

Decision -/CP.26

Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts

The Conference of the Parties,

Endorses decision -/CMA.3,¹ on the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts and the reports² of its Executive Committee, which provides as follows:

“1. *Welcomes* the reports of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts for 2020³ and 2021,⁴ including the recommendations contained therein;

“2. *Also welcomes* the continued progress of the Executive Committee in implementing its five-year rolling workplan and that of its expert groups in implementing their plans of action, including in response to the relevant outcomes of the 2019 review of the Warsaw International Mechanism, despite the extraordinary challenges due to the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic;

“3. *Further welcomes:*

(a) The adoption by the Executive Committee of the plans of action of its expert groups on non-economic losses, slow onset events, and action and support, and the continued progress of implementation of the plans of action of the task force on displacement and the technical expert group on comprehensive risk management;

(b) The decision of the Executive Committee to update its five-year rolling workplan in 2022;

(c) The provision of input to the Standing Committee on Finance relating to the draft guidance for the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism;

(d) The progress of the Executive Committee, further to decision 19/CMA.1, in preparing its contribution for the technical assessment component of the global stocktake;

“4. *Encourages* the *Executive Committee* to:

(a) Include in its contribution referred to in paragraph 3(d) above, to the extent possible, information on challenges, opportunities, best practices and lessons learned in implementing the functions of the Warsaw International Mechanism as well as on activities and products relevant to the loss and damage considerations under the global stocktake, including in the context of decision 19/CMA.1, paragraphs 6(b)(ii) and 36(e);

¹ Draft decision entitled “Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts” proposed under agenda item 7 of the Conference of the Parties serving as meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its third session.

² FCCC/SB/2020/3 and FCCC/SB/2021/4 and Add.1–2.

³ FCCC/SB/2020/3.

⁴ FCCC/SB/2021/4 and Add.1–2.

(b) Consider including in the agendas for its regular meetings a standing item on how the latest climate science can inform policymaking;

“5. *Expresses appreciation to:*

(a) Organizations and other stakeholders that contributed to the success of the work undertaken and to the constituted bodies that collaborated with the Executive Committee and its expert groups in 2020–2021;

(b) Organizations that have submitted information pursuant to decision 2/CMA.2, paragraph 44;

“6. *Invites organizations, bodies, networks and experts to include the following when reporting on the technical assistance provided to developing countries⁵ with the aim of enhancing the information captured in the reports of the Executive Committee:*

(a) The type of technical assistance provided;

(b) The developing countries to which technical assistance was provided and when;

(c) The involvement of and collaboration among stakeholders at the local, subnational, national, regional and international level, as applicable;

(d) Challenges experienced in providing technical assistance;

(e) The ways in which countries may access the technical assistance available;

“7. *Encourages, noting the breadth of topics addressed in the strategic workstreams⁶ of the Executive Committee, a broad range of organizations, bodies, networks and experts from all regions, working at the local, subnational, national, regional and international level, including those in developing countries and those that are represented in the expert groups of the Executive Committee, to engage in the Santiago network for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change while avoiding duplication of their ongoing efforts;*

“8. *Acknowledges that the entities referred to in paragraph 7 above, particularly those that are based in developing countries, may need support, including financial support, in providing technical assistance;*

“9. *Decides that the Santiago network is to have the following functions:*

(a) Contributing to the effective implementation of the functions⁷ of the Warsaw International Mechanism, in line with the provisions in paragraph 7 of decision 2/CP.19 and Article 8 of the Paris Agreement, by catalysing the technical assistance of organizations, bodies, networks and experts;

(b) Catalysing demand-driven technical assistance including of relevant organizations, bodies, networks and experts, for the implementation of relevant approaches to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change by assisting in:

(i) Identifying, prioritizing and communicating technical assistance needs and priorities;

⁵ As per decision 2/CMA.2, para. 44.

⁶ As contained in the annex to document FCCC/SB/2017/1/Add.1.

⁷ Decision 2/CP.19, para. 5.

- (ii) Identifying types of relevant technical assistance;
- (iii) Actively connecting those seeking technical assistance with best suited organizations, bodies, networks and experts;
- (iv) Accessing technical assistance available including from such organizations, bodies, networks and experts;

(c) Facilitating the consideration of a wide range of topics relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage approaches, including but not limited to current and future impacts, priorities, and actions related to averting, minimizing, and addressing loss and damage pursuant to decisions 3/CP.18, and 2/CP.19, the areas referred to in Article 8, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement and the strategic workstreams of the five-year rolling workplan of the Executive Committee;

(d) Facilitating and catalysing collaboration, coordination, coherence and synergies to accelerate action by organizations, bodies, networks and experts, across communities of practices, and for them to deliver effective and efficient technical assistance to developing countries;

(e) Facilitating the development, provision and dissemination of, and access to, knowledge and information on averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage, including comprehensive risk management approaches, at the regional, national and local level;

(f) Facilitating, through catalysing technical assistance, of organizations, bodies, networks and experts, access to action and support (finance, technology and capacity building) under and outside the Convention and the Paris Agreement, relevant to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, including urgent and timely responses to the impacts of climate change;

“10. *Also decides* to further *develop* the institutional arrangements of the Santiago network by:

(a) Inviting Parties and relevant organizations to submit via the submission portal⁸ by 15 March 2022 their views on the following aspects of the Santiago network:

- (i) Operational modalities;
- (ii) Structure;
- (iii) The role of the Executive Committee and its expert groups, task force and technical expert group;
- (iv) The role of loss and damage contact points and other relevant stakeholders at the subnational, national and regional level;
- (v) Possible elements for the terms of reference of a potential convening or coordinating body that may provide secretarial services to facilitate work under the Santiago network;

(b) Requesting the secretariat to organize a technical workshop⁹ prior to the fifty-sixth sessions of the subsidiary bodies, under the guidance of the Chairs of those bodies, with inputs from the Executive Committee and the participation of Parties and

⁸ <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>.

⁹ With the workshop to be held in a hybrid in-person and virtual format to encourage broad participation.

relevant organizations, bodies, networks and experts, to elaborate on the submissions referred to in paragraph 10(a) above;

(c) Requesting the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at their fifty-sixth sessions, to consider the submissions referred to in paragraph 10(a) above and the discussions at the technical workshop referred to in paragraph 10(b) above with a view to providing recommendations for consideration and adoption by the governing body at its next session or the governing bodies at their next session;

“11. *Requests* the secretariat to continue providing support for developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change that may seek or wish to benefit from the *technical* assistance available from organizations, bodies, networks and experts under the Santiago network without prejudice to the outcomes of the consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation of matters relating to the network;

“12. *Encourages*, recognizing the urgent need for scaling-up of action and support, as appropriate, including finance, technology and capacity-building, for the implementation of relevant approaches¹⁰ to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage in developing *countries* that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, the Executive Committee, on the basis of its recommendation, to:

(a) Continue engaging and strengthening its dialogue with the Standing Committee on Finance, including by providing input to the Standing Committee on Finance when, in accordance with its mandate, it provides information, recommendations and draft guidance relating to the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, as appropriate;

(b) Commence, continue and/or explore potential ways to enhance, as appropriate, collaboration with the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism to inform the work of the Executive Committee and its expert group on action and support;

“13. *Notes* that considerations related to the governance of the Warsaw International Mechanism will continue at its fourth session (November 2022);¹¹

“14. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in this decision;

“15. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken *subject* to the availability of financial resources.”;

Notes that considerations related to the governance of the Warsaw International Mechanism will continue at its twenty-seventh session (November 2022).¹²

¹⁰ Relevant approaches for, inter alia, slow onset events, non-economic losses and human mobility.

¹¹ It is noted that discussions on governance of the Warsaw International Mechanism did not produce an outcome; this is without prejudice to further consideration of this matter.

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