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Dear Mr. Upreti, Dear Mr. Huongo,

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts (hereinafter referred to as the Executive Committee) and in our capacity as its Co-Chairs, we are pleased to inform you that the Executive Committee held its first meeting from 24 to 26 September 2015, and that we have successfully launched the implementation of our two-year workplan.

In this initial communication, we would like to present, for consideration by the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, an opportunity to enhance coherence between the efforts of our two bodies.

The Conference of the Parties (COP), at its nineteenth session, established the Warsaw International Mechanism to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change through its three main functions: enhancing knowledge and understanding of comprehensive risk management approaches; strengthening dialogue, coordination, coherence and synergies among relevant stakeholders; and enhancing action and support, including finance, technology and capacity building. The Executive Committee is mandated to guide the implementation of these functions. The COP, at its twentieth session, approved an initial two-year workplan of the Executive Committee.

Action Area 1 of the workplan focuses on enhancing the understanding of how loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change affect particularly vulnerable developing countries, segments of the population that are already vulnerable owing to geography, socioeconomic status, livelihoods, gender, age, indigenous or minority status or disability, and the ecosystems that they depend on, and how the implementation of approaches to address loss and damage can benefit them.

To initiate activity under this Action Area, the Executive Committee would like to invite the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to consider making efforts to reduce and avert losses and damages among particularly vulnerable developing countries, vulnerable populations and the ecosystems that they depend on, as the Least Developed Countries Expert Group undertakes its work, and to share the outcomes with the Executive Committee.

The expected result of this activity, as stated in the workplan approved by the COP, is that the consideration of particularly vulnerable developing countries, vulnerable populations and the ecosystems that they depend on becomes a cross-cutting topic, and becomes integrated across the relevant work under the Convention.



Accordingly, we would appreciate if you could provide the Executive Committee, in writing (e.g. a succinct narrative report) with:

1. How the Least Developed Countries Expert Group envisages including in its work, specific and tangible ways of reducing or averting loss and damage in particularly vulnerable developing countries, vulnerable populations and the ecosystems that they depend on;
2. Information on specific action that the Least Developed Countries Expert Group is taking in key areas, relevant to work on loss and damage.

To assist you in responding to the above request, the secretariat has prepared a preliminary analysis of the mandates and work of some of the relevant bodies or processes under the Convention, which may have contributed and/or could contribute to, efforts to avoid and reduce loss and damage associated with climate change impacts. Please see annexes I and II to this letter. We hope that you would find this preliminary analysis useful.

As a first step, we look forward to hearing from you, following the next meeting of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, whether and how your Group plans to respond to our request.

The Executive Committee recognizes that the work areas of various constituted bodies under the UNFCCC process are assisting Parties in various ways to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, in line with provisions contained in decisions 3/CP.18 and 2/CP.19 and in our two-year workplan. Therefore, while we are writing to you regarding a specific activity within our workplan, we, as a newly constituted body under the Convention, would like to take this opportunity to convey our interest in establishing a channel of communication with the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, with a view to exploring opportunities for enhancing synergies and developing an ongoing collaboration between our two bodies.

We would be happy to answer any questions you may have as you consider this invitation.

Sincerely yours,

*(Signed by)*

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Co-Chairs of the Executive Committee

#### Annexes

Annex 1: Results of preliminary mapping of mandate/workplan of relevant bodies

Annex 2: Results of preliminary mapping of knowledge products of relevant bodies

#### Useful links:

- <Two-year workplan of the Executive Committee>
- <Decision 2/CP.19 on the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts>
- <Decision 3/CP.18 on approaches to address loss and damage associated with climate change impacts>



**Annex I: Preliminary mapping of relevant mandates and current activities included in the workplans of relevant constituted bodies and work programmes under the Convention against the Action Areas of the 2-year workplan of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage<sup>1</sup>**

Action area 1: Enhance the understanding of <b>how loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change affect particularly vulnerable developing countries, segments of the population that are already vulnerable</b> owing to geography, socioeconomic status, livelihoods, gender, age, indigenous or minority status or disability, and the ecosystems that they depend on, and of how the implementation of approaches to address loss and damage can benefit them	
AC	<p><i>Mandate</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strengthening, consolidating and enhancing the sharing of relevant information, knowledge, experience and good practices, at the local, national, regional and international levels, taking into account, as appropriate, traditional knowledge and practices (<a href="#">Decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 20 (b)</a>)</li></ul>
NWP	<p><i>Mandate</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Address the knowledge needs arising from, inter alia, the Cancun Adaptation Framework and other relevant workstreams and bodies under the Convention and the knowledge needs identified by Parties (<a href="#">Decision 17/CP.19, paragraph 1</a>)</li><li>• Development of knowledge products to improve the understanding and assessment of impacts, vulnerability and adaptation in response to needs identified by Parties (<a href="#">Decision 17/CP.19, paragraph 2, (c)</a>)</li><li>• Activities under the Nairobi work programme should integrate gender issues, indigenous and traditional knowledge, and the role of and impacts on ecosystems (<a href="#">Decision 17/CP.19, paragraph 7</a>)</li><li>• Make publicly available a compilation of good practices and tools and available data collection initiatives for the use of local, indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices for adaptation, for consideration at SBSTA 44 (June 2016), building on existing knowledge-sharing platforms, including the database on best practices and available tools for the use of indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices for adaptation (<a href="#">SBSTA 41 conclusions, paragraph 18 (a)</a>)</li><li>• Consider, in relevant knowledge products under the Nairobi work programme, the importance of integrating gender-sensitive approaches and tools, and local, indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices into national adaptation plans, including by</li></ul>

<sup>1</sup> This preliminary result of mapping is for information only and should not preempt the consideration of the invitation by the relevant bodies.



	involving holders of local, indigenous and traditional knowledge, as appropriate ( <a href="#">SBSTA 41 conclusions</a> , paragraph 18 (c))
LEG	<p>Activities (<a href="#">Two-year rolling work programme of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group for 2014–2015</a>; <a href="#">Rolling work programme for 2015</a>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete and disseminate an information paper on strengthening gender considerations in adaptation planning and implementation in the LDCs;</li> <li>• Develop and disseminate an information paper on strengthening considerations regarding vulnerable communities in adaptation planning and implementation in the LDCs.</li> </ul>
Action area 2: Enhance the understanding of, and promote, <b>comprehensive risk management approaches</b> (assessment, reduction, transfer, retention), including social protection instruments and transformational approaches, in building long-term resilience of countries, vulnerable populations and communities	
AC	<p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Convene an expert meeting, led by members of the Adaptation Committee, on promoting livelihood and economic diversification to build resilience in the context of planning, prioritizing and implementing adaptation actions (<a href="#">3-year workplan</a>, activity 18)</li> </ul>
NWP	<p>Mandate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The programme of work comprises two thematic areas, each with several action-oriented sub-themes: (a) Impacts and vulnerability: (i) Promoting development and dissemination of methodologies and tools for impact and vulnerability assessments, such as rapid assessments and bottom-up approaches, including as they apply to sustainable development; (v) Promoting the availability of information on the socio-economic aspects of climate change and improving the integration of socio-economic information into impact and vulnerability assessments; (b) Adaptation planning, measures and actions: (i) Promoting the development and dissemination of methods and tools for assessment and improvement of adaptation planning, measures and actions, and integration with sustainable development (<a href="#">Decision 2/CP.11</a>, paragraph 3)</li> </ul>



CGE	<p><i>Mandate</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (CGE) shall have the objective of improving the process of and preparation of national communications and biennial update reports by Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) by providing technical advice and support to such Parties (<a href="#">Decision 19/CP.19, Annex, paragraph 1</a>)</li> </ul> <p><i>Activities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update CGE training materials and translate them into other official UN languages: Update of vulnerability and adaptation (V&amp;A) assessment training materials (<a href="#">Workplan for 2015</a>)</li> <li>• Conduct regional hands-on training workshops on vulnerability and adaptation assessment (for Asia-Pacific and Eastern Europe; Latin America and the Caribbean; Africa) (by end of 2015) (<a href="#">Workplan for 2015-2018</a>)</li> </ul>
LEG	<p><i>Mandate</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide technical guidance and support to the NAP process (<a href="#">Decision 5/CP.17, paragraph 13</a>)</li> <li>• To provide technical guidance and advice on the identification of medium- and long-term adaptation needs, their integration into development planning and the implementation of identified adaptation activities (<a href="#">Decision 6/CP.16, paragraph 2</a>)</li> <li>• Strengthening gender-related considerations and considerations regarding vulnerable communities within least developed country Parties (<a href="#">Decision 6/CP.16, paragraph 2</a>)</li> </ul> <p><i>Activities</i> (<a href="#">Two-year rolling work programme of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group for 2014–2015</a>; <a href="#">Rolling work programme for 2015</a>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop and disseminate a publication presenting an overview of the process to formulate and implement NAPS and an overview of the guidelines for NAPs, including a glossary of commonly used terms and answers to frequently asked questions on NAPs, in English, French and Portuguese;</li> <li>• Develop materials for use by countries at the national level on awareness and training activities in the process to formulate and implement NAPs;</li> <li>• Respond to individual requests from Parties for technical guidance and support on the process to formulate and implement NAPs, including through the provision of comments and feedback on draft NAPs, and the sharing of experiences and lessons learned;</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organize the NAP Expo every year;</li> <li>• Continue to further develop NAP Central to serve as a universally accessible web-based central repository and hub for information pertinent to the process to formulate and implement NAPs;</li> <li>• Conduct regional training workshops on NAPs for the LDCs.</li> </ul>
Action area 3: Enhance data on and knowledge of the risks of <b>slow onset events and their impacts</b> , and identify ways forward on approaches to address slow onset events associated with the adverse effects of climate change with specific focus on potential impacts, within countries and regions	
	<p><i>Mandate</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul> <p><i>Activities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
Action area 4: Enhance data on and knowledge of <b>non-economic losses</b> associated with the adverse effects of climate change and identify ways forward for reducing the risk of and addressing non-economic losses with specific focus on potential impacts within regions	
	<p><i>Mandate</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul> <p><i>Activities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
Action area 5: Enhance the understanding of the <b>capacity and coordination needs with regard to preparing for, responding to and building resilience</b> against loss and damage associated with extreme and slow onset events, including through recovery and rehabilitation	
Capacity-building	<p><i>Mandate</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The COP requested the SBI to further enhance the monitoring and review of the effectiveness of capacity-building by organizing an annual in-session Durban Forum for in-depth discussion on capacity-building with the participation of Parties, representatives of the relevant bodies established under the Convention, and relevant experts and practitioners, with a view to sharing their experiences and exchanging ideas, best practices and lessons learned regarding the implementation of capacity-building activities (<a href="#">Decision 2/CP.17</a>, paragraph 144)</li> </ul>
Research and systematic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The COP expresses its appreciation to the Global Climate Observing System for preparing the <i>Implementation Plan for the Global Observing System for Climate in Support of the UNFCCC</i> (hereinafter referred to as the implementation plan). The COP requests the secretariat of the Global Climate Observing System to provide information to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice</li> </ul>



observation	<p>at its twenty-third session (November–December 2005) and, as required, at subsequent sessions, on how the actions identified in the implementation plan are being implemented (<a href="#">Decision 5/CP.10</a>, paragraphs 1 and 6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SBSTA expressed its appreciation to CEOS for its update on progress made by space agencies providing global observations in their coordinated response to relevant needs of the Convention. It noted the importance of continuing and sustaining satellite observations on a long-term basis, and the role of CEOS in promoting full and open data sharing, in order to support the work under the Convention. It invited CEOS to provide, by SBSTA 41, an updated report on progress made by space agencies providing global observations in their coordinated response to relevant needs of the Convention (<a href="#">SBSTA 37 conclusions</a>, paragraph 41)</li> <li>• The SBSTA also noted with appreciation the information provided by WMO on the developments regarding the implementation of the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) and the outcome of the first session of the Intergovernmental Board on Climate Services (IBCS). The SBSTA invited WMO to provide, at SBSTA 41, information on the outcome of the second session of the IBCS, to be held in November 2014 (<a href="#">SBSTA 39 conclusions</a>, paragraph 43)</li> <li>• The COP requests the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to regularly consider research needs and systematic observation relating to the Convention in order to inform Parties about ongoing and planned activities of regional and international climate change research programmes, and to communicate Parties' views on research needs and priorities to the scientific community, as necessary (<a href="#">Decision 9/CP.11</a>, paragraph 5).</li> </ul>
Action area 6: Enhance the understanding of and expertise on how the impacts of climate change are affecting <b>patterns of migration, displacement and human mobility</b> ; and the application of such understanding and expertise	
	<p><i>Mandate</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul> <p><i>Activities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
Action area 7: Encourage comprehensive risk management by the <b>diffusion of information related to financial instruments and tools that address the risks of loss and damage</b> associated with the adverse effects of climate change to facilitate finance in loss and damage situations in accordance with the policies of each developing country and region, taking into account the necessary national efforts to establish enabling environments. These financial instruments and tools may include: comprehensive risk management capacity with risk pooling and transfer; catastrophe risk insurance; contingency finance; climate-themed bonds and their certification; catastrophe bonds; and financing approaches to making development climate resilient, among other innovative financial instruments and tools	
AC	<i>Mandate</i>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Providing information and recommendations, drawing on adaptation good practices, for consideration by the COP when providing guidance on means to incentivize the implementation of adaptation actions, including finance, technology and capacity-building and other ways to enable climate-resilient development and reduce vulnerability, including to the operating entities of the financial mechanism of the Convention, as appropriate (<a href="#">Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 20(d)</a>)</li> </ul> <p><i>Activity</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare, in collaboration with the TEC, SCF and LEG, an input document with information and recommendations for further actions, drawing on results of the workshop and synthesis paper on means of implementation; other relevant work completed during 2013-2015; adaptation good practices; information communicated by Parties on their monitoring and review of adaptation actions, support provided and received, possible needs and gaps and other relevant information, including information communicated under the Convention; for consideration by the COP when providing guidance on means to incentivize the implementation of adaptation actions, including finance, technology and capacity-building, and other ways to enable climate-resilient development and reduce vulnerability (<a href="#">Elaboraton of activities included in the 3-year workplan</a>, workstream on technical support and guidance to the Parties on means of implementation)</li> <li>Convene an in-session side event at COP 21 to present recent work of the AC on means of implementation and to discuss technical challenges and best practices in the experience of developing countries in accessing means to incentivize the implementation of adaptation actions, including finance, technology and capacity-building and other ways to enable climate-resilient development and reduce vulnerability (<a href="#">Elaboraton of activities included in the 3-year workplan</a>, workstream on technical support and guidance to the Parties on means of implementation)</li> </ul>
CGE	<p><i>Activities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Illustrative brochures on financial, technical and capacity-building resources (by 2016) (<a href="#">Workplan for 2015-2018</a>)</li> </ul>
LEG	<p><i>Activities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compile information on bilateral and multilateral sources of funding to support the implementation of national adaptation programmes of action (NAPAs) and the process to formulate and implement NAPs (to be posted on NAP Central) (<a href="#">Rolling work programme for 2015</a>)</li> </ul>
SCF	<p><i>Mandate</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organizing a forum for the communication and continued exchange of information among bodies and entities dealing with climate change finance in order to promote linkages and coherence (<a href="#">Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 121 (a)</a>)</li> </ul>





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparing a biennial assessment, overview of climate finance flows, to include information on the geographical and thematic balance of such flows, drawing on available sources of information, including national communications and biennial reports of both developed and developing country Parties, information provided in the registry, information provided by Parties on assessments of their needs, reports prepared by the operating entities of the financial mechanism, and information available from other entities providing climate change finance (<a href="#">Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 121 (f)</a>)</li> <li>• The COP requested the SCF, in the context of the preparation of its biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows, to consider ongoing technical work on operational definitions of climate finance, including private finance mobilized by public interventions, to assess how adaptation and mitigation needs can most effectively be met by climate finance, and to include the results in its annual report to the COP (<a href="#">Decision 3/CP.19, paragraph 11</a>)<sup>2</sup></li> </ul> <p><i>Activities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation of the second biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows for consideration by COP 22 (<a href="#">Workplan for 2013-2015, activity 1 (f)</a>)</li> <li>• Preparation of the fourth forum of the SCF to be held in 2016.</li> </ul>
Work programme on long-term finance	<p><i>Mandate</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secretariat to organize annual in-session workshops on long-term climate finance which, in 2015 and 2016, will focus on the issues of adaptation finance, needs for support to developing countries and cooperation on enhanced enabling environments and support for readiness activities (<a href="#">Decision 3/CP.19, paragraph 12</a>)</li> </ul> <p><i>Activities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation for the 2016 in-session workshop on long-term climate finance (<a href="#">Decision 3/CP.19, paragraph 12</a>)</li> <li>• Preparation of a summary report on the in-session workshop for consideration by the COP and the high-level ministerial dialogue on climate finance (<a href="#">Decision 3/CP.19, paragraph 12</a>)</li> </ul>

<sup>2</sup> Further mandates to the SCF in relation to its work on the biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows are included in decisions 1/CP.18, paragraph 71; 5/CP.18, paragraph 11; 3/CP.19, paragraph 11 and 6/CP.20 paragraph 11.



**Action area 8: Complement, draw upon the work of and involve, as appropriate, existing bodies and expert groups under the Convention, as well as relevant organizations and expert bodies outside the Convention at all levels,** as the Executive Committee executes the above-mentioned elements of the workplan

AC	<p><i>Mandate</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing technical support and guidance to the Parties, respecting the country-driven approach, with a view to facilitating the implementation of adaptation activities, including those listed in paragraphs 14 and 15 of decision 1/CP.16, where appropriate (<a href="#">Decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 20 (a)</a>)</li> <li>• Promoting synergy and strengthening engagement with national, regional and international organizations, centres and networks, in order to enhance the implementation of adaptation actions, in particular in developing country Parties (<a href="#">Decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 20 (c)</a>)</li> <li>• The COP requested the Adaptation Committee to engage and develop linkages through the Conference of the Parties with all adaptation-related work programmes, bodies and institutions under the Convention, including the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention, the Technology Executive Committee, the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change, the work programme on loss and damage and the operating entities of the financial mechanism of the Convention, as appropriate (<a href="#">Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 99</a>)</li> <li>• The COP requested the Adaptation Committee to engage with, and draw on the expertise of, relevant institutions, organizations, frameworks, networks and centres outside of the Convention, including those at the intergovernmental, regional, national and, through them, subnational levels, where appropriate (<a href="#">Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 100</a>)</li> </ul> <p><i>Activities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing work of the AC's Task Force on national adaptation plans (NAP TF) (<a href="#">Workplan of the NAP TF 2014-2015</a>)</li> </ul>
NWP	<p><i>Mandate</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of linkages with other relevant workstreams, including the national adaptation plan process, research and systematic observation and bodies under the Convention, including the Adaptation Committee, the Least Developed Countries Expert Group and the Technology Mechanism (<a href="#">Decision 17/CP.19, paragraph 2 (b)</a>)</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SBSTA concluded that the following actions to be undertaken by the secretariat under the guidance of the SBSTA Chair: (a) Enhancing collaboration with global and regional knowledge networks and Nairobi work programme partner organizations in order to strengthen the production and dissemination of knowledge on adaptation; and (b) Inviting regional centres and networks to serve as regional knowledge platforms for the implementation of the activities under the Nairobi work programme (<a href="#">SBSTA 40 conclusions, paragraph 18</a>)</li> <li>• The SBSTA requested the secretariat to invite and engage regional centres and networks by SBSTA 44 (June 2016), for the regional centres and networks to use knowledge sharing modalities, as appropriate and subject to the availability of financial resources, to produce information by SBSTA 43 (December 2015) and to report the outcomes of the regional activities by SBSTA 44, on: (a) Tools and methods that are available and implemented for adaptation planning addressing the four issues of ecosystems, human settlements, water resources and health; (b) Good practices and lessons learned in relation to adaptation planning, including monitoring and evaluation, addressing the four issues of ecosystems, human settlements, water resources and health; (c) Good practices and lessons learned related to processes and structures for linking national and local adaptation planning) (<a href="#">SBSTA 40 conclusions, paragraph 26</a>)</li> <li>• The SBSTA requested the secretariat, under the guidance of the Chair of the SBSTA, to prepare and communicate knowledge products, as appropriate, based on the outcomes from activities (submissions on (a) Available and implemented tools and methods for adaptation planning processes addressing the four issues of ecosystems, human settlements, water resources and health; (b) Good practices and lessons learned in relation to adaptation planning processes, including on monitoring and evaluation, addressing the four issues of ecosystems, human settlements, water resources and health; (c) Good practices and lessons learned related to processes and structures for linking national and local adaptation planning; case studies that highlight good practices and lessons learned; information produced by regional centers and networks) by SBSTA 45 (November–December 2016) (<a href="#">SBSTA 40 conclusions, paragraph 27</a>)</li> </ul>
CGE	<p><i>Activities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mapping of areas of collaboration and cooperation with other experts bodies and constituted bodies under the Convention: Identify possibilities for and develop collaboration and cooperation with other expert groups and constituted bodies under the Convention (<a href="#">Workplan for 2015-2018</a>)</li> <li>• Mapping of areas of collaboration and cooperation with other global initiatives, IGOs and other relevant stakeholders: (<a href="#">Workplan for 2015-2018</a>)</li> <li>• List of relevant channels available to enhance communication and outreach: Identify existing mechanisms and networks whereby non-Annex I Parties collaborate for the development of their National Communications and assess their potential as a tool to enhance communication and outreach between the CGE and its stakeholders (by 2015) (<a href="#">Workplan for 2015-2018</a>)</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focused/targets communication products, such as brochure, pamphlets: Develop communication products targeting experts and global networks in non-Annex I Parties to disseminate 'quick-win' ideas and information on NCs and BURs, targeting national experts (<a href="#">Workplan for 2015-2018</a>)</li> <li>• Online resource platform: Develop/update/maintain a web platform for CGE members to collaborate between sessions and meetings (<a href="#">Workplan for 2015-2018</a>)</li> <li>• Enhanced outreach to wider group of stakeholders: Create a formal network of experts and practitioners involved in the process of and preparation of NCs and BURs, by region to serve as a vehicle for the dissemination of relevant information from the CGE to stakeholders (<a href="#">Workplan for 2015-2018</a>)</li> </ul>
LEG	<p><i>Mandate</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The COP requested the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to invite the Adaptation Committee and other relevant bodies under the Convention to contribute to its work in support of the national adaptation plan process; and to report, as appropriate (<a href="#">Decision 5/CP.17, paragraph 17</a>)</li> </ul>
SCF	<p><i>Mandate</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The COP called upon the Standing Committee on Finance to further enhance its linkages with the Subsidiary Body for Implementation and the thematic bodies of the Convention as mandated by Decision 2/CP.17, paragraph 121(b) (<a href="#">Decision 7/CP.19, paragraph 10</a>)</li> </ul>
TEC	<p><i>Mandate</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seek cooperation with relevant international technology initiatives, stakeholders and organizations, and promote coherence and cooperation across technology activities, including activities under and outside of the Convention (<a href="#">Decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 121 (f)</a>)</li> </ul> <p><i>Activities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss strategic issues and possible activities that the TEC could undertake on matters relating to the roles of technology and the Technology Mechanism, in the medium- and long-term horizons, taking into account outcomes of the work of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, in collaboration with the CTCN, as required (<a href="#">Rolling plan 2014-2015, activity 6.1 – has been postponed to 2016</a>)</li> <li>• Exchange views on emerging, future and cross-cutting issues relevant to technology development and transfer (<a href="#">Rolling plan 2014-2015, activity 6.2 – has been postponed to 2016</a>)</li> </ul>



Capacity-building	<p><i>Mandate</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The COP decided that Durban Forum should include as inputs, inter alia, any capacity-building elements contained in the reports prepared since the most recent session of the Durban Forum by the relevant bodies established under the Convention (<a href="#">Decision 2/CP.17</a>, paragraph 145)</li><li>• The COP requested the secretariat to compile and synthesize the reports prepared since the most recent session of the Durban Forum by the relevant bodies established under the Convention (<a href="#">Decision 2/CP.17</a>, paragraph 146)</li><li>• The COP requested the secretariat to continue to compile and synthesize information on capacity-building activities, including lessons learned, provided by the relevant bodies established under the Convention (<a href="#">Decision 2/CP.17</a>, paragraph 150)</li><li>• The COP also requested the secretariat to prepare a summary report on the Durban Forum for consideration by the SBI (<a href="#">Decision 2/CP.17</a>, paragraph 147)</li><li>• The COP requested the SBI, in its consideration of the third and subsequent comprehensive reviews of the implementation of the framework for capacity-building in developing countries, to include, inter alia, the reports of relevant bodies established under the Convention as additional inputs to these reviews (<a href="#">Decision 2/CP.17</a>, paragraph 151)</li><li>• The COP encouraged the relevant bodies established under the Convention, including, inter alia, the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention, the Least Developed Countries Expert Group and the Global Environment Facility as an operating entity of the financial mechanism, to continue to elaborate and carry out work on capacity-building in an integrated manner, as appropriate, within their respective mandates (<a href="#">Decision 2/CP.17</a>, paragraph 152)</li></ul>
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**Annex II: Preliminary mapping of past outputs of relevant constituted bodies and work programmes under the Convention against the Action Areas of the 2-year workplan of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage<sup>3</sup>**

Relevant past outputs and activities of relevant constituted bodies/work programmes		Action Areas (AA) of the 2-year workplan of the Executive Committee for Loss and Damage							
		AA1	AA2	AA3	AA4	AA5	AA6	AA7	AA8
Work programme on loss and damage	Technical paper on gaps in existing institutional arrangements within and outside of the Convention to address loss and damage, including those related to slow onset events (2013) < <a href="#">FCCC/TP/2013/12</a> >					✓			
	Expert meeting to consider future needs, including capacity needs associated with possible approaches to address slow onset events (2013) < <a href="#">Meeting webpage</a> ; meeting report: <a href="#">FCCC/SBI/2013/INF.14</a> >			✓		✓			
	Technical paper on non-economic losses in the context of the work programme on loss and damage (2013) < <a href="#">FCCC/TP/2013/2</a> >				✓				
	Technical paper on slow onset events (2012) < <a href="#">FCCC/TP/2012/7</a> >			✓					
	Technical paper on current knowledge on relevant methodologies and data requirements as well as lessons learned and gaps identified at different levels, in assessing the risk of loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change (2012) < <a href="#">FCCC/TP/2012/1</a> >	✓	✓						
	Expert meeting on assessing the risk of loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change (2012) < <a href="#">Meeting webpage</a> ; meeting report: <a href="#">FCCC/SBI/2012/INF.3</a> >		✓						
	A literature review on the topics in the context of thematic area 2 of the work programme		✓						

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	on loss and damage: a range of approaches to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change (2012) < <a href="#">FCCC/SBI/2012/INF.14</a> >								
	Expert meetings on a range of approaches to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, including impacts related to extreme weather events and slow onset events for: <Meeting report: <a href="#">FCCC/SBI/2012/29</a> > <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asia and Eastern Europe (2012) &lt;<a href="#">Meeting webpage</a>&gt;</li> <li>Latin American region (2012) &lt;<a href="#">Meeting webpage</a>&gt;</li> <li>African region (2012) &lt;<a href="#">Meeting webpage</a>&gt;</li> <li>SIDS (2012) &lt;<a href="#">Meeting webpage</a>&gt;</li> </ul>		✓	✓					
Adaptation Committee (AC)	Workshop on the means of implementation for enhanced adaptation action (2015) < <a href="#">Workshop webpage</a> ; <a href="#">workshop report</a> >							✓	
	Synthesis paper on means of implementation (2015) < <a href="#">AC/2015/9</a> >							✓	
	List of regional centres and networks working on adaptation, including information on their activities and capacities (updated regularly) < <a href="#">List</a> >					✓			
	Information paper that strengthens the understanding of the roles of regional institutions and United Nations agencies in supporting enhanced adaptation actions in developing countries, based on submissions received from regional institutions and United Nations agencies on their current support for adaptation in developing countries, including in relation to capacity building, including of national institutions (2014) <Information paper: <a href="#">AC/2014/7</a> >					✓			
	In-session meeting to gather up-to-date information on adaptation, including the limits of adaptation, in collaboration with IPCC-WGII during SB 40 (2014) <Meeting report:							✓	



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	<a href="#">AC/2014/24</a> >								
	Meeting between members of the Adaptation Committee's National Adaptation Plan Task Force (NAP TF) and representatives from UN agencies, relevant multilateral and bilateral organizations and NGOs supporting the NAP process (2015) < <a href="#">Meeting webpage</a> , meeting report: <a href="#">AC/2015/3</a> >							✓	
	Workshop on the monitoring and evaluation (M&E) of adaptation (2013) <Meeting webpage, meeting report: <a href="#">AC/2014/4</a> >								✓
	Thematic reports on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Institutional arrangements for national adaptation planning and implementation (2014) &lt;<a href="#">Thematic report</a>&gt;</li> <li>The State of Adaptation under the Convention (2013) &lt;<a href="#">Thematic report</a>&gt;</li> </ul>								✓
AC/ NWP	Joint meeting of the Adaptation Committee and the Nairobi work programme: Available tools for the use of indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices for adaptation, needs of local and indigenous communities, and the application of gender-sensitive approaches and tools for adaptation (2014) < <a href="#">Meeting webpage</a> ; meeting report: <a href="#">FCCC/SBSTA/2014/INF.11</a> >	✓							
Nairobi work programme	Technical paper on best practice and available tools for the use of indigenous and traditional knowledge and practices for adaptation, and the application of gender-sensitive approaches and tools for understanding and assessing impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change (2013) < <a href="#">FCCC/TP/2013/11</a> >	✓	✓						
	Technical workshop on ecosystem-based approaches for adaptation to climate change (2013) < <a href="#">Workshop webpage</a> ; workshop report: <a href="#">FCCC/SBSTA/2013/2</a> >	✓							





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	Compilation of information on ecosystem-based approaches to adaptation (2011) < <a href="#">FCCC/SBSTA/2011/INF.8</a> >	✓							
	Technical workshop on water, climate change impacts and adaptation strategies (2012) < <a href="#">Workshop webpage</a> ; workshop report: <a href="#">FCCC/SBSTA/2012/4</a> >	✓							
	Workshop on integrating practices, tools and systems for climate risk assessment and management and disaster risk reduction strategies into national policies and programmes (2009) < <a href="#">Workshop webpage</a> ; workshop report: <a href="#">FCCC/SBSTA/2009/5</a> >		✓						
	Technical paper on integrating practices, tools and systems for climate risk assessment and management and disaster risk reduction strategies into national policies and programmes (2008) < <a href="#">FCCC/TP/2008/4</a> >		✓						
	Technical paper on water and climate change impacts and adaptation strategies (2011) < <a href="#">FCCC/TP/2011/5</a> >	✓							
	Workshop on climate related risks and extreme events (2007) < <a href="#">Workshop webpage</a> ; workshop report: <a href="#">FCCC/SBSTA/2007/7</a> >	✓	✓	✓					
	Technical workshop on costs and benefits of adaptation options (2010) < <a href="#">Workshop webpage</a> ; workshop report: <a href="#">FCCC/SBSTA/2010/9</a> >	✓							✓
	Synthesis report on efforts undertaken to assess the costs and benefits of adaptation options, and views on lessons learned, good practices, gaps and needs (2010) < <a href="#">FCCC/SBSTA/2010/3</a> >	✓							✓
	Potential costs and benefits of adaptation options: A review of existing literature (2009) < <a href="#">FCCC/TP/2009/2/Rev.1</a> >	✓							✓



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LEG	Workshop on experiences, good practices, lessons learned, gaps and needs on the process to formulate and implement national adaptation plans (2015) < <a href="#">Workshop webpage</a> ; workshop report: <a href="#">FCCC/SBI/2015/INF.6</a> >		✓						✓
	National adaptation plans - Technical guidelines for the national adaptation plan process (English, French and Portuguese) < <a href="#">Technical guidelines</a> >								
	Best practices and lessons learned in addressing adaptation in LDCs < <a href="#">Volume 1</a> ; <a href="#">Volume 2</a> >					✓			✓
	NAP Expo 2015: Realizing the NAP process < <a href="#">webpage</a> > NAP Expo 2014: Catalyzing actions and support for the NAP process < <a href="#">webpage</a> > NAP Expo 2013: Launching of the NAP process in LDCs < <a href="#">webpage</a> >		✓						
	LEG Regional training workshops < <a href="#">webpage</a> >		✓						✓
TEC	TEC Brief No.4: Technologies for adaptation in the agriculture sector < <a href="#">TEC Brief No.4</a> >		✓					✓	✓
	TEC Brief No.5: Technologies for adaptation in the water sector < <a href="#">TEC Brief No.5</a> >		✓					✓	✓
	TEC workshop on technologies for adaptation, in collaboration with the Adaptation Committee < <a href="#">Workshop webpage</a> ; <a href="#">workshop report</a> >								✓
SCF	Report of the SCF to COP 20 < <a href="#">FCCC/CP/2014/5</a> >, in particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annex II: Summary and recommendations by the SCF on the 2014 biennial assessment and overview of climate finance flows; and</li> <li>Annex IV: Executive summary of the report on the second SCF forum entitled “Mobilizing adaptation finance”</li> </ul>							✓	
	2014 Biennial Assessment and Overview of Climate Finance Flows Report (2014) < <a href="#">Report</a> >							✓	



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	Report of the Second Forum of the SCF (2014) < <a href="#">Report</a> >							✓	
Work programme on long-term finance	Summary report on the in-session workshop on long-term climate finance in 2015 (forthcoming)							✓	
2013-2015 review	Report on the structured expert dialogue on the 2013-2015 review < <a href="#">Report</a> >	✓	✓	✓					
Research dialogue	Information on the 7 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the research dialogue < <a href="#">Information</a> >			✓		✓			✓
Capacity building	Compilation and synthesis reports on capacity-building work of bodies established under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol <2015: <a href="#">FCCC/SBI/2015/9</a> >; <2014: <a href="#">FCCC/SBI/2014/7</a> >								✓
	Summary reports on the meeting of the Durban Forum on capacity-building: <3 <sup>rd</sup> meeting (2014): <a href="#">FCCC/SBI/2014/14</a> >; <2 <sup>nd</sup> meeting (2013): <a href="#">FCCC/SBI/2013/12</a> >; <1 <sup>st</sup> meeting (2012): <a href="#">FCCC/SBI/2012/20</a> >					✓			✓