The Executive Committee (Excom) of Warsaw International Mechanism (WIM) is currently implementing its Five-year rolling workplan which is divided into five workstreams, these are: slow onset events, non-economic losses, comprehensive risk management approaches, human mobility (including migration, displacement and planned relocation) and action and support (including finance, technology and capacity-building). The work of the Excom is conducted by Expert groups and a task force. The only workstream that had no concrete activities and had no expert Group was the one on action and support and that was the major concern for the AGN. In spite the fact that the rolling workplan is at its third year of implementation, yet the TOR of two of its Expert Groups (Slow Onset Events and Non-Economic losses) have not yet been approved. In COP25 and by decision 2.CMA.2 the Excom was requested to establish an expert Group on action and support mandated with a set of concrete activities. The latter expert group was established at the eleventh meeting of the Excom, however its TOR has not yet been finalized. The TOR for the Expert Group on Slow Onset Events and Expert Group on Non-Economic Losses has also continued its work after Excom 11, however not yet finalized.

The work of the Excom has been affected by the current situation of COVID-19, the work of the eleventh virtual meeting of the Excom was not completed efficiently due to communication barriers and limited time of the meetings compared to ordinary meetings and the difficulty of taking decisions in the absence of Excom members who were not able to join the meetings because of electronic communication barriers. Currently the Excom is continuing the work virtually, however the virtual mode of work is not productive enough as none of the TOR has yet been finalized and because of that the advancement of the implementation of the workplan has been halted.

For the AGN the implementation of the activities identified for the Expert Group on Action and Support is very important as it means implementation of the third function of the WIM and moving the work of the Excom to the phase of implementation of approaches to address loss and damage in developing countries. The activities of the Expert Group on action and support include engagement with Standing Committee of Finance and GCF for the sake of addressing issues of provision of finance for activities related to loss and damage, the delay in the advancement of the work is preventing the engagement with these important bodies.

The delay of the SBs and the COP because of covid-19 is certainly delaying the process of approval of the workplans of the different expert Groups and the work of Excom in general. As loss and damage is also discussed under other agenda beside the agenda of the WIM, these include the Governance of the WIM, the Global stocktake and the Transparency, the work on loss and damage is also negatively affected.