



LOSS AND DAMAGE

ONLINE
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WARSAW INTERNATIONAL MECHANISM FOR LOSS AND DAMAGE

Executive Committee

Guiding the implementation of the functions
of the Mechanism

Technical arms of
the Committee



Workplan



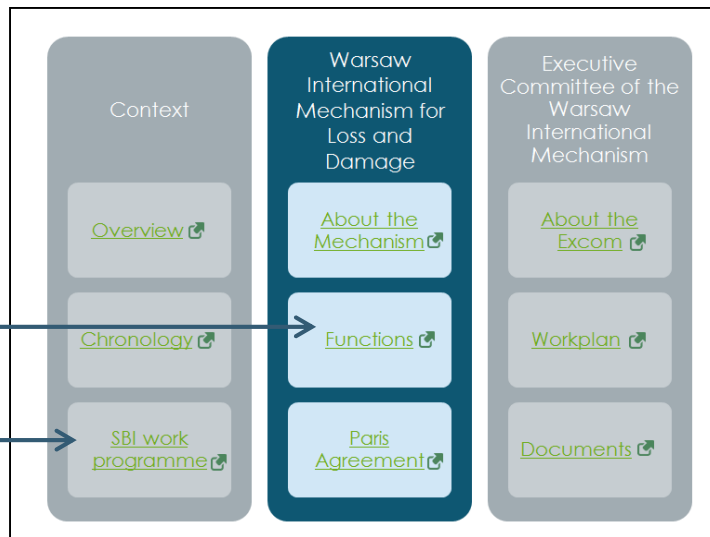
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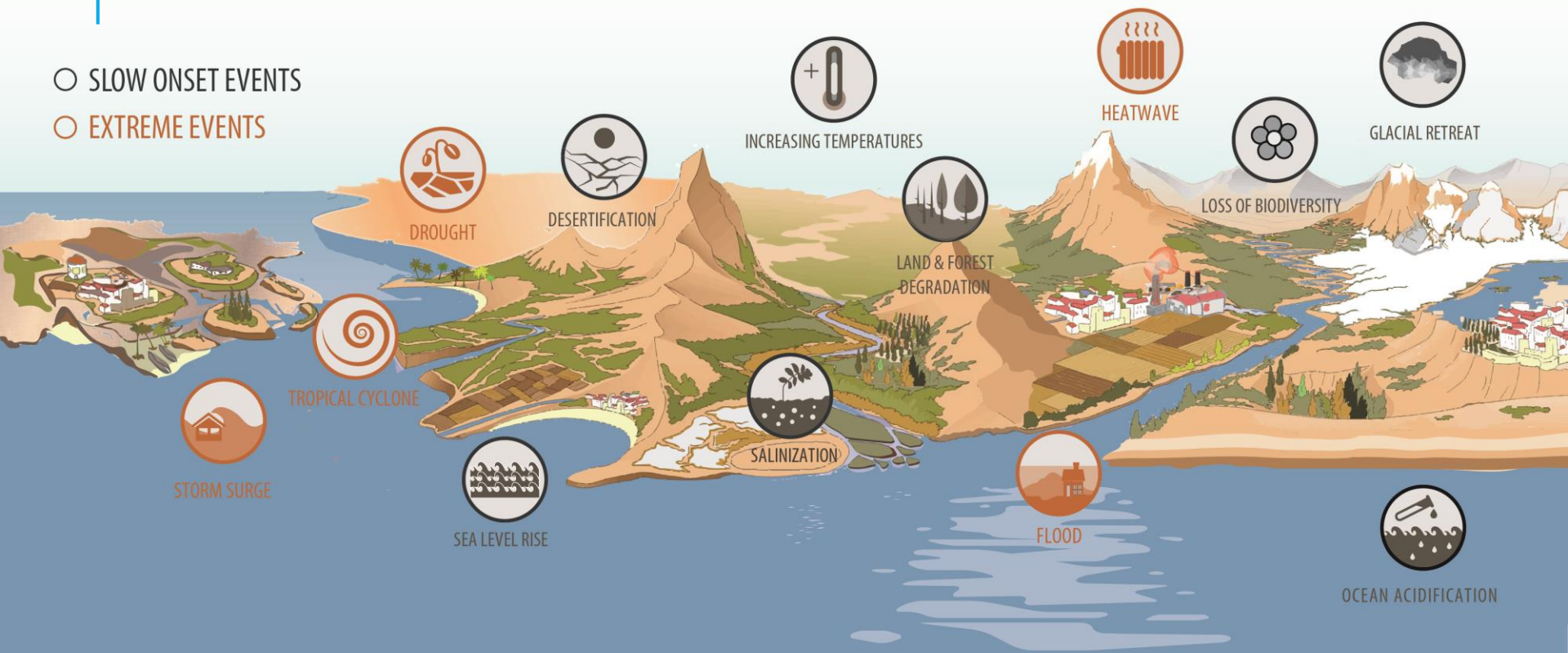
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ECONOMIC LOSSES

INCOME

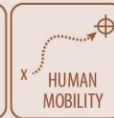


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INDIVIDUALS



SOCIETY

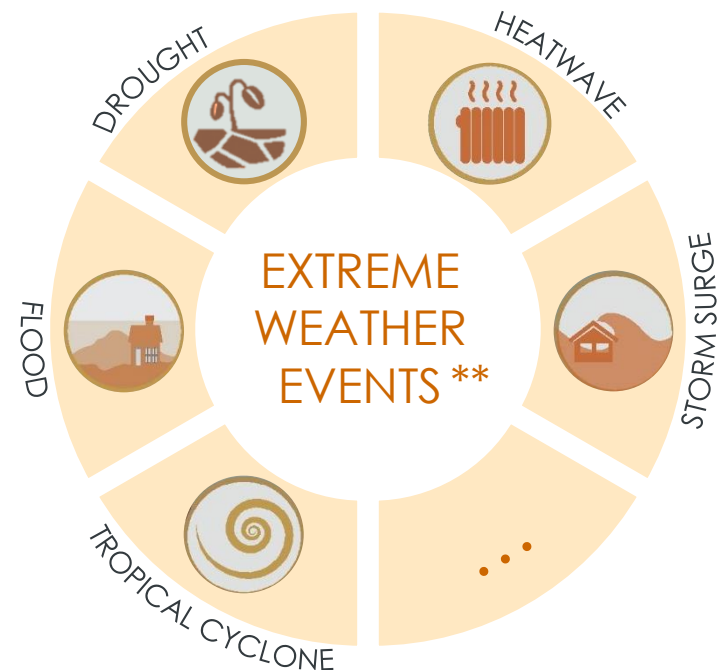
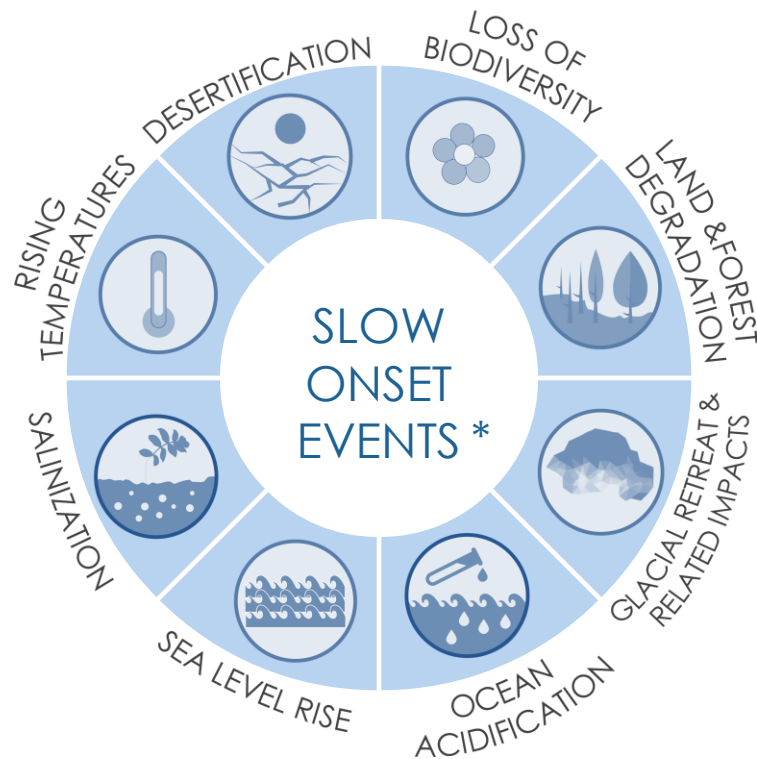


ENVIRONMENT

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IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Impacts of climate change include slow onset events* and extreme weather events which may both result in loss and damage.



* As referred to in [Decision 1/CP.16](#)

** Those presented are examples



NON-ECONOMIC LOSSES



Economic losses can be understood as the loss of resources, goods and services that are commonly traded in markets.



Non-economic losses can be understood as the remainder of items that are not commonly traded in markets.



MILESTONES

Initial
technical
work

Development
of an initial
workplan

Implementation
of the initial
2-year workplan

Implementation
of a 5-year rolling
workplan

COP 13
(2007)

COP 16
(2010)

COP 17
(2011)

COP 18
(2012)

COP 19
(2013)

COP 20
(2014)

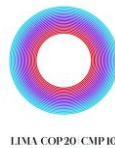
COP 21
(2015)

COP 22
(2016)

COP 23
(2017)

COP 24
(2018)

COP 25
(2019)



Consideration
of means to
address L&D
launched

Work
programme
on L&D
established

Relevant
knowledge
on L&D
shared &
synthesised

Role of the
COP in
addressing
L&D
agreed

Warsaw
International
Mechanism
& its Executive
Committee
established

Workplan &
the
organization
of the
Executive
Committee
approved

Paris
Agreement
adopted

Mandates for
establishing a
clearing house
for risk transfer
& a task
force on
displacement

Warsaw
International
Mechanism
reviewed

Fiji Clearing
House for
Risk Transfer
launched

Task Force
recommen-
dations for
integrated
approaches
to avert,
minimize &
address
displacement

Next
review of
the
Warsaw
Inter-
national
Mechanism

[More on the multilateral process milestones on L&D](#)



SBI WORK PROGRAMME ON LOSS AND DAMAGE (2011-2013)

COP 16 (2010) established a work programme on loss and damage to:

- Consider approaches to address loss and damage, including impacts of extreme weather events and slow onset events in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable; and
- Strengthen international cooperation and expertise in order to understand and reduce loss and damage

The Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI) undertook technical work in the areas of:

- Assessing the risk of loss and damage;
- A range of approaches;
- The role of the Convention.

[More on the technical work under the work programme](#) 

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ABOUT THE WARSAW INTERNATIONAL MECHANISM FOR LOSS AND DAMAGE

The Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage (WIM) is the main vehicle in the UNFCCC process to address loss and damage associated with climate change impacts in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, in a comprehensive, integrated and coherent manner.



Established by the COP at [COP19](#) (2013) in Warsaw, Poland

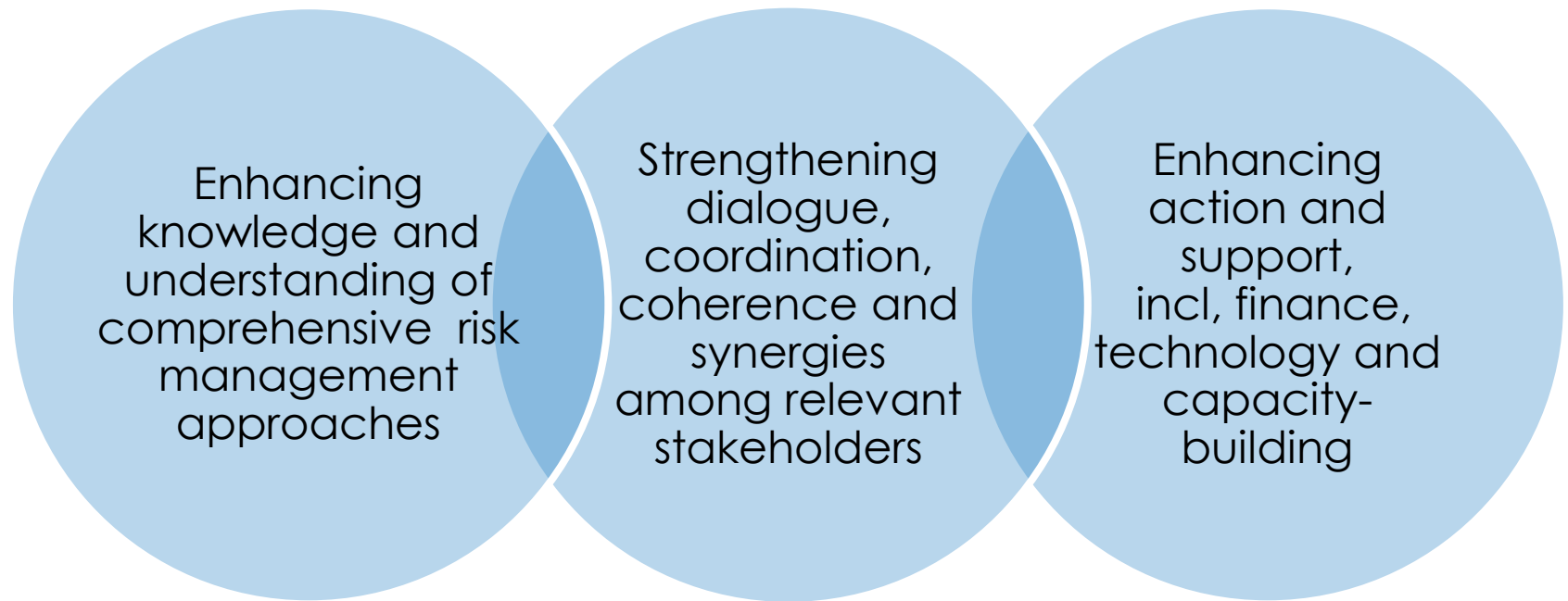
The WIM will, inter alia:

- Facilitate support of action to address loss and damage;
- Improve coordination;
- Convene meetings;
- Promote the development of, and compile, analyse, synthesize and review information;
- Provide technical guidance and support;
- Make recommendations.



FUNCTIONS OF THE MECHANISM

The implementation of the functions of the WIM are guided by the Executive Committee of the Mechanism.





PARIS AGREEMENT

- The Paris Agreement recognizes the importance of averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage.
- Overarching areas of cooperation and facilitation to enhance understanding, action and support:

- Early warning systems
- Emergency preparedness
- Slow onset events
- Events that may involve irreversible and permanent loss and damage
- Comprehensive risk assessment and management
- Risk insurance facilities, climate risk pooling and other insurance solutions
- Non-economic losses
- Resilience of communities, livelihoods and ecosystems



PARIS MANDATES

COP 21 in Paris requested the Excom to establish:

- A clearing house for risk transfer that serves as a repository for information on insurance and risk transfer.
- A task force to develop recommendations for integrated approaches to avert, minimize and address displacement, related to the adverse impacts of climate change.

[Decision 1/CP.21](#), paras. 48 and 49 



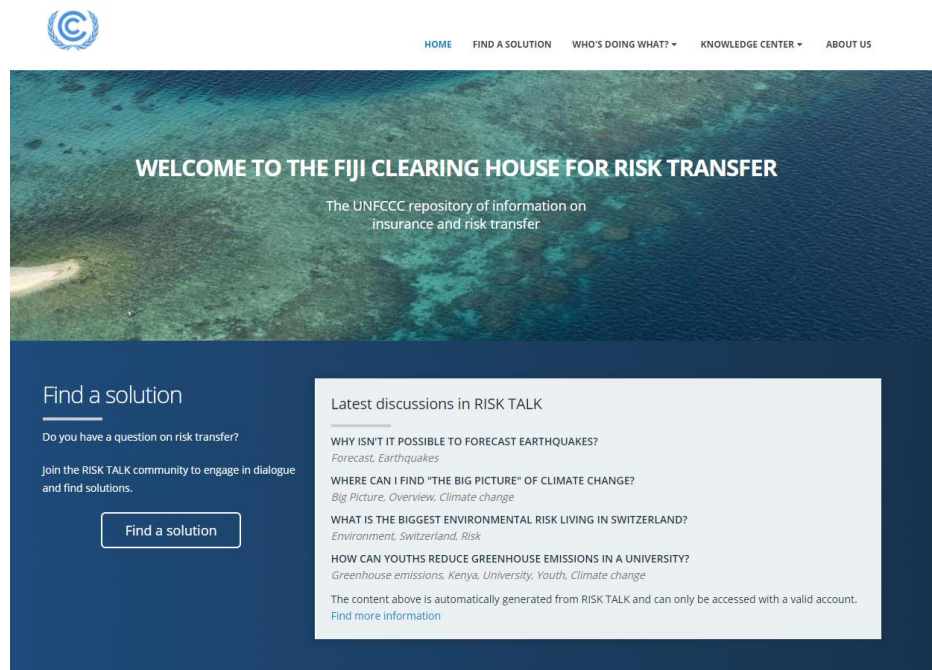


FIJI CLEARING HOUSE FOR RISK TRANSFER

COP 21 requested the Excom to establish a Clearing House for Risk Transfer in order to facilitate the efforts of Parties to develop and implement comprehensive risk management strategies.

The [Fiji Clearing House for Risk Transfer](#) was launched during the COP 23. The Clearing House serves as repository for information on insurance and risk transfer.

Through [RISK TALK](#), an interactive online community on climate change risk transfer, one can ask specific questions and get tailor-made answers.

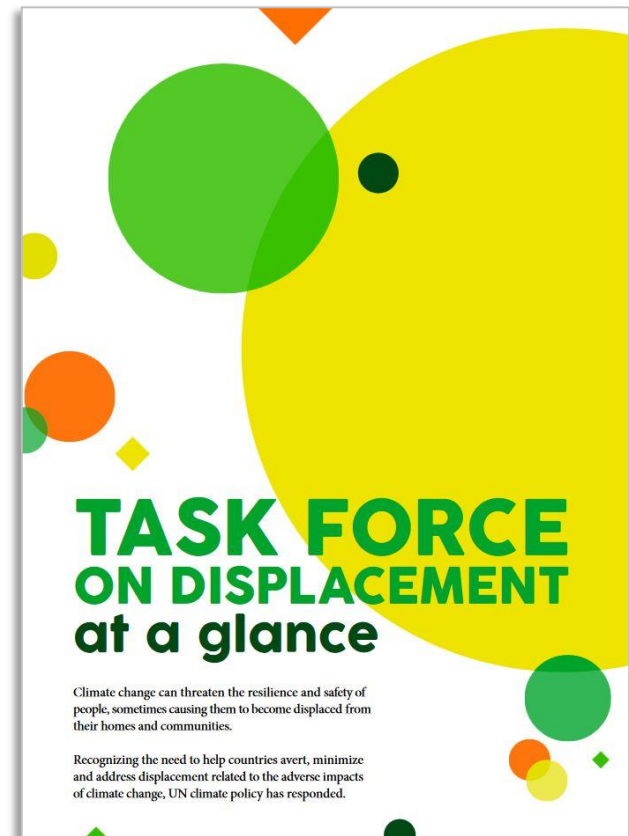




TASK FORCE ON DISPLACEMENT

COP 21 requested the Excom to **establish a task force to develop recommendations for integrated approaches to avert, minimize and address displacement**, related to the adverse impacts of climate change.

The Task Force on Displacement is to complement, draw upon the work of and involve, as appropriate, existing bodies and expert groups under the Convention including the Adaptation Committee and the LDC Expert Group, as well as relevant organizations and expert bodies outside the Convention.



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ABOUT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WARSAW INTERNATIONAL MECHANISM

COP 19 (2013) established the **Executive Committee** of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage (Excom) in order to guide the implementation of the functions of the Mechanism.

The Excom meets at least twice a year, and reports annually to the COP.

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TECHNICAL ARMS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Excom may establish expert groups, subcommittees, panels, thematic advisory groups or task-focused ad hoc working groups, to help execute the work of the Excom in guiding the implementation of the Warsaw International Mechanism, as appropriate, in an advisory role, and that report to the Excom.

[Decision 2/CP.20](#), para. 8



Under its five-year rolling workplan, the Excom will establish the following substructures:

- **Technical expert panel/group** to improve the knowledge base on and develop recommendations for approaches for addressing **slow onset events**
- **Expert group** to develop inputs and recommendations to enhance data on and knowledge of reducing the risk of and addressing **non-economic losses**
- **Technical expert group** to enhance knowledge and understanding of **comprehensive risk management approaches**, including issues related to finance, data, technology, regulatory environments and capacity-building

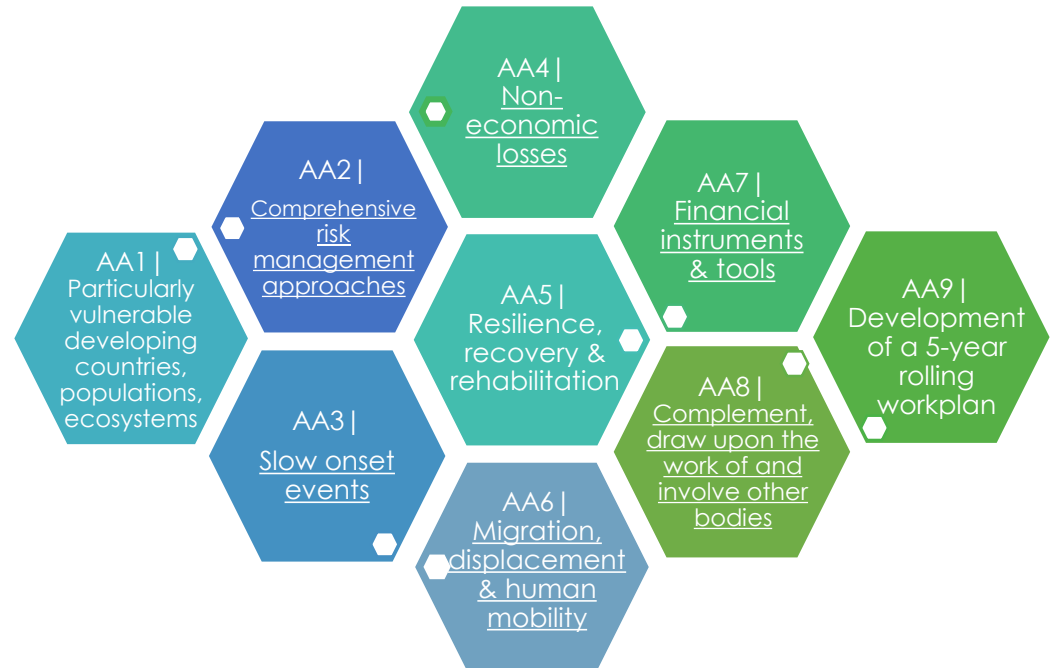


INITIAL TWO-YEAR WORKPLAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (2015 -)

COP 20 (2014) approved the initial two-year workplan of the Excom.

[Decision 2/CP.20](#), para. 1

The initial two-year workplan comprises 9 Action Areas (AA), associated activities and expected results.

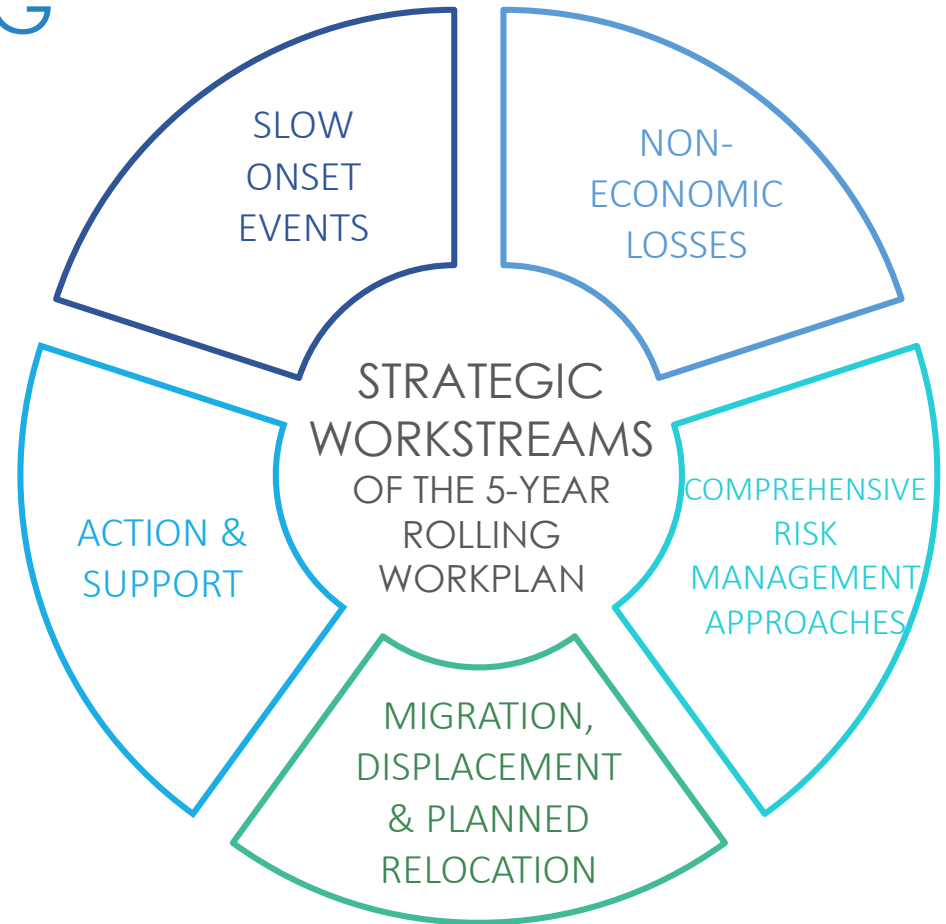




FIVE-YEAR ROLLING WORKPLAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (2018 -)

COP 22 (2016) approved the framework for the five-year rolling workplan of the Excom as the basis for developing corresponding activities.

The Excom presented associated activities for the first two years at COP 23 (2017).



In addition to the areas of the strategic workstreams above, the Excom considers cross-cutting issues and emerging needs at its regular meetings.

REVIEW OF THE WARSAW INTERNATIONAL MECHANISM FOR LOSS & DAMAGE

COP 22 review provided further guidance relevant to enhancing and strengthening the WIM, and recommended a process for future review of the Mechanism.

The next review will be held in 2019.

The COP requested the secretariat, as an input to the 2019 review, to prepare a technical paper elaborating the sources of financial support, as provided through the Financial Mechanism (FM) and outside of the FM for addressing loss and damage as described in relevant decisions, as well as modalities for accessing such support.





LOSS & DAMAGE CONTACT POINT

COP 22 recommended that the Excom invite interested Parties to establish a Loss and Damage contact point to enhance the implementation of approaches to address loss and damage at the national level.





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