

Summary of the work of the constituted bodies during the first half of 2021
input to the

Informal Dialogue with the constituted bodies

Convened by the Presidencies and the Chairs of the Subsidiary Bodies

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Name of constituted body: Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts (WIM ExCom)

Relevant links on the UNFCCC website:

- Constituted Body Page: <https://unfccc.int/wim-excom>; <https://unfccc.int/topics/adaptation-and-resilience/workstreams/approaches-to-address-loss-and-damage-associated-with-climate-change-impacts-in-developing-countries>
- Workplan: https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/5yr_rolling_workplan.pdf
- Recent reports of the constituted body to the relevant governing and/or subsidiary body:
 - o 2019: [FCCC/SB/2019/5](https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/5yr_rolling_workplan.pdf); [FCCC/SB/2019/5/Add.1](https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/5yr_rolling_workplan.pdf)
 - o 2020: [FCCC/SB/2020/3](https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/5yr_rolling_workplan.pdf)

Last meeting: ExCom 13 (27–30 April 2021) <https://unfccc.int/event/WIMexcom13>

Next meeting: ExCom 14 (weeks of 6 and 20 Sep 2021, discontinuous)

Highlights of work undertaken in the first half of 2021

The WIM ExCom continues to guide the functions of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage through the implementation of the five-year rolling workplan and other mandates entrusted by the COP and CMA. The rolling workplan enhances cooperation and facilitation of five strategic workstreams for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with climate change impacts in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to adverse effects of climate change.

During the first half of 2021, the WIM ExCom advanced its work in all five strategic workstreams, including the **operationalization of three new expert groups**, in addition to the two groups that were operational previously.

The WIM ExCom has also **strengthened engagement with the Standing Committee on Finance and the Green Climate Fund**,¹ in response to a request from COP 25/CMA 2.

Coherence and stakeholder engagement

- Continued engaging representatives of UN, intergovernmental organizations, civil society/non-governmental organizations from a broad range of sectors and processes as active members of all five expert groups.²
- Continued collaborating with the following constituted bodies, including through the work of the expert groups:
 - o LEG and AC on human mobility, including migration, displacement and planned relocation:

¹ 2/CMA. 2, paragraphs 37 and 39.

² Membership pages of each expert groups can be accessed from the WIM ExCom landing page <https://unfccc.int/wim-excom>.

- LEG and LCIPP FWG on non-economic losses:
- TEC, PCCB and SCF on enhancing action and support.

Meetings held in the first half of 2021 to advance organizational and procedural matters, and coordination of technical work³

- 1st meetings of the Expert Group on Non-economic losses (March 2021)
- 3rd meeting of the Technical Expert Group on Comprehensive Risk Management (TEG-CRM, March 2021)
- 1st meetings of the Expert Group on Slow onset events (April 2021)
- 5th meeting of the Task Force on Displacement (April 2021)
- 13th meeting of the WIM ExCom (April 2021)
- First cross-expert groups meeting (April 2021)
- 1st meetings of the Expert Group on Action and support (May 2021)

Enhancing knowledge, coordination, and action and support

- Continued catalyzing the development of compilations, synthesis and analysis of information on good practices, and online training modules, as well as provision of technical support concerning **displacement associate with climate change**, for example on integration into national laws, policies and strategies, and preparedness, including early warning systems, contingency planning, evacuation planning and resilience-building strategies and plans, and support in developing innovative approaches to preparedness, for example, forecast-based financing.⁴
- Continued catalyzing the production of knowledge material concerning **comprehensive risk management approaches** (assessment, reduction, retention and transfer), e.g., briefs, reports, journal articles and case study compilations, as well as technical guidance whose focus is on comprehensive risk assessment and integration in planning.⁵
- Finalized the groundwork, by the adoption of plans of action of respective expert groups, for systematic technical implementation on:
 - **Non-economic losses (NELs)**. Upcoming deliverables include an updated technical paper on non-economic losses, a database of information and synthesis products on relevant data and tools for assessing NELs, key messages and outreach material for awareness-raising.⁶
 - **Slow onset event (SOEs)**, in particular, **glacial retreat, sea level rise and desertification**. The focus of the upcoming work is the identification, through expert meetings, of 1) examples of projected risks and impacts associated with the compounded play-out of these SOEs on livelihoods in varying contexts of developing countries; and 2) steps that governments can take to respond to these risks in a timely manner.⁷
- Initiated the work on developing **technical guides on topics related to the strategic workstreams** of the WIM ExCom's five-year rolling workplan.
- Currently considering, for adoption, the **draft plan of action of the expert group on action and support (ASEG)**, developed by representatives from regional risk transfer facilities,

³ <https://unfccc.int/topics/adaptation-and-resilience/workstreams/loss-and-damage-ld/workshop-and-meetings>.

⁴ For further details, see the TFD plan of action with progress updates on implementation https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/tfd_poa-update_2021_0.pdf.

⁵ For further details, see the TEG-CRM plan of action with progress updates on implementation https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/teg-crm_poa_status_updates_23032021.pdf.

⁶ See the plan of action of the NELs expert group https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/nels_poa_220421.pdf.

⁷ See plan of action of the SOEs expert group https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/draft_SOE_PoA_23042021.pdf.

regional centres, financial institutions, research institutions, private sector, and relevant UNFCCC constituted bodies.

In addition, the WIM ExCom initiated its work on the preparation of a synthesis report for the first global stocktake and developed a draft table content as the first step.

In 2021, it intends to update its five-year rolling workplan and also plans to hold virtual outreach events to engage with L&D contact points and UNFCCC NFPs to increase awareness on averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage at the national level.