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Ms T V B Mchunu (ANC) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

How will the agreement of the Transition Committee of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) on the operationalisation of the Climate Loss and Damage Fund assist the Republic moving forward, since it has entered the decade of extreme weather conditions, especially regarding the coastal areas which are affected the most?

3980. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

In the Sharm El-Sheikh Decision, the Parties agreed to establish new funding arrangements for loss and damage, including establishing a new fund to focus on addressing loss and damage. The Parties also established a Transitional Committee (TC) on the operationalisation of the new funding arrangements for responding to loss and damage, and the fund to make recommendations to the 28th Conference of the Parties (COP28). The TC was mandated to drive elements for operationalisation, which include:

- establishing institutional arrangements, modalities, structure, governance, and Terms of Reference for the fund;
- defining the elements of the new funding arrangements.

- identifying and expanding sources of funding; and
- ensuring coordination and complementarity with existing funding arrangements.

There are no new financial obligations for South Africa in terms of the new fund or the new funding arrangements.

Once the scope of the new fund has been approved, it is hoped that South Africa, as a particularly vulnerable developing country, may access finance to support a range of loss and damage responses, including for rehabilitations, recovery, relief and resilience following climate events. In addition, there is an expectation that the fund will support projects and programmes to respond to slow onset events, including protecting biodiversity, addressing desertification and land degradation, as well as addressing sea level rise and coastal zone protection.

The Transitional Committee recommendations will be negotiated further at COP28.



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MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT
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