



New Year's Message from the ecbi Director

Dear friends,

I am pleased to say that after two difficult years we are now back near to what used to be normal. As regards the Fellowship and Trust-building Programme, the Danish government agreed to provide the Phase V funding for 2022-2025, after an essential bridging grant for 2021 by the Swiss government.

The Training and Support Programme is also on course to resume activities with a grant by the Norwegian government covering our African and Asian Training Workshops for 2023-25. (We are still looking for funding our GRULAC and Francophone Training Workshop series.)

Following up on our work on Loss and Damage finance in 2022, the focus of our analytic work in 2023 will be to provide input and support to the operationalisation of the “funding arrangements for responding to loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change,” adopted in Sharm el Sheikh last November and widely regarded as historic and as the principal outcome of the 2022 UN climate conference (COP 27/CMA 4).

As highlighted in the [Note on Loss and Damage Funding Arrangements](#) listed below, there is a need for *innovative funding sources* and *innovative response tools* for these new funding arrangements and a way in which both can be quickly developed and tested by operationalising new Loss & Damage Response Piloting Arrangements. We are planning to publish a policy paper on how to develop such L&D piloting arrangements, and we are looking for collaborators to design tools to respond to incurred loss and damage, including insurance schemes, schemes to help deal with internal displacement (as ‘Just Impact Transition’ measures) and with non-economic losses, and I would like to encourage you to get in touch with me

(director@oxfordclimatepolicy.org) if that is of interest to you.

Looking forward to hearing from you and wishing you all the best for 2023.

As ever,

Benito

Chilean Environment Minister sends Letter of Appreciation to Professor Benito Müller

Her Excellency Maisa Rojas Corradi, Chilean Minister of Environment, sent a letter to ecbi Director Professor Benito Müller, thanking him for his efforts and support in moving forward the discussion among delegates on financing for loss and damage. In her letter, dated 28 December 2022, Rojas Corradi acknowledges the importance of his engagement with respect to the “complex negotiations” on the issue at COP 27 in Sharm el Sheikh, Egypt, in November. The discussions led to a [Decision](#) on “funding arrangements for responding to loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change”. Going into COP 27, many thought such an outcome would have been impossible given the issue was not even on the agenda initially. The decision taken against all odds has been widely hailed in the media as “historic” as developing countries have for years been calling for a global fund to respond to loss and damages incurred as a result of climate change. Going forward, the details of such funding arrangements will have to be hammered out. In a [recent Note](#), Professor Müller highlights the need for piloting innovative funding sources and innovative response tools and offers some suggestions of how to do this under the new funding arrangements.

Selected Media Coverage (20 November 2022)

The Guardian: [COP27 agrees historic ‘loss and damage’ fund for climate impact in developing countries](#)

Al Jazeera: [Historic ‘loss and damage’ fund adopted at COP27 climate summit](#)

Time: [Historic Deal Struck at COP27 to Create Loss and Damage Fund for Poor Nations](#) (re-published on DNYUZ)

Related Documents: [Letter of Appreciation.pdf](#)

Professor Saleemul Huq on Nature's List of 10 Who Shaped Science in 2022

Professor Saleemul Huq has been recognised by Nature on its list of [10 people who helped shape science in 2022](#). Huq, who is Director of the International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) and Professor at the Independent University, Bangladesh, also heads [ecbi's Training and Support Programme \(TSP\)](#). Lauded by Nature as a “climate revolutionary”, Huq is a familiar fixture at the climate negotiations, helping climate vulnerable countries advance their priorities in the negotiations. He was instrumental in getting countries at COP 27 in Sharm el Sheikh, Egypt, to agree to establish a fund to help lower-income countries address loss and damage due to the adverse impacts of climate change. The decision was agreed against long odds and is being hailed as “historic”.

Nature also describes how Huq helped advance the concept of community-based adaptation, where rural communities “find their own research-based solutions to problems, such as improving flood defences or adjusting cropping patterns in response to climate change”.

Nature’s annual 10 list identifies individuals who help bring attention to crucial issues and contribute to significant discoveries.

Related Documents: [Saleemul Huq in Nature .pdf](#)

New Note on Loss and Damage Funding Arrangements

On 20 November 2022, a Decision was taken in Sharm el Sheikh, Egypt, on “funding arrangements for responding to loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change,” which is widely regarded as historic and as the principal outcome of the 2022 UN climate conference (COP 27/CMA 4). In a nutshell, the Decision establishes:

1. **“new funding arrangements”** for assisting particularly vulnerable developing countries in responding to loss and damage;
2. **a loss and damage response fund;** and
3. a **transitional committee** on the operationalization of the new funding arrangements.

In his new [post](#), ecbi Director Benito Müller discusses the need for *innovative funding sources* and *innovative response tools* for these new funding arrangements and the new fund, and suggests a way in which both can be quickly developed and

tested by operationalising *new Loss and Damage Pilot Funding Arrangements*.

Related Documents: [The New Loss and Damage Pilot Funding Arrangements Oxford Climate Policy Blog2.doc.pdf](#)

Quo Vadis COP Jamboree?

As Pilita Clark mentioned in her recent [Financial Times Opinion](#): “Oxford university professor Benito Müller, a long time climate adviser to low-income countries, would replace today’s costly “mega-COPs” with a smaller annual one held in Bonn. Rotating cities could host ‘global climate action weeks’ each year.”

On his way back from Sharm el Sheikh, ecbi Director Müller stopped over in Bern for an informal meeting with Ambassador Franz Perrez, Head of the Swiss climate delegation and long-term friend of ecbi. Among the topics they discussed was the proposal Clark alluded to and which was published in a January 2021 ecbi policy brief, [Quo Vadis COP?](#)

The discussion focussed on a slightly amended version of that proposal, which Müller had introduced in a comment to Clark’s Opinion: “Indeed, it might make sense to divide the annual COP jamboree into a negotiation segment in Bonn, a moving Global Climate Action week (Green Zone + private sector trade fair), and a summit in Geneva.”

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