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A summary of the Excom's 2020 evaluation

About this document

This document provides 1) information on the process taken for the Excom's self-evaluation on progress made towards implementation of its workplan to inform its consideration for developing future activities, and 2) a summary of views on the successes, shortcomings and lessons learned in the context of the 2020 self-evaluation, provided via e-Delphi, during Excom 11 (March 2020).

The Executive Committee will be invited to take note of the views shared on progress on implementation of its workplan in order to update its five-year rolling workplan at its future meetings.

I. Mandate

1. Excom 6 (October 2017) decided to evaluate, in 2020, progress made towards implementation of its workplan to inform its consideration for developing future activities, and decision 5/CP.23 noted that decision.¹

II. Process to date

2. At its first meeting in 2020 (Excom 11, March), the members shared their reflections on the successes, shortcomings and lessons learned on four aspects used to measure progress in implementing its five-year rolling workplan.
3. A summary of the views and inputs by members (see Annex) was shared at one of the live virtual meetings at Excom 11 with a view to initiating a discussion on the development of future activities. Excom 11 encouraged members to continue providing views, electronically or otherwise, on the four broad areas, as well as any other relevant connections to the future work of the Excom. No additional views have been shared to date.

III. Suggestions for a way forward

4. Information on what worked well and areas for improvement in the ongoing implementation of the five-year rolling workplan should be a useful input to the development of future activities of the Excom. The Excom is planning to endorse the terms of reference and launch three more expert groups at Excom 12, all of which are expected to develop plans of action by the next meeting of the Excom. The inclusion of new activities in the Excom's five-year rolling workplan should help inform the development of these plans of action.
5. The Excom may wish to take note of the reflection on the successes, shortcomings and lessons learned, shared via e-Delphi, for informing its deliberations on the development of new activities under the five-year rolling workplan.

¹ Decision 5/CP. 23, paragraph 5.

Annex

Summary of views on the successes, shortcomings and lessons learned, shared via e-Delphi and introduced at Excom 11

1. Knowledge products prepared and delivered:

- Standardize products across workstreams to increase the effectiveness and delivery of relevant information to local governments, NFPs, and loss and damage contact points.
- Consider the end-users when preparing products to ensure they are practical and accessible.
- Further discuss the dissemination of products.
- Increase the number of platforms used to promote Excom products

2. Collaboration with other bodies under and outside the UNFCCC:

- Develop a structured and formalized way to collaborate with other bodies.
- Liaison representatives to participate in meetings held by other bodies.
- Provide specialized inputs to the work of the different bodies.
- Use the successful engagement of the TFD and TEG-CRM with other bodies as a good model for collaboration which should be emulated for other expert groups.

3. Engagement of experts and relevant organizations with relevant expertise and resources, and their ability to help the Excom deliver against the activities of its workplan (e.g. TFD, TEG-CRM):

- Develop a list of activities and priorities to be endorsed by the committee.
- Commission certain works when the sought skills are neither available by the expert group or the secretariat.
- Establish an appropriate measuring, reporting and verification system of processes and outcomes.

4. Value-addition of the Excom's work to date in assisting developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change to avert, minimize and address loss and damage:

- Develop more regional initiatives led by the Excom in collaboration with partners.
- Increase the number of platforms providing information on loss and damage contact points.
- Host at least one of the two annual Excom meetings in vulnerable developing countries.

Additional points

Increase the time, meetings and/or resources to enhance and strengthen intersessional work.
