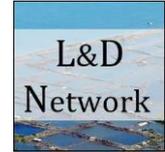


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L&D Network Newsfeed will continue the WIMSG Digest

Dear subscribers of the WIMSG Digest, dear members of the Loss and Damage Network, the WIMSG has decided to discontinue its high quality digest and has asked us – the Loss and Damage Network – to take over their mailing list. We strive to fill in the gap and to provide you with the most relevant information related to Loss and Damage. I would like to thank Alex Durand from ICCCAD for the great collaboration in the previous months.

The Loss and Damage Network is a network of scientists, policymakers and practitioners informing the Loss and Damage debate. Our aim is to:

- support the science-policy dialogue on the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage,
- identify practical and evidence-based policy and implementation options for its operationalization,
- articulate principles and definitions of Loss and Damage,
- highlight ethical and normative issues central to the discourse and
- inform the broad debate by offering and discussing multiple perspectives on Loss and Damage, with a particular focus on climate extremes and climate risk management.

Please let me know if you have troubles viewing content, if you would like me to add items to the next newsfeed or if you have any recommendations on how to improve this newsletter.

You can also follow us on twitter via @LossDamage.

If you would like to be added or taken off the mailing list, please email us on lossanddamage@iiasa.ac.at

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Publications

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- Policy and politics: Swenja Surminski published an article on "Loss and damage of climate change: from managing risks to the politics of compensation". Find it here: <http://acclimatise.uk.com/network/article/loss-and-damage-of-climate-change-from-managing-risks-to-the-politics-of-compensation>
- Impacts and risks: S. E. Chadburn ,E. J. Burke, P. M. Cox, P. Friedlingstein, G. Hugelius and S. Westermann published a study in nature climate change according to which climate change could cause another 4 million square kilometres of permafrost to disappear with every additional degree Celsius warming. Find it here: <https://www.nature.com/nclimate/journal/vaop/ncurrent/full/nclimate3262.html>

- Impacts and risks: A study conducted by N Herold, L Alexander, D Green and M Donat compares the increase in temperature extremes in low versus high income countries. Find it attached.*
- Policy and politics: Find attached the policy brief on climate change and loss and damage by Julia Kreienkamp and Dr Lisa Vanhala from the Global Governance Institute.*
- Finance: New report by New Climate Institute, German Watch and International Climate Initiative on 'Innovative Financing for the Adaptation Fund: Pathways and Potentials'. Find it here: <https://newclimate.org/2017/02/16/innovative-financing-adaptation-fund/>
- Finance: Betzold and Weiler on 'Allocation of aid for adaptation to climate change: Do vulnerable countries receive more support?' Find it here: <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10784-016-9343-8>
- Impacts and risks: Kosolapova of the IISD says 'Polar Sea Ice at Record Low, Climate Change a "Security Story"' Find it here: <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/adaptation-and-loss-and-damage-update-polar-sea-ice-at-record-low-climate-change-a-security-story/>
- Finance: Soanes, Rai, Steele, Shakya and Macgregor from the IIED published paper that shows climate finance reaching the local level delivers effective and sustainable results. Find it attached.*

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News on Loss and Damage

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- Event: From 8-18 May 2017, the UNFCCC Climate Change Conference will be taking place in Bonn, Germany. It will comprise the 46th sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI 46) and Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA 46), as well as the third part of the first session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement (APA 1-3).
- Side event co-organised by the L&D Network: Colin McQuistan of Practical Action co-organised a side event on "Supporting loss and damage for the most vulnerable: Experience from Africa and elsewhere." The event organised with CARE International (Sven Harmeling) and ACT Alliance - Action by Churches Together (Isaiah Toroitich) debates how climate risk insurance approaches can help address loss and damage for the poorest and most vulnerable if applied appropriately. The event discusses key definitions and principles for financing loss and damage initiatives and share findings from the African Risk Capacity. <https://twitter.com/LossDamage/status/864888972207689728>
- L&D ExCom: Find attached the summary by the UNFCCC of the 5th meeting of the WIM Excom. Discussions included inter alia: comprehensive risk management approaches; slow onset events; non-economic losses; resilience, recovery and rehabilitation; financial instruments and tools; and development of a five-year rolling workplan.

- Litigation: The Guardian reports that climate change battles are increasingly fought and won in court: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2017/mar/08/how-climate-change-battles-are-increasingly-being-fought-and-won-in-court>
- Impacts and risks: The Climate Council of Australia published a report according to which the loss of coral reefs could cost \$1 trillion globally. Find it attached.
- Policy and Politics: The Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik created an interactive graph showing which states have included L&D in their INDCs and whether this is done so in the context of finance needs: <http://klimalog.die-gdi.de/ndc/#NDCExplorer/worldMap?INDC??broaderpicture???cat57>
- Impacts and risks: Mangroves in Australia died due to heat wave: <http://www.smh.com.au/environment/climate-change/they-died-of-thirst-extreme-conditions-wipe-out-forest-over-1000-kilometres-20170313-gux252.html>
- Impacts and risks: Herrera-Estrada on how droughts can travel up to thousands of kilometers: <http://www.iiasa.ac.at/web/home/about/news/170307-drought.html>
- Impacts and risks: Europe can expect mounting coastal climate damage during this century, scientists say. Find it here: http://climatenewsnetwork.net/21426-2/?utm_source=Climate+News+Network&utm_campaign=02a57be484-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_03_12&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1198ea8936-02a57be484-38803309
- Risk management: 2016 Annual Report: SPC-GIZ Coping with Climate Change in the Pacific Island Region (CCCPIR): <http://reliefweb.int/report/world/2016-annual-report-spc-giz-coping-climate-change-pacific-island-region-cccpir>
- Policy and politics: Video: Patricia Espinosa on Trump, Brexit, 'loss and damage' and 1.5C goal: <https://www.carbonbrief.org/video-patricia-espinosa-trump-brexit-loss-damage-one-point-five>
- Impacts and risks: Battered by climate change, shrinking Sagar Island in the Sundarbans struggles to stay afloat: <https://scroll.in/article/831227/battered-by-climate-change-shrinking-sagar-island-in-the-sundarbans-struggles-to-stay-afloat>
- Impacts and risks: Climate captives: Life and loss in the Mekong river delta: <http://www.eco-business.com/news/climate-captives-life-and-loss-in-the-mekong-river-delta/>
- Displacement: Lecture on Climate Refugees: <http://www.mdislander.com/maine-news/environment/climate-refugees-topic>

* Unfortunately, the L&D Network is unable to upload other peoples' publications unless they are open to the wider public.