

Building back better:

Resilience building after and before Loss and Damage strike

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The Associated Programme on Flood Management ([APFM](#)) and the Integrated Drought Management Programme ([IDMP](#)) are long-standing joint programmes of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the Global Water Partnership (GWP) that support countries and other stakeholders by providing policy and management guidance and by sharing knowledge and best practices for Integrated Flood and Integrated Drought Management. We have jointly over 70 partners from international organizations, research, academia, governmental and non-governmental organizations that work on different aspects of [flood](#) and [drought](#) management and our programs are a widely used platform for collaboration and exchange on Integrated Flood and Drought Management .

Within our community we follow and support the discussion on the Warsaw International Mechanism and Loss and Damage from its beginnings. We provide guidance to countries in assessing Loss and Damage related to floods (e.g. [guidelines on conducting flood loss assessments](#)) and drought (e.g. [impact monitoring](#)).

We welcome very much the UNFCCC COP27 decisions related to the establishment of a Loss and Damage mechanism. Our programs, together with all partners, promote the idea of risk management vis-à-vis flood and drought as compared to crisis management. Prospective and integrated approaches to manage the risk of floods and droughts have proven to save lives, protect livelihoods and reduce or mitigate economic loss and damage.

From our and our partners perspective, it is therefore essential that the new mechanism that the Transitional Committee has been preparing, and that will continue to prepare at its fourth meeting, is reflecting resilience building and the notion of “building back better”. Our community of flood and drought management practitioners is concerned that the focus on responding to Loss and Damage could be isolated from preparedness, prospective management and resilience building that we are promoting.

Therefore, we encourage the Fourth Meeting of the Transitional Committee to:

- Ensure that resources provided under the Loss and Damage Mechanism are used in a way that supports long term resilience building to the climate hazards that have impacted.
- Ensure that the Loss and Damage mechanism will not incentivize a focus on crisis management as opposed to risk management; and
- Ensure that under the Loss and Damage Mechanism, responses to climate related hazards are understood and implemented as part of overall climate resilience building.

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