

Updated co-facilitators' paper

This paper reflects a further elaboration of the initial non-paper tabled at the fourth informal consultation meeting on 5 December and takes into account the additional views expressed by Parties at that meeting.

While it is NOT a draft decision, it attempts to express Parties' views in a format towards developing a draft decision, with the exception of those areas particularly requiring further elaboration among Parties before the co-facilitators present a draft decision for Parties' consideration.

Review of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts

Placeholder to include, at a later stage, the governing body or bodies which will adopt this decision,¹

Recalling decision 2/CP.19, whereby the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts was established to address loss and damage associated with the impacts of climate change, including extreme events and slow onset events, in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change,

Also recalling decisions 3/CP.18, 2/CP.19, 2/CP.20, 1/CP.21, 2/CP.21, 3/CP.22, 4/CP.22, 5/CP.23 and 10/CP.24,

Further recalling Article 8 of the Paris Agreement,

Being aware of the relevant provisions of decisions 18/CMA.1 and 19/CMA.1,

Reaffirming the role of the Warsaw International Mechanism in promoting the implementation of approaches to avert, minimize and address loss and damage associated with climate change impacts in a comprehensive, integrated and coherent manner,

Also reaffirming the role of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism in guiding the implementation of the functions of the Mechanism,

Recognizing that the Warsaw International Mechanism encompasses more than the work of its Executive Committee and thematic expert groups,

Also recognizing the importance of the Warsaw International Mechanism for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change,

Recalling that the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-second session recommended that the next review of the Warsaw International Mechanism be held in 2019,²

Acknowledging the Executive Committee's decision to identify follow-up activities to the 2019 review of the Warsaw International Mechanism under strategic workstream (e) of its five-year rolling workplan at its first meeting of 2020,

Also acknowledging that the Executive Committee agreed to discuss its role in and contribution to the global stocktake at its future meetings, starting with its first meeting of 2020,

¹ Pending the outcome of the informal consultations on agenda item 7 of the Conference of the Parties/agenda item 5 of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement. Nothing in this document prejudices Parties' views or prejudices outcomes on matters related to the governance of the Warsaw International Mechanism.

² Decision 4/CP.22, para. 2(b).

Noting that the Executive Committee will evaluate progress in implementing its five-year rolling workplan in 2020 and at regular intervals at its subsequent meetings,

Having considered the effectiveness and efficiency of the Warsaw International Mechanism, as well as barriers and gaps, challenges and opportunities, and lessons learned in relation to the Mechanism, on the basis of the terms of reference for the 2019 review of the Mechanism,³

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts, including the recommendations contained therein;⁴
2. *Acknowledges* the progress, achievements and successful practices in implementing the Warsaw International Mechanism since 2013, while noting areas for improvement and shortcomings;
3. *Also acknowledges* that further work is needed to effectively operationalize the functions of the Warsaw International Mechanism as set out in decision 2/CP.19, paragraph 5;
4. *Further acknowledges* the catalytic role of the Warsaw International Mechanism in mobilizing and connecting relevant stakeholders;
5. *Agrees* that further guidance could contribute to improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the Warsaw International Mechanism, including its timeliness, relevance, visibility, coherence, complementarity, comprehensiveness, responsiveness and resourcing and the delivery and usefulness of its products and outputs;
6. *Also agrees* that the best available science, particularly in reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, should guide approaches to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage;
7. *Recognizes* the importance and value of indigenous, traditional and local knowledge;
8. *Also recognizes* the importance of particularly vulnerable developing countries and segments of the population that are already vulnerable owing to geography, socioeconomic status, livelihood, gender, age, indigenous or minority status, or disability, as well as the ecosystems they depend on, in the implementation of the Warsaw International Mechanism;
9. *Encourages* the Executive Committee, Parties and relevant bodies and organizations under and outside the Convention and other relevant stakeholders to mainstream gender and human rights-based approaches in their work and to give priority to the most vulnerable populations;
10. *Recognizes* the need to enhance the relevance, usefulness and dissemination of the outputs of the Warsaw International Mechanism to enable Parties and stakeholders to easily use and integrate these outputs into planning and implementing approaches to avert, minimize and address loss and damage;
11. *Encourages* Parties to establish a loss and damage contact point through their respective national focal point, as called for in decision 4/CP.22;⁵
12. *Also encourages* the Executive Committee to communicate its outputs in formats that are easy to translate, adapt and access in different contexts and by different users;
13. *Requests* the Executive Committee to identify modalities to foster the sharing of relevant knowledge and experience among practitioners and vulnerable countries in an interactive and practical manner;
14. *Recognizes* the long-term nature of climate change impacts and associated risks;

³ FCCC/SBI/2019/9, annex I, and FCCC/SBSTA/2019/2, annex.

⁴ FCCC/SB/2019/5 and Add.1.

⁵ Decision 4/CP.22, para. 4(d).

15. *Encourages* the Executive Committee to take into account when updating its five-year rolling workplan areas of work that may require long-term consideration and efforts in the context of the work of each of its subgroups;
16. *Recognizes* the importance of integrating the consideration of approaches to avert, minimize and address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change into relevant work under and outside the Convention and under the Paris Agreement;
17. *Requests* the secretariat, under the guidance of the Executive Committee, to organize meetings in conjunction with relevant regional forums, engaging relevant constituted bodies, networks and work programmes under the Convention, including the Adaptation Committee, the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform Facilitative Working Group, the Consultative Group of Experts, the Standing Committee on Finance, the Technology Executive Committee, and the Climate Technology Centre and Network, within their respective mandates and workplans and in partnership with relevant organizations, to identify ways of integrating loss and damage in relevant work and guidelines, as appropriate;
18. *Encourages* the constituted bodies, networks and work programmes referred to in paragraph 17 above, within their respective mandates and workplans and in collaboration with the Executive Committee, to integrate loss and damage, where appropriate, in their work on methods, tools and guidance, including reporting guidance under the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement;
19. *Acknowledges* the importance of the involvement of and collaboration with relevant constituted bodies and expert groups, organizations and institutions, under and outside the Convention, to enhance coordination, synergies and linkages;
20. *Requests* the Executive Committee and its thematic expert groups, in undertaking their work, to draw upon the work and invite the involvement the constituted bodies, networks and work programmes mentioned in paragraph 17 above, as appropriate;
21. *Acknowledges* the need to strengthen risk assessment, including developing methods and tools for comprehensive and long-term risk assessment;
22. *Invites* the Executive Committee to develop recommendations on methodologies available for integrating long-term risk assessment, including those associated with the quantification of risks, into comprehensive climate risk management approaches;
23. *Stresses the importance of* enhancing the work on slow onset events and non-economic losses associated with climate change impacts;
24. *Requests* the Executive Committee to disaggregate its strategic workstreams on slow onset events and non-economic losses into specific topics and organize these topics into work areas with a clear sequence and time frame;
25. *Recognizes* the importance of building the capacity of and enhancing the provision of technical support to developing countries to facilitate approaches to avert, minimize and address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change;
26. *Encourages* the Executive Committee, Parties, relevant constituted bodies and organizations under and outside the Convention and other relevant stakeholders to facilitate and enhance research on and share good practices for addressing loss and damage, including long-term risk assessment and risk communication;
27. *Requests* the Executive Committee, 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;
28. *Also requests* the Executive Committee, through its thematic expert groups, to develop technical guidance with a common format for averting, minimizing, and addressing loss and damage on the following topics:
 - (a) Risk assessment, including long-term risk assessment, of climate change impacts;
 - (b) Actions that avert, minimize and address loss and damage;

(c) Accessing resources available for supporting the actions referred to in paragraph 28(b) above;

(d) Monitoring systems for assessing the effectiveness of the actions referred to in paragraph 28(b) above;

29. *Placeholder to insert provisions for mobilization of financial support*

- *Catalysing support for existing risk transfer facilities and for establishing such facilities where they do not yet exist*
- *Establish a capacity-building programme focusing on national focal points*
- *Conduct a gap analysis, at the national and international level in relation to finance, technology and capacity-building*
- *Establish an implementation arm on action and support that includes a technical facility, finance facility and displacement facility*
- *Facilitate increased collaboration with bodies, institutions and organizations under and outside the UNFCCC on finance*
- *Establish an expert group on action and support*
- *Establish a formal process, such as the Climate Technology Centre and Network, or utilize the Climate Technology Centre and Network to provide technical support to particularly vulnerable developing countries during or following the onset of hazards that result in loss and damage*
- *Provide guidance to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism under the Convention to expand their focus areas to cover, thematic areas such as slow onset events, comprehensive risk management, human mobility and non-economic losses*
- *Request the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism under the Convention to establish a window for financing action on loss and damage, including an emergency response window under the Green Climate Fund*
- *Foster development and expansion of national and regional solidarity funds*
- *Establish a financial facility dedicated to loss and damage*
- *Enhance resourcing of and provide long-term support for the WIM, including its expert groups*
- *Align the periodical WIM review with the global stocktake*

30. *Recommends a review of the Warsaw International Mechanism in 2024 and every five years thereafter, in alignment with the global stocktake under the Paris Agreement, as follows:*

(a) The subsidiary bodies will develop terms of reference for each review at their sessions immediately before the sessions at which they will undertake a review;

(b) The subsidiary bodies will undertake future reviews of the Warsaw International Mechanism and make recommendations thereon to the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement;

31. *Encourages Parties to make available sufficient resources for the successful and timely implementation of the rolling workplan of the Executive Committee;*

32. *Takes note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraph[s] [X] above;*

33. *Requests that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.*
