

# How human mobility fits into climate policy

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# Situating human mobility & climate change

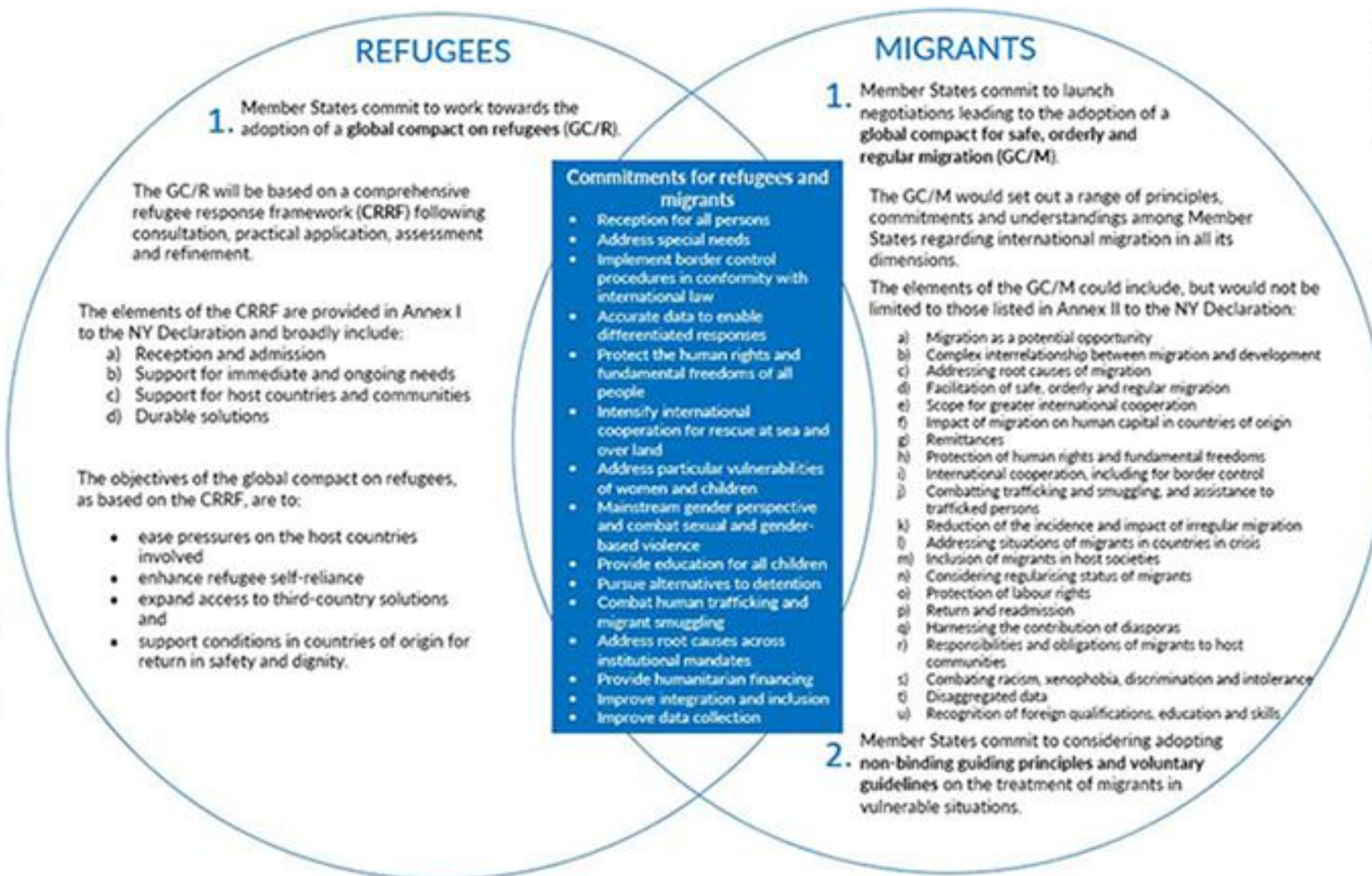
- **Context:** Over the course of 2015-2017 the world witnessed the Syrian refugee crisis in Europe, BREXIT, and large numbers of displaced by weather hazards worldwide
- **International community:** Rules governing migration & refugees created in past centuries are in flux; SGDs and Paris commitments highlight our greatest aspirations and dilemmas
- **Research community:** Evidence about realities of human mobility in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, including climate change

# NEW YORK DECLARATION FOR REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS

## Addressing large movements of refugees and migrants: two global compacts

### Global compact on refugees – next steps

- UNHCR to develop and initiate a comprehensive refugee response for each situation involving large movements of refugees.
- UNHCR to engage with States and consult all relevant stakeholders over the coming two years to assess the practical application of a comprehensive refugee response framework (CRRF) and the scope for refinement and further development.
- The High Commissioner for Refugees to include a proposed global compact on refugees in his annual report to the General Assembly in 2018, in conjunction with its annual resolution on the Office of the High Commissioner.

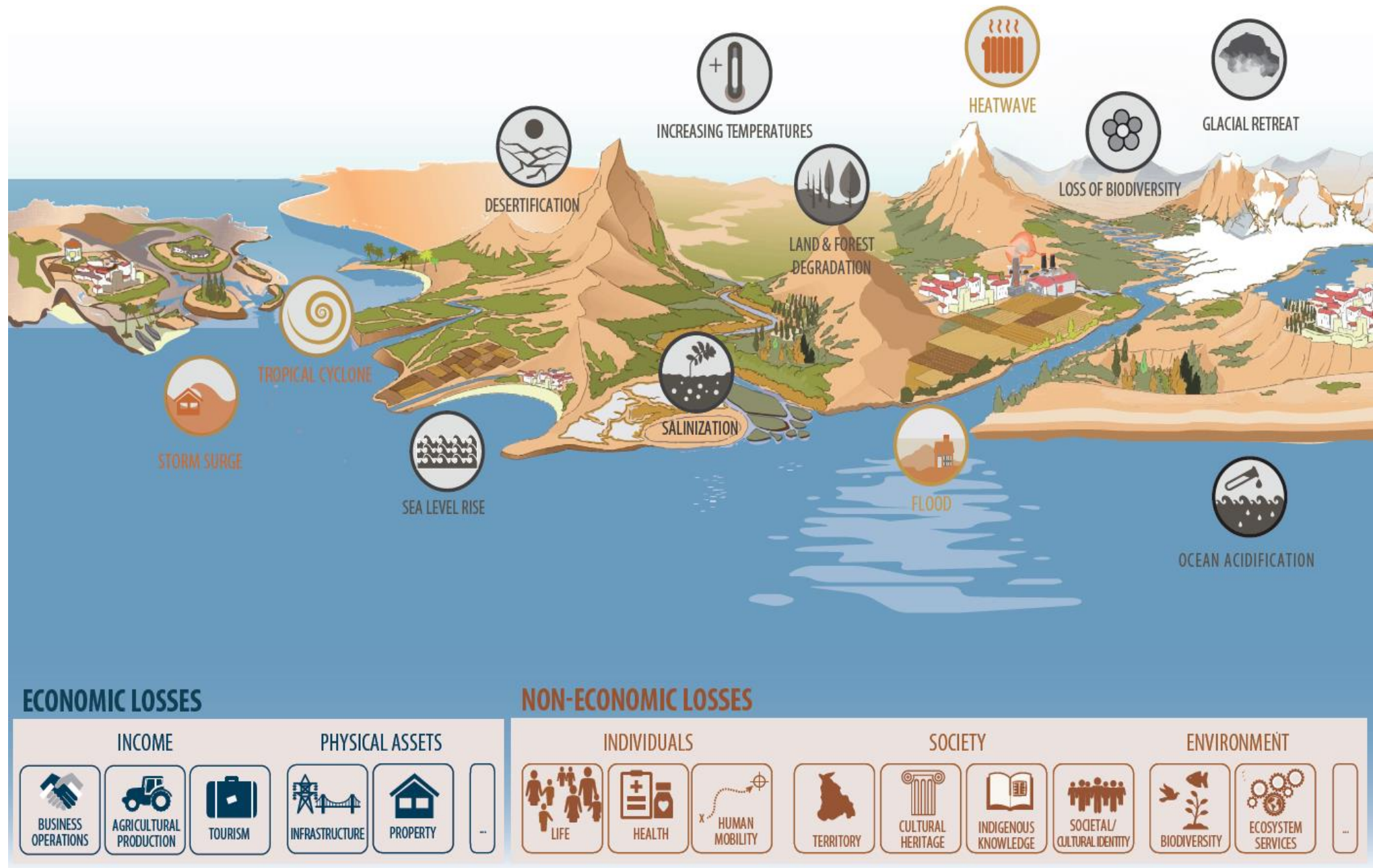


### Global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration – next steps

- Member States will launch a process of intergovernmental negotiations.
- The modalities, timeline, possible holding of preparatory conferences and other practicalities relating to the intergovernmental negotiations will be adopted by Jan 2017 in a General Assembly resolution. Co-Facilitators (Mexico and Switzerland) have been appointed to lead consultations with States on the modalities.
- The negotiations will culminate in an intergovernmental conference on international migration in 2018 at which the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration will be presented for adoption.

# Challenge & Opportunity

- *What is:* Global Compacts on Migration and Refugees focus on contemporary issues: Border control and visas; and protection / coordinated humanitarian support to anticipate and manage large scale movements of people
- *What could be:* Evidence-based policy → International community forms new rules for governing 21<sup>st</sup> century mobility that build resilience, leave no one behind, and which prepare the international community to address dignified, documented, robust large scale movements in a world between 1.5 and 2 degrees



Source: UNFCCC loss and damage team, image created by Nadia Schweimler

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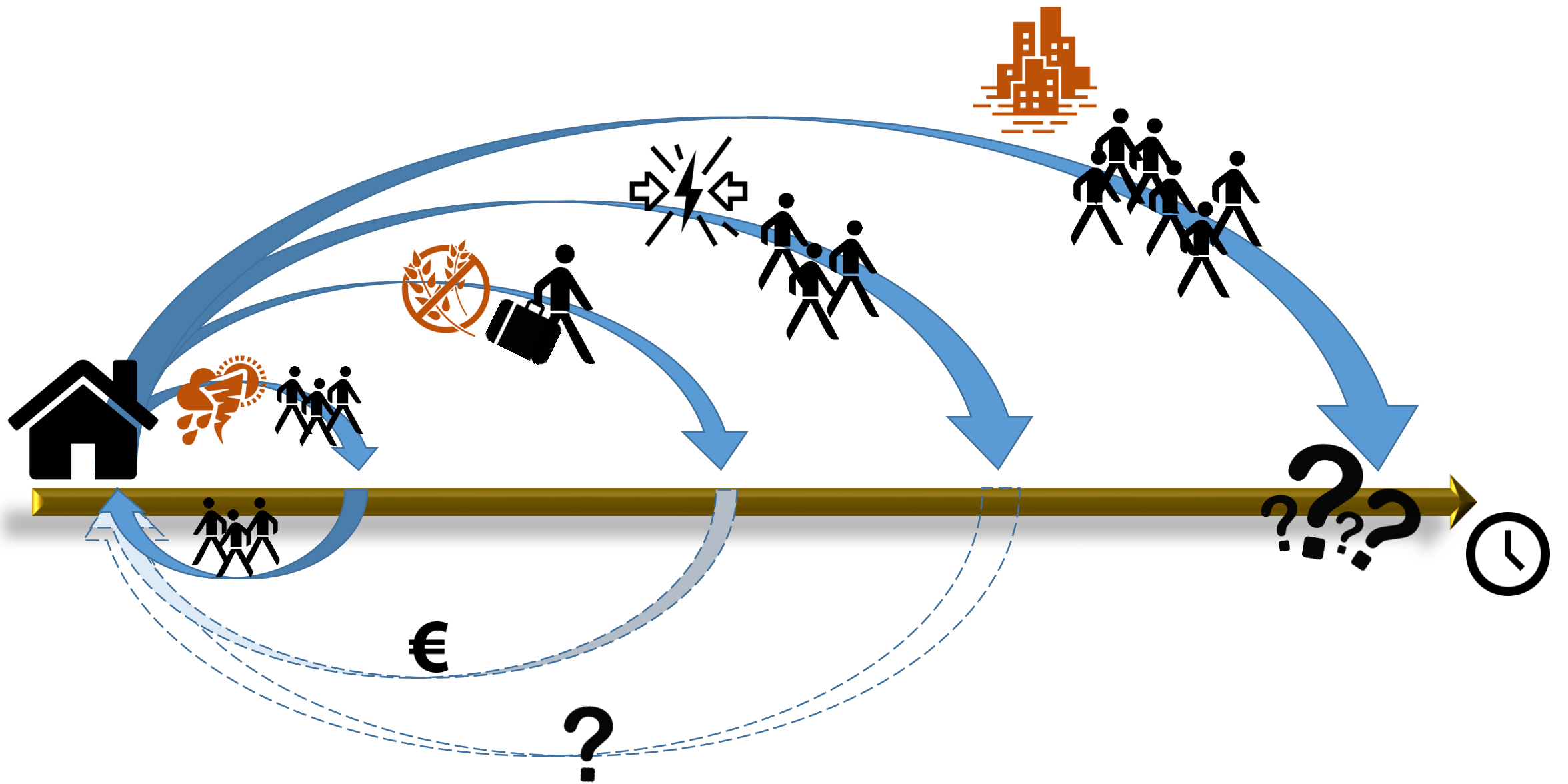


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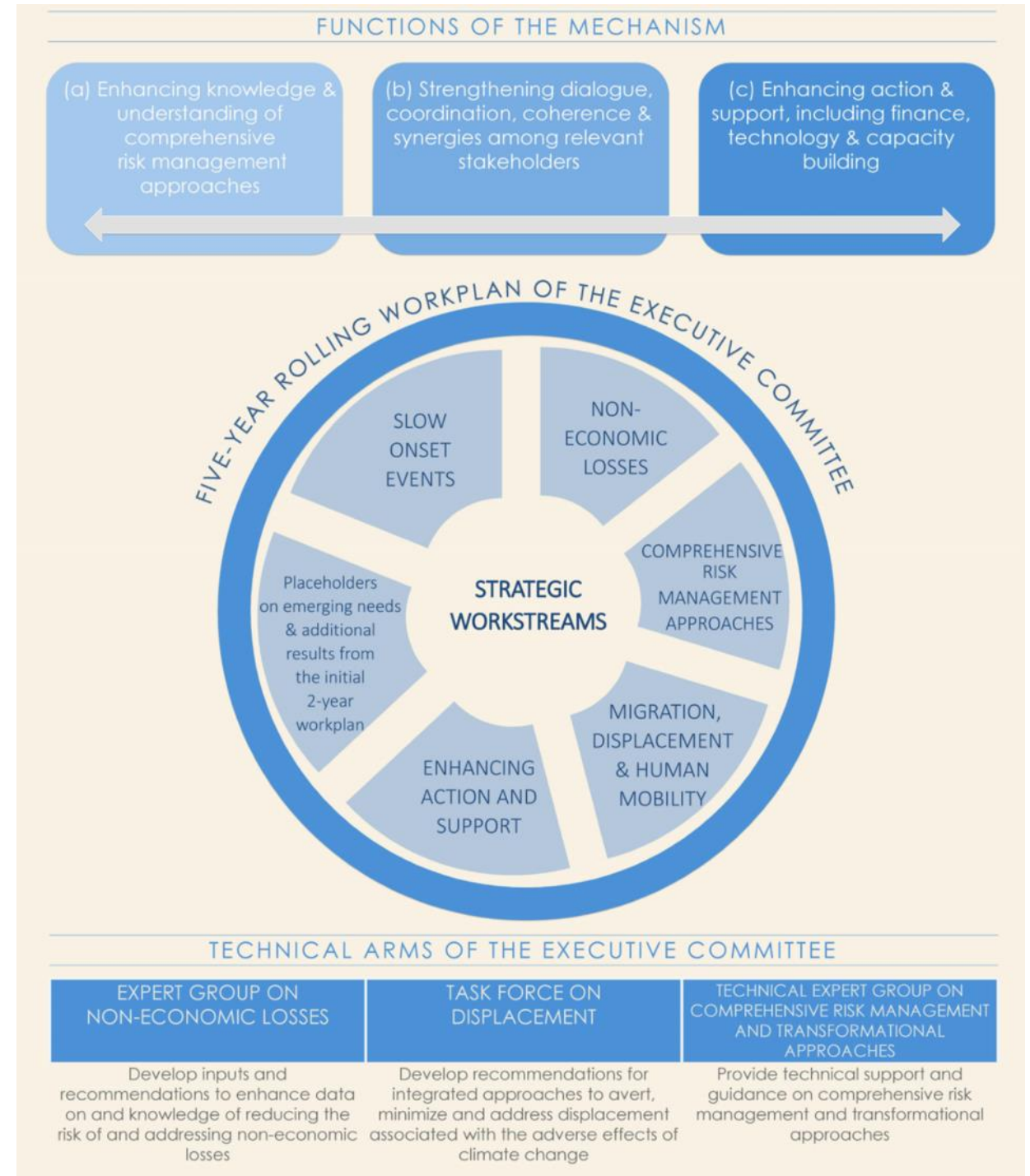
# Climate policy tackles migration, displacement, & planned relocation as risk management issues

**Why:** Avert, minimize and address residual climate risks

**How:**

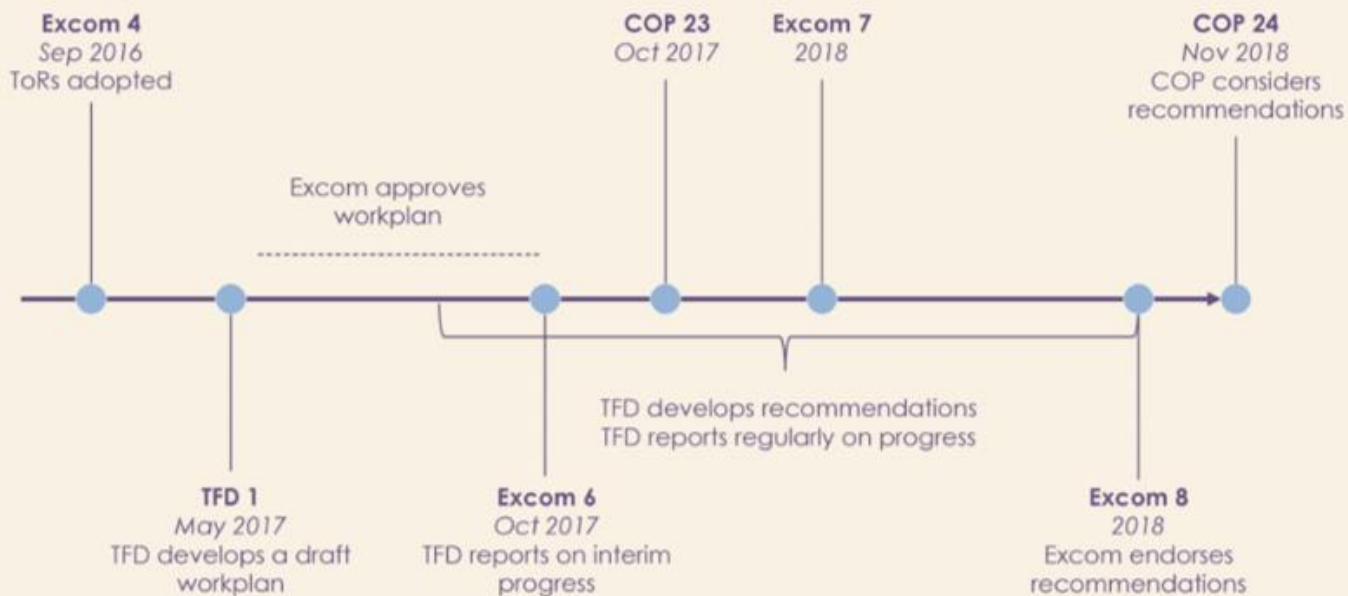
- Understanding
- Strengthening dialogue and policy coherence
- Enhancing action

**Who / What:** Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism

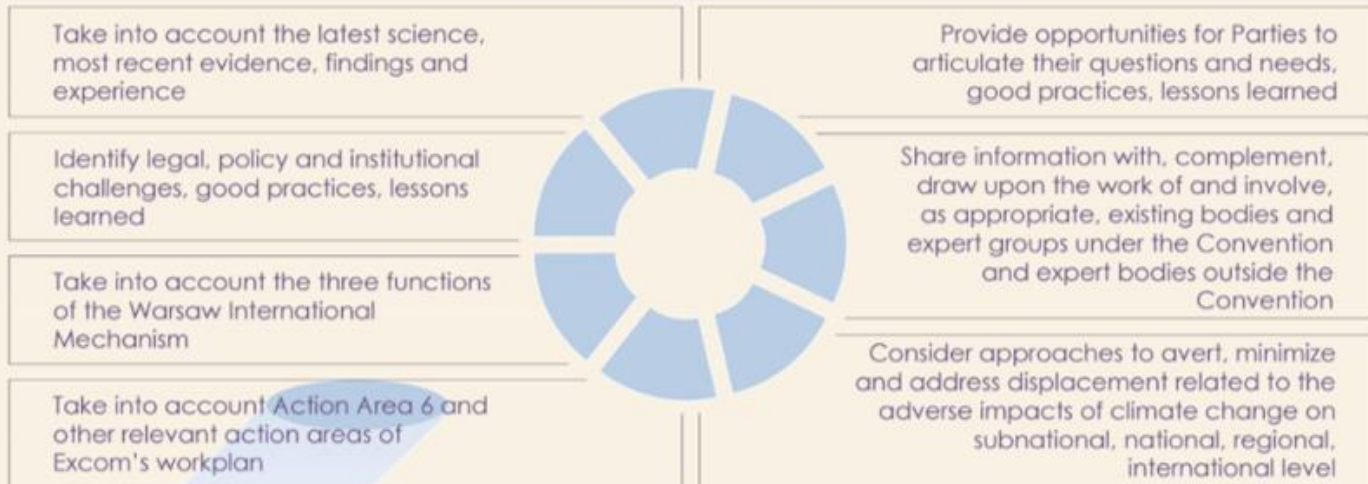




## TIMELINE



## SCOPE OF WORK



Task Force on Displacement created by the Paris Agreement (Decision 1/CP21):

*49. Also requests the Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism to establish, ... a task force to complement, draw upon the work of and involve... existing bodies and expert groups under the Convention including the Adaptation Committee and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, as well as relevant organizations and expert bodies outside the Convention, to develop recommendations for integrated approaches to avert, minimize and address displacement related to the adverse impacts of climate change*

# Opportunities for research-policy partnership

- **Move from crisis-orientation to resilience-orientation** (caveat about return, transformation)
- **Redefine livelihoods and equity at a systemic scale** (implications of 1.5 – 2.0 C temperature range on food production, livelihood and social systems)
- **New ideas for fragile states and conflict management / diplomacy**
- **New concepts of borders and translocality**

Thank you.

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