

Oral report by the co-chair of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage

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- Thank you, Chair, for giving me the opportunity to update you and the [SBI][SBSTA] on the work of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts for 2020 and 2021.
- The ExCom successfully held its 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th meeting virtually in the last two years, and at this session, the ExCom presents report of its progress between November 2019 and October 2021.
- Despite the Covid-19 crisis, the ExCom advanced its mandated work steadily under all strategic workstreams to respond to the robust outcomes of the 2nd review of the WIM, undertaken in Madrid, which entrusted the Committee to launch three new expert groups, in addition to continuing the efforts of the two existing thematic groups.
- I am happy to report that the ExCom now has 5 expert groups operational, covering all of the strategic workstreams of its 5-year rolling workplan, and 65 specialists are mobilized via these expert groups to assist developing countries for averting, minimizing and addressing L&D.
- The TOR of the three new expert groups are contained in our report from 2020 and their Plans of Action are contained in the 2021 report.
- Through one of our new expert groups, focusing on action and support, this year, the ExCom, for the first time, provided the SCF with input relating to the draft guidance to the operating entities of the FM.
- The ExCom, also for the first time, engaged with national L&D contact points and other stakeholders through outreach events, held in September this year. It provided valuable experiences and we decided to hold this outreach activity annually.
- The ExCom has also prepared the annotated outline for its synthesis report to contribute to the GST. We look forward to submitting our report in time for the 1st GST next year.
- Before I conclude, let me announce that the ExCom will hold a side event on 4 November to showcase its progress in much more detail. We will also discuss further opportunities for collaboration with broader communities of practice.
- On behalf of the ExCom I would like to thank all those who contributed in various ways to the work of the Committee thus far. Please rest assured that the ExCom will continue to count on your support and collaboration in the future.

Thank you, Mr/Madam Chair.