

Annex II

Expert group on slow onset events: rolling plan of action

1. At its 1st meeting, the expert group on slow onset events decided to take the following overarching approach to its first rolling plan of action.
2. Recognizing the far-reaching impacts of slow onset events on livelihoods and economies, which can manifest simultaneously in different territories and landscapes, the expert group will focus the initial phase of its first rolling plan of action on selected water-related slow onset events: glacial retreat, sea level rise, and desertification. In doing so, related processes such as salinization and cascading effects that impact, for example, agricultural practice and lead to issues such as loss of biodiversity, land degradation, water scarcity in urban and other contexts, and human mobility will be taken into account.
3. The aim of the initial phase of the plan of action will be to identify (1) examples of projected compound risks and impacts associated with the selected slow onset events on livelihoods in varying contexts in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change; and (2) steps that governments can take to respond to these risks in a timely manner, taking into account regional particularities, traditional knowledge and local practices.
4. The thematic lead/co-leads are as follows:
 - (a) **Glacial retreat:** Ruben Basantes/Parashram Jakappa Patil
 - (b) **Sea level rise:** Jaroslav Mysiak/Albert Salamanca and Akhilesh Surjan
 - (c) **Desertification:** Bettina Koelle/Musonda Mumba and Akhilesh Surjan
5. The expert group will review the progress of its plan of action annually and update and/or adjust it as needed.

Rolling plan of action

No.	Activity	Indicative timeline
1.	<p>Convene three expert meetings to unpack the impacts on livelihoods and implications for critical systems of sea level rise, salinization, glacial retreat and desertification, and for experts to ‘pitch’ policy and practical solutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Desk review and/or targeted stocktaking exercise to complement and/or support the findings from the expert meetings. This will include reviewing special journal issue articles on slow onset events, national adaptation plans, nationally determined contributions, knowledge products under the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change and work under the WIM. <p>Deliverables: compilation of data and information; mapping of key stakeholders.</p>	By the end of September 2021
2.	<p>Develop scenarios, guidance and/or strategy in relation to the steps necessary to understand and plan for practical action and policy responses to the impacts and implications unpacked under activity 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At the regional, national and community level; - Taking into account the full spectrum of the climate risk management process: impact assessment and identification of options for reducing negative impacts; practical solutions to manage risks; assessment of capacity gaps and needs; identification of resources, including finance, for implementing solutions; - Possibly using a case study approach. <p>Deliverables: key messages and/or pitch; guidance material; webinars and other types of learning events; catalogue of approaches; set of recommendations for targeted stakeholders (possibly in response to specific requests).</p>	Second half of 2021 onward
3.	<p>Provide technical advice and support to developing countries on integrating consideration of impacts associated with slow onset events and applicable responses into national planning and policymaking processes, taking into account regional particularities, traditional knowledge and local practices.</p>	2022 onward

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	Activities from the terms of reference of the expert group to be further defined:	To be determined
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Define topics of the technical guides of the expert group (to be endorsed by the Executive Committee, which should suggest additional topics as necessary);- Produce guide(s).	