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Opportunities and modalities to engage regional and national level stakeholders, including the UNFCCC National Focal Points and Loss and Damage Contact Point

About this document

This document provides a synthesis of views on potential tasks of loss and damage contact points (L&D contact points) contained in a briefing note prepared by the co-chairs for Excom 11 (March 2020).

The Executive Committee will be invited to consider the possible role of L&D contact points and opportunities and modalities to engage regional and national level stakeholders.

I. Background

1. COP 22 invited interested Parties to establish a loss and damage contact point (L&D contact point) through their respective UNFCCC National Focal Point (NFPs), with a view to enhancing the implementation of approaches to address loss and damage associated with the adverse impacts of climate change at the national level.¹
2. COP 23 encouraged Parties to actively engage in the work and to disseminate, promote and make use of the products of the Warsaw International Mechanism and its Excom including by establishing a L&D contact point.² Most recently, CMA 2 (December 2019) also encouraged Parties to establish a L&D contact point through their respective NFP.³

II. Process to date

3. Excom 10 (October 2019) considered opportunities and modalities to engage regional and national level stakeholders and roles of NFPs and L&D contact points in this context and requested the co-chairs to prepare a briefing note on the draft description of L&D contact points for consideration at Excom 11 (March 2020). During Excom 11, members provided views on the broad tasks described in the briefing note. The following opportunities and associated modalities for the Excom to engage the NFPs and L&D contact points emerged based on these two inputs:
 - 1) The L&D contact points, in close coordination with the NFP, could serve to provide inputs to the Excom on national activities associated with loss and damage, and in turn, the Excom could use the L&D contact points, to the extent they have been established, as primary communication channels for its work, using best-suited communication tools;
 - 2) The L&D contact points could support the Excom, and vice versa, in raising awareness at the national and subnational level on approaches to avert, minimize and address loss and damage, building on the outreach materials produced by the Excom and its expert groups;
 - 3) L&D contact points, and the NFPs as appropriate, would support the Excom in facilitating its efforts to provide country stakeholders with access to information on:
 - a. Latest COP/CMA decisions relevant to loss and damage;
 - b. Outcomes of the work of the Excom, its subgroups and other relevant bodies under the Convention, especially as regards products and other outputs that facilitate the implementation of relevant approaches to avert, minimize and address loss and damage;

¹ Decision 4/CP.22, paragraph 4(d).

² Decision 5/CP.23, paragraph 13(a).

³ Decision 2/CMA.2, paragraph 13.

- c. Work of relevant organizations, bodies, networks, and experts supporting the implementation of approaches to avert, minimize and address loss and damage, including those associated with the Santiago network for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change;
- 4) The L&D contact points could liaise with the Excom and its subgroups, as appropriate, when providing information to relevant international processes on local/national/regional level experiences, best practices and needs related to averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage;
- 5) The L&D contact points could facilitate the sharing of feedback from national and subnational stakeholders on the utility of Excom products and outputs;
- 6) The NFPs and L&D contact points could seek advice from the Excom, as appropriate, when liaising with relevant multilateral and bilateral donors to identify support for the implementation of approaches to avert, minimize and address loss and damage.

III. Possible way forward

4. The Excom will be invited to consider the approaches set out in the above section and revise as necessary.
5. The Excom may also wish to consider general timelines for sharing information with L&D contact points in relation to Excom meetings and official sessions of the COP/CMA.
6. Given the potential role of L&D contact points in linking the work of the Excom to national implementation approaches to avert, minimize and address loss and damage, the Excom may wish to promote the call for Parties to establish a L&D contact point.⁴

⁴ As of 7 October 2020, 34 [nominations for L&D contact points](#) have been received by the secretariat.