Summary of proceedings of the first meeting of the Task Force on Displacement, the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage

Background: At the Paris Climate Change Conference (COP21), the COP requested the Executive Committee to establish a task force to develop recommendations for integrated approaches to avert, minimize, and address displacement related to the adverse effects of climate change. This document summarizes the proceedings of the first meeting of that task force, including a draft work plan to articulate recommendations.

- 1. The first meeting of the Task Force on Displacement took place on 18–19 May 2017 in Bonn, Germany.¹
- 2. All members from the constituted bodies under the UNFCCC, and six members from the relevant expert communities participated in person:²
 - Ms. Cornelia Jäger (Excom³)
 - Mr. Idy Niang (Excom)
 - Ms. Pepetua Latasi (Excom)
 Mr. Russell Miles (Excom)
- Ms. Dina Ionesco (IOM) Mr. Ezekiel Simperingham (IFRC)
- Ms. Keti Chachibaia (UNDP)
- Mr. Idrissa Semde (LEG^4)
- Ms. Maria del Pilar Bueno (AC⁵)
- Ms. Michelle Leighton (ILO) Ms. Michelle Yonetani (Civil society, Advisory Group on
- Climate Change and Human Mobility)

Mr. Atle Solberg (*Platform on Disaster Displacement*)

- 3. Ms. Madeline Garlick (UNHCR) joined remotely via WebEx for parts of the meeting, who had also provided, prior to the meeting, written inputs against topics included in the agenda. Those inputs were incorporated into outputs from corresponding sessions. The meeting was co-facilitated by Idy and Russell.
- 4. The map below shows regional expertise of members as it relates to knowledge, policy coherence, and action and support, for the work of the Task Force.



Regional perspectives of the members of the Task Force related to Chowledge Dialogue, coordination, coherence, synergies Action and support

- ⁴ Least Developed Countries Expert Group.
- ⁵ Adaptation Committee.

¹ Information and background documents for the meeting are available at <http://unfccc.int/10302>.

² The membership seat designated to the UNFCCC constituency 'Local Governments and Municipal Authorities' is currently vacant, pending its nomination.

³ Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage.

- 5. **Session 1** provided opportunities for members to **introduce relevant work of their organizations**⁶ from the perspective of the scope of the work of the Task Force as contained in the Terms of Reference.
- 6. Session 2 comprised brainstorming discussions in parallel working groups and a plenary discussion, focusing on the target audiences and desired impacts of the recommendations which the Task Force is mandated to develop. Four broad areas of desired impacts emerged as results of these parallel working groups. Further group work led to the identification of elements for impact statements for each of the four broad areas of desired impacts.
- 7. In parallel, members provided information on **relevant events and processes**⁷ that are taking place from May 2017 to November 2018 a period during which the Task Force is envisaged to be in active operation (**Session 3**).
- 8. The second day of the meeting was entirely devoted to the consideration of **activities required to develop the recommendations**, clustered by the four broad areas of desired impacts of the recommendations (Session 4).
- 9. Following this exercise, the group established (co-) lead agency and key collaborating agencies for each of the agreed activities of the Task Force. (Co-) Lead members then further refined the wording on respective activities in order to articulate the deliverables (Session 5).
- 10. The Task Force agreed to the following:
 - a) Forward to the Excom for its endorsement the draft workplan of the Task Force on Displacement as contained in the annex to this document;
 - b) **Undertake the activities** as contained in the abovementioned draft workplan in time to make available the summaries of the results as referred to in sub-paragraph (c) below;
 - c) Make available a two-page summary of the results of activities undertaken by the end of March 2018;
 - d) **Convene, as appropriate, a meeting** (May 2018) on all areas of work of the Task Force which includes, a wider consultation with stakeholders; and an internal Task Force meeting (closed);
 - e) Hold an in-person meeting of the Task Force in July-August 2018.
- 11. Members from the PDD and IOM offered to **host and organize the meeting** referred to in paragraph 11 (d) above, which was welcomed by all the Task Force members.

Next steps

- 12. The Task Force requested the secretariat to undertake editorial refinement of the draft workplan, then, send it to the Task Force members. (Co-) Lead members of activities will, in turn, complete the timeline for making available the deliverables from their activities.
- 13. The draft workplan will subsequently be shared with the Excom for its approval intersessionally.
- 14. The annex to this document contains the draft workplan. The agenda of the meeting, presentations and outputs of the meeting are available at http://unfccc.int/10302>.

⁶ For the information on relevant work presented by members, see <u>http://unfccc.int/10302</u>.

⁷ Information on relevant events and processes shared by the members are also available on <u>http://unfccc.int/10302</u>.



Task Force members during the first meeting

ANNEX: DRAFT WORKPLAN OF THE TASK FORCE ON DISPLACEMENT*

				2017									2018									
Desire	d impacts	Activity	Undertaken by	May Ju	ın Jul			Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May		Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Deliverable
I. Policy/Practice – National/Subnational	 Policies and institutional framework to avert, minimize and address displacement enhanced. Capacities of national and local governments to address climate- 	Activity I.1: Mapping of existing relevant policies and institutional frameworks that deal with the climate and displacement interaction at the national level, including identification of key actors in the policy formulation, to the extent feasible and on the base of accessible public documents.	IOM <i>(lead)</i> + UNDP + Advisory Group CSOs + UNHCR	,			COP					Feb-Mar										Mapping report
	related drivers and impacts of displacement enhanced.	Activity I.2: Synthesizing the state of knowledge to better understand displacement related to slow onset events.	Advisory Group CSOs <i>(lead)</i> + IOM + UNDP +UNHCR										March 2018									Paper
II. Policy – International/Regional	• Adverse impacts of climate change on displacement are recognized and integrated approaches to avert, minimize and address displacement are promoted in relevant policies at all levels, including international, regional, national and sub- national levels.	Activity II.1: Mapping workplans of bodies/work programmes under the UNFCCC on displacement.	Excom TFD members										end of I									Summary note
		Activity II.2: Mapping of how climate and displacement is included in National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), national communications, and in other relevant policy agendas (such as Sendai Framework, SDGs, World Humanitarian Summit, Global Forum on Migration and Development, Global Compacts on Migration and Refugees, etc.).	IOM (lead) + ILO + UNDP									Feb –Mar	s of the activities by the									Mapping report
	• Displacement related to the adverse effects of climate change is considered in the workplans of relevant bodies and processes under the UNFCCC (AC, LEG, SCF, PCCB, CTCN, TEC, NWP).	Activity II.3: Mapping of institutional frameworks and mandates within the United Nation system to avert, minimize and address displacement and outline options for facilitating coordination of key processes. Activity II.4: Mapping of existing	PDD (lead) + ILO UNHCR (lead) +										mary of the results									Analysis paper Mapping report
		international/regional guidance/tools on averting, minimizing and addressing displacement and durable solutions.	IOM + Advisory Group CSOs + PDD									End Feb– Mar	-page summa									
III. Data and assessment	• Systematic data collection and monitoring of displacement and its impacts at local, national, regional and international level to inform comprehensive needs and	Activity III.1: Providing an overview of data sources, common methodologies and good practice for displacement-related data collection and assessment, as relevant to different contexts and region.	Advisory Group CSOs <i>(lead)</i> + IOM										e available a two									Report, including mapping of data sources and methodologies
	risk assessments for the formulation of policy and plans, is strengthened.	Activity III.2: Providing global baseline of climate- related disaster displacement risk, and package by region.	Advisory Group CSOs (lead) + IDMC										Make									Release of a model
	• The capacity to undertake systematic data collection is strengthened.	Activity III.3: Analyzing available data on disaster- related displacement and its impacts in different regions and groups of countries in specific circumstances (e.g. LDCs) related to sudden and slow onset events.	Advisory Group CSOs <i>(lead)</i> + IOM																			Report
 Framing and linkages 	 Stimulate and awaken commitment, cooperation and action to avert, minimize and address displacement in the context of climate change. Framing is actionable, constructive and leads to transformation. 	 Activity IV.1: Preparing summaries of results/outputs of activities. Activity IV.2: Convening, as appropriate, a meeting on all areas of work of the Task Force on Displacement which includes: 1) wider consultations with stakeholders, and 2) internal Task Force meeting. Activity IV.3: Organizing the second meeting of the Task Force on Displacement to finalize the set of 	By implementer(s) of each activity IOM (co-lead), PDD (co-lead) + UNHCR																			2-page summaries Meeting report, including indicative areas of recommendations Meeting report, including
2	• Provide tools so we plan for today and for the future we want.	recommendations to be forwarded to the Executive Committee.																				rationale for recommendations

*Description of activities may be further clarified, as needed, based on the technical undertaking of the activities. The Gantt chart indicates timings of the delivery of outputs, not the duration of the undertakings of activities.