

Advanced version

Second rolling plan of action of the expert group on slow onset events, for 2024–2026

1. The table below sets out the second plan of action of the expert group on slow onset events, for 2024–2026, which identifies activities that will contribute to the implementation of workstream (a) of the five-year rolling workplan¹ of the WIM Executive Committee, related to slow onset events, including by maximizing synergies among relevant stakeholders and processes.
2. The second phase continues the following overarching approach from the first phase of its rolling plan of action.
3. Recognizing the far-reaching impacts of slow onset events on livelihoods and economies, which can manifest simultaneously in different territories and landscapes, the expert group on slow onset events will continue the work on selected water-related slow onset events (glacial retreat, sea level rise, and desertification) undertaken during the first rolling plan of action. In doing so, related processes such as salinization and cascading effects that impact, for example, agricultural practice and lead to issues such as loss of biodiversity, land degradation, water scarcity in urban and other contexts, and human mobility will be taken into account.
4. The initial aim of the second phase of the plan of action is to produce three technical guides associated with the selected water-related slow onset events to support developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change. The guides will present approaches for responding to these events in a timely manner, taking into account regional particularities, traditional knowledge and local practices.
5. The expert group will review the progress in implementing its rolling plan of action at its regular meetings and update the plan of action as needed.

¹ See document FCCC/SB/2022/2/Add.2, annex I.

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1	Develop technical guide on sea level rise to provide technical advice to the WIM Executive Committee on assisting developing countries in integrating considerations of impacts associated with sea level rise and in providing information on relevant responses to those impacts into national planning and policymaking processes	Activities 4, 13, 22	Technical guide developed on sea level rise	Jaroslav Mysiak, Albert Salamanca, Akhilesh Surjan	2024
2	Develop technical guide on desertification to provide technical advice to the WIM Executive Committee on assisting developing countries in integrating considerations of impacts associated with desertification and in providing information on relevant responses to those impacts into national planning and policymaking processes	Activities 4, 13, 22	Technical guide developed on desertification	Bettina Koelle	2024
3	Develop technical guide on glacial retreat to provide technical advice to the WIM Executive Committee on assisting developing countries with integrating considerations of impacts associated with glacial retreat and in providing information on relevant responses to those impacts into national planning and policymaking processes	Activities 4, 13, 22	Technical guide developed on glacial retreat	Glacial retreat co-leads (to be determined)	2025
4	Increase awareness of and share information on slow onset events by organizing and participating in outreach and dissemination events at the global, regional and national level	Activities 14, 22	User-friendly outreach materials developed Webinars organized to consult with and/or present the technical guides to stakeholders Events organized on the margins of relevant regional conferences, meetings and events to present the technical guides	To be determined once the technical guides are finalized	Following the finalization of outputs from activity 1
5	Advise the WIM Executive Committee and provide expert input on topics related to slow onset events, and assist the Executive	Activity 21	Technical meetings organized as needed	WIM Executive Committee champions	2024 onward

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Placeholder for follow-up activities to be performed in response to guidance from the WIM Executive Committee	Committee in undertaking relevant work, as requested				
