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## Concept note: Annual high-level dialogue on complementarity and coherence

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### Summary

This document summarizes the objectives of the annual high-level dialogue (the dialogue) on complementarity and coherence, established in accordance decisions 1/CP.28 and 5/CMA.5, annex II. The dialogue is to be co-convened by the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage and the United Nations Secretary-General. This document also provides information on the organizational aspects of the first dialogue, as well as a high-level launch event for the dialogue to be held on the margins of the World Leaders Climate Action Summit in Baku, Azerbaijan, that will take place during the twenty-ninth session of the Conference of the Parties and the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement. This document presents the first iteration of the concept note for Board discussion and consultation.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> This document was prepared by the Interim Secretariat for information purposes only. The Co-Chairs have not had the opportunity to review or comment on the papers and have authorized their transmittal to the Board on an exceptional basis.

## I. Background

1. The Conference of the Parties (COP) and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA), through decisions 2/CP.27 and 2/CMA.4,<sup>2</sup> established new funding arrangements for assisting developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, in responding to loss and damage. Further, the COP and the CMA, through decisions 1/CP.28 and 5/CMA.5, annex II established an annual high-level dialogue on complementarity and coherence (the dialogue), co-convened by the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage and the United Nations Secretary-General.<sup>3</sup>

## II. Objective

2. The objectives of the dialogue, in accordance decisions 1/CP.28 and 5/CMA.5, annex II, paragraph 11, are as follows:

(a) Facilitate a structured and timely exchange of relevant knowledge and information, including between the entities that form part of the funding arrangements and the Fund;

(b) Strengthen capacity and synergies to enhance the integration of measures to respond to loss and damage into sources, funds, processes and initiatives under and outside the Convention and the Paris Agreement by drawing on the experience of others, exchanging good policies and practices, and leveraging research and data systems;

(c) Promote the exchange of country and community experience in undertaking action to respond to loss and damage;

(d) Identify priority gaps and new opportunities for cooperation, coordination and complementarity;

(e) Develop recommendations on scaling up or enhancing existing as well as initiating new funding arrangements for responding to loss and damage.

3. The annual high-level dialogue will provide a space to bring together key stakeholders to promote enhanced coordination and coherence for responding to loss and damage. Entities engaged in supporting countries in responding to loss and damage will be invited to share relevant updates and discuss opportunities for collaboration, coordination and cohesion. Governments, civil society and experts will also be invited to engage and share their experiences in responding to loss and damage.

## III. First dialogue

4. On the basis of the overall objectives, the first dialogue will set the vision and tone for future dialogues. It will be an opportunity to understand the baseline of the current landscape of support for responding to climate-related loss and damage and to set a starting point for subsequent discussions. Gaps and opportunities identified in the first dialogue will be used to inform and enhance the substance of further dialogues with a view to providing a more nuanced and tangible contribution to loss and damage responses.

5. Participants of this first dialogue will be expected to respond to tailored questions related but not limited to existing support and areas for scaled up support; where and to whom support is currently targeted; existing partnerships, gaps and barriers; opportunities for new or enhanced collaboration and/or coordination; and further information on support specifically for addressing loss and damage through post-impact support, including for both economic and non-economic loss and damage from both sudden and slow onset events.

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<sup>2</sup> See FCCC/CP/2022/10/Add.1, available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/626561>, and FCCC/PA/CMA/2022/10/Add.1, available at <https://unfccc.int/documents/626569>.

<sup>3</sup> Decisions 1/CP.28 and 5/CMA.5, annex II, paras. 11–16.

6. Participants in the dialogue that are also part of the funding arrangements will be asked to provide specific commitments towards enhanced coordination and collaboration.

7. It is to be noted that discussions during the high-level dialogue will help to inform coordination between the Fund, the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage, and the Santiago Network.

8. Each subsequent dialogue will provide an opportunity to take stock, review commitments and share progress. The dialogues are also expected to consider any comments or guidance from the COP and the CMA and will follow up on recommendations arising from previous dialogues with each dialogue building on the previous one.

## **A. Outcome**

9. The outcome of the high-level dialogue will be a report containing recommendations arising from the dialogue, including information on scaling up or enhancing existing as well as initiating new funding arrangements. This report will support the Board in its efforts to understand the existing landscape of support for responding to loss and damage and the role of the Fund as the platform for facilitating coordination and complementarity. The report will be communicated through the Board's annual report to the COP and the CMA. The dialogue will consider any comments or guidance received from the COP and the CMA.

## **B. Participants**

10. As per decisions 1/CP.28 and 5/CMA.5, annex II, paragraph 14, the dialogue will consist of no more than 30 high-level representatives of entities engaged in responding to loss and damage that form part of the new funding arrangements, invited by the co-conveners of the dialogue. Participants will include those listed in decisions 1/CP.28 and 5/CMA.5, annex II, paragraph 14.

## **C. High-level event to launch the high-level dialogue on complementarity and coherence**

11. The high-level dialogue will be launched through a high-level event on the margins of the World Leaders Climate Action Summit in Baku, Azerbaijan, during the twenty-ninth session of the Conference of the Parties and the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (COP 29 and CMA 6), as follows:

(a) Co-hosts: the Republic of Azerbaijan as the COP 29 Presidency and the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage;

(b) Date and time: 12 or 13 November 2024 (90 minutes, to be confirmed);

(c) Venue: Baku, Azerbaijan.

12. The event will be co-hosted by the Republic of Azerbaijan as the COP 29 Presidency<sup>4</sup> and the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage. It will be approximately 90 minutes in length, with a focused and impactful programme of high-level speakers. The objectives of this public-facing event are to provide an update on the latest progress made relating to the Fund, to continue the momentum on loss and damage from recent COPs, to highlight the commitment from and calls for countries and various funding arrangement entities to provide support for responding to loss and damage, and to set the stage for the high-level dialogue to take place in 2025. Invited participants will include the United Nations Secretary-General, the COP 29 President, the principals of the three entities that comprise the interim secretariat (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Green Climate Fund and

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<sup>4</sup> The proposed arrangements for the high-level event was prepared in consultation with the COP 29 Presidency.

the United Nations Development Programme), the President of the World Bank Group as host of the financial intermediary fund, and the President of the Philippines as host country of the Board. The Executive Director of the Fund, if in place at the time of the event, is expected to represent the Fund. The format of the event will be further communicated between the interim secretariat and the COP 29 Presidency.

13. The outcome of the launch event will be a joint declaration/communiqué containing a summary of the launching event and an appeal to the international community for enhancing support for those who are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change.

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