

**Co-facilitators' elements paper on  
SBSTA 60 item 6/SBI 60 item 12  
Terms of reference for the 2024 review of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and  
Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts  
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## **I. Mandate**

1. Decisions 4/CP.22 and 2/CMA.2,<sup>1</sup> paragraph 46, provide recommendations regarding the 2024 review of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts (WIM).<sup>2</sup>

## **II. Objective**

2. Under the 2024 review, Parties will consider, inter alia, progress in the implementation of the workplan of the WIM Executive Committee, as well as its long-term vision that guides ways in which the WIM may be enhanced and strengthened, as appropriate.<sup>3</sup>

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They will also consider the performance of the WIM, including that of its Executive Committee<sup>4</sup> and its Santiago network for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change,<sup>5</sup> the fulfilment of the functions of the WIM as set out in decision 2/CP.19, including their applicability in the light of the current context in which the WIM is implemented, and how the WIM continues to promote the implementation of approaches to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change.

## **III. Scope**

*Option for the section structure* – 1) keep as is (timeframe and overarching background (para 3) + two paras (focus para and consideration para); 2) streamline the content (timeframe and overarching background + one content para)

3. The review will focus on the period since the previous review of the WIM, which took place in 2019, taking into account the segments of the population that are already vulnerable according to paragraph 7(a)(iii) of decision 3/CP.18,<sup>6</sup> and the broader and evolving context of work concerning loss and damage, including the needs and priorities of developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change.

4. The review will focus on, inter alia:

(a) The structure of the WIM, including its Executive Committee<sup>7</sup> and its Santiago network;<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Noted in decision 2/CP.25.

<sup>2</sup> Nothing in this document prejudices Parties' views or prejudices outcomes on matters related to the governance of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts.

<sup>3</sup> Pursuant to decision 4/CP.22, para. 2(c).

<sup>4</sup> Including the five thematic expert groups of the Executive Committee.

<sup>5</sup> Including its Advisory Board.

<sup>6</sup> The approach taken for the 2024 review does not prejudice the approach taken for future reviews.

*Option* – delete this footnote

<sup>7</sup> Including the five thematic expert groups of the Executive Committee.

<sup>8</sup> Including its Advisory Board

(b) The usefulness, use, development and dissemination of the outputs of the WIM, including in relation to developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change;

(c) Collaboration, coordination, partnerships and coherence and synergies of work under the WIM in relation to bodies, entities and work programmes, including the funding arrangements for responding to loss and damage referred to in paragraph 2 of decision 2/CP.27 and 2/CMA.4, and with stakeholders under and outside the Convention and the Paris Agreement;

(d) The progress of implementation of the workplan of the WIM Executive Committee, including in relation to outreach and communication, and the work programme of the Santiago network in relation to implementing the functions of the WIM;

(e) The response under the WIM to relevant decisions and the Paris Agreement.

*Option* – 1) keep as is; 2) add specificity to what ‘relevant’ decisions entails – i.e. those contain outcomes of the 2019 WIM review, first GST

5. In their assessment, Parties will consider:

(a) The effectiveness and efficiency of the WIM, including in terms of timeliness, relevance, usefulness, visibility, coherence, complementarity, synergies, comprehensiveness, responsiveness and resourcing;

*Option* – 1) keep it as is; 2) add particular focus on the funding arrangements for responding to L&D, including the fund, with regard to complementarity and coherence

(b) Barriers and gaps, challenges and opportunities, good practices and lessons learned in the context of the implementation of the WIM.

(b-bis) The composition of the WIM Executive Committee.

## IV. Inputs and sources of information

*\*The placement of the final content/provisions under this section is to be determined, as necessary, pending outcomes of Parties’ consideration.*

6. Being guided by the best available science, the inputs to the review are as follows:

(a) The annual reports of and outputs by the WIM Executive Committee,<sup>9</sup> and the reports of its thematic expert groups and of the Santiago network;

(b) Views relevant to the WIM submitted by the Parties and non-Party stakeholders referred to in paragraph x (*para # to be correspond to what is to be included in the SB conclusions part*);

*\* The topic of submissions to be determined pending Parties discussion*

(c) The workplan of the WIM Executive Committee<sup>10</sup> and the work programme of the Santiago network;

(d) Relevant decisions and the Paris Agreement.

*Option* – 1) keep it as is; 2) delete; 3) add a footnote to specify what ‘relevant decisions’ entails – i.e. 2/CMA.2, 2/CP.25, 19/CMA.3, 17/CP.25, 12/CMA.4, 11/CP.27, 13/CMA.4, 12/CP.27, 5/CMA.5, 1/CP.28, 6/CMA.5, 2/CP.28, 7/CMA.5, 3/CP.28

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<sup>9</sup> Including WIM ExCom synthesis report for the technical assessment component of the first global stocktake.

<sup>10</sup> And its implementation monitor.

*Option - 1) no additional inputs; 2) include the following: the background papers, reports and summary of submissions requested from the SEC in the SBI 60 and SBSTA 60 conclusions on the 2024 WIM review agenda<sup>11</sup>*

7. Sources of information for the review may include:
  - (a) Relevant scientific and technical reports of national, regional and international organizations;
  - (b) Relevant national and regional strategies, plans and reports;
  - (c) Relevant outputs of UNFCCC constituted bodies<sup>12</sup> and from events<sup>13</sup> organized under the UNFCCC process;
  - (d) Views relevant to the WIM submitted by Parties and non-Party stakeholders.
  - (d bis) Relevant outputs that are guided by Indigenous Peoples' knowledge.

## V. Modalities

8. The modalities to be used in conducting the review are:<sup>14</sup>
  - (a) The calls for submissions referred to in paragraph 6(b);
  - (b) An event to be held in conjunction with the sixty-first sessions of the subsidiary bodies (November 2024), organized by the secretariat under the guidance of the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies, at which the information from the inputs mentioned in paragraph xx above will be presented;

*Option – 1) keep as is; 2) delete*

## VI. Expected output

9. On the basis of the assessment of progress undertaken in accordance with paragraphs 1–8 above, a draft decision will be prepared at SB 61, including a set of recommendations that respond to the objective of the review as referred to in paragraph 2 above.

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<sup>11</sup> - A background paper providing information on the institutional arrangements relating to loss and damage under the Convention and the Paris Agreement that have been established since the 2019 WIM review, with the aim of identifying possible ways to enhance the implementation of their respective mandates and functions to ensure that developing countries are adequately supported in addressing loss and damage;  
- A background paper providing information on the implementation of the outcomes of the 2019 WIM Review and outcomes of the first GST that are relevant to loss and damage, including on the current state of the work and activities of the various expert groups under the WIM Executive Committee, including on action and support, and identifying possible ways in which to enhance the implementation of the functions of the WIM;  
- A background paper providing information on the early implementation of the functions of the Santiago Network, including good practices and lessons learned, particularly through the lens of the UNFCCC secretariat as the Interim Secretariat of the Network;  
- Results of a survey of NFPs conducted by the secretariat on (i) knowledge about and use by NFPs of WIM ExCom products/outputs and activities to support needs of developing countries, and (ii) regional balance of such products, outputs or activities;  
- SWOT analysis by the secretariat on the work of the WIM ExCom and the barriers, challenges, gaps, and opportunities related to the performance of its mandate and how it can more effectively respond to the needs of developing countries;  
- Call for inputs / submissions from Parties and other stakeholders on matters to be covered by the WIM Review, with the secretariat to put together a summary of such submissions as an input to the WIM review.

- Information on financial resources for WIM activities and for the SN – secretariat to provide information on financial resources for WIM activities, and ask SN interim secretariat UNDRR-UNOPS to provide projection of TA requests and the financial resources required to respond to them

<sup>12</sup> Including the Transitional Committee.

<sup>13</sup> Including the Glasgow Dialogue and High-level dialogue.

<sup>14</sup> Will be adjusted pending the outcomes of Parties' further consultations on the modalities.