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Dear Sir/Madam,

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) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and in our capacity as its Co-Chairs, we are pleased to present you an **opportunity to enhance synergies between your work and that of the Executive Committee on slow onset events.**<sup>1</sup>

#### **Slow onset events in the context of the work of the Executive Committee**

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 the initial **two-year workplan** of the Executive Committee.

**Action Area 3** of the initial two-year workplan focuses on **enhancing data on and knowledge of the risks of slow onset events and their impacts, 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.

Expected results of this activity are, as envisioned by the COP, enhanced collaboration on access to information.

To assist the Executive Committee in this task, **we invite relevant organizations and experts to collaborate with the Executive Committee** to facilitate access to information, including through collaborative channels or databases, and technologies to track the impacts, and enable approaches to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, including slow onset events.

Under activity (a) of Action Area 3 of its initial two-year workplan, the Executive Committee has initiated the development of a database of organizations working on slow onset events and the scope of their current efforts. You may consider this opportunity to share information on the work of your organization on slow onset events with the wider communities of practice. More information is available at <http://unfccc.int/9430>.

<sup>1</sup> Including sea level rise, increasing temperatures, ocean acidification, glacial retreat and related impacts, salinization, land and forest degradation, loss of biodiversity and desertification (Decision 1/CP.16. paragraph 25, footnote 3).



Please kindly send any communication with respect to the above invitation to  
<loss-damage@unfccc.int>.

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

Yours sincerely,

*(Signed by)*

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