



Message by the co-chairs

We are excited to present the first edition of the **WIM ExCom Update**, especially as we commemorate the tenth anniversary of the establishment of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage and its Executive Committee (WIM ExCom). Over the past decade, the Mechanism has been catalyzing the development of approaches and scalable solutions to manage the impacts of climate change that result in loss and damage to individuals, society, and the environment.

As Co-chairs of the WIM ExCom, we have witnessed the evolution of the loss and damage agenda, with the outcomes of the activities taken under the Warsaw International Mechanism providing critical impetus in directing international cooperation on loss and damage.

Moving forward, the Warsaw International Mechanism will continue to amplify good practices around the world. To enhance the visibility and impact of the knowledge products and the reach of the activities of the WIM ExCom and its five thematic expert groups, we will issue the **WIM ExCom Update** regularly. The first edition bears significance in anticipation of COP 28 as it showcases products and activities under the five workstreams of our work under the five-year rolling workplan as adopted at COP 27. This edition also contains links to information on related events organized by members of our five thematic expert groups and their organizations at COP28. The extent of these activities is a testimonial of the vast interest in themes under the Warsaw International Mechanism and the large body of knowledge, expertise and stakeholders related to loss and damage.

We invite you to delve into some of our key initiatives and the collaborative efforts that define our shared commitment as highlighted below.

Thank you.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Loss and Damage in Focus: 10 Years of the Warsaw International Mechanism

2023 marks the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts. WIM ExCom commemorates the anniversary with two activities at COP 28:

- Convening an event with high-level speakers from Parties, Non-Party Stakeholders, and COP 28 Presidency on 1 December at 18:30 in SE room 2, Blue Zone at the COP 28 venue. The [High-level event](#) will provide an opportunity for Parties and other stakeholders to reflect on advances and challenges in loss and damage with a view to furthering opportunities for catalysing relevant knowledge, strengthening coordination and synergies and enhancing action and support.
- Holding a Loss and Damage in Focus [Photography Exhibition](#) throughout the COP. The Exhibition features selected photos from a diverse set of contexts, illustrating how people are responding to loss and damage and why further action and support under the Warsaw International Mechanism is so important. Visit the [online photo gallery](#) for the submitted images that tell the stories of the people and the communities on the frontlines of climate change.



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A sneak peek of the upcoming WIM ExCom products

Teaser 1: An update to the technical paper on non-economic losses in the context of loss and damage associated with climate change impacts

Teaser 2: The Compendium on comprehensive risk management approaches vol.2

Teaser 3: Technical guides to address loss and damage associated with slow onset events

Teaser 4: Technical guide on averting, minimizing and addressing non-economic losses in the context of human mobility

Teaser 5: Technical guide on accessing finance for averting, minimizing, and addressing the impacts of displacement associated with climate

change impacts

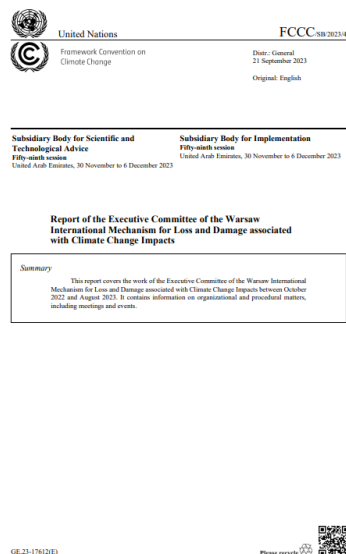
Teaser 6: Technical guide on integrating human mobility and climate change linkages into relevant national climate change planning processes

In addition, see a [quick explainer](#) on the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage

Latest meeting of the WIM ExCom

The **19th meeting of the WIM ExCom**, ExCom 19, took place on 19-22 September in Bonn, Germany. ExCom 19 adopted a set of recommendations on the basis of the work undertaken for consideration at COP 28. See Chapter III of the WIM ExCom annual report **Addendum 2** for the recommendations.

WIM ExCom welcomed three new members, with two representing Non-Annex I Parties (SIDS, Asia-Pacific) and one representing Annex I Party. See the WIM ExCom **Membership page** for the current members' details.



WIM ExCom Annual Report

The **2023 Annual Report** of the WIM ExCom covers the work undertaken between October 2022 and October 2023. The report comprises three parts: the procedural and organizational information is complemented by **Addendum 1**, summarizing progress reports received on technical assistance provided under the **Santiago network**, and **Addendum 2**, containing information on the progress of implementation of the five-year rolling workplan of the WIM ExCom including through its thematic expert groups.

WIM ExCom representations in the recent events by other UNFCCC constituted bodies

WIM ExCom took part in the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP) **Arctic Regional Gathering** and **Pacific Regional Gathering**, exploring the synergy between the respective workstreams on local communities and Indigenous Peoples and loss and damage.

WIM ExCom participated in three Consultative Group of Experts (CGE) **regional training workshops** on reporting information on climate change impacts and adaptation.

UPDATES ON THE PLAN OF ACTION OF THEMATIC EXPERT GROUPS

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



Leadership training module on comprehensive disaster and climate risk management (*Activity 3 of the TEG-CRM [Plan of Action](#)*)

The module, titled ***Thought leadership course - Synergizing disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation***, was developed in partnership between the UNDRR and the United Nations

Systems Staff College (UNSSC). The self-paced course, available free of cost, can be completed within two hours. Participants receive a certificate upon completion. The target audience includes decision-makers, those involved in developing comprehensive risk management, or those seeking to enhance their understanding of comprehensive risk management. Since its launch at an event at the SB58 Bonn Climate Change Conference (June 2023), over 8,500 people have registered for the course.

Disaster, loss and hazardous event monitoring system (*Activity 10 of the TEG-CRM [Plan of Action](#)*)

Members of the TEG-CRM (UNDRR, UNDP, WMO) are developing a tracking system for hazardous events and losses and damages. The system builds on the UNDRR's Desinventar system (<https://www.desinventar.net/>), which has been in existence since 1994 and is currently being used by 110 countries.

Recent knowledge products published under the Plan of Action of the TEG-CRM:

- [Addressing Loss and Damage: What can we Learn from Countries' National Adaptation Plans?](#)
- [The Role of Early Warning Early Action in Minimizing Loss and Damage](#)



Task Force on Displacement (TFD)

Latest meeting of the Task Force on Displacement

The Task Force on Displacement held its ninth meeting, TFD9, on 14 November. The meeting focused on 1) an update on the technical work where the members co-leading the development of the three technical guides shared the status of the



notrespective products; 2) relevant initiatives and events planned for COP28. The next meeting of the Task Force on Displacement, TFD10, is planned to take place on 4 June 2024.

Task Force on Displacement and Youth Capacity Building

On 26 October, the UNFCCC YOUNGO's Climate Change and Migration working group and the Task Force on Displacement convened an event that provided a platform to exchange knowledge, experiences, key priorities and good practices on how to address climate-induced displacement and migration ahead of COP 28. WIM ExCom members and TFD experts introduced the Task Force and explored opportunities for engagement with the youth.

Action and Support Expert Group (ASEG)

Projects funded by the Green Climate Fund (GCF) in relation to the strategic workstreams of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage

ASEG is leading work on understanding how developing countries may access funding from the GCF related to the strategic workstreams of the WIM ExCom. Selected GCF-approved projects have been mapped to the workstreams of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage to enhance understanding of how the range of actions associated with anticipating and responding to loss and damage from the impacts of climate change have been included in GCF-funded projects.



Expert Group on Slow onset events (SOEs)

Latest meeting of the Expert Group on Slow onset events



The 7th meeting of the Expert Group on Slow onset events (SOEs 7) took place on 16 November. The meeting provided an opportunity for WIM ExCom to update the experts on the key relevant outcomes from the [ExCom 19](#), report back and share reflections from the [UNDRR workshop on assessing the impact of slow-onset events](#).

At the meeting, the group also agreed on the timelines and next steps for the technical guide on sea level rise, set to be released in 2024.

Expert Group on Non-Economic Losses (NELs)

Mapping potential partners working on Non-economic losses

The Expert Group has a standing call for interested organizations to submit relevant information. The information submitted to date is [available online](#). The database currently contains the details of 39 organizations and networks working on some aspects of non-economic losses. If your organization is interested in contributing to the work of the NELs Expert Group, [click here](#).



Joint meeting: Expert Group on Non-economic losses and Task Force on Displacement

Representatives from the NELs Expert Group and the Task Force on Displacement, as well as the leading authors of the Technical guide on averting, minimizing and addressing non-economic losses in the context of human mobility, held a meeting on 10 October to discuss the outline and next steps in developing a technical guide with a view to providing user-friendly tools to Parties and other relevant stakeholders on the nexus between non-economic losses and human mobility.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Relevant events at COP 28 – The members of the thematic expert groups of the WIM ExCom wish to share a number of announcements of events to take place at COP 28, and other updates, as relevant contributions to the implementation of the plans of action of the groups for information to the stakeholders of the work under the WIM. Visit the page [here](#). For information regarding all the official side events at COP 28 and more, visit the [UNFCCC Calendar](#) and the [COP 28 webpage](#).

MAIN LINKS

[*UNFCCC Loss and Damage webpage*](#)
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