



UPCOMING EVENT ALERT

WIM ExCom event at COP 30: Turning Knowledge into Action on Loss and Damage



At COP 30, the WIM ExCom will hold an event showcasing how its knowledge products are driving real-world action on loss and damage. Through case studies and new plans of action, the event will also highlight the role of expert groups in shaping responses and inviting future collaboration to strengthen technical work and impact. The event will take place on Tuesday, 11 November, from 12:30 to 14:00 (UTC-3) at the Blue zone, COP 30 venue in Belém, Brazil. More info [here](#).

Joint COP 30 event: Driving Collaboration on Loss and Damage

The WIM ExCom, the Santiago network Advisory Board and the Board of the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage (FRLD) will come together for a joint event at COP 30 focused on strengthening collaboration, coherence and complementarity across institutions tackling loss and damage. The event will take place on Thursday, 13 November, from 13:30 to 15:00 (UTC-3) at the Blue zone, COP 30 venue in Belém, Brazil. Stay tuned for more details on this unique opportunity to explore synergies and shared solutions. More info [here](#).

WIM ExCom's thematic expert groups explore synergies for joint action

On 29 September in Bonn, the five thematic expert groups of the WIM ExCom convened to identify opportunities for collaborative action over the next two years. The [meeting](#) centered on identifying substantive linkages across the new plans of action of the Expert Group on Non-Economic Losses (NELs expert group), the Task Force on Displacement (TFD), and the Technical Expert Group on Comprehensive Risk Management (TEG-CRM), laying the groundwork for coordinated implementation and co-developed knowledge products under the WIM.



ExCom 23 charts clear path forward

Held from 30 September to 2 October 2025 in Bonn, the 23rd meeting of the WIM ExCom marked major progress across all strategic workstreams. Members endorsed the new plans of action of the NELs expert group and the TFD and advanced the plan of action of the TEG-CRM, defining knowledge products to be delivered over the next two years, including technical guides, research updates, and outreach tools. Collaboration with the Santiago network and FRLD continues. ExCom 23 adopted a set of [recommendations](#) for the COP/CMA. Members worked collaboratively to meet all milestones, setting the stage for impactful COP 30 engagement. The next meeting is planned in April 2026 in Bonn. Further information on ExCom 23 [here](#).



23rd meeting of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage

Annotated outline of the voluntary guidelines for enhancing the collection and management of data and information to inform the preparation of Biennial Transparency Reports adopted

To advance the work to respond to the mandate from CMA 5 requesting the WIM ExCom to prepare the voluntary guidelines, ExCom 23 adopted the [annotated outline](#) of the voluntary guidelines and agreed to finalize them expeditiously. These annotations include information on what is envisioned under each section to support experts who have been involved in the drafting of the guidelines.

Joint Annual Report of the WIM and the Santiago network

Covering the period from September 2024 to October 2025, the joint annual report of the WIM ExCom and the Santiago network presents key developments in loss and damage efforts under the WIM. The report includes: (1) [organizational and procedural updates](#); (2) *Addendum 1*, detailing progress on the WIM ExCom's second five-year rolling workplan, including contributions from its thematic expert groups; and (3) *Addendum 2*, outlining advancement under the Santiago network.



Survey on Knowledge Products of the WIM ExCom

This [survey](#) was sent out in September 2025 to assess the uptake of products developed by the WIM ExCom and its thematic expert groups and to what extent they respond to the needs of

developing countries. The questionnaire drew from the views and inputs submitted by Parties and relevant organizations to inform the third review of the WIM. The results will inform the WIM ExCom's future work to increase the usefulness of its knowledge products and technical guides for policymakers and practitioners working on loss and damage.

WIM ExCom collaboration and synergies with other UNFCCC constituted bodies

Strengthening collaboration across loss and damage bodies

On 25 June 2025 and 11 September 2025, Co-Chairs of the WIM ExCom, Santiago network Advisory Board, and FRLD Board held informal dialogue to explore ways to promote synergies across their respective work. Regular informal exchanges and mutual invitations to meetings were agreed to foster coherence. Respective secretariats were tasked to propose joint activities, including a COP 30 joint event and a visual overview of roles. These efforts aim to support countries more effectively in responding to loss and damage, in line with [ExCom 23's decision](#) to build synergies.

Contributing to the Santiago network

At ExCom 23, the WIM ExCom took steps to deepen collaboration with the [Santiago network](#), including by sharing the thematic expert groups' plans of action and insights from a recent survey on knowledge product use – highlighting key knowledge needs and gaps. The WIM ExCom also plans to engage members of the Santiago network directly in its thematic expert groups to explore opportunities to build synergies with the network's rolling work programme. In addition, the Santiago network secretariat was invited to share lessons learned from its experience in facilitating technical assistance.

Collaboration with the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage

At ExCom 23, the WIM ExCom welcomed an update from the secretariat of the [FRLD](#) on the Fund's operationalization and how WIM ExCom's knowledge products could support its work. To help identify relevant knowledge needs and gaps, the WIM ExCom plans to share the results of its recent survey with the FRLD —reinforcing efforts to build meaningful connections across the funding arrangements.

UPDATES ON THE PLAN OF ACTION OF THEMATIC EXPERT GROUPS

Expert Group on Slow Onset Events (SOEs)

Webinar "Navigating Rising Seas Webinar – Insights from the WIM Executive Committee's technical guide on sea level rise"

The WIM ExCom, with the support of the SOEs experts, organized [webinars](#) on 13 June 2025 to introduce key findings from the [technical guide on sea level rise](#). The webinar, held twice to accommodate audience from different time zones, provided information on three main types of strategies to respond to the risk of sea level rise: protect, accommodate, and retreat. Speakers from Vanuatu, Tuvalu, and Jamaica shared experiences in addressing sea level rise, through national policy efforts, local projects focused on coastal communities, and ecosystem-based adaptation strategies.



Technical guide on glacial retreat

The WIM ExCom will engage two new organizations in its [expert group on SOEs](#), ICIMOD and UNDP. They will support the WIM ExCom in producing a knowledge product focusing on

representative losses associated with glacial retreat and related impacts, highlighting different ways to respond to such losses in the Hindu Kush Himalaya region. This product is envisioned to be published in 2026.

Expert Group on Non-Economic Losses (NELs expert group)

ExCom backs new plan to deepen global understanding of non-economic losses

At ExCom 23, the WIM ExCom endorsed the [second plan of action](#) of the [NELs expert group](#). Over the next two years, the group will engage, *inter alia*, in targeted consultations to identify specific knowledge needs of developing countries and produce tailored, accessible knowledge products to support effective responses to non-economic losses.

New knowledge products to tackle cultural heritage losses and global research

Under its new plan of action, the NELs expert group will develop two key knowledge products: (1) a technical paper on cultural heritage related non-economic losses from climate change impacts to present information on a range of actions, solutions, and approaches to address cultural heritage losses (see the endorsed [outline](#)); and (2) a biennial global research update on non-economic losses (2023–2025) to enhance understanding of, inform action, and support global responses to address non-economic impacts of climate change. (see the endorsed [outline](#)).

Technical Expert Group on Comprehensive Risk Management (TEG-CRM)

New plan endorsed to boost capacity and knowledge on climate risk management

On 15 October 2025, the WIM ExCom endorsed the [third plan of action](#) of the TEG-CRM. Over the next two years, the group will produce a 'how-to' series of knowledge products and a discussion paper on the continuum of efforts between adaptation to climate change and responses to losses and damages, develop several targeted communication materials and conduct capacity-building and awareness-raising activities to support comprehensive risk management approaches.

Task Force on Displacement (TFD)

Technical session on human mobility at the NAP Expo 2025

The WIM ExCom held a session at NAP Expo 2025 in Lusaka, Zambia, focusing on the critical issue of human mobility in the context of climate change. The session explored the complex dynamics of displacement and introduced the [technical guide](#) on integrating human mobility and climate change linkages into national climate planning processes. Speakers from the International Organization for Migration, Sudan and Uganda shared best practices, lessons learned and insightful country experiences, enriching the discussion with real-world perspectives. Further information [here](#).



Technical guide for accessing financial resources aiming to avert, minimize and address the impacts of displacement associated with the adverse effects of climate change, endorsed

ExCom 23 endorsed the technical guide for accessing financial resources, aiming to avert, minimize and address the impacts of displacement associated with the adverse effects of climate

change. This guide provides practical guidance on available funding options, donors, and instruments to avert, minimize and address displacement and other forms of human mobility associated with the adverse effects of climate change. The guide will be published as a type A product.

ExCom endorses new plan to advance knowledge on human mobility, displacement and planned relocation

At ExCom 23, the WIM ExCom endorsed the [fourth plan of action](#) of the TFD. Over the next two years, the TFD will develop a 'how-to' series of knowledge products and two technical guides, produce different types of communication materials, and engage in dissemination, outreach, awareness-raising, and capacity-building activities for targeted audiences in relation to human mobility associated with the impacts of climate change.

Action and Support Expert Group (ASEG)

Advancing access to support for Loss and Damage

To further advance the work on action and support, the WIM ExCom, at ExCom 23, tasked its members in the [ASEG](#) with exploring ways countries can access support for loss and damage, and with leading targeted information sessions for Loss and Damage contact points, UNFCCC National Focal Points and other relevant national representatives. To inform COP 30 deliberations, the WIM ExCom submitted its [input](#) to the Standing Committee on Finance regarding draft guidance to the Green Climate Fund.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF EXPERT GROUPS

Co-developing NELs solutions with Pacific communities

A new ARC Industry Laureate Fellowship (2026–2031) led by the University of Queensland will work with 12 frontline communities in the Cook Islands, Fiji, and Vanuatu, to co-develop responses to climate-driven non-economic losses. While global funding is beginning to flow, there remains a critical gap in how responses reflect what matters most to people. By grounding solutions in local values, priorities, and knowledge, the program will generate new insights, support policy, and enable transformative action aligned with the NELs expert group's Plan of Action. For more information, see: <https://www.arc.gov.au/2025-industry-laureate-profile-professor-karen-mcnamara>

UNESCO's new report, *Climate Change in Mediterranean World Heritage Cities*

Launched earlier this year, the report offers the first comprehensive, data-driven assessment of climate impacts on 114 World Heritage cities in the region. Based on the Third Cycle of Periodic Reporting of the World Heritage Convention as well as earth observation methodologies and climate models, developed with the Greek GEO Office and the Academy of Athens, the report assesses current hazards and future risks. It also highlights how urban heritage can help combat climate change. For more information, see: <https://whc.unesco.org/en/news/2789/>

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