset events.

- 16. The current PoA, which ExCom endorsed in March 2024 for implementing 2024–2026, focuses on developing 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.
- 17. ExCom 21 welcomed the progress made on the technical guide on sea level rise and expressed appreciation on the work on the technical guide on desertification and noted that the draft requires further work.
- 18. ExCom endorsed the content of the technical guide on sea level rise on 13 December 2024. Following the editing, proof-reading and designing, it was published in February 2025. ExCom presented the content of the technical guide at its COP 29 side event co-organized with the COP 29 Presidency. With the technical experts who coled this activity, a webinar is being planned to showcase the key findings from this technical guide.

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

EXCOM/2025/22/3	Implementation Monitor: activities under the strategic workstream (a) of the five-year rolling workplan
	<u>Status of implementation</u> of the second PoA of the SOEs expert group
	Concept note and a draft slide deck for the webinar on technical guide on sea level rise
Further information	<u>Technical guide</u> on sea level rise
	<u>Information</u> on the work related to enhancing cooperation and facilitation in relation to slow onset events

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

- 20. 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 assists ExCom in undertaking these activities¹⁴ through a Plan of Action (PoA) of the group.
- 21. The current rolling PoA, which ExCom endorsed in April 2021, focuses on (1) stocktaking of relevant data, tools and knowledge, (2) awareness-raising, outreach and support strategy, (3) enhancing technical guidance and catalysing support and (4) developing recommendations for the ExCom for consideration by Parties in the context of non-economic losses.
- 22. ExCom 18 (March 2023) identified an update to the 2013 technical paper on non-economic losses (NELs Paper) and the technical guide on averting, minimizing and addressing non-economic losses in the context of human mobility (NELs-TFD joint technical guide), ¹⁵ as priority knowledge products for production in 2024.

¹⁴ See the terms of reference of the expert group on non-economic losses.

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

Event held on 14 November 2024. See https://unfccc.int/event/unpacking-the-loss-and-damage-landscape-wim-excom-and-cop-29-presidency-event.

¹³ Activities 23–26.

¹⁵ Activity 1 and Activity 7 of the TFD PoA and the NELs PoA, respectively.

- 23. ExCom endorsed the content of the NELs paper on 6 October 2024. Following the editing, proof-reading and designing, it was published in November 2024. ExCom presented the content of the paper at its COP 29 side event co-organized with the COP 29 Presidency.¹⁶
- 24. ExCom endorsed the outline of the NELs-TFD joint technical guide in March 2024. The technical experts co-leading this activity held a stakeholder consultation with interested experts from ExCom's five thematic expert groups to inform the development of the guide on 9 September 2024.
- 25. The expert group held its 8th meeting on 23 January 2025. Noting the current PoA has largely been implemented, it started preparatory work to update the PoA for the next implementation phase (2025-2027).

26. ExCom will be invited to consider:

- (a) The progress of the work of the expert group on non-economic losses, including the status of the NELs-TFD joint technical guide and its draft 2nd PoA; and
- (b) The implementation status of the activities of strategic workstream (b) and agree on next steps as appropriate.

EXCOM/2025/22/3	Implementation Monitor: activities under the strategic workstream (b) of the five-year rolling workplan
	<u>Status of implementation</u> of the rolling PoA of the NELs expert group
	A draft second Plan of Action of the expert group on non- economic losses (2025-2027)
Further information	<u>Outline</u> of the joint technical guide on non-economic losses in the context of human mobility
	<u>Technical paper</u> on non-economic losses
	<u>Information</u> on the work related to enhancing cooperation and facilitation in relation to non-economic losses

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

- 27. 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. ¹⁷ The technical expert group on comprehensive risk management (TEG-CRM) assists ExCom in undertaking these activities.
- ExCom 18 (March 2023) identified the Compendium on comprehensive risk management approaches vol. 2¹⁸ as a priority knowledge product for production in 2024. ExCom endosed the general content of the Compendium on 31 October, and finalized it on 18 December 2024. Following the editing, proof-reading and designing,

Event held on 14 November 2024. See https://unfccc.int/event/unpacking-the-loss-and-damage-landscape-wim-excom-and-cop-29-presidency-event.

Activities 27-29.

¹⁸ Activity 5 of the Second PoA, Activity 29 of the five-year rolling workplan.

- it was published in February 2025. ExCom presented the content of this product at its COP 29 side event co-organized with the COP 29 Presidency.¹⁹
- ExCom 21 (September 2024) requested the TEG-CRM to develop its third PoA at its first meeting in 2025 for endorsement by the ExCom.

- 30. ExCom will be invited to consider:
 - (a) The progress of the work of the TEG-CRM including the development of its 3rd PoA, and provide further guidance, as necessary; and
 - (b) The implementation status of the activities of the strategic workstream (c) and agree on the next steps as appropriate.

EXCOM/2025/22/3	Implementation Monitor: activities under the strategic workstream (c) of the five-year rolling workplan
	<u>Status of implementation</u> of the second PoA of the TEG-CRM
Further information	<u>Compendium</u> on comprehensive risk management approaches - volume 2
	<u>Information</u> on the work related to enhancing cooperation and facilitation in relation to comprehensive risk management approaches

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

- 31. 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 Task Force on Displacement (TFD) assists ExCom in undertaking these activities.
- 32. The 3rd PoA, which ExCom endorsed in September 2022 for implementing 2022–2024, focuses on developing three technical guides²¹ on 1) integrating human mobility and climate change linkages into relevant national climate change planning processes, 2) accessing finance for averting, minimizing and addressing the impacts of displacement associated with climate change impacts, and 3) averting, minimizing and addressing non-economic losses in the context of human mobility.
- 33. ExCom endorsed the content of the first technical guide on 2 July 2024. Following the editing, proof-reading and designing, it was published on 1 December 2024. ExCom presented the content of this technical guide at its COP 29 side event coorganized with the COP 29 Presidency.²² The International Organization of Migration, a member of the TFD, is preparing different language versions of this guide to enhance accessibility.
- 34. For further information on the second technical guide, the NELs-TFD joint technical guide, see under agenda item 8 on workstream (b). The technical experts co-leading the development of the third technical guide provided ExCom on 11 March 2025 with an updated plan on the focused-content and milestones to finalize the draft guide in time for endorsement at ExCom 23.

Event held on 14 November 2024. See https://unfccc.int/event/unpacking-the-loss-and-damage-landscape-wim-excom-and-cop-29-presidency-event.

²⁰ Activities 30–31.

²¹ One of which is being developed jointly with the NELs expert group. See further details under item 8.

Event held on 14 November 2024. See https://unfccc.int/event/unpacking-the-loss-and-damage-landscape-wim-excom-and-cop-29-presidency-event.

35. ExCom 21 (September 2024) requested the TFD to develop its 4th PoA at its first meeting in 2025 for endorsement by the ExCom.

Action:

- 36. ExCom will be invited to consider:
 - (a) The progress of the work of the TFD, including the current status of the technical guides from its 3rd PoA, and he progress on the development of its 4th PoA, and provide any guidance as may be necessary;
 - (b) The implementation status of the activities of this strategic workstream and agree on the next steps as appropriate.

Implementation Monitor: activities under the strategic workstream (d) of the five-year rolling workplan
Status of implementation of the third PoA of the TFD
A draft fourth rolling Plan of Action of the TFD
<u>Outline</u> of the joint technical guide on non-economic losses in the context of human mobility
<u>Technical guide</u> on integrating human mobility
<u>Information</u> on the work related to enhancing cooperation and facilitation in relation to human mobility

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

- 37. 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.²³ The outcomes of the 2019 WIM review resulted in, inter alia, identification of a set of activities to be undertaken by an expert group on action (ASEG) and a request for ExCom to establish the group.
- 38. ASEG started its operation in 2021 to implement those activities. ExCom 18 (March 2023) identified an analysis of case studies of projects funded by the Green Climate Fund (GCF) in relation to the strategic workstreams of the WIM,²⁴ as a priority knowledge product for production in 2024.
- 39. ExCom endorsed the content of the paper in July 2024. Following the editing, proof-reading and designing, it was published in November 2024. ExCom presented the content of the paper at its COP 29 side event co-organized with the COP 29 Presidency.²⁵
- 40. Under its PoA, ASEG prepares ExCom's written input to the SCF regarding draft guidance relating to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, in particular, on financial matters related to loss and damage. At ExCom 22, the Standing Committee on Finance plans to inform the discussion, under this agenda item, on potential areas of collaboration, including ExCom's preparation of this year's input for draft guidance to the GCF, GEF and FRLD.

²³ Activities 32–36.

²⁴ Activity a.2) of the current ASEG PoA.

Event held on 14 November 2024. See https://unfccc.int/event/unpacking-the-loss-and-damage-landscape-wim-excom-and-cop-29-presidency-event.

41. In the light of the emergence of the broader loss and damage support landscape, ExCom 21 requested the ASEG to develop its 2nd PoA at its first meeting in 2025, taking into consideration the outcomes of the 2024 WIM review.

Action:

- 42. ExCom will be invited to consider:
 - (a) The progress of the intersessional work of the ASEG with a view to agreeing on the next steps.
 - (b) The implementation status of the activities under strategic workstream (e) and agree on next steps as appropriate.

EXCOM/2025/22/3	Implementation Monitor: activities under the strategic workstream (e) of the five-year rolling workplan
	Status of implementation of the rolling PoA of the ASEG
Further information	<u>Information</u> on the work related to enhancing cooperation and facilitation in relation to action and support

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

(a) Update on the evaluation of progress in implementing the second five-year rolling workplan²⁶

- 43. 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.
- 44. ExCom 21 established a group of champion members to prepare a draft survey for consideration at ExCom 22 to advance the implementation of Activity 20.

Action:

45. ExCom will be invited to consider the progress of the intersessional work and agree on the next steps, as appropriate.

(b) Lessons learned on the development of knowledge products and technical guides

46. ExCom 21 decided to add an agenda item at ExCom 22 to consider lessons learned from the work on technical products to date and how to improve the process for development of technical product.

Action:

47. ExCom will be invited to consider the lessons learned gathered and agree on the next steps as appropriate.

Further information	Knowledge products webpage	
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- (b) (c) Dissemination and capacity-building activities in relation to the knowledge products and technical guides.
 - 48. ExCom 21 encouraged:
 - (a) Its thematic expert groups, in updating the respective PoAs, to include activities on the dissemination, capacity-building and training, in relation to the application of technical guides and other knowledge products developed under the ExCom workplan; and
 - (b) Members of its thematic expert groups to support in the dissemination of technical products by sharing them through their networks.

²⁶ In the context of activity 20 of the five-year rolling workplan.

49. ExCom 21 decided to make use of climate conferences taking place at the regional level or holding regional events, to disseminate technical guides and other knowledge products, and to facilitate capacity-building and training for the application thereof.

Action:

50. ExCom will be invited to consider the progress made in disseminating the information related to the knowledge products and technical guides, as well as in facilitating their applications and uptake, with a view to identifying further opportunities for effective uptake of the outputs of its work

(c) (d) Other activities.

51. The current ExCom's workplan contains a total of 20 activities that are cross-cutting. Any other matters not addressed in subitems (a), (b) and (c) above will be taken up under this subitem.

EXCOM/2025/22/3	Implementation Monitor: activities under the cross-cutting
	section of the five-year rolling workplan

13. Collaboration with the Advisory Board of the Santiago network

- 52. CMA 2 established, as part of the 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 (Santiago network). The composition of the Advisory Board of the Santiago network includes two members of ExCom, nominated by ExCom from among its members.²⁷
- 53. CMA 5²⁸ 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.
- ExCom 21 requested the co-chairs of ExCom to liaise with the co-chairs of the Santiago network Advisory Board to invite the Santiago network to promote ExCom technical products, including on their webpage, prepare a joint communication strategy, and organize a meeting of the two bodies. Accordingly, a letter from the ExCom Co-chairs to the Co-chairs of the Advisory Board was sent to share information on the knowledge products and suggest a meeting to promote coordination and coherence among the three loss and damage entities of the UNFCCC process. ExCom invited the Advisory Board to the COP 29 side event co-organized by ExCom and the COP 29 Presidency to share information on the progress under the Santiago network.²⁹
- 55. The ExCom's representatives to the Advisory Board will report back on their engagements in the work of the Advisory Board during the intersessional period. The Co-chairs are making arrangements to invite the Executive Director of the Santiago network secretariat to inform the meeting with, *inter alia*, an update on the work of the Santiago network members, with a view to jointly exploring ways forward on the collaboration between ExCom and the Santiago network.

Action:

 ExCom will be invited to consider ways in which the work under the WIM can increase synergies, and agree on practical steps to advance its activities, accordingly,

Decision 12/CMA.4, Annex I, para 8(c) endorsed by decision 11/CP.27. See the 2023 ExCom report, Add.2, for the names of ExCom representatives to the Advisory Board.

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

Event held on 14 November 2024. See https://unfccc.int/event/unpacking-the-loss-and-damage-landscape-wim-excom-and-cop-29-presidency-event.

Further information

Santiago Network (santiago-network.org)

14. Collaboration with the entities that form the funding arrangements, including the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage.³⁰

- 57. ExCom 20 decided to include an item in the ExCom 21 agenda on exploring ways to continue collaborating with the entities that form the funding arrangements for loss and damage, including the Fund established by decisions 2/CP.27 and 2/CMA.4,³¹ taking into account the outcomes of the 3rd Glasgow Dialogue.³²
- 58. ExCom 21, then, decided to 1) continue using this agenda item to engage with the funding arrangements in future meetings of ExCom, and 2) invite UNDP to present on their work on post disaster need assessments in the context of this item at ExCom 22. Accordingly, the Co-chairs are making arrangements for an expert briefing by UNDP with a focus on environmental PDNA.
- 59. Following Decision 1/CP28 and 5/CMA.5, annex II-B, ExCom was invited to address the first High-Level Dialogue on Strengthening Response(s) to Loss and Damage, to take place on 25 April 2025, Washington D.C. ExCom will be represented by its Cochair, Ms. Camila Rodriguez, at the first Dialogue.

Action:

60. ExCom will be invited to take note of the information provided on PDNA and a report back from the Dialogue, with a view to deliberating 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.

15. Organization of intersessional work

Action:

61. 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 business

Action:

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

17. Closing of the meeting

63. ExCom 22 is scheduled to close on 15 May 2025.

³⁰ Operationalized by decisions 1/CP.28 and 5/CMA.5.

³¹ Decisions 2/CP.27 and 2/CMA.4.

³² Summary report on the third Glasgow Dialogue: https://unfccc.int/documents/640029