Global Stocktake (GST) and Its Implications for African Economies

Harnessing the GST for Equity, Ambition, and Implementation of Loss and Damage Responses

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Key GST Outcomes on Loss and Damage – An African Lens

- **Explicit Recognition:** The GST formally acknowledges that climate change *is already causing irreversible economic and non-economic losses across* Africa—from droughts and floods to sea-level rise and biodiversity loss .

- **Urgent Call for AMA**: Avert, Minimize, and Address (AMA) actions are prioritized, with emphasis on early warning systems, risk insurance, displacement planning, and ecosystem resilience .

- **Institutional Architecture Validated**: The Warsaw International Mechanism (WIM), Santiago Network (SNLD), and the new Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage (FRLD) are endorsed as critical delivery channels .

- **Persistent Gaps Highlighted**: Despite progress, significant shortfalls remain—particularly in finance (Africa receives only ~5% of global climate finance despite high vulnerability), data, and institutional capacity .

Methodological Framework for NDC Preparation

- ❑ **Integrate GST Guidance:** Use GST outcomes to shape NDC 2.0 with clear L&D components aligned with national development priorities and IPCC scenarios.
- ❑**Adopt Structured Assessment: Apply** comprehensive risk assessments (extreme + slow-onset events) and quantify both economic and non-economic losses using WIM/ExCom methodologies .
- ❑**Link to Finance & Implementation:** Embed costed programmatic approaches (e.g., relocation plans, early warning systems) and specify technical/financial support needs, including access to FRLD .
- ❑**Strengthen Institutions:** Establish or mandate national L&D focal points with cross-sectoral coordination powers and alignment with Sendai, SDGs, and Paris Agreement

- ❑ **African Union & RECs**: Institutionalize GST follow-up through a *continental stocktake mechanism*.
- ❑ **AfDB & African Finance Institutions**: Align financing frameworks with GST priorities (e.g., Loss and Damage Fund access).
- ❑ **African Centre for Climate and Development**: Coordinate capacity building for data, transparency, and NDC implementation.
- ❑ **GWP, AMCEN, and AGN**: Foster joint advocacy to ensure equitable interpretation of GST outcomes in COP30 negotiations.
- ❑ Promote **regional solidarity** for unified negotiation positions and implementation support.