

The Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts

Co-chair's speaking points for 4 May, 11:00 - 12:30

Thank you, Mr/Madam Co-Chair,

- Regarding the focus area or theme for the year 2018, the Executive Committee would like to reiterate that one of the strategic workstreams of our workplan is on enhancing action and support, and it includes capacity-building activities.
- We have invited the PCCB recently to identify capacity gaps in addressing loss and damage and recommending ways to address the gaps, as indicated in the recent letter of invitation sent to the PCCB.
- This area of collaboration is in line with the work of the PCCB working group 4 on capacity needs and gaps. As my co-chair mentioned yesterday, our designated liaison member and myself will meet with your representative tomorrow to further explore how this activity could be taken forward.
- Moreover, the Excom adopted the terms of reference for three new technical expert groups at our last meeting in March. These groups will work on slow onset events, non-economic losses and comprehensive risk management approaches. To identify experts who will work with us in these expert groups, we have just launched a roster of experts. Such expertise may also be of interest to the work of the PCCB.
- Lastly, the Suva expert dialogue has contributed to identifying further specific and concrete capacity building needs.
 - o Over the past two days, 200 experts and country delegates have explored ways for facilitating the mobilization and securing of expertise, and enhancement of support for averting, minimizing and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, including extreme weather events and slow onset events.
 - o During the Dialogue, a number of capacity building needs were identified, including in relation to:
 - Climate risk assessment: Capacities would need to be strengthened for both the production and utilization of climate models, tools and approaches that are actionable in the context of developing countries. Specific capacity building needs were identified in relation to:
 - Probabilistic risk assessment;
 - Integrating existing disaster risk assessment approaches with climate risk assessment approaches;
 - Assessing regional impacts of slow onset events;
 - Assessing loss and damage associated with long-term climate impacts, with a focus on impacts on ecosystem services.

- Other areas where capacity building needs have been identified include **insurance, risk retention**, which includes contingency finance, and adaptive social protection, as well as **comprehensive risk management**, with a specific focus on least developed countries.
 - Participants in the dialogue also highlighted that capacity building should target all actors, from the community to the national level, and contribute to strengthening institutional capacity.
- We trust that the identification of **specific and concrete capacity building needs** of countries and vulnerable communities in relation to loss and damage, could contribute to helping our two committees in catalyzing most relevant action and support in a coherent manner.
 - I look forward to opportunities for providing further details on the loss and damage activities, which are in line with the work of PCCB working group 1 on linkages with existing bodies, as well as PCCB working group 2 on cross-cutting issues.
 - Let me close by informing you that, at its last meeting, the Excom designated two of its members to liaise with each body under the convention. For the PCCB, Antonio Canas and Thomas de Lannoy, are the designated Excom liaison officers and will coordinate all activities with the PCCB from the Excom side.
 - Finally, I'd like to conclude by reiterating the readiness of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism to engage with the PCCB. I look forward to further exchanging on possible entry points for productive collaboration in the future.

Thank you, Mr/Madam co-chair.