

UNFCCC Meeting Report (Negotiating Session)

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Date and Time: 03 Dec. 2023, 16:00h - 17:00h

Participants (name and organization): AOSIS, Canada, EU, Sudan, AGN, Switzerland, Belize, China, Singapore, Indonesia, Colombia, AILAC, Mexico, EIG, Russian Federation, Georgia, Kuwait, Arab Group, Bangladesh, LDCs, Guinea, United States, Gambia, etc.

Attachments: - Report of the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts - [draft negotiation text](#), [pre-session documents](#)

Notes/Summary:

AOSIS

- We feel that this document carries forth the purpose of the WIM
- We would like to use the same language that is used for the ExCom in order to keep things streamlined
- Suggests language changes to simplify the text and make sure they are referencing the decisions of the WIM
- We would be happy to welcome this text

Canada

- We are comfortable with this text and think it is very good
- We have a language comment
 - Para 3 and 4
 - Making sure we have consistent language, similar to AOSIS comment
 - Para 6
 - Would be comfortable referencing the function of the WIM

EU

- We think you captured well the discussion we had two days ago and we are close to finalizing this text
- What we usually do is recall the decisions of COP and CMA and have a separate paragraph for [something] — if we would like to have consistency for ExCom decisions
- I am wondering if 1 and 6a that have budgetary implications; we would like more clarity on this

Sudan (on behalf of AGN)

- Like we communicated last time, we appreciate the work done by the ExCom and have a few comments
- We notice that the ExCom are working only on 3 technical guides
- We think it is important that there are technical guides for all of the work streams
- In relation to the progress made on the 3 technical guides currently under preparation, we have noted that the ExCom is working to prepare that but hope to see promotion taking place in different parts
- We also wanted to underline the importance of the issue raised by the EU, referencing the COP and CMA, the COP decision that established the WIM and ExCom

Co-facilitator

- Any textual proposals regarding 6b?

Colombia (on behalf of AILAC)

- We think this is a good way to move forward but have some comments
- We can support the suggestions made for para 3 and 4
- We can also go along with the suggestion for para 6, to separate it into multiple paragraphs, referring to the COP and CMA decisions
- Just keeping in mind some of the recommendations made by the ExCom, I would like to suggest a new paragraph C that recognizes that the ExCom is doing a great job in terms of technical work, but one of the issues we face is that we cannot get access to this information in languages beyond English
- The technical experts need this information available, and it is important to promote the dissemination of this information for all regions
- This perhaps has budgetary implications, so we are okay with having language to acknowledge this, which we will leave open to you, but we would like to suggest translating this

Mexico (on behalf of EIG)

- As the text stands, we suggest bracketing the term ‘welcome’ the report and suggest changing it to ‘take note of’ the report

Russian Federation

- From our side, we would like to offer minor suggestions to the text
- Add to the text the expression of appreciation for the government of the Philippines which hosted the 18th ExCom earlier this year
- This was very useful to the process and to the work of the ExCom, as it allowed for dimensions of practice and experience in dealing with loss and damage on the ground
- And to continue this practice we would like to add to the text suggestions for parties to host these going forward

Georgia

- Georgia joins the intervention by the EIG
- We are concerned that it does not allow all developing countries to take part in the ExCom’s work
- Some parties are completely precluded from having a member on the ExCom
- We are eager to put this issue to rest
- This will remain a focus for us until equitable geographical representation has been achieved
- The decision in Glasgow allowed us to preserve our positions on the text

Kuwait (on behalf of the Arab Group)

- Para 2 - talking about the 10th anniversary of the WIM
 - Duplicated in 3c
 - Perhaps delete in para 2 and just keep in 3c

Bangladesh (on behalf of LDCs)

- We would like to support the view that there should be more technical guides
- It is very important to develop more technical guides

Guinea

- Share sentiment with Colombia about the necessity of translating into other languages in order to disseminate the information
- We think the ExCom has done a great job in its expert groups and this should be disseminated

- We share the sentiment with Sudan (and supported by Bangladesh) that the ExCom should engage with the funding arrangements, such as accessibility
- We think it is important that the ExCom in its function enhances collaboration with the standing committee, particularly on matters related to the function of the standing committee
- The standing committee is providing useful information on the process
- It is important that the ExCom supports and works closely with them

United States

- Agree that is in a good place, it is a good place to move forward from
- We have a few textual edits that we are happy to send in
- Para 6a - agree with AOSIS
 - Separate funding arrangements from Santiago network

Indonesia

- Another wording suggestion
 - Add “excluded” to 6b

Co-facilitator

- We have 13 more minutes, so maybe we can use this time to react to what’s been suggested by different parties

EU

- On the proposal from AOSIS on para 6, after having time to think about this, I think it is reasonable and would be okay with moving forward with that, but I also think the proposal from the U.S. is reasonable, so we would be okay with either
- I think it would be reasonable to add references to the decisions in para 6
- I think we would need some type of language about the appropriateness of the budgetary implications
- We are also happy to participate in the conversation to meet the concerns of the EIG

AGN

- Question about why there is not reporting on all of the expert groups’ work

Kuwait

- I think we can work on the suggestion made by the U.S. on 6a
- Clarification about the comment from AOSIS

- As for 6b, I think you had asked another group to send their input on how that text should be
- We only have a bracket on para 1, asked for by Mexico

Sudan

- I am waiting for an answer to my question
 - Why is there only reporting on three of the expert groups and not on the other two?

Co-facilitator

- I thought your question was directed toward the ExCom members, but we can try

AOSIS

- On this, I haven't had time to see the proposal from the U.S.
- We shared our proposal on para 6
- The main difference is that they put forward ideas on including the reports
- Perhaps we merge the proposals
- I thought we do have reports on all five expert groups
 - Slow-onset events
 - Non-economic L&D
 - Comprehensive work management
 - Human mobility
 - Action and support
- All five thematic expert groups are working on various levels on technical guides
- There is considerable work being put forward
- I am unsure what in particular you would like to see, but if you have a comment, we are happy to hear it going forward because we would like to reflect the great work the expert groups do

United States

- Thank you for the comment, AOSIS, we are happy to work with you

Co-facilitator closed the meeting

Follow-up: This session was a continuation of the negotiations about the draft text of the report of the ExCom of the WIM. No specific consensus was reached, so negotiations on this text will continue.

Take Away: Parties mostly shared proposals for language and textual edits. The EU expressed a desire for the text to explicitly refer back to the relevant COP and CMA decisions, and this view was supported by several Parties. Parties generally commend the work of the ExCom and would like that to be reflected in the text; for example, a few wanted to include more detailed reports on *all* of the expert groups of the ExCom as opposed to reporting on only some of them in order to highlight their work. Most Parties are happy with the current state of things, are flexible, and are happy to collaborate with their colleagues in order to move forward. Georgia continues to express concern about the inclusion of developing countries in the ExCom's work / accessibility of the ExCom's work to developing countries.
