

**Eleventh meeting of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts, Bonn, Germany, 10–12 March 2020**

Reference document for item 5(f)

**Overarching and cross-cutting elements**

*About this document*

This document provides information on cross-cutting guidance from Parties to the Excom, as contained in Decision 2/CMA.2, and offers possible approaches to respond to them.

The Excom will be invited to consider the possible approaches and agree on any action as needed.

1. As part of the outcomes of the second review of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts (WIM) in 2019, Parties, through decision 2/CMA.2,<sup>1</sup> provide guidance that is overarching and cross-cutting in nature to a range of the Excom's activities. This guidance is in addition to those specific requests for action by the Excom as contained under provisional agenda item 5 (a)–(e). The majority of this guidance is conveyed to the Excom in the form of invitations and encouragements, on which the Excom may wish to consider general approaches in undertaking its future work.

2. The table below provides relevant excerpts from decision 2/CMA.2 and suggestions for possible approaches.

**Table: Relevant guidance for consideration under provisional agenda item 5(f)**

Overarching and cross-cutting guidance as contained in Decision 2/CMA.2:	Possible approach
Para 11 Encourages the Executive Committee to communicate its outputs in formats that are easy to translate, adapt and access in different contexts and by different users.	When developing knowledge products, clarify end/target users at the outset, use appropriate formats that are universally accessible, and ensure easy functionalities/navigation of the content.
Para 16 Encourages the Executive Committee to take into account when updating its five-year rolling workplan areas of work that may require short-, medium- and long-term consideration and efforts, including in relation to sustainable development and transformative change, in the context of the work of each of its thematic expert groups.	Take into consideration as the Excom develops new activities and when providing guidance to its thematic expert groups in undertaking their work.
Para 21 Requests the Executive Committee and its thematic expert groups, in undertaking their work, to draw upon the work of and involve, as appropriate, relevant constituted bodies, networks and work programmes, as appropriate.	Keep abreast of the work of other relevant bodies, networks, work programmes and international processes, as well as keep them updated of the relevant entry points for cooperation and synergies in the work of the Excom, including through the liaison members and the thematic expert groups of the Excom, with a view to facilitating collaboration and coherent overall efforts.
Para 22 Encourages the Executive Committee to draw upon the work, information and expertise of bodies under the Convention and the Paris Agreement, as well as on international processes, such as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable	Consider inviting relevant constituted bodies to become members of relevant thematic expert groups of the Excom, as appropriate.

<sup>1</sup> [https://unfccc.int/resource/cop25/cma2\\_auv\\_6\\_WIM.pdf](https://unfccc.int/resource/cop25/cma2_auv_6_WIM.pdf).

	Development and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030.	
Para 23	Invites the Executive Committee, acknowledging the need to strengthen risk assessment, to engage relevant experts and collect and disseminate information on methodologies available for integrating long-term assessment, including those associated with the quantification of risks, into comprehensive climate risk management approaches, including national and subnational assessment and planning processes.	Take into account in undertaking the mandate to develop technical guides (decision 2/CMA.2, paragraph 26) as considered under provisional agenda item 5(b), and when establishing thematic expert groups, such as under provisional agenda item 5(a).
Para 28	Encourages the Executive Committee, Parties, relevant constituted bodies and organizations under and outside the Convention and the Paris Agreement and other relevant stakeholders to facilitate or enhance research on, and share good practices for, averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage, including long-term risk assessment and risk communication.	Continue outreach activities for facilitating relevant research efforts and knowledge sharing, including by further articulating emerging needs in developing countries implementing approaches for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage.
Para 45	Requests the Executive Committee to include relevant information from the organizations, bodies, networks and experts that have reported on their progress, as referred to in paragraph 44 (of 2/CMA.2), <sup>2</sup> in its annual reports.	Reiterate the invitation made in by Parties <sup>3</sup> to organizations, bodies, networks and experts to provide the information on their technical assistance provided to developing countries in the context of the Santiago Network, through the UNFCCC submission portal, which the secretariat can synthesize for the consideration of inclusion in the annual reports of the Excom.

<sup>2</sup> In paragraph 44, the CMA invites those organizations, bodies, networks and experts engaged in providing technical assistance to developing countries, catalysed by the Santiago Network, to report on their progress to the Executive Committee.

<sup>3</sup> See footnote 2, above.