

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

Item 5: The role and contribution of the Excom in the global stocktake as contained in decision 19/CMA.1

Co-Chairs Proposal on Adopting the Table of Content for the Excom Synthesis Report for the Global Stocktake

Context:

In decision 19/CMA.1, Parties agreed to conduct a Global Stocktake (GST) in 2023. The GST will “assess the collective progress towards achieving the purpose of the Agreement and its long-term goals” (para 1). Relevant constituted bodies were invited to prepare synthesis reports to inform the GST. The Excom, in the context of 1(d) below, agreed to prepare a report, noting in particular para 36 (e): “Efforts 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”.

At Excom 12, a [co-chairs’ note](#) was prepared outlining additional relevant decisions to guide the Excom’s report and which was the basis on which decisions were made. This included the establishment of a small group¹ of Excom members who were tasked with working intersessionally on a table of content (ToC) to guide the preparation of the report. The draft ToC was presented during [agenda item 5](#) of Excom 13.

Guiding Considerations

The co-chairs are recommending that members be mindful of the following in their deliberations on this agenda item:

1. The GST will have inputs from varied sources, including the following (para 37):
 - a) Reports and communication from Parties
 - b) The latest reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
 - c) Reports of the subsidiary bodies
 - d) Reports from relevant constituted bodies and forums and other institutional arrangements under or serving the Paris Agreement and/or the Convention
 - e) The synthesis reports by the secretariat which will be guided by para 23:
 - the state of greenhouse gas emissions by sources and removals by sinks and mitigation efforts undertaken by Parties (para 36 a)
 - the state of adaptation efforts, experience and priorities, summarizing the most recent information identified in paragraph 36(c)
 - the overall effect of nationally determined contributions communicated by Parties
 - finance flows including the latest biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows of the Standing Committee on Finance (para 36 d)
- The information collated for the GST will be the subject of a technical dialogue that will support the contact group formed by SBI and the SBSTA to assist the process of the stocktake.
- Excom 12 agreed to liaise with other constituted bodies in preparing its report, particularly to promote collaboration and synergy.

Co-Chairs Proposal:

The co-chairs note that the ExCom’s input needs to be seen in the context of the various inputs identified for inclusion in the GST as outlined above. Members are being encouraged therefore to consider how best to avoid duplication while maximising collaboration and synergies in the preparation of the synthesis report.

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The co-chairs are further concerned that time and capacity may be a constraining factor given the deadline for a final report by or before March 2022. Members are being asked to consider how their proposals will influence the finalisation process, noting that a draft may be tabled by Excom 14 later this year.

The table of content produced by the small ground under agenda item 5 provides general areas around which the information that is relevant to loss and damage and the ExCom's work will be captured, noting there are other inputs into the GST as outlined in paragraph 1 above. The co-chairs believe this remains a good basis on which to advance the deliberations and asks that members, in providing comments:

- a) Seek to identify if achievements and other relevant information can be included in the headings and sub-headings already identified that the ExCom can provide in the time allotted ; and
- b) Where (1) above has gaps, to be specific in identifying same.

The following, which can be appropriately situated in the draft ToC, are also being proposed for consideration in moving forward:

- Key results designed to enhance understanding, action and support related to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage in the thematic chapters;
- Key challenges in implementing and achieving the objectives of the Warsaw International Mechanism (WIM), and associated lessons learned; and
- Best practices of and opportunities under the WIM to be exemplified in the report

Final decisions will be taken on Friday, April 30 during the first session slated to begin at 23:00 CET.
