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Preface

This Special Monograph is prepared with the purpose of laying down a few major foundations and guidelines in the current process of devising strategies, mechanisms, and providing resources for containing or mitigating loss and damage arising from sustained adverse impacts of climate change and climate variability. Whereas the UNFCCC and other entities have been preparing to offer groundwork to facilitate the processes at the international level, it is relevant to augment these efforts with additional insights. This is the attempt of this publication, with an approach of pragmatism and an objective specification of relevant frameworks for further actions.

Development of integrated approaches to the assessment and reduction of loss and damage due to climate change (including climate variability), encompassing economic, and legal dimensions is the primary objective for this Monograph. Assessment of costs (in all their dimensions) of climate change is not an objective here. Similarly, review of literature is not a part of coverage here. This publication is not expected to form a Handbook or Toolkit; this is aimed at top-level policymaking and strategy development, both in the national and international contexts. The readership includes policy analysts, researchers, and top-level policymakers. Actionable knowledge goes beyond provision of information and is thus a global public good. The development of this Monograph takes this route for further development at all levels in the interests of larger humanity.

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