



First meeting of the Technical Expert Group on Comprehensive Risk Management under the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism on Loss and Damage

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Provisional Programme

Background

To further the implementation of the strategic workstream (c) of its workplan, the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism (hereafter the ‘WIM Excom’), at its ninth meeting (April 2019), requested the Secretariat to organize the first meeting of the Technical Expert Group on Comprehensive Risk Management (TEG-CRM). This first meeting of the TEG-CRM focuses on initiating the work of the TEG-CRM and finalizing a plan of action under the strategic workstream (c).

The first TEG-CRM meeting is expected to be held for two days on Thursday 29 August, 9:00 – Friday 30 August, 17:00.

Box 1: Related mandates

The [Warsaw International Mechanism](#) (WIM) is the main vehicle under the Convention 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. The [Executive Committee](#) of the WIM guides the implementation of the functions of the Warsaw International Mechanism through its five- year rolling [workplan](#) (hereafter referred to as ‘workplan’). The Excom comprises 20 members from Parties to the Convention.

The COP, at its twentieth session, decided that the Excom may establish expert groups, subcommittees, panels, thematic advisory groups or task-focused ad hoc working groups, in accordance with decision 2/CP.20, paragraph 8, to help execute the work of the Executive Committee in guiding the implementation of the Warsaw International Mechanism, as appropriate, in an advisory role, and that report to the Executive Committee. Further to this, the COP, at its twenty-third session, welcomed the report of the Excom, which contains, inter alia, the workplan of the Excom.

Strategic workstream (c) of the workplan focuses on enhanced cooperation and facilitation in relation to comprehensive risk management (CRM)¹ approaches (including assessment, reduction, transfer and retention). Activity 1 of the strategic workstream (c) mandates the establishment of a [Technical Expert Group](#) (TEG-CRM) to enhance knowledge and understanding of CRM, including issues related to finance, data, technology, regulatory environments and capacity building.

¹ Examples include (but not limited to): Emergency preparedness, including early warning systems; measures to enhance recovery and rehabilitation and build back/forward better; social protection instruments, including social safety nets; and transformational approaches.

Objectives and proposed approach

The objective of the first meeting of the TEG-CRM is to engage in discussion, exchange ideas and co-develop its plan of action on enhanced cooperation and facilitation on comprehensive risk management. More specifically the meeting will focus on the following:

- a. Introduce experts and learn from their experience/work in relation to strategic workstream (c) on CRM;
- b. Stocktake the UNFCCC processes on the WIM, the WIM Excom workplan and CRM outputs to date;
- c. Engage in discussion and exchange ideas on a plan of action, potential contributions from experts and available resources; and
- d. Consider the agenda for the first stakeholder workshop on capacity-building for enhanced risk assessment and observation in the context of loss and damage scheduled to take place in late October 2019.

Outcomes

The key outcome of the two-day meeting will be a plan of action for the TEG-CRM and an agenda of the stakeholder workshop on capacity-building for enhanced observation and risk assessment in the context of loss and damage (planned to be held from 28 to 29 October 2019 to implement activity 4 of workstream (c)). The plan of action will include specific objectives, indicative time frames and associated actions and deliverables, subject to approval and, as appropriate, will be reviewed by the Executive Committee prior to its implementation. The plan of action and the October 2019 workshop are expected to catalyse strategic engagement by relevant organizations and assist the Excom in advancing action on CRM to address and build long term resilience of countries, vulnerable populations and communities to loss and damage, including in relation to extreme and slow onset events.

Participants

The expert meeting will bring together members of the TEG-CRM involved in the implementation of the strategic workstream (c) of the five-year rolling workplan of the Excom. The current TEG-CRM is composed of 17 members organized along the overarching three themes:

- Knowledge and understanding of CRM approaches (activity 2 of workstream c);
- Capacity-building for observation and risk assessment in the context of loss and damage (activity 4 of workstream c); and
- Development and dissemination of guidance on and user-friendly CRM tools, e.g. risk profiles (activity 5 of workstream c).

Format

The expert meeting will be organized in six sessions over the two days, featuring presentations and interactive discussions among TEG-CRM members.

- **Session 1:** Setting the scene and introduction of TEG-CRM members
- **Session 2:** Overview of Science and Policy related to CRM and Loss and Damage
- **Session 3:** Work planning by the TEG-CRM
- **Session 4:** Priority events/milestones for TEG-CRM plan of action
- **Session 5:** Finalizing a plan of action and agenda for October 2019 workshop on capacity-building for enhanced observation and risk assessment in the context of loss and damage
- **Session 6:** Next Steps and Close

For the first session, will include an overview presentation that will introduce the WIM Excom workplan, and update from TEG-CRM outputs to date topic. During the first session, each TEG-CRM member presents how the work of his/her organization links to the scope of the strategic workstream (c) focusing on CRM approaches. This will be followed by sharing of views on science and policy related to CRM, loss and damage and what the TEG-CRM aims to achieve to further implement the strategic workstream (c) mandates, with more specific discussions on activities 2, 4 and 5 of workstream (c) by TEG-CRM members in smaller groups. During the meeting, the expert group members will create a plan of action together. A particular focus will also be on the agenda of the forthcoming stakeholder workshop on capacity building for enhanced risk observation and assessment in the context of loss and damage. Following the meeting, the UNFCCC Secretariat will prepare a report to be shared by the tenth meeting of the Excom.

Preparation for the meeting

The TEG-CRM members will have a up to five minutes in session 1 to orally update the TEG on their work relevant to strategic workstream (c). In preparation for the meeting, members may wish to reflect on the following questions:

1. What relevant activities and events are being planned by your or other organizations for 2019-2021 which the TEG-CRM could synergize its work?
2. Based on your experiences, what challenges, opportunities and lessons learned do you/does your organization see when implementing CRM approaches, including risk-informed action for groups vulnerable to the adverse impacts of climate change?

Proposed guidance for the brainstorming, group and plenary discussions

Prior to the meeting, for sessions three, four and five, it would be useful for TEG-CRM members to identify good organizational practices and activities related to strategic workstream (c) of the five-year rolling workplan of the Excom. The strategic workstream (c) of the WIM Excom workplan should guide the development and implementation action. The plan of action resulting from session 5 should outline emerging opportunities, activities to help build long-term resilience of countries, vulnerable populations and communities to loss and damage. It will also outline who is going to lead which activities of the plan of action.

Time	Purpose
Day 1 Thursday 29 August 2019	
8.30 -9.00	Registration and Informal Networking
9.00 – 9.15	Welcome and Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome by Excom member of the TEG-CRM and DIE
9.15-11.00	Session 1: Setting the scene and introduction of TEG-CRM members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction of the WIM, Excom and an overview of relevant work of the Excom to date - Each member introduces the relevant work of his/her organization <p><i>Intended Output: TEG-CRM members are familiar with each other and reflect on relevant expertise and strengths of each organization in relation to the envisioned activities of the TEG-CRM.</i></p>
11.00-11.15	Coffee Break
11.15-12.00	Session 2: Science and Policy related to Climate Risk Management and Loss and Damage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exchange of views on emerging climate risks, learnings and knowledge gaps from the Fifth Assessment Report of the IPCC and Special Reports (30mins) <p><i>Intended output: Heightened awareness on science for risk-informed planning and action</i></p>
12.00-13.00	Lunch
13.00-15.30	Session 3: Work-planning of the TEG-CRM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WIM Excom members of the TEG-CRM introduce 1) vision and a possible structure of the plan of action, and 2) the modality of the session. - Stocktake on inputs shared at session 1. - Breakout session in three Working Groups focused on establishing milestones and steps to implement activities 2, 4, and 5 of workstream (c) of the WIM Excom workplan. <p><i>Intended output: Common vision, milestones and plans to implement the activities identified under workstream c.</i></p>
15.30-15.45	Coffee Break
15.45-17.30	Session 3: Work-planning of the TEG-CRM (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reporting on the outcomes of breakout group discussions - Plenary Discussion on overlapping and/or missing elements, if any <p><i>Intended output: Common vision, milestones, and plans to implement the activities identified under workstream c.</i></p>

Day 2 Friday 30 August 2019

<p>9.00-11:30 (rolling coffee break)</p>	<p>Session 4: Finalizing a draft plan of action and identifying priority events/milestones for TEG-CRM plan of action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outline of Day 2 by the co-facilitators - TEG-CRM fine-tuning the plan of action from Day 1 for overall coherence and to achieve the desired vision (checking also against the overall objective of the WIM), focusing on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Synergies, complementarities with ongoing efforts, potential partnerships o Identifying lead/co-leads for each milestones of the draft plan of action - Communications within the TEG-CRM on the progress of its plan of action. <p><i>Intended output: A final draft plan of action of the TEG-CRM and agreement of the immediate next steps.</i></p>
<p>11.30-12.30</p>	<p>Session 5: Finalizing an agenda for October 2019 workshop on capacity-building for observation and risk assessment in the context of loss and damage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TEG-CRM provisional agenda for the October 2019 workshop, focusing on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Objective, sessions and format o Relevant stakeholders, indicative types of participants and experts. <p><i>Intended output: Provisional agenda for the October 2019 workshop</i></p>
<p>12.30- 13.30</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>13.30-15.15</p>	<p>Session 5: Finalizing an agenda for October 2019 workshop on capacity-building for observation and risk assessment (continued) in the context of loss and damage (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continued plenary discussion on the provisional agenda for the October 2019 workshop, focusing on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Outreach to participants and experts. o Next steps <p><i>Intended output: Provisional agenda for the October 2019 workshop</i></p>
<p>15.15-15.30</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>
<p>15.30-16.00</p>	<p>Session 6: Next Steps and Close</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agree on the tentative timing of the next meeting - AOB
<p>16.00</p>	<p>Closure of the Meeting</p>