

Loss and Damage under the UNFCCC

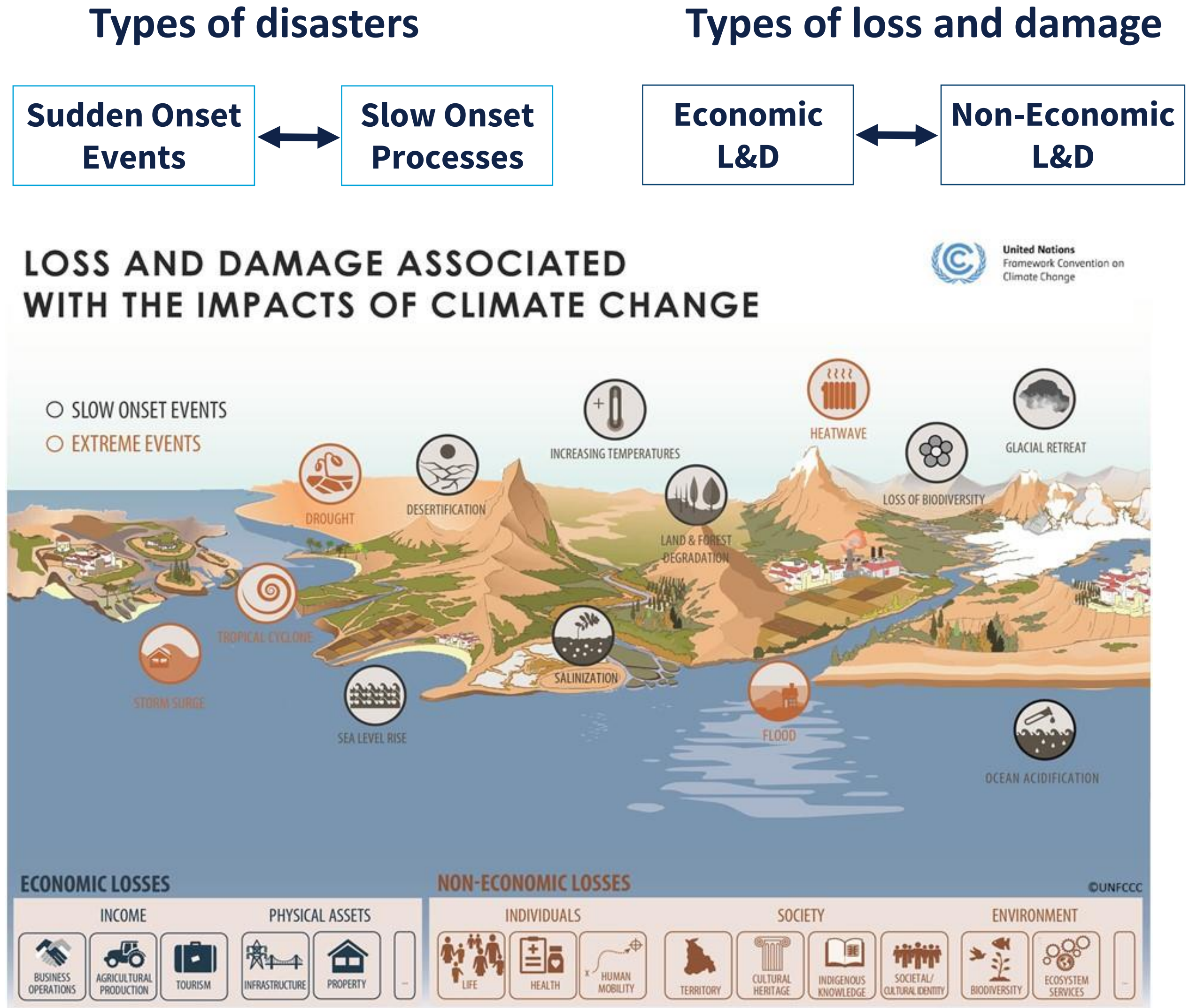
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What is Loss and Damage ?

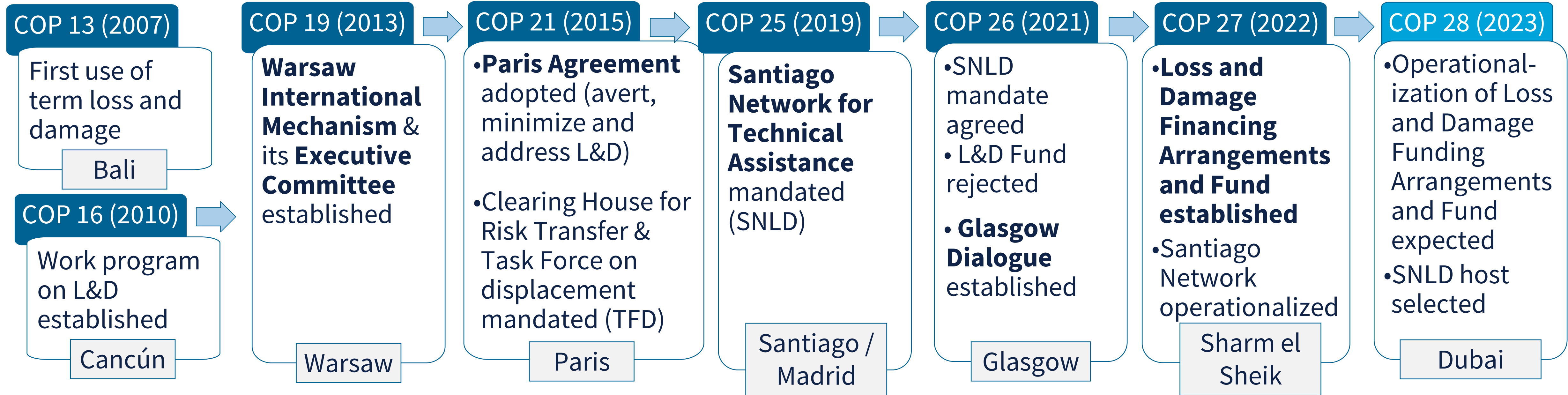
No official definition (e.g. under the UNFCCC).
Some authors suggest, other question that...

- “loss(es) and damage(s)”
(lowercase “l” and “d” and/or plural) is used to describe the **manifestation of climate change impacts** which are not or cannot be avoided by adaptation and mitigation efforts.
- “Loss and Damage”
(capital “L” and “D”) is used to describe the **policies and plans** that are used to address loss and damage, such as those that are negotiated at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).



Forms of Loss and Damage associated with the impacts of climate change (UNFCCC 2018)

Short History of Loss and Damage under the UNFCCC



Warsaw International Mechanism on Loss and Damage from Climate Change (WIM)

WIM Executive Committee
2013

Santiago Network
2019

Glasgow Dialogue
2021

Funding Arrangements and a Fund
2022



2023 – a landmark year for Loss and Damage

Decision CP.27 / CMA.4: The Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement ...

2. Decide to **establish new funding arrangements** for **assisting developing countries that are particularly vulnerable** to the adverse effects of climate change, **in responding to loss and damage, including with a focus on addressing loss and damage** by providing and assisting in mobilizing **new and additional resources**, and that these new arrangements complement and include sources, funds, processes and initiatives **under and outside the Convention and the Paris Agreement**;

3. Also decide, in the context of establishing the new funding arrangements referred to in paragraph 2 above, **to establish a fund for responding to loss and damage whose mandate includes a focus on addressing loss and damage**;

4. **Establish a transitional committee on the operationalization** of the new funding arrangements for responding to loss and damage and the fund established in paragraph 3 above (hereinafter referred to as the Transitional Committee) [...]

Many questions remain to be answered:

- Scope
- Eligibility
- Sources
- What are existing funding arrangements?
- How will the (new) fund be harmonized with existing instruments?
- Many more ...

Connecting Social Protection and Climate Change Policy

 Social protection and climate policies currently mostly disconnected

 Risk is a main concept for both - but different interpretations

 Emerging research on the roles of "climate-resilient social protection" ([Costella et al. 2023 p.12](#))

1. Reduce overall climate vulnerability

Reducing vulnerability at large in a way that reduces climate risk

2. Respond to climate shocks

 *addressing loss and damage*

Limiting the impacts of specific climate shocks and disasters

3. Compensate for negative impacts of climate change responses

Limiting the impacts of climate change response measures

4. Underpin climate change adaptation and mitigation responses

Facilitating adaptation and mitigation behaviors and practices, and supporting livelihoods transformations

Thank you!

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