

Ninth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts, Bonn, Germany, 9 to 11 April 2019

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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda**1. Opening of the meeting**

1. The co-chair of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts (Excom), Mr. Erling Kvernevik, will open the 9th meeting of the Excom (Excom 9) on 9 April 2019.

2. Adoption of the agenda

2. The provisional agenda for Excom 9 will be presented for adoption.

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3. Election of the co-chairs

3. Pursuant to decision 2/CP.20, the Excom, at its 7th meeting, 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.
4. Action: 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 Excom's first meeting in 2019.

4. Organization of work

5. Prior to the official opening of Excom 9 on 8 March, the co-chairs will convene an informal gathering of Excom members. This will enable, among others, incoming members to familiarize themselves with the work of the Committee and all members to become acquainted with one another.

6. Observers will be welcome throughout the official part of the meeting. They will be invited to make interventions under all agenda items and to participate in parallel working group discussions. Audio recording of the plenary discussions will be made available online after the meeting with a view to ensuring transparency of the proceedings.

7. In order to best organize the work, the co-chairs propose that all items will initially be addressed in plenary. Items that the Excom cannot conclude within the foreseen time slot will either be considered in a parallel working setting and subsequently concluded in plenary or continued intersessionally with a view to addressing them at the next meeting, as appropriate.

5. Collaboration and interlinkages with other bodies and work programmes under the UNFCCC

8. Efforts related to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with climate change impacts interact closely with the work undertaken by and mandates of other bodies and institutional arrangements under the UNFCCC. Excom 7 established a number of focal point members for liaising with other bodies in an efficient and effective manner during the intersessional periods (see below Table 1).

Table 1: Body focal points

Bodies	Focal points
Adaptation Committee	Sumaya, Malcolm
Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention	Vhali, Erling
Green Climate Fund	Pepe, Russell
Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change	Dawn, Farhan
Least Developed Countries Expert Group	Adao (Nurul as a back-up), Christoph
Paris Committee on Capacity Building	Antonio, Thomas
Standing Committee on Finance	Pepe, Farhan
Technology Executive Committee	Nedal, Takeya

9. Those members who represented the Excom in various intersessional activities will be invited to briefly report on progress made and on any further action for the Excom, as appropriate. This includes brief updates on participation in in-session events during COP 24.

10. Action: The Excom will be invited to take note of the oral reports and discuss any further guidance as necessary.

Excom/2019/9/2	Development of the joint policy brief of the Excom and the Technology Executive Committee
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6. Work of the expert groups of the Executive Committee

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

carrying out the activities of the five-year rolling workplan of the Excom in an effective and coherent manner.

12. Excom 7 adopted the terms of reference for the thematic expert groups of the Excom. At Excom 7, established three groups as part of the implementation of its five-year rolling workplan and elected its members who serve in these groups in order to initiate respective activities (see Table 2 below).

13. At the same meeting, the Excom also established a roster of experts under the Warsaw International Mechanism (roster of experts). The purpose of the roster of experts is to identify external technical experts whom the Excom can engage in undertaking a variety of mandated activities as per the five-year workplan of the Excom.

Table 2: Members serving in the thematic expert groups

Thematic expert groups	Excom members serving in the groups
Compressive risk management approaches in the context of Strategic workstream (c)	Christoph, Dawn, Nedal, Thomas
Non-economic losses in the context of Strategic workstream (b)	Antonio, Monika, Nurul, Russell, Valeriy
Slow onset events in the context of Strategic workstream (a)	Antonio, Ekaterine, Farhan, Malcolm

14. The members of these groups will be invited to report on the status of the selection of experts and on initial plans for the implementation of respective activities.

15. Action: The Excom will be invited to take note of the progress made by the expert groups, and provide any further guidance, as appropriate.

7. Elaboration of terms of reference of the task force on displacement

16. Excom 8 agreed to extend the mandate of the task force and elaborate terms of reference at Excom 9. The aim of the extension of the task force was for it to help execute the work of the Excom in guiding the implementation of the Warsaw International Mechanism, as appropriate, as part of strategic workstream (d)¹ of the five-year rolling workplan of the Excom.

17. At the same meeting, the Excom also agreed to consider at Excom 9 steps for taking forward, inter alia, the following activities:²

(a) Ensure synergies are established between strategic workstream (d) on human mobility and the other workstreams of the five-year rolling workplan of the Excom in order to advance work on displacement;

(b) Continue engaging with civil society, experts, affected communities and other relevant stakeholders on displacement and broader area of human mobility, in the context of climate change in the activities of the Excom;

(c) Compile, in collaboration with relevant organizations, existing knowledge, data, tools and guidance; develop these in areas where there are gaps, where appropriate, in particular in relation to integrated approaches to avert, minimize and address displacement and broader areas of human mobility related to the adverse impacts of climate change; and disseminate them, including through the UNFCCC website;

(d) Facilitate action and support, including finance, technology and capacity-building, for developing country Parties in their efforts, as appropriate, to integrate approaches to avert, minimize and address displacement related to the adverse impacts of

¹ Strategic workstream (d): Enhanced cooperation and facilitation in relation to human mobility, including migration, displacement and planned relocation.

² 2018 report of the Excom, paragraph 38 as contained in document FCCC/SB2018/1.

climate change into relevant national planning processes, including the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans;

(e) Facilitate, in collaboration with relevant bodies under the Convention and the Paris Agreement and relevant organizations, as appropriate, building the capacity of developing country Parties related to mapping of risks of displacement, and identification and implementation of integrated approaches to avert, minimize and address displacement related to the adverse impacts of climate change;

(f) Facilitate enhanced understanding and the provision of technical support for developing country Parties to bridge knowledge and capacity gaps regarding in particular internal displacement related to the adverse effects of climate change.

18. Action: The Excom is invited to finalize the terms of reference of the task force on displacement in the context of strategic workstream (d) of the five-year rolling workplan of the Excom for guiding the implementation of the Warsaw International Mechanism, as appropriate.

8. Priority activities for 2019–2021 contained in the five-year rolling workplan

19. Excom 6 agreed on a set of activities for its five-year rolling workplan. For each of the five strategic workstreams, the Excom developed detailed activities which were envisioned to be largely initiated by Excom 10 (2nd half of 2019) and provisions for priority activities for 2019–2021. COP 23 (November 2017) noted the flexibility of the Excom’s workplan which enables the timely consideration of cross-cutting issues and current, urgent and emerging needs.

20. Action: The Excom will be invited to take note of the priority activities for 2019–2021 as contained in its five-year rolling workplan and agree on next steps toward the implementation thereof.

Excom/2019/9/3	An overview of priority activities for 2019–2021
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9. Emerging needs and cross-cutting issues arising from the guidance by the COP

21. Excom 6 decided to include an agenda item in future Excom meetings to consider emerging needs and cross-cutting issues. The COP, through its decision 10/CP.24, conveyed a number of encouragements to the Excom.

22. Action: The Excom will be invited to take note of the guidance by the COP as contained in decision 10/CP.24, and consider ways to address it, as appropriate.

Excom/2019/9/4	An overview of relevant provisions arising from COP 24
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10. Dates of the next meeting

23. The Excom will be invited to decide on the exact length of, and dates for, Excom 10.

11. Organization of intersessional work

24. The Excom will be invited to endorse the champion members for the intersessional working groups established and their associated work.

12. Any other matters

25. The Excom will be invited to consider any other matters arising during the meeting.

13. Closure of the meeting

26. Excom 9 is scheduled to close on Thursday 11 April 2019.
