

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

**Background note for item 5: The role and contribution of the Excom in the global stocktake as contained in decision 19/CMA.1**

## **I. Background**

1. The CMA, in its decision 19/CMA.1, decided that the global stocktake will consist of the following components:<sup>1</sup>

- **Information** collection and preparation, focusing on gathering, compiling and synthesizing information and preparing for conducting the technical assessment (CMA 2021 to June 2023);
- **Technical assessment**, focusing on taking stock of the implementation of the Paris Agreement to assess the collective progress towards achieving the purpose and long-term goals of the Paris Agreement, as well as opportunities for enhanced action and support to achieve its purpose and goals (June 2022 to June 2023);
- **Consideration of outputs**, focusing on discussing the implications of the findings of the technical assessment with a view to achieving the outcome of the global stocktake of informing Parties in updating and enhancing, in a nationally determined manner, their actions and support, in accordance with relevant provisions of the Paris Agreement, as well as in enhancing international cooperation for climate action (CMA 2023).

2. The CMA requested the Chairs of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to develop guiding questions for all components of the global stocktake, including specific thematic and cross-cutting questions, one session of the subsidiary bodies prior to the relevant activities under the global stocktake being carried out.

3. The CMA invited, among other bodies, the ExCom to prepare for the technical assessment, with the assistance of the secretariat, synthesis reports on the information identified in paragraph 36 of decision 19/CMA.1 in their areas of expertise.

## **II. Process to date**

4. ExCom 9 (April 2019) agreed to consider the role and contribution of the Excom in its future meetings, starting with the first meeting of 2020.<sup>2</sup> ExCom 11 (March 2020) initiated its consideration.

5. Excom 12 (October 2020) established an intersessional group of members to prepare a draft table of contents of the synthesis report for consideration by the ExCom at ExCom 13, taking into account initial views shared during ExCom 12 on the possible scope of information in response to para 36(e) of decision 19/CMA.1, indicative timeframe and milestones as well as ways to liaise with other constituted bodies.

6. The outcome of the intersessional group of members is contained in the annex to this note.

## **III. Next steps**

7. The ExCom may wish to endorse the draft table of contents as contained in the annex and consider key points to highlight in the substantive chapters, including:

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<sup>1</sup> Decision 19/CMA.1.

<sup>2</sup> 2019 Excom report, paragraph 18 (e)(iii) as contained in document FCCC/SB/2019/5/Add.1. Also see 2/CMA.2, paragraph 1.

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(a) Key results designed to enhance understanding, action and support related to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage in the thematic chapter;

(b) Key challenges in implementing and achieving the objectives of the Warsaw International Mechanism, and associated lessons and learned;

(c) Best practices of and opportunities under the Warsaw International Mechanism to be exemplified in the report

8. The ExCom may also wish to request:

(a) The intersessional group of members to continue considering the key points mentioned in paragraph 7 (a)–(c) above, taking into account the guiding questions to be issued by the SB Chairs, and share the outcome of its work at ExCom 14;

(b) Its Co-Chairs to liaise with other constituted bodies, as appropriate, to ensure complementarity of efforts in developing the various synthesis reports.

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## Annex: The outcome of the intersessional group of members

### Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage Considerations for the Table of Content for the Global Stocktake Synthesis Report

#### GST Excom Members

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#### Resources for consideration:

- Documents from [WIM review](#)
- [19/CMA.1](#)
- [Co-chairs notes](#) from Excom 12

#### Timelines

Comments to be provided by Feb 12, 2021

ExCom13 – draft Table of Content presented for adoption.

Final report done by Feb/March 2022

#### Overarching theme

Progress of work under the WIM/ExCom to enhance understanding, action and support, on a cooperative and facilitative basis, related to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change.

#### Recommendations for Table of Content (with Annotations)

- **Introduction and mandate** – In this section, the mandate for the report will be presented. It will also briefly outline the mandate and the history of the Excom and the WIM to set the context for the information that will be provided. The 5YRWP and outputs/mandates of the WIM review will be included.
  - **Brief history of the WIM and the role of its ExCom**
  - **5-yr rolling workplan**
  - **Approach** – this will outline the approach agreed by the Excom to undertake the work i.e., arrange information by the areas SOEs, NELs, CRM, TFD and A&S
- **Thematic area chapters** – for each of **SOEs, NELs, CRM, TFD, A&S**, outline strategic approach, present key results designed to enhance understanding, action and support related to a.m.a L&D
  - **SOEs**
  - **NELs**
  - **CRM**
  - **TFD**

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- **A&S**
  - **Cross-cutting** issues– In this section, the report would detail how cross-cutting issues such as the best available science, gender consideration, stakeholder involvement, etc., have been integrated in the WIM; and dynamics in keeping with the Gender Action Plan
    - Gender responsiveness
    - Use of best available science
    - Others
  - **Cooperation, Stakeholder involvement and Partnerships** – The experts and entities which have contributed to the WIM will be presented here. These will include the bodies and expert groups under the Agreement, as well as relevant organizations and expert bodies outside the Agreement.
    - Santiago Network
  - **Challenges, opportunities, best practices and lessons learned** – where available, this section will outline where there are challenges in implementing the WIM. For example, responsiveness to calls, etc.
    - Challenges towards implementing/achieving objectives of the WIM and lessons learned
    - Best practices, opportunities and major work areas being launched, e.g. through new expert groups
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