



## Terms of Reference

### Consultancy on mapping international initiatives and funds relevant for Loss and Damage and their modalities for reaching climate vulnerable groups

#### 1. Background

Bangladesh is one of the countries most affected by climate change and climate-related loss and damage (L&D) in the world. Bangladesh's topography and geographic location render it exposed to a number of climate-related hazards – from extreme weather events like floods and cyclones to slow onset climatic processes like sea level rise and salinization. In this context, Bangladesh is planning to establish a comprehensive national L&D mechanism under a pilot program. Key stakeholders have been and are driving the establishment of the mechanism. And a whole-of-society process to establish the mechanism is desired by government, civil society organisations and academia but is not yet properly implemented. Civil society has already played a critical role in developing and supporting the concept of a national L&D mechanism, making sure the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable populations are well reflected.

The multi-level and multi-actor project “**Supporting the establishment of the National Mechanism on Loss & Damage (NMLD) in Bangladesh**” is implemented by ADAMS, ICCCAD, and Germanwatch from 2023 to 2026. The project aims to establish a viable dialogue structure and thus promote cooperation among government, NGOs, the private sector, and academia in establishing and operating a national L&D mechanism in Bangladesh. It builds on longstanding engagement of Bangladeshi actors to develop the concept of such a mechanism. It also aims to strengthen civil society capacities in the development of the actual mechanism, in order to ensure that the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable population groups are also taken into account when setting up the mechanism. The current political situation in Bangladesh poses some challenges for the work, while working on the project goals is still possible. A window of opportunity to gain further progress is currently opening up through the Department of Environment's (subordinate to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change) initiative to design a L&D framework for Bangladesh. The project structure is as follows:



Local level	Identify needs and ensure that the interests of the most vulnerable are adequately represented in the national L&D mechanism
National level	Support the establishment of the L&D mechanism
South-South level	Learn lessons from Bangladesh on establishing national L&D mechanisms
International level	Link the UNFCCC L&D Fund, Santiago Network on L&D and other international processes to the national L&D mechanism in Bangladesh

## 2. Purpose, Objective and Use

The primary objective of this consultancy is to map and learn from international and regional initiatives, programmes/projects and funds/funding streams in fields related to loss and damage (such as, but not limited to, adaptation, disaster risk reduction, disaster risk management, social protection, humanitarian assistance, disaster risk finance) as well as relevant sector specific initiatives on whether and how they target and reach the most vulnerable populations, and actionable recommendations for different actor groups will be provided. The outputs will inform the advocacy strategy towards the national mechanism on loss and damage (NMLD) in Bangladesh as well as towards the Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage (FRLD) and Funding Arrangements on international level.

## 3. Roles

The expert conducts the work packages in close cooperation with Germanwatch e.V. (Kaiserstraße 201, 53111 Bonn), the official client. The expert is enabled by Germanwatch to work solely on the work packages included in this TOR which are relevant for the project. Germanwatch can be contacted to resolve technical and content questions of the implementation. Regular update calls will be organised.

## 4. Scope of Work: Mapping international initiatives's reach of vulnerable populations

The consultancy aims to identify and map ways in which international or regional initiatives, programs, and funds with relevance to Loss and Damage address vulnerable populations in climate-vulnerable countries through a range of approaches, which can include needs assessment and data, participatory processes, access to finance, or implementation of initiatives. The consultant will first identify a list of relevant initiatives/mechanisms both directly from the climate sector (such as FRLD, Global Shield against Climate Risks, climate funds, other initiatives guided by the Funding Arrangements list) as well as from other relevant sectors such as health, agriculture, infrastructure, etc. as the consultant see fit. As populations in fragile and conflict affected countries are especially vulnerable to climate impacts while lacking resources and access to finance to address them, interventions targeting such countries incl. funds specifically for conflict affected regions should be considered. After consultation with Germanwatch, each intervention will be mapped on how



they target and reach the most vulnerable populations and respond to them, through literature review and interviews were feasible. The deliverable is a concise mapping report and recommendations for international, national, local stakeholders and mechanisms.

## 5. Process and tentative timeline

1. Call for tender to potential consultants with request for proposal	17.12.2025 - 20.01.2026
2. Selection and contracting	28.01.2025
3. Start of consultancy	02.02.2025
4. Kick Off with with project partners	09.02.2026
5. Update Calls	At least one - date tbd
6. Reports	29.03.2026

## 6. Outputs and deliverables

Activity	Description	Timeline (in agreement with consultants)	Deliverable
Initiative Mapping	Mapping of international initiatives relevant for L&D that specifically address needs of vulnerable groups, and details on modalities/approaches to reach them	March 2026	Mapping report
Recommendations for different stakeholders	Development of recommendations/lessons learnt for international, national and local stakeholders drawing from the other outputs.	March 2026	Concise list of recommendations per stakeholder group

## 7. Expert profile

Characteristics of the expert:

- Independently working from all project stakeholders (eligibility criteria)
- Has to be fluent in written and spoken English (eligibility criteria)
- professional, result-orientated, well-structured with excellent communication skills
- Uses a focused and concise language, bringing important findings to a point



Technical expertise on

- Climate impacts, climate risk management, climate change adaptation or climate related L&D
- Knowledge of related political processes and structures on the national and international level e.g. UNFCCC, UNDRR, Global Shield against Climate Risks, etc.
- Prior work on finance for vulnerable or fragile or conflict affected countries/groups is an asset
- Knowledge of Bangladesh National Framework on L&D concept is an asset
- Experiences with the multi-actor partnership approach are an asset

## 8. Budget

The budget must be presented in terms of daily rates (as units) and the number of days needed to complete the deliverables. The daily rate should be **all-inclusive**, covering all associated costs such as days needed for planning and reporting, and any other expenses necessary for delivering the work. No travel is foreseen, interviews shall be conducted virtually.

## 9. Award Criteria

The contract will be awarded to the most economically advantageous tender, i.e. the tender offering the best price-quality ratio. The evaluation of offers will be based on the following award criteria

- 65% required work experience and network,
- 25% price,
- 10% proposed approach.

Germanwatch is looking for a consultant to carry out the above activities within the proposed timeline. Interested applicants are encouraged to submit their offer including:

- Expression of interest
- CV incl. references to prove the required substantial work experience (see paragraph “expert profile”)
- a financial offer (separate disclosure of applicable taxes)
- short description (max. 1 page) of the methodology/approach

Deadline for applying is 20.01.2026 by 23:59 GMT+1 and offers should be sent to: [vera.kuenzel@germanwatch.org](mailto:vera.kuenzel@germanwatch.org) and [magdalena.mirwald@germanwatch.org](mailto:magdalena.mirwald@germanwatch.org) with copy to [christine.noel@germanwatch.org](mailto:christine.noel@germanwatch.org) .

Late or incomplete applications cannot be considered.