



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

12–16 October 2020

Note by the co-chairs

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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), Ms. Dawn Pierre-Nathoniél (Saint Lucia) and Ms. Monika Antosik (Poland) will open the 12th meeting of the Excom (Excom 12) on 12 October 2020.

¹ In the context of para. 25 of decision 2/CMA.2.

² In the context of para. 40 of decision 2/CMA.2.

³ In the context of para. 26 of decision 2/CMA.2.

⁴ This item accommodates matters included in the Excom 11 agenda which the Excom agreed to include in the provisional agenda of Excom 12.

⁵ In the context of para. 1(d) of the 2017 annual report of the Excom as contained in FCCC/SB/2017/Add.1 and para 5 of decision 5/CP.23.

⁶ In the context of para 29 of decision 2/CMA.2.

⁷ In the context of para 12 of decision 2/CMA.

⁸ In the context of paras 11, 16, 21, 22, 23, 28 and 45 of decision 2/CMA.2.

2. Adoption of the agenda

2. The provisional agenda for Excom 12 will be presented for adoption.

Excom/2020/12/1	Provisional agenda and annotations
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3. Launching of the expert groups on slow onset events, non-economic losses,⁹ and an expert group pursuant to decision 2/CP.19, paragraph 5(c)¹⁰

3. COP 20 decided that the Excom may establish expert groups, subcommittees, panels, thematic advisory groups or task-focused ad hoc working groups (expert groups) to help execute the work of the Excom in guiding the implementation of the Warsaw International Mechanism, as appropriate.

4. Strategic workstreams (a) slow onset events (SOEs) and (b) non-economic losses (NELs) of the five-year rolling workplan of the Excom include the establishment of expert groups. Excom 7 (March 2018) adopted the terms of reference (ToR) of the expert groups. However, the groups have not been formed yet.

5. Stressing the importance of enhancing the work on SOEs and NELs, Parties, by decision 2/CMA.2, requested the Excom to revise the ToR and launch the expert groups on SOEs and NELs, taking into account the broad range of issues covered by the relevant strategic workstreams, which may need to be addressed using a sequential approach.

6. By the same decision, Parties further requested the Excom to establish, by the end of 2020, in accordance with its procedures and mandate, an expert group pursuant to decision 2/CP.19, paragraph 5(c), drawing on the work of and involving, as appropriate, existing bodies, organizations, networks and experts under and outside the Convention and the Paris Agreement, ensuring a fair, equitable and balanced representation within the group.

7. Excom 11 initiated the work on the ToRs for these three expert groups.¹¹ It formed working groups to continue preparing the ToRs intersessionally, with a view to launching these groups by/at Excom 12.

Action:

8. The Excom will be invited to agree on the next steps for launching the three expert groups, including the experts to be engaged and an indicative timeframe for the groups' first meetings.

4. Development of technical guides¹²

9. Parties, in decision 2/CMA.2, requested the Excom and its thematic expert groups to develop technical guides within their work on their respective thematic areas, avoiding duplication of work across workstreams, which include sections on the following:

- (a) Risk assessments, including long-term risk assessments, of climate change impacts;
- (b) Approaches to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the risk assessments referred to in 9(a) above;
- (c) Resources available for supporting such approaches;
- (d) Monitoring systems for assessing the effectiveness of these approaches.

10. At Excom 11,¹³ the members shared via eDelphi their views on the potential target users/audience, relevant topics, format and working arrangements, among others.

Action:

11. The Excom will be invited to consider the approach, such as roles and responsibilities of expert groups, process and milestones, for the development of the technical guides, including any guidance to its thematic expert groups, and agree on next steps.

⁹ In the context of para 25 of decision 2/CMA.2.

¹⁰ In the context of para 40 of decision 2/CMA.2.

¹¹ See background documents [Excom/2020/11/2](#) and [Excom/2020/11/5](#), prepared for Excom 11.

¹² In the context of para 26 of decision 2/CMA.2.

¹³ See background document [Excom/2020/11/3](#), prepared for Excom 11.

5. The role and contribution of the Excom in the global stocktake as contained in decision 19/CMA.1

12. Parties, by decision 19/CMA.1 (December 2018), invited the Excom, among others, to prepare for the technical assessment, with the assistance of the secretariat, synthesis reports on the information identified in paragraph 36 of the same decision in their areas of expertise.

13. Taking note of the timeline of the global stocktake as contained in decision 19/CMA.1, Excom 9 (April 2019) agreed to consider the role and contribution of the Excom in its future meetings, starting with the first meeting of 2020.¹⁴

14. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Excom 11 (March 2020) was converted to a virtual meeting shortly before the scheduled dates, which resulted in significantly reduced discussion time. Consequently, Excom 11 was unable to consider the issue; however, the Excom initiated its consideration intersessionally.

Action:

15. The Excom will be invited to consider its role and contribution in the context of decision 19/CMA.1 and agree on the next step(s), if any, as appropriate.

6. 2020 Report of the Executive Committee

16. The Excom reports annually to Parties through the subsidiary bodies and makes recommendations, as appropriate.

Action:

17. The Excom will be invited to agree on recommendations arising from the implementation of its work during the reporting period (November 2019 to October 2020), and other content, if any, as appropriate.

7. Emerging needs and cross-cutting issues¹⁵

18. Excom 6 decided to include an agenda item in future Excom meetings to consider emerging needs and cross-cutting issues.

19. Excom 11 acknowledged that those agenda items not considered at that meeting would be forwarded for inclusion in the draft provisional agenda of Excom 12. Sub-items (a)–(e) below contains issues carried over from Excom 11 for which no specific intersessional work was undertaken or planned.

(a) A summary of the Excom’s 2020 evaluation;¹⁶

20. Excom 6 (October 2017) decided to evaluate, in 2020, progress made towards implementation of its workplan to inform its consideration for developing future activities. Accordingly, the members shared their reflections, at Excom 11 via e-Delphi, on the progress of the five-year rolling workplan in the context of the Excom’s 2020 evaluation. The summary of the views provided was shared with the Excom during that meeting.

21. Excom 11 encouraged members to continue providing, through e-Delphi, email or other electronic means, as appropriate, views on the four broad areas specified in the e-Delphi query, as well as any other relevant connections to the future work of the Excom.

Action:

22. The Excom will take note of conclusions from the self-evaluation.

Excom/2020/12/2	Summary of views on the successes, shortcomings and lessons learned in the context of 2020 self-evaluation, provided via e-Delphi
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(b) Fostering public education and awareness-raising efforts at the regional, national and local level, including efforts with a capacity-building component;¹⁷

¹⁴ 2019 Excom report, paragraph 18 (e)(iii) as contained in document FCCC/SB/2019/5/Add.1. Also see 2/CMA.2, paragraph 1.

¹⁵ This item accommodates matters included in the Excom 11 agenda which the Excom agreed to include in the provisional agenda of Excom 12.

¹⁶ In the context of para 1(d) of the 2017 annual report of the Excom as contained in FCCC/SB/2017/Add.1 and para 5 of decision 5/CP.23.

¹⁷ In the context of para 29 of decision 2/CMA.2.

23. Parties, in decision 2/CMA.2, requested the Excom in collaboration with relevant organizations, to foster public education and awareness-raising efforts at the regional, national and local level, including efforts with a capacity-building component.

24. At Excom 11, the members, via e-Delphi, shared views, on existing activities relevant to this mandate, and appropriate target audience/beneficiaries and ideas on associated effective modalities by which the Excom can foster public education and awareness-raising in its future work.

Action

25. The Excom will be invited to consider ways in which it can foster public education and awareness-raising in its future work.

Excom/2020/12/3	Summary of views on relevant activities, targeted beneficiaries effective modalities and suggestions in the context of fostering public education and awareness-raising efforts, provided via e-Delphi
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(c) Modalities for fostering the sharing of relevant knowledge and experience among practitioners and vulnerable countries in an interactive and practical manner;¹⁸

26. Parties, in decision 2/CMA.2, requested the Excom to identify modalities for fostering the sharing of relevant knowledge and experience among practitioners and vulnerable countries in an interactive and practical manner.

27. The Excom and its thematic expert groups have several activities that result in knowledge products. To increase the effectiveness of the outreach and better disseminate these products, the Excom developed a communications strategy and endorsed it at Excom 8 (September 2018).

28. At Excom 11, the members shared via e-Delphi, views, on the potential target users/audience and the effective modalities for communicating knowledge produced, collected and synthesized by the Excom and its expert groups:

Action:

29. The Excom will be invited to consider effective modalities for communicating knowledge produced, collected and synthesized by the Excom and its thematic expert groups.

Excom/2020/12/4	Summary of views on relevant activities, targeted beneficiaries effective modalities and suggestions in the context of fostering public education and awareness-raising efforts, provided via e-Delphi
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(d) Overarching and cross-cutting elements from the Madrid mandates;¹⁹

30. Parties, by decision 2/CMA.2, conveyed several encouragements and overarching guidance to the Excom, namely in paragraphs 11, 16, 21, 22, 23, 28 and 45.²⁰

Action:

31. The Excom will be invited to consider the information contained in document Excom/2020/11/5 to inform its future work, as appropriate.

(e) Opportunities and modalities to engage regional and national level stakeholders, including the UNFCCC National Focal Points and Loss and Damage Contact Points²¹

32. COP 22 invited interested Parties to establish a loss and damage contact point (L&D contact point²²) through their respective UNFCCC National Focal Point (NFPs), with a view to enhancing the implementation

¹⁸ In the context of para 12 of decision 2/CMA.

¹⁹ In the context of paras 11, 16, 21, 22, 23, 28 and 45 of decision 2/CMA.2.

²⁰ See the background document, Excom/2020/11/5 which compiles these elements.

²¹ In the context of para 12 of decision 2/CMA.

²² As of 21 September, 28 Parties have established L&D contact points. See <https://unfccc.int/topics/adaptation-and-resilience/workstreams/loss-and-damage-ld/collaboration-and-outreach/loss-and-damage-contact-points>.

of approaches to address loss and damage associated with the adverse impacts of climate change at the national level.²³

33. Excom 10 (October 2019) explored further opportunities and modalities to engage regional and national level stakeholders, including the NFPs and L&D contact points and requested the co-chairs to prepare a draft description of the latter for consideration at Excom 11.

34. At Excom 11, an e-Delphi query was prepared for members to share their views on the ideas for the four broad potential tasks of L&D contact points. As no views were provided, Excom 11 encouraged members to continue providing inputs on the briefing note through e-Delphi, email or other electronic means, as appropriate.

Action:

35. The Excom will be invited to consider a draft description of L&D contact points and modalities to engage regional and national level stakeholders.

Excom/2020/12/5	Draft description of L&D contact points. A briefing note by the co-chairs
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8. Election of co-chairs

36. Pursuant to decision 2/CP.20, Excom 9 (April 2019), 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.

37. At Excom 11, the Excom did not elect new co-chairs and noted that the incumbents would remain in office until their successors are elected.

Action:

38. The 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 from the closure of Excom 12.

9. Organization of intersessional work

Action:

39. The Excom will be invited to agree on leads/co-leads for the intersessional working groups established during the meeting, and on the corresponding work of the groups.

10. Any other matters

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

11. Closure of the meeting

41. Excom 12 is scheduled to close on 16 October 2020.

²³ Decision 4/CP.23, paragraph 4(d).