

Task Force on Displacement Stakeholder Meeting

“Recommendations for integrated approaches to avert, minimize and address displacement related to the adverse impacts of climate change”

Château de Bossey Conference Centre in Bogis-Bossey, Switzerland 14-15 May 2018

I. Background and Introduction to the Stakeholder Meeting

The Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) was mandated by the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its 21st session in Paris in 2015, to establish a Task Force to develop recommendations for integrated approaches to avert, minimize and address displacement related to the adverse impacts of climate change (hereinafter Task Force on Displacement).

The Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage (WIM) is the main vehicle under the UNFCCC to address loss and damage associated with climate change impacts, including extreme events and slow onset events, in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, in a comprehensive, integrated and coherent manner.

The Task Force on Displacement (TFD) was constituted in March 2017, and the first face-to-face meeting took place from 18–19 May 2017 in Bonn, Germany¹. There, the TFD proposed a set of activities required in order to deliver on its mandate. On the basis of that meeting, the TFD’s Workplan was developed and subsequently endorsed by the WIM Executive Committee.

The recommendations of the TFD will be submitted to the WIM Executive Committee at its 8th meeting, to be held in September 2018, through the co-facilitators of the TFD. The final recommendations will subsequently be reported in December 2018 by the WIM Executive Committee at the Katowice Climate Change Conference (COP 24).

II. Objectives of the Stakeholder Meeting

This stakeholder meeting is jointly organized by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD), with support from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), on behalf of the WIM TFD from 14 to 15 May 2018 at Château de Bossey Conference Centre in Switzerland. The meeting will convene all TFD Members to take stock on all areas of work of the TFD and on the implementation of the TFD’s workplan. In addition, a wider group of

¹ A summary of the proceedings of the 1st meeting of the Task Force on Displacement, its workplan, membership and other information can be found here:

http://unfccc.int/adaptation/groups_committees/loss_and_damage_executive_committee/items/9978.php

stakeholders will be invited to contribute to the ongoing process of the TFD. The meeting will also provide an opportunity to interact with the TFD members. The overall goal of the meeting is to synthesize findings and to assist the drafting of recommendations by the TFD for integrated approaches to avert, minimize and address displacement related to the adverse impacts of climate change (hereinafter integrated approaches). The meeting will build on past activities conducted under the WIM Executive Committee workplan on this topic, including on the outputs of the Technical Meeting on Migration, Displacement and Human Mobility organized by IOM with support of the Government of France in July 2016 in Casablanca².

The objectives of the stakeholder meeting are:

1. to take stock of and review outputs (findings, research, analysis, data, recommendations etc.) generated by activities in the TFD workplan since its inception and from relevant work of the WIM (e.g. outcomes from previous technical meetings, activities in the initial two-year workplan of the WIM Executive Committee etc.).
2. to consider inputs and findings from a wider set of stakeholders, including States, on integrated approaches based on good practices and lessons learned, with a specific focus on the experience of developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change.
3. to extract and cluster the most important legal, policy and institutional challenges for integrated approaches and formulate possible measures and steps to address them.
4. to systematize findings to assist the drafting of recommendations by the TFD for integrated approaches at subnational, national, regional and international level.

III. Methodology and Expected Results

The two-day stakeholder meeting will be organized in the format of presentations and discussions in moderated plenary sessions, as well as discussions in working groups. An external facilitator will provide overall meeting and facilitation support.

There will also be a special session – marketplace – where stakeholders including representatives from Parties to the UNFCCC can present and share good practices and lessons learned. The COP, by its Decision 5/CP.23, welcomes this meeting, which will include wide consultation with stakeholders to ensure regional coverage.

In preparation for the meeting, the organizers will develop background notes and methodologies for the group work. They will also circulate invitations to submit material and background information ahead of the meeting, in their respective networks. The meeting organizers will consolidate these materials and make them available for the meeting participants (e.g. on a dedicated website, drop box or memory sticks).

A drafting team selected by the meeting participants, led by the co-facilitators and/or TFD members of the WIM Executive Committee supported by the organizers, will be formed at the outset of the meeting. The drafting team will summarize and consolidate outputs based on the proceedings from the various

² For more information on the WIM Excom Technical Meeting in Casablanca in July 2017 and its outcome documents, please refer to: <http://environmentalmigration.iom.int/technical-meeting>

sessions and the group works in particular, and present a draft summary of conclusions for discussion and feedback at the end of the meeting.

The expected results from the stakeholder meeting include:

- I. A summary of results and findings from the activities of the TFD workplan to date.
- II. An overview of integrated approaches based on good practices and lessons learned at relevant levels (subnational to global).
- III. Systematization and a list of possible measures to address key legal, policy and institutional challenges for integrated approaches
- IV. Discussion and systematization of findings to assist the TFD with drafting recommendations on integrated approaches.

The stakeholder meeting will be succeeded by a closed internal meeting of the TFD chaired by the two co-facilitators of the TFD (WIM Excom members) in the afternoon Tuesday 15 May. This meeting will consider the findings from the workshop, start to draft recommendations, and discuss next steps for the TFD. All official TFD representatives are requested to attend this closed session from 14.00 to 18.00.

IV. Practical and Organizational Information

A. Venue

The Workshop will be held at the Château de Bossey Conference Centre in Bogis-Bossey, Switzerland from 14-15 May 2018.

B. Participants

Participants will include members and representatives of the WIM Executive Committee, government representatives, international organizations, regional organizations, practitioners, civil society, technical and scientific communities. It is important to note that this meeting is not a conference about climate and disaster related displacement, and it has a specific task to accomplish. As such, participation will be limited to 50-60 individuals who can contribute to this task.

C. Other administrative details

The Workshop will be organized by IOM and the Coordination Unit of the PDD from which two experts currently serve in the TFD, with generous funding from the Federal Government of Germany, and with support from UNHCR.

The UNFCCC Secretariat will organize and defray travel and accommodation costs for the representatives of the WIM Excom to the TFD who are eligible for support. Representatives of international organizations are expected to defray their own expenses.

Funding will be made available for a small group of participants in particular to participants from least developed countries. Priority will be given to participants with limited means to travel to Geneva, Switzerland. Please note that participants requiring travel and accommodation assistance are kindly requested to indicate their specific travel needs as soon as possible.

The meeting will be held in English.

V. Contact information

Please confirm your participation to Ms. Margherita Fratantonio (mfratantonio@iom.int), copying mecchg@iom.int and info@disasterdisplacement.org by Wednesday 18 April 2018, using the registration form.

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