

## Third meeting of the Technical Expert Group on Comprehensive Risk Management (TEG-CRM 3) of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage

### Summary of proceedings

#### BACKGROUND

Technical Expert Group on Comprehensive Risk Management (TEG-CRM) developed at its first Plan of Action (PoA) at its first meeting in August 2019 under [strategic workstream \(c\)](#) of the five-year workplan of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage (WIM Excom). The strategic workstream aims to enhance cooperation and facilitation in relation to comprehensive risk management (CRM) approaches, including assessment, reduction, transfer and retention. TEG-CRM has entered the second year of implementation of its first PoA.

#### PROCEEDINGS

TEG-CRM convened for its third meeting on 24 March 2021, 19:00–20:30 CET, with the following objectives:

- a) Take stock of the progress in the implementation of the PoA;
- b) Consider topics and broad outline of technical guides which TEG-CRM will develop;
- c) Clarify implementation approach for additional collaborative output(s) by TEG-CRM, if any, to be produced under the current PoA.

The meeting brought together 15 technical expert members together with four members of the WIM ExCom (See Annex 1 for the list of participants). See Annex 2 for the agenda of the meeting. TEG-CRM 3 was co-chaired by the ExCom members Le-Anne Roper and Jelena Milos.

The ExCom member Nedal Katbehbader provided key relevant progress of work by the Excom since the last meeting of the TEG-CRM, including 1) the endorsement of the terms of reference and launching of the three new expert groups of the ExCom: slow onset events; non-economic losses; and the action & support; and 2) adopted guidance on the development of technical guides. The group welcomed the progress by the ExCom on these areas as it enables TEG-CRM to opportunities for collaboration, synergies and joint action across the ExCom and its expert groups.

#### PROGRESS OF THE PLAN OF ACTION

In advance of TEG-CRM 3, members submitted written updates on the activities of the PoA, which they lead/co-lead. A compilation is available [online](#). These updates informed the discussion on 1) the identification of gaps in the implementation of the PoA and ways to bridge them; 2) tying in emerging results from implementing the current PoA to inform the ExCom and broader stakeholders.

Reviewing the status update of the PoA, the group welcomed many technical products (e.g., briefs, reports, papers/articles, case study compilations, etc.) that have been produced or are being finalized. These products could inform future work of the TEG-CRM, including that relates to the development of technical guides – a new mandate from the last COP/CMA session.

While at the same time, the group noted a need for synthesizing the outputs to tease out key messages and findings for advising ExCom. In this context, the group discussed the importance of the last activity of the PoA, *“Prepare a synthesis paper on insights from the TEG-CRM subgroup’s*

activities in 2019 and 2020, including recommendations on knowledge gaps and, where relevant, research questions”.<sup>1</sup> It agreed that this synthesis report would summarize all the outputs by the TEG-CRM to date.

The group noted that the development of the synthesis report could also contribute to understanding TEG-CRM’s achievements, lessons learnt, key findings, and possible recommendations based on its first PoA. It could serve as a tool to present the work of the TEG-CRM at future events.

Highlighting the importance of the wider dissemination of outputs of the PoA, the group agreed to undertake outreach work, such as webinar, workshops and (side) events, as appropriate, during SBs sessions/Climate Dialogues, the Regional Climate Weeks and COP 26/CMA 3, and other opportunities available under the UNFCCC.

Due to challenging circumstances owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, an extension of the timeframe of the PoA was also raised. The group noted that 2021 is a transition year and agreed to extend the completion of current activities till November while aiming to organize a webinar in the 2nd half of the year to discuss TEG-CRM actions and showcase synthesis of work.

#### *Development of the technical guides*

Parties requested the ExCom and its thematic expert groups to develop technical guides in their respective thematic areas.<sup>2</sup> The ExCom agreed, at ExCom 12, on the process for the expert groups when they undertake work to develop the technical guides.<sup>3</sup>

Towards advancing this process, the members exchanged views to conceptualize a guide, being mindful of potential topics and opportunities to present to the ExCom for endorsement. Acknowledging a wealth of the existing body of technical products that various organizations, including the technical members’ affiliated bodies, have already produced, the group agreed not to create new technical guidelines. The aim of the TEG-CRM work in responding to this mandate, instead, would be to create a navigational tool that serves as signposting of the pool of existing technical material, including the TEG-CRM’s own products.

Under the current PoA, UNDRR, in collaboration with members from Climate Analytics, IFRC and IASA), is leading the development of “*Technical Guidance on Comprehensive Risk Management in the Context of Climate Change*”, whose focus is on comprehensive risk assessment and integration in planning.<sup>4</sup> The activity is nearing completion, and members were invited to review the final product in the post-meeting period.

The group further reflected on how TEG-CRM could use the information in this guidance document to contribute to the newly mandated technical guides under the WIM. A suggestion was made to undertake a mapping exercise to understand what exists (including the Guidance document being produced under Activity A.1.i) to avoid duplication of materials already written by others. This would help identify gaps and areas that the TEG-CRM’s technical guides could cover. The group

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<sup>1</sup> Activity D.1 under Activities 5a, b and c cluster, of the PoA.

<sup>2</sup> [Decision 2/CMA.2, para 26.](#)

<sup>3</sup> <https://unfccc.int/topics/adaptation-and-resilience/workstreams/loss-and-damage-ld/executive-committee-of-the-warsaw-international-mechanism-for-loss-and-damage/development-of-technical-guides#eq-2>

<sup>4</sup> Activity A.1.i ‘*Develop guidance documents on CRM*’.

noted the need to collaborate with the other expert groups under the WIM, e.g. non-economic losses, slow onset events.

Technical members also drew attention to the utmost importance of determining the target audience when producing the technical guide(s), and that effective communications to national institutions, such as the ministry of finance and ministry of environment, is crucial in facilitating practical implementation of written material/guides.

## NEXT STEPS

The group agreed on the following:

- Lead/co-lead members of activities to update indicative timeframe for their activities, if applicable;
- Members to provide inputs on the possible topics of the WIM technical guides, including on how the TEG-CRM can use the technical guidance document on comprehensive risk assessment<sup>5</sup> to develop WIM technical guides’
- Interested members to participate in the upcoming first cross-cutting session of the expert groups of the ExCom in the margins of ExCom 13 to consider areas of possible collaboration;
- Hold meetings more frequently as the need arises, considering the shorter duration of virtual meetings;
- Hold the next meeting of the TEG-CRM (TEG-CRM 4) in June to consider the next set of activities to update its rolling PoA.

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<sup>5</sup> Being produced in the context of Activity A.1.i ‘Develop guidance documents on CRM’.

## **Annex I**

### **List of participants**

#### Members

van Aalst, Maarten- International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Biukoto, Litea- Secretariat of the Pacific Community

Cardenas, Victor- Independent

Delju, Amir H. - World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

Kreft, Soenke- Munich Climate Insurance Initiative

Laganda, Gernot- World Food Programme (WFP)

Mechler, Reinhard- The International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis

Shrivastava, Aparna- Mercy Corps /Start Network

Siegele, Linda- Independent

Singh, Harjeet- ActionAid International

Stevens, David- The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)

Thomas, Adelle- Climate Analytics

Katbehbader, Nedal, ExCom

Milos, Jelena, ExCom

Roper, Le-Anne, ExCom

Shtets, Victoria, ExCom

#### Absent members

Anne Hammill, International Institute for Sustainable Development

Ekhosuehi Iyehen, Insurance Development Forum

Litea Biukoto, the Secretariat of the Pacific Community

Rebecca Nadin, Overseas Development Institute,

Riyanti Djalante, United Nations University-Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability

Stefan Rösner, Deutscher Wetterdienst

Fatima Driouech, University Mohamed VI Polytechnic

#### Other participants

Douris, James, WMO

Pergolini, Giorgia, WFP

Lagdameo, Donna Mitzi, UNDRR

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## Annex 2

### Agenda of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Technical Expert Group of Comprehensive Risk Management

Time in CET	Focus
19:00 – 19:10	<p><b>1. Opening and setting the scene</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting objectives</li> <li>• Adoption of the agenda</li> <li>• Update from the ExCom</li> </ul>
19:10 – 19:50	<p><b>2. Progress in implementing the PoA</b></p> <p>Discussion of a synthesis of updates on the PoA based on inputs provided by members prior to the meeting.</p> <p><b>Expected Action/Output:</b> An updated schedule of delivery of products under the current implementation phase, and any revised approach for implementation to address any gaps.</p> <p><i>Background:</i> The current PoA of the TEG-CRM was developed on the basis of the Excom’s five-year rolling workplan, specifically Strategic workstream (c): Enhanced cooperation and facilitation in relation to comprehensive risk management approaches (including assessment, reduction, transfer and retention) to address and build long-term resilience of countries, vulnerable populations and communities to loss and damage, including in relation to extreme and slow onset events, inter alia, through: emergency preparedness, including early warning systems; measures to enhance recovery and rehabilitation and build back/ forward better; social protection instruments, including social safety nets; and transformational approaches</p>
19:50-20:10	<p><b>3. Development of technical guides</b></p> <p>Information on the development of technical guides has been provided by the ExCom. The guides are expected to be collaborative products of the expert group, with inputs from other expert groups as necessary.</p> <p><b>Expected Action/Output:</b> Proposed topics, with annotations, to be presented to the ExCom for endorsement.</p> <p><i>Background:</i> <a href="#">Decision 2/CMA.2</a> paragraph 26, mandate of the technical guides; and the <a href="#">ExCom’s information</a> on production of the technical guides by the expert groups.</p>
20:10 – 20:25	<p><b>4. TEC-CRM’s deliverables of the PoA</b></p> <p>The group may consider producing collaborative outputs involving all members, to be released as ExCom/TEG-CRM products.</p> <p><b>Expected output:</b> Any proposed output(s) and plans for production.</p>
20:25 – 20:30	<p><b>5. Next steps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immediate follow-up actions (before/at the next ExCom meeting on 27–30 April)</li> <li>• Date for the next TEG-CRM meeting</li> <li>• Any other business</li> </ul>