

Thirteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts, 27–30 April 2021

Co-chairs note for item 7: Engagement and outreach¹

Outreach event

I. Context

1. Decision 4/CP.22 invited interest Parties to establish loss and damage contact points with a view to enhancing the implementation of approaches to address loss and damage at the national level.
2. In the 2019 Review of the WIM, Decision 2/CMA.2 encouraged Parties to establish these contact points and further invited organisation and relevant stakeholders to collaborate with the Excom in raising awareness on averting, minimising and addressing loss and damage, including through knowledge products.
3. ExCom 12 agreed to promote the call for Parties to establish loss and damage contact points via appropriate communication channels.
4. Previously, Excom 8 adopted a draft communications strategy which seeks to, inter alia:
 - (a) Increase the impact, visibility and to raise awareness of both the Excom itself as well as its work;
 - (b) Enhance the catalytic role of the Excom and the WIM in promoting and facilitating the sharing of the implementation of approaches to avert, minimize and address loss and damage in a comprehensive, integrated and coherent manner; and
 - (c) To ensure that the output of the ExCom can be easily accessed and used by decision-makers, policymakers and other relevant stakeholders.

II. Co-Chairs' Proposal

5. In fulfilling the above mandates and decisions, the co-chairs are proposing an outreach event targeting loss and damage contact points as well as UNFCCC focal points (where contact points are not established) as follows:
6. **Main objectives:**
 - (a) To specifically engage with contact points and focal points on the role and work of the ExCom;
 - (b) To present selected content (including from expert groups) that can increase awareness on averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage at the national level;
7. **Additional notes:**
 - (a) It will be an ExCom outreach event and expert groups will be invited to highlight outputs of national relevance;
 - (b) Two or more events will be held to cover the different UN regions without any being unduly disadvantaged;
 - (c) The event may be held in conjunction with other events as appropriate before the staging of ExCom 14;

¹ This note is prepared to facilitate the consideration by the ExCom on matters indicated in paragraph 28 of the provisional agenda and annotation, EXCOM/2021/13/1.

(d) This does not preclude other outreach events, including any that may be organized by the ExCom and expert groups for SB and COP sessions;

(e) The content of the event may focus on a specific thematic area in keeping with decisions of ExCom 13 (relating to agenda items 4 and 8).

8. **Mode of work:** a small group of ExCom members to advance work intersessionally with the assistance of the secretariat, including the preparation of an agenda keeping the committee informed at various milestones.

III. Next steps:

9. The ExCom may wish to consider the proposal contained in paragraphs 5–8 above for endorsement and confirm the small group members

10. The ExCom may also wish to request:

(a) The members to actively participate in the outreach events, especially those taking place in their regions;

(b) The secretariat to identify dates and/or possible events² with which the ExCom outreach events can be held in conjunction and support the organization of the outreach events.

² Such as the 2021 regional Climate Weeks: <https://unfccc.int/climate-action/regional-climate-weeks>.